



ATHOL VETERANS COUNCIL

Athol Massachusetts 01331

Roll of Honor - The number of deceased veterans from all wars who are at rest in Athol cemeteries will be announced by various persons.

Guest Speaker – Derrick Emond, USMC

American Legion Auxiliary members will place a wreath, while the American Legion Firing Squad fires a gun salute to our departed veterans followed by the playing of taps by a band member.

Benediction by Father Edwin Montana, Pastor at North Quabbin Catholic Community

The Parade will form according to the Line of March. The parade will proceed down Silver Lake Street to Crescent Street. There will be a brief stop at the bridge over the Millers River where the Anchor Wreath will be dropped into the river to honor veterans lost at sea, followed by a gun salute. The parade will continue down Main Street to Athol Veterans Park on the corner of Main and Exchange Streets for the conclusion of the program.,

Final Ceremony at the Athol Veterans Park

Opening Prayer by Deacon Bryan Lagimoniere, North Quabbin Catholic Community, Vietnam Veteran,
Athol Veterans organizations will raise flag
Band will play the National Anthem during flag raising
Salute to the Flag
Guest Speaker
Grand Marshal will be introduced
Wreath will be placed
Gun salute
Taps will be played by buglers
Closing prayer by Deacon Bryan Lagimoniere

Refreshments will be served to parade participants courtesy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 650 at the American Legion Hall on the corner of Exchange Street and Pequig Avenue

In case of inclement weather, there will be no parade - ceremonies will be held in Memorial Hall at 11:00 A.M.



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MEMORIAL DAY - MAY 30, 2016

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Commanders of the Service Organizations will conduct a flag raising and wreath laying ceremony as follows:

- 8:45 A.M. - VVA Park on Starrett Avenue
- 9:00 A.M. - Phillips Park, across from the uptown common
- 9:15 A.M. - VFW Park, adjacent to the YMCA
- 9:45 A.M. - Units and parade participants will assemble around the flagpole at Silver Lake Cemetery
- 10:00 A.M. - Ceremonies will begin under the direction of Toni Phillips, President Athol Veterans Council

The Program will be as follows:

Opening prayer by Father Edwin Montana, Pastor at North Quabbin Catholic Community

Flag raising ceremony - representatives of the following organizations will raise the flag:

- A. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 650
- B. Pequoig Detachment 1168 Marine Corps League
- C. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 340
- D. Disabled American Veterans Chapter 46
- E. AMVETS Post 793
- F. American Legion Post 102

The Athol High School/Middle School Band will play the National Anthem during the flag raising.

Salute to the Flag by Ronald Fergunson, Quartermaster of The VFW Post 650

Parade Grand Marshal is Roger Nowlin, U.S. Army-Air Corps, WWII

General Logan's Memorial Day Order will be read.