



# 2020 Memorial Day Program

## Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Noon

### Montgomery Village Green

**Welcome**

**Moderator – Scott Perry**  
Chairman,  
Montgomery Historical Society

Thank you for coming today. I need to start by acknowledging the unusual circumstances upon us due to the current pandemic. Please keep your face masks on and maintain 6 feet of separation as best you can here on the green and at Pratt Hall. Honoring our friends should not cause anyone to be sick or die.

Welcome to Montgomery and our Village Green. This is the 26th year the MHS has organized and sponsored our annual Memorial Day commemoration. We begin with the Invocation and a poem.

**Invocation**

American Legion  
Post 42 Chaplain

**Poem**

### Memorial Day

by

Edgar Guest

Blow gently, winds of May,  
And softly stir the trees,

Whispering today  
The love we bear to these  
Who sleep that silent sleep,  
At rest for Revolutionary War er'more.  
Blow gently, winds of May,  
Their warfare now is o'er.

Blow gently, winds of May,  
Bearing the perfume rare  
Of blossom's o'er the way;  
Rose petals scatter there;  
The starry flag we place  
In glory on each grave,  
Catches in a fond embrace  
For us and proudly waves.

Blow gently, winds of May,  
Shine softly, summer sun;  
Our heroes sleep today,  
Their duty nobly done.  
And with the flag they loved,  
And flowers, we come today  
To honor those who sleep.  
Blow gently, winds of May.

## **Remarks and Roll Call Introduction**

## **Moderator**

It was 30 years ago a group of Montgomery citizens organized and raised money for the monument you see behind me. I want to acknowledge Lois Lumbra, Arthur St Onge Sr, and Melvin Chaffee and the over 200 donors who made this possible.

In 2011, on the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Civil War,

we added this “Green” as a venue for our commemoration which rotates among the Town’s cemeteries. Our roll call on that day included all Civil War veterans interred in Montgomery.

Today our Roll Call will include one Montgomery veteran representative of all who served in each of the wars or periods of armed conflict.

## **Roll Call**

Joshua Wade - Revolutionary War  
Joseph Hutchins - Militias  
Eli Bush - War of 1812  
Louis Murray - Civil War  
Byron Foot - Spanish American War  
Edward Domina – World War I  
Florence Vavoudis - World War II  
Pauline Deuso - Korea  
Robert Cota - Vietnam

**Thankfully there have been no others since Vietnam.**

Are there any other veterans, or others, anyone would like to acknowledge?

## **Closing**

## **Moderator**

Memorial Day has its roots in Decoration Day when families would decorate the graves of Civil War veterans with flowers, ribbons, and flags. After the ceremony today the wreath will be placed at the Veterans’ monument here on the Village green.

Before we close we want to thank American Legion Post 42 for their tremendous support with this ceremony annually, and Post 12 in Richford for placing the flags on our veteran's graves.

Thank you all for coming. Please join us for refreshments at Pratt Hall after Benediction, Honors, and Taps which follow. Please observe Social Distancing and wear you face masks (except while eating).

**Benediction**

American Legion  
Post 42 Chaplain

**Military Honors**

American Legion  
Post 42 Honor Guard

**Taps**

American Legion  
Post 42 Honor Guard