The Civil War took place from April 12, 1861 through May 26, 1865, resulting in well over 1,000,000 casualties.

14 soldiers from Putnam died during the Civil War.

2nd Lieutenant Putnam Day
Private Charles H Morse
Private George W Pickett
Sergeant William Blanchard
Private Judson Aldrich
2nd Lieutenant Marshall Tourtellotte

Private Maxime Charboneau
Private Charles T Hill
Private Frank Morse
Corporal Joseph Billington
Private John Morrison
Sergeant John B Scott
Private Henry King
Private Pierre Vandale

The Memorial statue on Grove Street (at Ring Street split) is dedicated to Civil War Veterans.





In addition, the Grand Army of the Republic - a Civil War veterans group had a Post in Putnam - the A. G. Warner Post.

Their ladies auxiliary, the A. G. Warner Women's Relief Corps had the Civil War memorial placed at Grove Street.

# Memorial Day Program

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Rotary Park Bandstand Kennedy Drive, Putnam, CT



Pierre Desilets - Chaplain



## Pierre Desilets - Chaplain

Served in the USAF as a Staff Sergeant (E5), spending 8 years on active duty, including 2 tours in Okinawa.

He has a BA (pre-med) from Clark University, and a MS (Non-profit Business Management) from Assumption College. After 5 years of Religious Studies, he was ordained a permanent deacon by the Catholic Diocese of Norwich. He has a Certificate (48 credits) from Yale University for Chinese language studies. He has a 4 year diploma from the Daniels School of Forestry and Conservation.

He was employed 4 years (Boy Scouts of America)

as District Executive for Northeast CT. He worked 25 years with the CT Labor Dept (Employment Office: Danielson & Putnam as Disabled Veteran Outreach Program); He worked 10 years for the South Worcester County Rehabilitation Council (Case Manager). He has served in Putnam as a Permanent Deacon for 36 years.

He has been married for more than 60 years. He has 11 children, 24 grand-children, 12 great grand-children and one great-great grand-child.

#### Parade Marshal:

Pierre Desilets - Chaplain, USAF Staff Sergeant (E5) Veteran

#### **Poppy Queens:**

American Legion: Harper Thompson, VFW: Gloria Challinor

Bugler: Tyler Eddy

## Keynote Speaker – Michael Rocchetti, Post Commander

US Air Force Colonel - 1980-2010

Civil Engineering Officer, Iraq War veteran, Commander American Legion Post #13, retired Mechanical Engineer.

Family: Wife Roberta Rocchetti (nee Chicoine), 3 children, 3 grandchildren

PHS Choir Director: Skye Shogren PMS Band Director: Jessica Sanzi

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## **Opening**

Roy Simmons, MC

#### **Advancement of Colors**

American Legion and V.F.W. Color Guards with Riflemen

## **National Anthem**

Putnam Clipper Acapella

## **Opening Prayer**

Tod Smith, V.F.W. Chaplain

## **Wreath Laying Ceremony**

V.F.W. Post 1523 Commander - Hans Lowell A.L. Post 13 Commander - Michael Rocchetti Riflemen Fire Salute Taps Bugler: Tyler Eddy

## **Remembrance of Deceased Soldiers**

Pierre Desilets, American Legion Chaplain

#### Welcome - MC

Roy Simmons, MC, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy (RET)

## **Welcome - Town of Putnam**

Mayor Barney Seney

#### **Armed Forces on Parade**

PHS Concert Band

## **Key Note Address**

Michael Rocchetti – Post Commander US Air Force Colonel - 1980-2010

## **Special Presentation**

## **America the Beautiful**

PHS Concert Band

#### **Benediction**

Pierre Desilets, American Legion Chaplain