

An illustration of the United States flag waving on a flagpole. The flag has a blue canton with white stars and alternating red and white stripes. The flagpole is grey with a circular finial at the top.

Brookline Remembers

MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 30, 2022



MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

MAY 30th , 2022

COORDINATED WITH
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES, WILLIAM T. MCGROARTY, DIRECTOR;
ELMON HENDRICKSON, COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION POST 11
JOHN TYNAN, COMMANDER VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, STEPHEN F. RUTLEDGE POST 864
AND THE BROOKLINE ALLIED VETERANS

OFFICER OF THE DAY

JOHN TYNAN, COMMANDER VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, STEPHEN F. RUTLEDGE POST 864
U.S. ARMY VIETNAM WAR VETERAN

SERGEANT AT ARMS

ELMON HENDRICKSON, COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION POST 11

SPEAKER

JERRY WOLOSENKO
VIETNAM VETERAN, BRONZE STAR RECIPIENT
UKRAINIAN AMERICAN

PARTICIPANTS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 11

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, STEPHEN F. RUTLEDGE POST 864

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

WORLD WAR ONE BARRACKS 2342
(IN MEMORIAM)

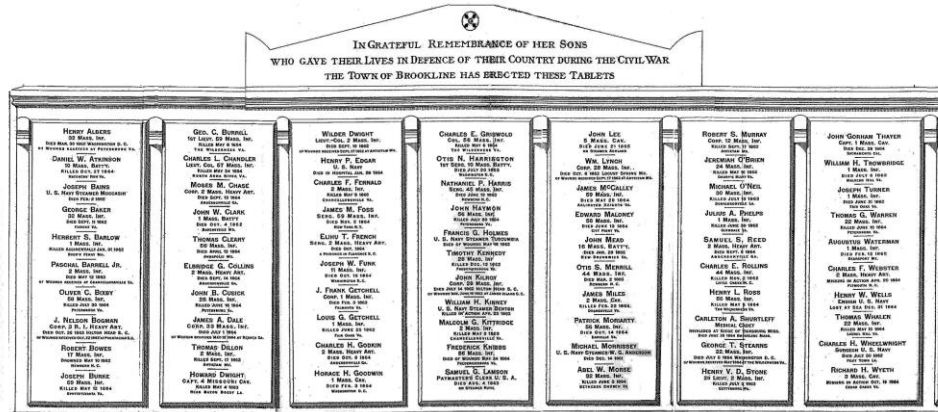
HONOR GUARD/FIRING SQUAD - COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND VETERANS
OF FOREIGN WARS-STEPHEN F. RUTLEDGE POST 864/BROOKLINE
POLICE DEPARTMENT/BROOKLINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A bus will depart from the Veterans' Post at 386 Washington Street at 8:30 A.M. for the
Ceremonies at Walnut Hills Cemetery and then continue on to the Walnut Street Cemetery for a ceremony conducted by the
Daughters of the American Revolution. The bus will return to the Town Hall for the final ceremony at 11:00 A.M. This year
we will be holding a small procession leading into the main ceremony. A collation will take place at the Veterans' Post upon
completion of the Ceremonies.



"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately
attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan." - *President Franklin D. Roosevelt asking Congress to declare war (Dec. 8,
1941).*

PROGRAM AT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MONUMENT



INVOCATION

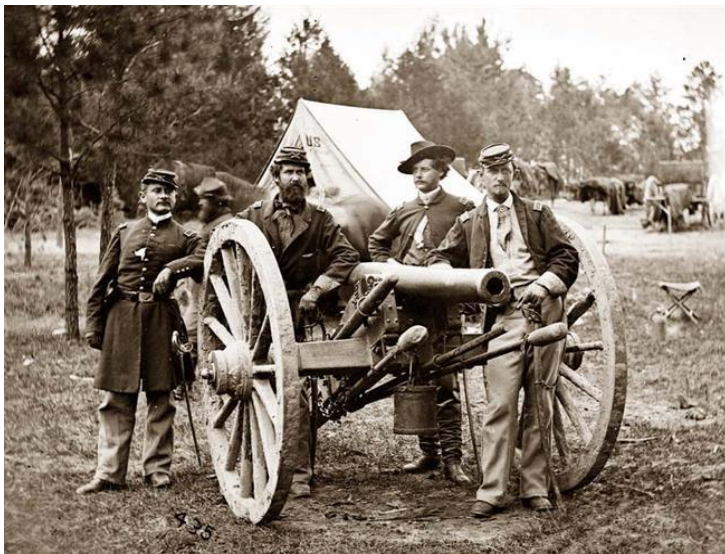
William T. McGroarty
Director of Veterans Services, Brookline

TRIBUTE TO THE G.A.R.

William T. McGroarty
Director of Veterans Services, Brookline

LAYING OF WREATH

Kevin Lynch, Past Commander,
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864



"Heroism is latent in every human soul - However humble or unknown, they (the veterans) have renounced what are accounted pleasures and cheerfully undertaken all the self-denials - privations, toils, dangers, sufferings, sicknesses, mutilations, life-long hurts and losses, death itself - for some great good, dimly seen but dearly held".

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain



PROGRAM AT WALNUT HILLS CEMETERY VETERANS' LOT



CONDUCTED BY

William T. McGroarty
Director, Brookline Office of Veterans Services

IN FLANDERS FIELD

Kevin Lynch, Past Commander,
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864

RED BASKET

Elmon Hendtckson, Commander American Legion Post 11

WHITE BASKET

Commander John Tynan, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864,
US Army - Vietnam Veteran

BLUE BASKET

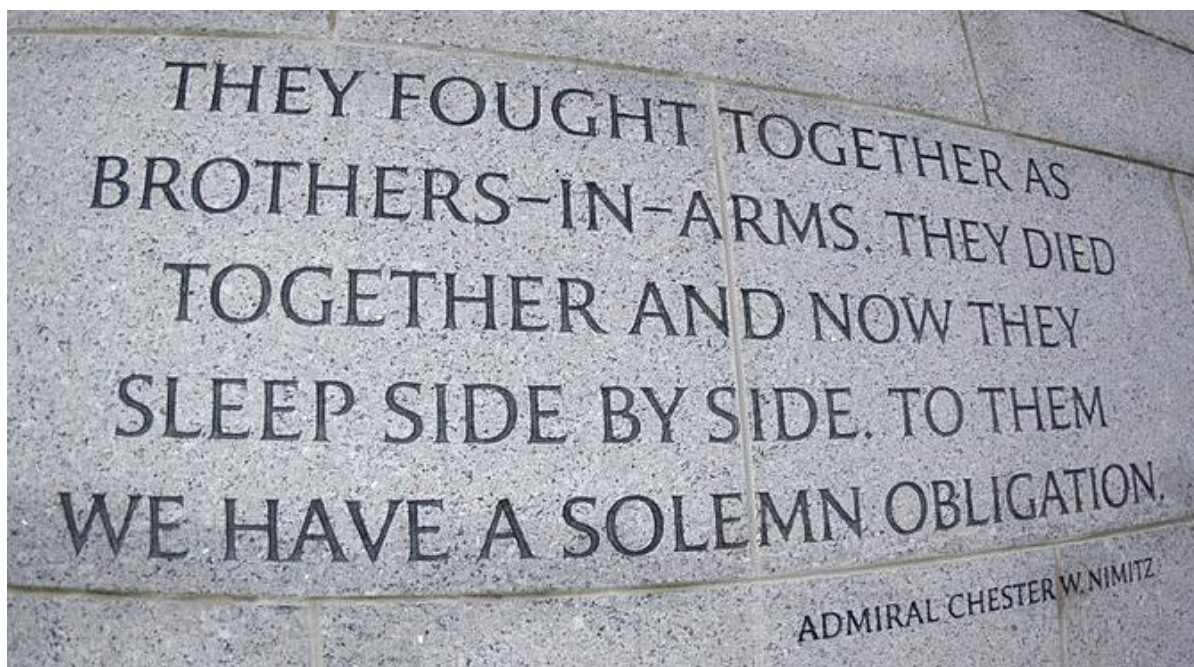
Jack McCarthy, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864

**FIRING SQUAD/
HONOR GUARD**

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Brookline Police Department, Brookline Fire Department



TAPS AND ECHO



PROGRAM AT BROOKLINE REVOLUTIONARY CEMETERY

WELCOME BY

Dianne Laffee
Representing the Daughters of the American Revolution

INVOCATION

William T. McGroarty
Director of Veterans Services, Brookline

SPEAKER

Dianne Laffee

PLACING OF WREATH

Dianne Laffee and Marcus Laffee

BENEDICTION

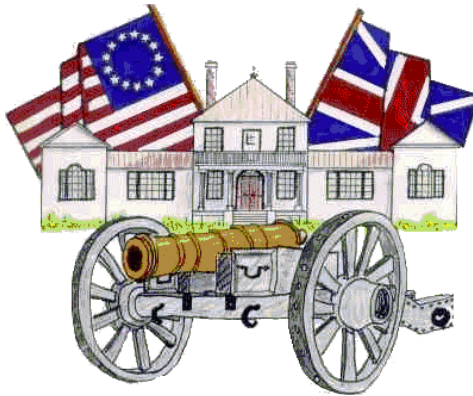
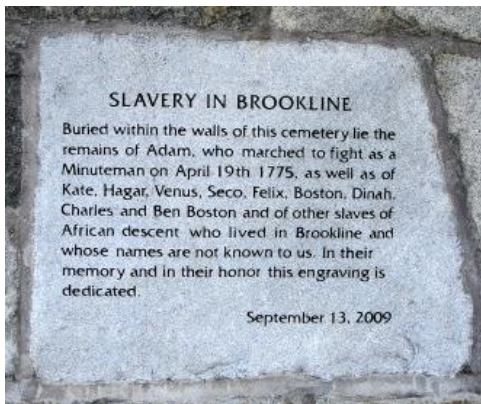
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Brookline Police Department / Brookline Fire Department

TAPS AND ECHO

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864;
American Legion Post 11; Brookline Police Department;
Brookline Fire Department



*Thanks to the Human Relations / Youth Resources Commission
Hidden Brookline Committee*

*"The story of America's quest for freedom is inscribed on her history in the blood of her patriots".
- **Randy Vader***

PROGRAM AT WORLD WAR MONUMENT

PROCESSION ORDER OF MARCH

PARADE LED BY POLICE ESCORT

POLICE HONOR GUARD

CHIEF OF POLICE OR SENIOR POLICE OFFICER

VETERANS' HONOR GUARD

VETERANS' TROLLEY

BROOKLINE FIRE DEPARTMENT HONOR GUARD

SENIOR FIRE OFFICER

BROOKLINE FIRE APPARATUS



“You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you”. — [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

PROGRAM AT WORLD WAR MONUMENT

GREETINGS & INTRODUCTION OF OFFICER OF THE DAY

John Tynan, Commander, U.S. Army – Vietnam Veteran
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864

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William T. McGroarty
Director, Brookline Office of Veterans' Services

INVOCATION

Father Jonathan Gaspar,
Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Brookline MA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gregory Taylor, U.S. Army- Vietnam Veteran
Past Commander American Legion Post 11

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Kristin DeFosse

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS

AMERICAN LEGION

Elmon Hendrickson, Commander- American Legion Post 11

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

John Tynan, Commander- Veterans of Foreign Wars – Stephen F.
Rutledge Post 864

INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

William T. McGroarty
Director, Brookline Office of Veterans' Services

GREETINGS FROM THE TOWN

Melvin Kleckner, Brookline Town Administrator
U.S. Coast Guard Veteran

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

Representative Tommy Vitolio

MUSICAL SELECTION

Kristin DeFosse

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Arthur Segawa, U.S. Army – Afghanistan War Veteran
VFW, Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864 & American Legion Post 11

READING OF GENERAL LOGAN'S ORDERS

Gregory Taylor, U.S. Army- Vietnam Veteran
Past Commander American Legion Post 11

INTRODUCTION OF GUESS SPEAKER

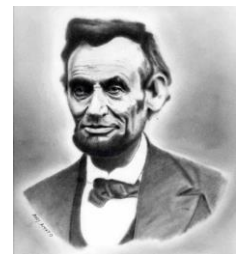
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MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER

Jerry Wolosenko
Vietnam Veteran, Bronze Star Recipient
Ukrainian American

MUSICAL SELECTION

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PROGRAM AT WORLD WAR MONUMENT

**PLACING OF WREATH AT
WORLD WAR MEMORIAL**

Jerry Wolosenko
Vietnam Veteran, Bronze Star Recipient

**BATTLE HYMN OF
THE REPUBLIC**

Kristin DeFosse

**ARTHUR HURLEY
MEMORIAL AWARD
TO FOR SERVICE TO OUR
VETERANS AND COMMUNITY**

Commander John Tynan, VFW Post 864
Commander Elmon Hendrickson, AL Post 11

James McCabe – U.S.M.C. Vietnam War Veteran
Stephen F. Rutledge Post 864, American Legion Post 11



Silver Star Medal Recipient - Sergeant Arthur Hurley, U.S. Army WWII

**FIRING SQUAD/HONOR
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VETERANS' SERVICE AWARD

John O'Dea, Bell-O'Dea Funeral Home

CLOSING REMARKS

Bill McGroarty, Director-Department of Veterans' Services

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Kristin DeFosse

*All participants are invited to a Collation at the American Legion/VFW Veterans Post immediately following the
Memorial Day ceremony.*



"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather we should thank God that such men lived".

— - *Memorial Day Quotes by General George S. Patton*