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Halifax Police Dept.

Halifax Council on Aging & Generations

Halifax Highway Dept.

VFW Post 6258

Mrs. Mary Gravinese

Created and Donated New Wreaths

Nathan Campbell, The Farm at Raven Brook

Bagpipes



Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, November 11, 2022

11:00am

499 Plymouth St. Halifax, MA 02338



Purple Heart Proclamation

WHEREAS, the people of Halifax, MA have great admiration and the upmost gratitude for all the citizens of our community who have selflessly served in the Armed Forces that has been vital in maintaining the freedom in the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been killed in action while serving in the Armed Forces, and have been posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for their ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, citizens of our community have been awarded the Purple Heart for their bodily sacrifice of being wounded by the hand of the enemy while engaged in combat; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is the oldest American military decoration and was created as the Badge of Military Merit, made of purple cloth in the shape of a heart with the word “Merit” sewn upon it, on August 7, 1782 in Newburgh, New York by General George Washington, then reestablished as the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932 by General Douglas MacArthur; and

WHEREAS, the heritage it represents is sacred to those who know the price paid to where the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, August 7th is national recognized as Purple Heart Day; and

WHEREAS, we the Halifax Board of Selectmen here by proclaim Halifax, Massachusetts a Purple Heart community, honoring the service and sacrifice of those from our community who were awarded the Purple Heart while serving in our Nation’s wars; and

ALSO, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Halifax, Massachusetts will recognize August 7th annually as Purple Heart Day, and urge our citizens and organizations to display the American Flag as well as other public expressions of recognition of our Purple Heart Recipients



Timeline of Events

Pre-Ceremony Bagpipe Music

Halifax’s Own, Mr. Nathan Campbell

Opening Remarks

Steve Littlefield, Director of Veterans Services

National Anthem

Veterans Day Remarks

Steve Littlefield, Director of Veterans Services

Keynote Speaker

Rep. Kathy LaNatra, State Representative, 12th Plymouth District

Official Recognition of Halifax as a “Purple Heart Town”

Jonathan Selig, Board of Selectmen

Recognition of New Ceremonial Wreaths

Thanks to Mrs. Mary Gravinese

Laying of the Wreaths

Steve Littlefield with Halifax VFW Post 6258

Rep. Kathy LaNatra with Halifax Fire Dept. Honor Guard

Amazing Grace played by Mr. Nathan Campbell

Closing Remarks

Steve Littlefield, Director of Veterans Services

