

National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

MEMORIAL DAY



May 25, 2015 8:00AM

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



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NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF ARIZONA

In 1926, Mr. Ivan Williams a long-time member of the American Legion contacted U.S. Senator Henry F. Ashurst about another National Veterans' Cemetery in Arizona. In the following years hundreds of veterans joined in the effort to accomplish this task, but their efforts were in vain due to the fact that the National Cemetery in Prescott was still open for burials.

In 1970 Department Commanders of the three major Veterans Service Organizations, with full support of their predecessors and membership, pledged to establish a State Veterans Cemetery with the ultimate goal of becoming a National Cemetery.

A corporation was formed to acquire land for this purpose and Phoenix attorney, Anthony O. Jones was named the corporation attorney responsible for drafting the petition and guiding it through proper channels. Land Commissioner, Andrew L. Bettwy was diligent in working with the corporation leaders and a section of land was eventually located in Phoenix at Cave Creek and Pinnacle Peak Roads that was deemed acceptable on a lease fee basis.

The commanders presented the information to their organizations and requested approval for and obligation of the organizations to pay lease fees on the full section of land while seeking a governing authority.

State Law was passed in 1976 and signed by Governor Raul Castro authorizing development of up to six hundred forty acres for a Veterans Cemetery with \$50,000 being appropriated. Seventeen acres of the leased land was conveyed to the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) with twelve and a half acres to be developed initially.

The Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery was dedicated December 9, 1978, with first burials occurring on March 14, 1979. A total of \$291,700 was received from the U. S. Veterans' Administration Federal-State Matching Funds Grant Program for construction improvements. The State Legislature created the Arizona Veterans' Service Commission (AVSC) in 1982 and operation of the cemetery was transferred to AVSC from DES.

In 1985, an additional two hundred twelve acres were conveyed to the AVSC bringing the cemetery acreage to two hundred twenty-five acres. In 1988 the legislature appropriated \$300,000 for capital improvements. Additional improvements were authorized and completed through donated funds of many veterans, fraternal and other service organizations.

The cemetery with burial space available for 200,000 graves was transferred to the Veterans Administration on April 1, 1989. The three Department Commanders were: Disabled American Veterans Commander George E. Egel; Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Charles "Chuck" G. Hastings, and American Legion Commander James J. Murphy.

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Office of the Governor

* ARIZONA MEMORIAL DAY *

WHEREAS, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed in 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868 when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day we remember and honor all those courageous men and women of our armed forces who have risked and lost their lives to protect America's interests, to defend our freedom, to preserve our values, and to advance the ideals of democracy; and

WHEREAS, American troops continue to put themselves in harms way to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy; and

WHEREAS, we express our profound sympathy and gratitude to the families who have lost loved ones in service to America, and we acknowledge the debt we owe to those men and women who, because they so cherished peace, died in the defense of it; and

WHEREAS, it is a privilege to express our gratitude to those whose sacrifices serve as constant reminders of the high price of liberty; and

WHEREAS, in respect and recognition of these courageous men and women, all veterans of the U.S. Military Services, state and local government officials, educators, students, historians, and all patriotic citizens of this great State and Nation are encouraged to observe Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2015 as

* ARIZONA MEMORIAL DAY *

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirty-first day of March in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

Secretary of State



Governor of Arizona



Governor Doug Ducey was elected on November 4, 2014 and was sworn into office on January 5, 2015, becoming Arizona's 23rd Governor.

As governor, Ducey's priorities are growing the economy, creating jobs, improving outcomes in K-12 education and balancing the budget. A champion of limited government, economic development and Arizona businesses and families, Governor Ducey has pledged to work every day to ensure "Opportunity for All."

Prior to taking his oath as governor, Ducey served as Arizona's 32nd state treasurer, a position he held since his oath of office in January 2011. As Arizona's chief banker and investment officer, Ducey managed more than \$13 billion in state assets and served as an investment manager for local governments. He also served as chairman of Arizona's State Board of Investment and State Loan Commission, as Arizona's Surveyor General and was a member of the State Land Selection Board.

As state treasurer, Ducey notably led the opposition of Proposition 204, a tax increase that would have cost Arizona taxpayers \$1 billion per year. With Ducey's leadership, the proposition was soundly defeated by a nearly two-to-one margin. During his tenure, Ducey also oversaw the Permanent Land Endowment Trust Fund. Under his watch, the trust fund surpassed \$5 billion for the first time, with 90 percent of the earnings allocated toward K-12 education.

Before being elected state treasurer, Ducey was chief executive officer of Cold Stone Creamery. An Arizona-born concept, Cold Stone expanded from a handful of locations to more than 1,400 worldwide under Ducey's management.

Governor Ducey was born in Toledo, Ohio. He moved to Arizona to attend Arizona State University's business school, where he earned his bachelor of science in finance in 1986. Governor Ducey and his wife, Angela, live in Phoenix with their three sons, Jack, Joe and Sam.

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Director



Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Director Wanda Wright is the third generation of her family to serve in the U.S. military. She has three decades of military experience. As a 1985 United States Air Force Academy graduate, Colonel Wright began her military career as Deputy Budget officer with the Tactical Air Command at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina with a follow-on assignment to Davis-Monthan AFB as the Budget Officer.

Leaving active duty in 1990, Colonel Wright joined the Arizona National Guard. During the next 21 years, she served in various positions including accounting and finance officer, communications officer, executive officer and, finally, as the Director of Staff for the Adjutant General in Phoenix. Among her proudest achievements was to serve as Air Commander of Operation Jump Start from June 2006 – December 2008 during which she commanded more than 4,000 airmen from 52 states and territories on our Southwest border.

Colonel Wright holds a B.S. in Management from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a M.B.A. from Webster University in South Carolina, a M.P.A. from the University of Arizona and is completing her M.A. in Educational Leadership from Arizona State University. Colonel Wright's decorations and awards include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Former Maricopa County Attorney



Rick Romley served four elected terms as the Maricopa County Attorney [1989-2004] and was appointed as interim Maricopa County Attorney in 2010. He has testified before the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives on the issues of violent crime, terrorism, drug trafficking, youth violence, public corruption and victims' rights. For these efforts, Rick has been the recipient of over 100 awards.

Since leaving office, Rick started his own firm. Clientele have included former Secretary for Veterans Affairs, James Nicholson, who asked Rick to come to Washington D.C. and be his Personal Advisor to oversee the data loss of personal information for over twenty-six million veterans and to enhance the VA's security protocols and infrastructure.

Rick and his wife, Carol, live in Scottsdale, Arizona. Rick joined the United States Marine Corps as a youth and served as a combat infantry squad leader in Vietnam until wounded in 1969. Rick received numerous commendations, including the Purple Heart. In 2001, Rick received two additional National Awards for his service in defense of our country: Life's Presidential Unsung Hero Award and America's Outstanding Disabled American Veteran of the Year. Mr. Romley was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.

Director National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona



Jerry Rainey was named director of the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on Sept 8, 2012. As director, he is responsible for all burial and maintenance operations at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona and Prescott National Cemetery.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Rainey was the director of Eagle Point National Cemetery from March 1, 2009. He also served as assistant director at Houston National Cemetery in Texas from September 2007 to February 2009.

Mr. Rainey served four years in the U.S. Air Force and retired from the U.S. Army in May 2000. He received two Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, and the Expert Field Medical Badge, among other decorations.

Memorial Day Program

FLY OVER

Primary Trainer Squadron of the Arizona Antique
Airplane Association (actual 1940 WWII trainers)

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Vern West (SFC USA Ret), vocalist

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Rick Romley – Former Maricopa County Attorney

POSTING OF THE COLORS

VFW State Honor Guard

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

108th Army Band

Commanded by CW2 Steven Brining
Vern West (SFC, USA Ret), Vocalist

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ken & Tina Lapka
Gold Star Family

INVOCATION

Rabbi Irwin Wiener, DD
Deputy National Chaplain
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

PARADE OF THE COLORS

Armed Forces Color Guards
Veteran Service Organizations
JROTC Unit and Community Groups

REMEMBRANCE TABLE

Scottish American Military Society

50th ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM WAR

COMMEMORATION

Vern West (SFC, USA Ret)

PLACING OF THE WREATHS

Civil Air Patrol Squadrons 301 & 302
Veteran Service Organizations
Community Groups

DIRECTOR'S GREETING

Jerry Rainey, Director
National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

“GOD BLESS THE USA”

Performed by 108th Army Band
SSg Chanelle Jasso

INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Rick Romley – Former Maricopa County Attorney

PRESENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION

Wanda Wright

Director Arizona Veteran's Services

ENDURING FREEDOM REMEMBRANCE

Vern West (SFC USA Ret)
Mel Brody, Jewish War Veterans

ARMED FORCES MEDLEY

108th Army Band

Flags presented by Scottish American Society Post 48

BENEDICTION

Chaplain (Capt) USAF James Lanford
Luke Air Force Base Chaplain's Office

RIFLE VOLLEY

VFW State Honor Guard

TAPS

Vern West (SFC, USA Ret)

RELEASING OF THE WHITE DOVES

Gene Stoltz, Owner

Released by

Civil Air Patrol Squadrons 301 & 302

DISMISSAL – “Stars & Stripes”

108th Army Band



IN HONOR OF ARIZONA'S SERVICE MEN & WOMEN WHO
HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE
ENDURING FREEDOM (IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN)
May 8, 2014 TO MAY 7, 2015

IN MEMORY



UNITED STATES ARMY

***Staff Sergeant Thomas D. "Tom" Rabjohn**, (October 3, 2009) from Litchfield Park, AZ, 39 years old. Assigned 363rd Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), 441st Ordnance Battalion (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), 111th Ordnance Group (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Arizona National Guard.

***First Lieutenant Jonam Russell**, (July 23, 2013) from Cornville, AZ, 25 years old. Assigned 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA.

Specialist Wyatt J. Martin, (December 12, 2014) from Mesa, AZ, 22 years old. Assigned 2nd Squadron, 3rd Calvary Regiment, 1st Calvary Division, Fort Hood, TX.



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

There were no battlefield casualties for the United States Marines reported this past year from the state of Arizona



UNITED STATES NAVY

There were no battlefield casualties for the United States Navy reported this past year from the state of Arizona



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

There were no battlefield casualties for the United States Air Force reported this past year from the state of Arizona

**Indicates casualties outside reporting period not previously recognized.*

PREVIOUSLY HONORED CASUALTIES

RANK	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	BRANCH	DATE HONORED	RANK	LASTNAME	FIRSTNAME	BRANCH	DATE HONORED
Spc	Adams	Christian M.	USA	30-May-11	PO3C	Estrada	Kyler L.	USN	14 Feb 13
Sgt	Ahlquist	Clinton W.	USMC	28-May-07	Sgt	Ewing	Anthony D.	USA	26-May-08
Sgt	Allen	Howard Paul	USA	29-May-06	Cpl	Farris	Billy B.	USA	29-May-07
SSgt	Andrade, Jr.	Roberto	USA	25-May-09	PFC	Feldhaus	Dustin J.	USA	30-May-11
SSgt	Apolinar	Martin R.	USA	29 May 11	Sgt	Finke, Jr.	Michael W	USMC	30-May-05
Spc	Armijo	Santos R.	USA	28-May-07	Cpt	Fresques	Jeremy J.	USAF	29-May-06
Cpt	Aubin	Jay T.	USMC	11-Nov-03	Cpl	Gaffney, Jr.	Charles P.	USA	25-May-09
Spc	Baldwin	Jonne	USA	30-May-11	Sgt	Gallegos	Justin T.	USA	31-May-10
SSG	Berry	Richard L.	USA	22 Jul 12	Sgt	Garcia	Christian A. S.	USA	30-May-11
Sgt	Biskie	Benjamin	USA	31-May-04	Cpl	Gerena	Orville	USMC	29-May-06
SFC	Borea	Russell P.	USA	28-May-07	Maj	Gilbert	Troy L.	USAF	29-May-07
LCpl	Braggs	Randy R.	USMC	30-May-11	MSgt	Gillespie	Randy J	USAF	9 Jul 07
LCpl	Broehm	Matthew J	USMC	30-May-11	Sgt	Gonzales	Christopher N	USA	26-May-08
SFC	Brevard	Christopher R.	USA	28-May-07	Pvt	Gonzales	Joseph F.	USA	25-May-09
Sgt	Browning	Charles R.	USA	26-May-08	Spc	Green	Quincy	USA	25-May-09
LTC	Bryant, Jr.	Frank	USAF	30-May-11	LCpl	Halal	Michael J.	USMC	30-May-05
HM	Burnett	Dustin K.	USN	25-May-09	SSG	Hammer	Carl E.	USA	14 Jul 12
Spc	Byrd	Thomas H.	USA	29-May-06	CWO	Hammett	Robert C.	USA	25-May-09
Spc	Caldwell	Nate	USA	11-Nov-03	Spc	Hardt	Adam J.	USA	25-May-09
Spc	Campoy	Isaac	USA	11-Nov-03	SFC	Harris	Todd M.	USA	30-May-11
Sgt	Cataudella	Sean	USA	11-Nov-03	SSgt	Haupt	Ryan E.	USA	29-May-07
LCpl	Centanni	Rick J.	USMC	31-May-10	Sgt	Hernandez, Jr.	Frank B.	USA	30-May-05
Sgt	Cervantes-Ramirez	Guadalupe	USA	25-May-09	Pvt	Hicks,	Corey L.	USA	25-May-09
Sgt	Christopher	Caleb P.	USA	26-May-08	SSgt	Hobbs	Brian S.	USA	30-May-05
SSgt	Cimarrusti	Ernesto G.	USA	26-May-08	LCpl	Holmason	John M.	USMC	29-May-06
CSM	Cooke	Eric F.	USA	31-May-04	Spc	Holmes	James J.	USA	30-May-05
Sgt	Cota	Victor M.	USA	25-May-09	PFC	Huff	Sam Williams	USA	30-May-05
LCpl	Cote,	Budd M.	USMC	28-May-07	MSgt	Hunt, Jr.	Kenneth E.	USMC	29-May-06
PFC	Crombie	David N.	USA	28-May-07	MSgt	Hurt	David	USA	25-May-09
Sgt	Cruttenden	Aaron B	USA	30-May-11	Maj	Hutchison	Steven	USAF	31-May-10
Sgt	Daggett	John K.	USA	25-May-09	LCpl	Jackson	Joe	USMC	30-May-11
Spc	Dallam	Ryan S.	USA	28-May-07	Capt	Jenkins	Cory J.	USAF	31-May-10
SSgt	Davis	Jonathan D.	USMC	22 Feb 13	PFC	Jex	Albert R.	USA	25-May-09
Spc	Desjardins	Douglas C.	USA	29-May-07	PFC	Johnson	John C.	USA	27 May 11
LCpl	Dewey	Brandon	USMC	29-May-06	LCpl	Joyce	Kevin B.	USMC	29-May-06
PFC	Deysie	Ara T.	USA	25-May-09	Spc	Karol	Spencer	USA	11-Nov-03
LCpl	Downey	Michael A	USMC	30-May-05	SSgt	Kasson	Darrel D.	USA	29-May-07
Spc	Donevski	Robert J	USA	31-May-10	LCpl	Keith	Quinn A.	USMC	30-May-05
Sgt	Durkin	Sean M.	USA	31-May-10	HM	Kenyon	Chadwick T	USN	29-May-07
PFC	Eckhardt	Christopher M.	USA	29-May-06	Pvt	Knott	Joseph L.	USA	30-May-05
Spc	Elm	Michael D	USA	14 Oct 11	Cpl	Lapka	Christopher	USMC	30-May-05
Spc	Ehrlich	Andrew C.	USA	30-May-05	CWO2	Laskowski	Matthew	USA	31-May-04

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SSgt	Latham	William T	USA	11-Nov-03	Pvt	Ramsey	Carson J.	USA	30-May-05
Cpl	Lawrence	Jeffrey D.	USMC	30-May-05	GSgt	Reeder	Edward T.	USMC	30-May-05
Sgt	Lee	Daniel T.	USA	26 MAY 14	SSgt	Reeves	Jason A.	USA	30-May-11
SSgt	Lindstrom	Eric J.	USA	31-May-10	Spc	Reyna	Seferino J.	USA	25-May-09
LCpl	Lopez-Castaneda	Juan	USMC	25-May-09	Spc	Robinson	Jeremiah W.	USA	29-May-06
PFC	Lopez-Rodriguez	Damian	USA	29-May-07	Sgt	Ross	Kenneth G.	USA	29-May-06
LCpl	Lucero	Joshua E.	USMC	30-May-05	PFC	Samten	Tenzin L.	USA	26-May-08
Sgt	Lugo	Martin A	USA	30-May-11	Sgt	Sandoval	Frank M.	USA	26-May-08
SFC	Mack	Brian A.	USA	30-May-05	Pvt	Sausto	Anthony J.	USA	26-May-08
HM	Martens	Robert N.	USN	29-May-06	SFC	Savard	Ryan J.	USA	27-May-13
Sgt	Marzano	Michael A.	USMC	30-May-05	Sgt	Schall	Kenneth J.	USA	29-May-06
SFC	McCain	Johnathan B	USA	13-Nov-11	Spc	Schockmel	Collin R.	USA	29-May-07
CWO	McCants	Hershel D.	USA	29-May-07	Cpl	Schuck	Brandon S.	USMC	29-May-06
LCpl	McCarthy	Joseph C.	USMC	30-May-05	PFC	Shondee	Harry N.	USA	30-May-05
Cpl	McGeath	Phillip D	USMC	18-Jan-12	CWO2	Silverman	Joshua B.	USA	26 May 15
Seaman	McIntosh	Joshua	USN	11-Nov-03	Cpt	Sims	Kafele Hashim	USA	31-May-10
Spc	McPeck	Allen E.	USA	29-May-07	PetOff	Sisung	David	USN	31-May-04
Cpl	Mellen	Casey L	USA	29-May-07	LCpl	Smith	Jason E.	USMC	30-May-05
1stSgt	Mendez	Bobby	USA	29-May-07	Spc	Solorio	Ismael	USA	29-May-07
Spc	Mendoza	Hugo V.	USA	26-May-08	Sgt	Sowinski	Nicholas R.	USA	29-May-07
Spc	Merila	Michael M	USA	31-May-04	SSgt	Sparks	Orion N.	USA	27-May-13
Sgt	Merrill	Jason L.	USA	29-May-07	SSgt	Staats	David R.	USA	29-May-07
PFC	Miller	Mykel F.	USA	25-May-09	SSgt	Stacy	Donlad V.	USA	28-Jun-11
Spc	Moon	Christopher	USA	30-May-11	Capt	Steel	James M	USAF	27-May-13
Spc	Montoya	Damien M.	USA	29-May-07	Sgt	Thomas	Carl Thomas	USA	30-May-05
Pvt	Moreno	Reece D.	USA	29-May-07	LCpl	Thompson	John J.	USMC	29-May-06
LCpl	Mortenson	Marty G.	USMC	30-May-05	LCpl	Thornton	John J.	USMC	25-May-09
Spc	Mullen	Scott J.	USA	28-May-06	Spc	Tillman	Patrick D	USA	31-May-04
CWO2	Nason	Christopher G	USA	31-May-04	Sgt	Time	Tina S.	USA	30-May-05
Cpl	Nicolas	Dominique J	USMC	30-May-05	Spc	Tinnell	Patrick A.	USA	25-May-09
Capt	Nylander	Nathan	USAF	30-May-11	Sgt	Todacheene	Lee Duane	USA	31-May-04
Spc	Onwordi	Justin B.	USA	30-May-05	Sgt	Treber	James	USA	25-May-09
Sgt	Owen	Michael G.	USA	30-May-05	Spc	Unruh	Robert O.	USA	30-May-05
Sgt	Padilla-Ramirez	Fernando	USMC	11-Nov-03	Sgt	Vecchione	Mark R.	USA	29-May-07
Sgt	Pearson	Brice A.	USA	29-May-07	SSgt	Verdugo	Russell J.	USA	29-May-06
Spc	Peterson	Alyssa R	USA	11-Nov-03	LCpl	Webb	Brandon J.	USMC	29-May-07
Spc	Phelps	Coty J.	USA	26-May-08	SFC	Whetten	Glen J.	USA	31-May-10
PFC	Piestewa	Lori	USA	11-Nov-03	1Lt	White	Nathan D.	USN	11-Nov-03
CPO	Pike	Christian M.	USN	28-May-13	SSgt	Whitehouse	Jason D.	USMC	29-May-07
LCpl	Poston	Christopher M.	USMC	29-May-06	Sgt	Willett	Gary	USA	25-May-09
Sgt	Prewitt	Tyler D.	USA	30-May-05	LCpl	Williams	Michael Jason	USMC	11-Nov-03
Cpl	Raderstorf	Stephen J.	USA	29-May-07	Spc	Wilson	Nicholas Eugene	USA	30-May-05

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Sgt	Witkowski	James	USA	29-May-06					
Sgt	Wong	Elija Tai Wah	USA	31-May-04					
LCpl	Yazzie	Alejandro J.	USMC	31-May-10					
PFC	Youngblood	Kelly D.	USA	29-May-07					
LCpl	Zurheide, Jr.	Robert P.	USMC	31-May-04					

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the men and women serving in our armed forces

**Special acknowledgment is given to the staff of the
National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona
Jerry Rainey - Director**

Christopher S. Anderson	David M. Bonczkiewicz	Robert T. Bowers	Michael E. Core
Marco A. Cortez	Jimmy R. Darst	Rebekah Durocher	Steven G. Goff
Julie D. Gruntorad	Ernest G. Hanson	Jhamie Howard	Joshua G. Lemley
Jerald T. Nowdomski	Randall S. Petersen	Michael A. Reavis	Charles J. Reed
Deborah L. Ryan	Tomasz Sacharzewski	Arthur L. Schofield	Allen L. Smith
Ernest G. Soto	Fred Stevenson	Cecilio Suguitan	Dominic D. Torres
Kenneth A. Trujillo	Kenneth C. Trujillo	John M. Zenyuch	

Sincere appreciation to the following Honor Guards and Ritual Teams that insure our veterans receive those honors so richly earned: Luke AFB Honor Guard, Fort Huachuca Honor Guard, Marine Corps Honor Guard, American Legion Ritual Team, Disabled American Veterans Ritual Team, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ritual Team, Arizona Army National Guard Honor Guard, Naval Reserve Honor Guard, and the National Memorial Cemetery Ladies.

The committee wishes to thank the following named individuals for volunteering their time in support of today's program.

VFW State Honor Guard

Pete Rosales
George Cushing
Art Perez
Bill Basemeyer
Frank Leon
Joe Therrien

Parking Assistance

Henry Brown

Color guards

Mike Clemenson

Wreath presentations

Pat Kelley
Ward Triplett
Colletti Nicky
Brenda Johnson
Tom Solnit

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give your peace.”

Numbers 6:23-26

The following groups are participating in the parade of colors and/or presentation of wreaths

1st Marine Division Association, Phoenix Chapter
3rd Marine Division Association of Arizona Chapter
82nd Airborne Division Association,
Phoenix Valley of the Sun Chapter.
Air Force Sergeant's Association Chapter 1260
American Legion Department of Arizona
American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Arizona
Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of AZ
American Legion Honor Society of Women Legionnaires 20-4
Echelon #35
American Legion Earl Mitchell Post 29
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 29
American Legion Post 64
American Legion Post 72
American Legion Post 105
American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 105
American Legion Post 107 & Auxiliary
American Legion Pat Tillman Auxiliary Unit 117
American Veterans Northern District
Arizona's Veterans Hall of Fame Society
Association of the United States Army, AZ Territorial Ch.
Association of the US Navy, Phoenix Saguaro Chapter
Civil Air Patrol Sky Harbor Composite Squadron 301
Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 302
Daisy Mountain Veterans
Daughters of the American Revolution, Anasazi Chapter
(AZ Society) Daughters of the American Revolution State
Regent
Daughters of the Amer. Rev. Gov George WP Hunt Chapter
AZ Tent #1 Daughter's of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
Margaret Warner Wood
Destroyer Escort Sailors Assoc. John C Butler AZ Chapter
Disabled American Veterans, Dept. of AZ
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, State of AZ
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 1
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Unit 20
Gold Star Wives of America, Phoenix Chapter
Honor House
In-Country Vietnam Veterans
Jewish War Veterans, Department of Southwest
Jewish War Veterans, Post 210
Jewish War Veterans, Copper State Post 619
Korean War Veterans Assn, Dept. of AZ
Korean War Veterans Association, Arden A Rowley Ch.
Korean War Veterans General Brad Smith Chapter
Korean War Veterans Assoc., Ray Harvey (MOH) Ch.
Korean War Veterans Assoc., West Valley Ch
Korean Association of Arizona
Marine Corps League Old Breed Detachment 767
Military Families Support Group
Military Officers Assoc. of America, AZ Chapter
Military Officers Association of America, Superstition
Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart, Dept of AZ
Military Order of the World Wars, Apache Trail Chapter
Military Order of the World Wars, Phoenix Chapter
Military Women Across the Nation, Salt River Chapter
Military Women Across the Nation, Sonoran Desert Chapter
National Memorial Cemetery Ladies NMCA
Arizona Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America
Pearl Harbor Survivors
Phil-AmVets
Phoenix Veterans Administration Health Care System
Retiree Affairs Office (Luke AFB)
Scottish American Military Society, Post 48
Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem
Submarine Veterans of WWII
Unified Arizona Veterans Association
United Daughters of the Confederacy, Dixie Ch. 1679
United States Submarine Veterans Perch Base
United States Volunteers – Joint Services Command
US Naval Sea Cadets
Veteran's Administration Regional Office
Veteran's Heritage Project
VFW, Department of Arizona
VFW, State of Arizona Auxiliary
VFW Post 6310
VFW, Joseph F Monfort Post 9400
VFW, Pat Tillman Memorial Post 40
VFW, Pat Tillman Memorial Ladies Aux. 40
Vietnam Veterans of America, Arizona State Council
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America
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- 1866** Columbus, GA, and Columbus, MS, formed the first Memorial Association to care for graves of Union and Confederate War dead.
- 1867** May 5th, Waterloo, NY, closed its' businesses, flew the flag at half-staff, and decorated graves of fallen soldiers.
- 1868** May 5th, General John A. Logan, first Commander-in-Chief, Grand Army of the Republic, issued a general order providing for a nationwide observance of Decoration Day on May 30th.
- 1869** Public law, 90-363 called for a uniformed annual observance of Memorial Day on the last Monday of May.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AND DEATHS IN SERVICE DURING ALL WARS AMERICA'S WARS TOTAL (1775-2014)*

Total Service Members (Wartime)	41,892,128
Battle Deaths	656,341
Other Deaths (in Theater)	310,276
Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)	230,279
Non-mortal Wounding	1,482,350
Living War Veterans	16,962,000
Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace)	23,234,000

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