

## Memorial Day 29 May 2023

The Town of Harvard Memorial Day exercises will begin at 10 a.m., Monday, May 29, 2023 to honor those who gave their lives in defense of our country. All veterans are asked to be lined up in front of the Town Hall at 9:45 a.m. Acceptable dress includes uniform or appropriate civilian attire. The parade will proceed from the Town Hall to the Civil War Memorial, and then onto the Center Cemetery where geraniums will be placed at each Veteran's grave, by children in attendance. The parade will continue to the World War II, Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War Memorial and then move to the World War I Memorial and flagpole for the day's ceremony. Wreaths will be presented at each memorial and Taps played. Upon completion, the parade will return to the Town Hall where everyone may continue, by car, to the Corporal Skillings Memorial in Still River to allow a wreath to be placed and Taps played. All will reassemble at Bellevue Cemetery for a short parade around the cemetery, placing of a wreath and playing Taps. Children will be invited to assist in placing geraniums at each Veteran's grave.

All levels of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Police and Fire Departments, Immaculate Heart Of Mary Marching Band and all Veterans who wish to walk in the parade, are welcome.

**Memorial Day Ceremonies**  
**29 May 2023**  
**Town of Harvard**  
**Timeline of Events**

09:40 a.m. Assembly of parade participants at Harvard Town Hall

09:45 a.m. Line up of parade units at Town Hall

10:00 a.m. March of parade to **Civil War Memorial**

- ◆ Reading of General Order #11, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1868
- ◆ Placement of wreath at Civil War Memorial & “Taps”

10:10 a.m. March of parade to **Town Center Cemetery**

- ◆ Placement of a geranium at each veteran’s gravesite by children
- ◆ Placement of wreath at Founders’ Flagpole & “Taps”

10:25 a.m. March of parade to **Town Center Memorials**

- ◆ Placement of wreath at combined WWII, Korean, Vietnam and Gulf War Memorial & “Taps”

10:30 a.m. March of parade to **Town Center Flagpole**

- ◆ Placement of wreath at World War I Memorial & “Taps”
- ◆ National Anthem with concurrent raising of US Flag
- ◆ Keynote address
- ◆ Tolling of the Bell with reading of Veterans passed since last Memorial Day

11:00 a.m. Parade units released at Town Hall

11:20 a.m. Reassembly of parade at **Still River Old Post Office**

- ◆ Placement of wreath at CPL Skillings Memorial & “Taps”

11:45 a.m. Reassembly at **Bellevue Cemetery**

- ◆ March of parade using inside loop
- ◆ Placement of wreath at Bellevue Cemetery Flagpole & “Taps”
- ◆ Placement of a geranium at each veteran’s gravesite by children

TBD Placement of wreaths

- ◆ Poor Farm Road – **Stewart grave**
- ◆ **Shaker Cemetery**