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Memorial Day **Monday, May 27, 2013** **Burlington, MA**

Memorial Day is a profoundly important day in the veteran community. It is the day we as a nation remember and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Here in Burlington we have our Memorial Day ceremony honoring not only those who died while serving, but we also remember all the veterans in town who have died since last we gathered for the previous Memorial Day. The families of these veterans attend the program just for the moment that their loved ones' name is read aloud.

The theme at our 10:00 a.m. ceremony this year is "medics." Studies have shown that the survival rate of battle field injuries is higher with qualified and well-trained medics. Throughout our program, we will hear from and about medics. We will also hear from nurses, women veterans, as we also remember their sacrifices.



At our 8:00 ceremony on the Town Common, the theme will be women and nurses in the military. There are also some notable anniversaries during 2013.

It is the 200th anniversary of the creation of the Star Spangled Banner Flag, and we will be raising this flag during this portion of the program. It is also the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, and 50 years ago, WW-2 veteran, President John F. Kennedy was killed.

The 8:00 am portion of the ceremony will be held on the Town Common and the 10:00 a.m. ceremony will be held at Chestnut Hill Cemetery. Light refreshments will be served in the Human Services Building at 61 Center Street between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. programs.

We look forward to seeing you as we respectfully observe Memorial Day 2013.

Sincerely,

Bob Hogan, Director
Veterans