

## MEMORIAL DAY PRESENTATION 2017

### 0950: GREETING

GOOD MORNING! CHILDREN, LADIES, GENTLEMEN & FELLOW VETERANS....WELCOME TO PURPLE HEART PARK FOR THIS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SACRIFICED FOR THE NATION.

THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN TO LAY DOWN ONES LIFE FOR HIS FRIEND, NO GREATER HONOR.

TODAY WE GATHER AND REMEMBER THOSE THAT LOVED US SO MUCH THEY WERE WILLING TO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES, AND DID.

OUR MEMORIAL SERVICE IS CONDUCTED BY THOSE WHO WERE THERE; ON THE FIELD OF SACRIFICE AND WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS!

LET US ALL TAKE A MOMENT CHILDREN, WIVES AND LOVED ONES.... REACH OUT AND HOLD THE HAND OF THE VETERAN STANDING WITH YOU.

TAKE THEIR HAND AND UNDERSTAND..... IN LIVING THEY HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR LIFE FOR YOU.

THEY EACH HOLD MEMORY OF FRIENDS LONG AGO AND RECALL VIVID MOMENTS IN TIME.

UNDERSTAND YOU ARE ANSWER TO QUESTION CARRIED FROM YESTERDAY AND THEIR WONDER OF TOMORROW.

BE JOY TO OPPOSE THE SORROW AND, LET US ALL LIVE  
OUR LIVES WITH HONOR.

\*\*\*\* Introduce Chapter Officers \*\*\*\*

I AM FRANK GIROUX... IT IS OUR HONOR TO BE WITH  
YOU AND REPRESENT THE DYE IN THE AMERICAN  
FABRIC.

TODAY WE WILL REMEMBER WHAT STARTED ON APRIL  
19, 1775 WHEN EIGHT CITIZEN SOLDIERS, AMERICAN  
MILITIAMEN, LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES TO PROTECT  
SAMUEL ADAMS AND JOHN HANCOCK AS THEY TOOK  
REFUGE IN PASTOR JONAS CLARK'S HOME AND THE  
CONGREGANTS OF THE CHURCH OF LEXINGTON STOOD  
FAST AGAINST OVER 800 BRITISH SOLDIERS.

YES, PLEASE REMEMBER ROBERT MUNROE, JONAS  
PARKER, SAMUEL HADLEY, JONATHAN HARRINGTON  
Jr., ISAAC MUZZY, CALEB HARRINGTON AND JOHN  
BROWN... ALL OF LEXINGTON AND Mr. PORTER OF  
WOBURN, MA; WHO STOOD FAST ON LEXINGTON  
GREEN AND BECAME THE FIRST TO SACRIFICE FOR  
AMERICAN LIBERTY AND JUSTICE.

IT IS FITTING THAT WE TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER ALL  
THOSE WHO HAVE LAID DOWN THEIR LIVES SO THAT  
WE MIGHT HAVE OUR SO MANY BLESSINGS.

TODAY, LET US INFORM, REFLECT AND INSPIRE AS WE  
SEEK TO HONOR THEM AND ALL THOSE WHO HAVE  
FOLLOWED THEIR FOOTSTEPS.

WE WILL HAVE OUR ARIEL SALUTE THIS MORNING FROM THE 162<sup>ND</sup> FIGHTER WING OF THE ARIZONA AIR NATIONAL GUARD.

THE COLORS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA ALUMNI BAND and SSG JAN MICHALAK WILL PRESENT OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.

PATRIOT \_\_\_\_\_ WILL LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

PATRIOT MICHAEL DYER WILL THEN GIVE THE INVOCATION.

0959: SERGEANT AT ARMS! POST THE COLORS!!

1000: NATIONAL ANTHEM:  
SGT Jan Michalak USA (Ret) vocal & UofA Alumni Band

1002: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1003: INVOCATION - PATRIOT MICHAEL DYER

1007: RECOGNITION OF HONORED CITIZENS PRESENT

GOLD STAR MOTHERS:

GOLD STAR WIVES:

STATE OF ARIZONA:

PIMA COUNTY:

CITY GOVERNMENT OF TUCSON:

THE RITA RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION: Al  
Wiruth

EAST DISTRICT PARKS & RECREATION DEPT: Glenna  
Overstreet

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM THE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HERE AT RITA  
RANCH...AND THE FINE FOLKS FROM THE EAST  
DISTRICT OF THE TUCSON PARKS & RECREATION DEPT;  
FOR PROVIDING OUR SHADE, SEATING & WATER...  
PLEASE NOTE THE YOUNG PEOPLE HERE TODAY...OUR  
BOY, CUB, BROWNIE AND GIRL SCOUTS....THANK YOU  
ALL!

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET US PAUSE IN  
SILENCE AS WE BEGIN OUR RECOGNITION OF THOSE  
TAKEN FROM US... SONS OF THE AMERICAN  
REVOLUTION WILL POST OUR WREATH AND THEN WE  
WILL CALL THE NAMES OF 63 LOVED ONES FROM OUR  
COMMUNITY TAKEN IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ SINCE  
2001.

(Play Taps at Conclusion of Bell Tolling)

BEGIN ADDRESS: (F.W. Giroux)

VOCAL: Mrs. Stefanie Michels "Proud To Be An American"

BENEDICTION: PATRIOT MICHAEL DYER

CONCLUSION:

IN CLOSING....”mention the bench inscription from Thomas Moore...

Recognize Captain William “Buckey” O’Neill KIA July 1, 1898... and recite “The Minstrel Boy”.

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRIOTISM.  
UNTIL NEXT YEAR, STAY WELL AND ALWAYS NOBLE.

FRANK W. GIROUX  
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