

# Dedication Ceremony of 5 Service Flagpoles

Saturday, October 19, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

Town Common, Burlington, MA



*There has been much curiosity about the activities taking place on the upper portion of Burlington's Town Common*

It has been the mission of the Burlington Allied Veterans Council to have a veterans memorial project on the Town Common, with the final result being the installation of five 30-foot flag poles, one for each branch of the military, along a paved walkway with benches, lighting and landscaping to give honor to all those who have served this great country.

The Burlington Allied Veterans Council is made up of members from the Burlington Marine Corps League, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as the Burlington Office of Veterans Services. At this time, the Office of Veterans Services and Allied Veterans Council are extremely pleased to announce the dedication of these five military service flagpoles.

All are invited to join us and participate in a very special ceremony to honor and bless the service flags from each branch of the military, as they are raised for the very first time in Burlington:

★U.S.Army ★U.S.Marine Corps ★U.S.Navy ★U.S.Coast Guard ★U.S.Air Force

The date and time of the dedication ceremony is Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. and will take place on the upper portion of the Town Common in the area of the U.S. flagpole and present will be a myriad of honor guards and uniformed personnel.

Honored guests include Burlington resident, U.S. Army Brigadier General Jack Hammond, who will be speaking along with U.S. Marine Corps Lt. General George Flynn and Coleman Nee, Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services, who is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Also present will be U.S. Air Force Colonel Lester Weilacher, Commander of the 66<sup>th</sup> Air Base Group from Hanscom and Captain Timothy Heitsch from the U.S. Coast Guard base in Boston. Commander Sean Kearns, from the U.S.S. Constitution, representing the U.S. Navy, will also be in attendance along with those who sponsored individual flagpoles in honor of loved ones as well as those who made donations towards this wonderful project.

This particular section of the Town Common has now become a beautiful and peaceful place to stop and give pause for remembrance. Much time, effort, thought and consideration has been placed into this wonderful project with the help of generous contributions as well as guidance from many hard working, dedicated workers and volunteers. All costs for the project were covered entirely by donations.

The Allied Veterans Council and the Burlington Office of Veterans Services are very proud of this project and thank everyone for their part in the project. We are looking forward to the special ceremony for this much anticipated event.

Thank you,

Burlington Veterans Services and  
Burlington Allied Veterans Council

