WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A military veteran is an individual who has served in the armed forces, completing a period of active duty and subsequently being discharged; he or she is someone who has dedicated a part of their life to defending their nation through military service, often experiencing unique challenges and sacrifices associated with combat or deployment.

The Call to Duty By Kelly Roper

A call to duty is sent out
And the strong and the brave reply.
They do it for love of country,
So there's never a need to ask why.
They leave behind all that they love,
Their families, their homes and their lives,
Because to preserve these precious things
Is the goal for which each soldier strives.
So God bless our troops,
The courageous women and men,
Who fight to make sure
The bells of freedom peal again.

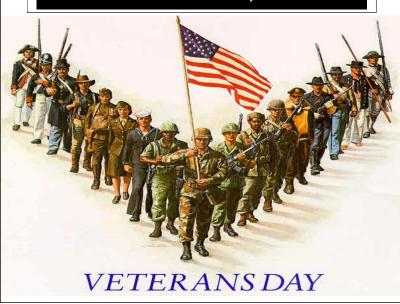
The Committee would like to acknowledge Steve Vacca for his many years of service to our military veterans by playing Taps at the Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies, and at cemeteries throughout Branford.





VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2024 BRANFORD, CT



VETERANS PARADE COMMITTEE

John Fitzgerald - Chairman Alex Palluzzi, Jr. - Chief of Staff

Dennis Flaningan, Vincent Giordano, Harvey Goldstein, Elliott Hastings, Ray Ingraham, Dale Izzo, Donald Langlois, Ed Masotta, William O'Brien, Philip Zielinski

"IN HONOR OF ALL THAT SERVED"

2024 Veterans Day Parade Marshal Joseph Dendas, United States Army

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09:00 Hours Center Cemetery- Wreaths and Taps, the committee and all veterans who wish to participate will proceed to all cemeteries in Branford. Concluding ceremonies will be at the South Montowese Street Bridge for the Naval Memorial Services at 12:15, with the Naval prayer given by Donald Langlois. The National Anthem and Naval Hymn sung by Lia Witten, accompanied by the Branford High School Pep Band.

The Ceremony will commence on the Branford Town Green at 1:00 p.m. The parade will immediately follow the Order of Exercise.

Order of Exercise

Master of Ceremonies – Vincent Giordano, U.S. Army
"National Anthem", Lia Witten, accompanied by the BHS Pep Band
Invocation – Pastor Steve Chamberlain
Selectman's Greetings – James B. Cosgrove
Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps – Selection
Parade Marshall Address - Joseph Dendas, United States Army
"America the Beautiful" - Lia Witten, accompanied by the Branford Town Band
State Senator Christine Cohen Essay Contest

"Why should we thank our veterans?"

1st Place - Olivia Jacobson, Fifth Grade Francis Walsh Intermediate School

Runner-up - Vito Colagiovanni, Fifth Grade Francis Walsh Intermediate School

> Benediction - Rayzl Feuer Rifle Salute and Taps

Music during the parade provided on the Green by the Branford Town Band

Special Thanks
Sound system provided by Dennis Nardella
Printing of the program provided by Branford Parks & Recreation

VETERANS DAY

Order of March Military Division

Branford Police Department Color Guard
Joseph Dendas, United States Army
Stony Creek Fife & Drum Corps

Donald Langlois (American Legion) & Elliott Hastings (VFW)
Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #12106
Corcoran-Sundquist Post #83, American Legion
2nd Company Governor's Foot Guard
Town/State Officials & Guests
All Veterans
Quad 50 Anti-aircraft Mount
"Take a Vet Fishing"

Marching Units

The Middlesex County Blue Star Mothers CT3
Branford Garden Club
BSA Troop 428 Color Guard
Girl Scouts-Brownies
Boy Scouts-Cub Scouts
Branford High School Pep Band
East Shoreline Catholic Academy
Antique and Vintage Cars
Elks Lodge #1939
Branford Fire Companies

Official Reviewing Committee

First Selectman – James B. Cosgrove Selectman – Raymond Dunbar Selectman – Angela Higgins State Senator – Christine Cohen State Representative – Robin Comey State Representative – Moira Rader

Grave Registration

Ray Ingraham Philip Zielinski

