

## HONORED SPEAKERS

- 2008 **Patrick Soos**, US Army
- 2007 **David Conboy**, US Army Reserve
- 2006 **Stephen M Jones**, Air National Guard
- 2005 **Douglas Routt**, US Air Force
- 2004 **Michael J. Owen**, US Navy
- 2003 **Eugene Dinsmore**
- 2002 **R. Charles DeGlopper**
- 2001 **Leo Ricci**, US Navy
- 2000 **Keith H. Coffey**, USAF (R)
- 1999 **Thomas F. Higgins**, US Marine Corps.
- 1998 **Kelly Carrigg**, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div. US Army
- 1997 **Francis B. Pritchard**, US Army
- 1996 **Dr. Tim Dzierba**, US Army
- 1995 **Tony Melchiorre**, US Air Force
- 1994 **Joseph Synakowski**, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div. US Army
- 1993 **Colonel Tony Caruana**, 98<sup>th</sup> Div. US Army Reserve
- 1992 **Gary Douglas Delong**, US Coast Guard Reserve
- 1991 **Michael S. O'Dea**, US Naval Reserve
- 1990 **Colonel Thomas W. Sabo**, 98<sup>th</sup> Division US Army
- 1989 **Lt. Colonel Franklyn McKee**, NY Air National Guard
- 1988 **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Margaret S. White**, US Army
- 1987 **Colonel Francis B. Brusino**, US Army Air Reserve
- 1986 **Colonel George F. Crowe**, 27<sup>th</sup> Armored Div., USAR
- 1985 **Stephen Kaplan**, Air National Guard
- 1984 **US Congressman Henry J. Nowak**
- 1983 **State Senator John B. Daley**
- 1982 **Colonel "Chaplin" Donald R. Hughes**
- 1981 **Major Edward Carlsen**, US Air Force
- 1980 **Major Lance Tlustos**, US Air Force



## TOWN OF GRAND ISLAND Memorial Day Services



Charles N. DeGlopper Memorial Park  
May 25, 2009  
10:00 AM

## MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY . . .

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. It is about coming together to honor those who have given it their all.

There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union & Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I. In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislature passed proclamations designating the day. After World War I, the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day the last Monday in May.

The Pledge to the flag.....Peter A. McMahon  
Musical Selection.....GIHS Wind Ensemble  
Director: Marty Allen  
Invocation.....VFW Post 9249  
Mike Rogan, Chaplain  
Welcome and Introduction of Guests.....Peter McMahon  
➤ Gold Star Mothers  
➤ Dignitaries  
Musical Selections .....Grand Island Community Chorus  
Director: Carol Lokken  
Roll Call... .....Joe Synakowski – DAV Commander  
Silent prayer ..... Peter A. McMahon  
Musical Selection .....GIHS Wind Ensemble  
Guest Speaker ..... SSG David DiTullio  
US Army  
Gift Presentation ..... Peter McMahon  
Presentation of Wreath..... VFW, American  
Legion Post & DAV  
Rifle Salute & Taps.....VFW Color Guard  
HS Trumpet players  
Raising of the Flag.....American Legion Post 1346  
Presentation of Colors .. VFW & DAV  
Closing Remarks.....Peter A. McMahon  
Musical Selection.....GIHS Wind Ensemble  
Benediction.....Chaplain, VFW Post 9249  
Mike Rogan  
Open House  
VFW Post

## ROLL CALL

*In memory of those men and women who gave their lives in defense of their country:*

### World War I

Edward Pierce

### World War II

Charles N. DeGlopper  
Eugene F. Dinsmore  
William D. Gillen  
Francis King Goodchild  
William L. Rhode  
Howard W. Salton  
Charles A. Smith  
George E. Smith

### The Korean War

George Kenny  
Albert Kepler

### The Vietnam War

Joseph L. Huiller  
Robert B. Luther  
Joseph Muench  
Philip C. Taylor  
Richard B. Trotter

### Operation Iraqi Freedom

Terrence Crowe