

A Special Thanks to:

Members of the Orange County families who have carried the weight of the loss of a loved one for so long, so we can continue to enjoy our freedoms every day.

Orange Community Band
Under the direction of Mr. Charles Torin

Orange County Boy Scout Troop 14
For help in setting up and taking down.

And the Members of:

American Legion Post 156
Sons of American Legion Unit 156
American Legion Riders Chapter 156

ALL OF ORANGE COUNTY, VA



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

American Legion Post 156
Monday, May 28, 2018
11:00 am—Taylor Park

Welcome and Opening Remarks	Alan Drinkwater, Commander
Invocation	Randy Russell
National Anthem	Orange Community Band
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Ray Wareham, Vice Commander
Remarks	Alan Drinkwater, Commander
Music	Orange Community Band

Wreath Laying:

Montpelier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution
Mrs. Betty Mallory, Regent

13th Virginia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy
Mrs. Lynette Higginbotham, President

US Daughters of 1812, Chapter Madison of Montpelier
Miss Kendall Rider, Junior Member

Veterans of Foreign Wars, James Madison Post 2217
Alan Dulaney, Commander

American Legion Post 156, Orange County
Robert Sidelko, Member

Roll Call for local servicemen who died in the defense of our country:

Spanish American War & World War I	Glen Forney
World War II	John Colvin
Korean War	William Gilbert
Vietnam War, Iraq & Afghanistan	Raymond Wareham

Taps	Richard D. Stageberg, Past Commander
Benediction	Randy Russell
Closing Comments	Alan Drinkwater, Commander

The History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day was originally know as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11, that:

“The 30th of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will, in their own way, arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.”

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which five thousand participants helped to decorate the graves of more than twenty thousand Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In fact, several Northern and Southern cities claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbia, Miss.; Macon, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; and Carbondale, Ill.

In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, NY the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo – which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866 – because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800's, many communities across the country had begun to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.

(Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11)

ROLL OF HONOR

Spanish American War

William Dunn

World War I

Marion W. Bowler
Edward D'Oley Northrop
Petter Ellis
Lucian L. Vaughan
Andrew Fund
William Jackson Whitlock

Daniel Ashby McIntosd
Charles R. Clark
Richard Beadles Todd
James Foster
Garrett Edward Waugh
Fitzhugh L. Jones

Charles Henry Brame
Vivian Slaughter
Luther Falls
Bernard E. Verling
Archie Galloway
Henry H. Woodville

World War II

William M. Andrews
William Edwin Beck
General Lee Breeden
Gordon Otto Bryant
William R. Clatterbuck
David Kerr Claud
Roy Franklin Corbin
P. Woodrow Crawford
Louis Davis
King Jackson Dean
Laurence Dare Deane
Russell Kenneth Ellis
Twyman Alfred Gilbert
Clifton Lee Gipson
Thomas Ellis Gipson

Charles Franklin Grasty
William B. Grymes
F. Gilbredth Hamilton
Edward Parker Harris
Wallace Edward Hughes
Oscar Jackson
Irwin Johnson
Vance Hite Keeler
Jess C. Lohr
Marvin Ashby Long
Andrew Maples, Jr.
William E. Martin
William B. Mason, Jr.
Severn Nottingham, Jr.
Ernest Eward Peacher

Robert William Raup
William E. Reynolds
Edward H. Richardson
Wyatte L. Rones
Raleigh R. Simpson
Robbie W. Smith
Harry Stevenson
Harrison Thompson
Tyrus Hever Tisdale
Hezekiah Turner
John Raymond Wallace
Edward Waller, Jr.
George Morgan Waugh
Robert Paul Wiltshire

Korean War

Wallace M. Arnold
William F. Brown
Roland W. Clatterbuck
John A. Collier
George A. Corbin
Howard T. Jackson
Leonard W. Shipp

Iraq

Leonard M. Cowherd III

Vietnam War

William Mosby Clarke, Jr.
Richard Hiram Estes, Jr.
William Edward Finchman
Norman Reynolds Hurst
David Lawrence Napier
Gary Lee Reynolds
Douglas D. Wallace

Afghanistan

George Bannar Jr.
Travis Reddick

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