



**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE U.S.
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To: Douglas Clergy
Douglas Selectman
Douglas Police Chief
Douglas Fire Chief
Douglas HS & Junior Band Leaders
Woman's Relief Corps
Douglas Boy & Club Scouts
Douglas Girl Scouts & Brownies

April 30, 2017

Subject: Douglas Memorial Day Parade Invitation

It is that time of the year again where we in the VFW are making plans to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to all veterans. Veterans have given so much so that we can live in a free society with so many freedoms and rights that most people in the world just can't understand or comprehend.

Many of forget in our daily lives that **"Freedom isn't Free"**

That being said, we would like to confirm your participation, as in the past, in the Town of Douglas Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Sunday, May 28, 2017.

I have included the following Parade/Program detail:

1. Pre-Parade Cemetery Program and route
2. Memorial Day Parade marching order.
3. Memorial Day Parade program and route.

Please show your support for these brave veterans and join us in the Parade. The parade will end at the Douglas Senior Center (Post Office) and refreshments will be served there after the parade, so please plan accordingly. Please call me with any questions or changes in your participations at 508-278-9568.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Best regards,

Colonel Dennis J Zifcak, US Army (Retired)
Quartermaster VFW Post 7554

Douglas Memorial Day parade
Pre-parade cemetery program and route

10:00 A.M. Douglas Center
VFW Color Guard & Firing Squad forms up at the Douglas Center Civil War Monument and marches into Douglas Center Cemetery

1. Invocation by Clergy
2. Salute the dead – Douglass Firing Squad
3. Taps – Douglas H.S. Band
4. Return to Civil War Monument
5. Invocation by Clergy
6. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
7. Taps – Douglas H.S. Band
8. Raising of the Colors/National Anthem Douglas H.S. Band

10:25 A.M. Evergreen Cemetery
VFW Color Guard & Firing Squad form up at cemetery entrance and march into cemetery

1. Invocation by Clergy
2. Salute the dead – Firing Squad
3. Taps – Douglas H.S. Band
4. March out of Cemetery

10:45 A.M. St. Denis Cemetery
VFW Color Guard & Firing Squad form up at top level of cemetery

1. Invocation by Clergy
2. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
3. Taps – Douglas H.S. Band
4. Raising of the Colors/National Anthem – Douglas H.S. Band

11:00 A.M. Pine Grove Cemetery
VFW Color Guard & Firing Squad form up in cemetery

1. Invocation by Clergy
2. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
3. Taps – Douglas H.S. Band

Douglas Memorial Day Parade
Order of organizations marching

1. VFW Commander
2. VFW Color Guard
3. Douglas Veterans
4. Douglas Selectman and Clergy
5. Douglas High School Band
6. Douglas Junior Band
7. Combined Women's Patriotic Organizations
8. Douglas Boy Scouts with Colors
9. Douglas Girl Scouts with Colors
10. Douglas Cub Scouts with Colors
11. Douglas Brownies with Colors
12. Douglas 4H Club
13. Douglas junior Baseball Teams
14. Douglas Fire Dept

**Douglas Memorial Day Parade
Program & Route**

- 1:30 P.M. Joseph J. Michna Square**
Parade units are formed up for ceremonies
- 1:35 P.M.**
1. Invocation by Clergy
 2. Band Selection – Douglas High School Band
 3. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
 4. Rendition of Taps – Douglas High School Band
 5. Raising of the Colors/National Anthem – Douglas High School Band
 6. Parade starts East on Rt.16 (N.E. main St.)
- 2:15 P.M. Michael Carter Square**
1. Invocation by Clergy
 2. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
 3. Rendition of Taps – Douglas High School Band
 4. Raising of the Colors/National Anthem – Douglas High School Band
 5. Parade heads East on Gilboa St., then makes a right turn on North St.
 6. Parade proceeds up North St. stopping at Civil War Monument
- 2:45 P.M. Civil War Monument**
1. Invocation by Clergy
 2. Program directed by Women's Relief Corps
 3. Salute the dead – VFW Firing squad
 4. Raising of Colors/National Anthem – Douglas High School Band
 5. Parade then proceeds up N.E. Main St. turning left onto Depot St. and heads up to the WWII Monument
 6. Military Units continue up Depot St. and the High School Band bears left up Martin St.
- 3:10 P.M. World War II Monument**
1. Invocation by Clergy
 2. Band selection – Douglas Junior Band
 3. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
 4. Rendition of taps – Douglas High School Band
 5. Raising of Colors/National Anthem – Douglas High School Band
- 3:30 P.M. Korean and Vietnam Memorials**
1. Invocation by Clergy
 2. Guest Speaker
 3. Salute the dead – VFW Firing Squad
 4. Rendition of taps – Douglas High School Band
 5. Raising of Colors/National Anthem – Douglas High School Band