

“Wreaths Across America”

In 1992, **Worcester Wreath Company** of Harrington, Maine found themselves with a surplus of wreaths. With the help of Maine **Senator Olympia Snowe** arrangements were made for wreaths to be placed in one of the older sections of Arlington Cemetery.

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years until 2005. Suddenly the project received national attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country wanting to emulate the Arlington project at local veteran 's memorials and cemeteries.

The local **American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars** organizations joined together in circa 2011 to honor Putnam area veterans. The mission of our program is to remember and honor those who served, those who gave their lives in defense of our country and those who are serving today.

*On behalf of our organization & veterans we
thank you for joining in this program of
remembrance.*

Program

- 12:00 Noon: Minute of Silence
- Presentation of the National Colors
- Invocation: *Janet Muscara-Schmidt*, Chaplain
Putnam Elks #574 Veterans Committee
- Opening Remarks: *Michael Rocchetti*,
Commander American Legion Post #13
- National Anthem: *Emily Lajoie*,
U.S. Army National Guard Specialist
- Laying of the Wreaths
- Remarks:
 - ⇒ VFW Post #1523 Commander
Jonathan Drew
 - ⇒ Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse Leadership
Alan Joslin
- Bridge Ceremony / Rifle Salute / Taps
- Final Remarks: *Michael Rocchetti*
- Benediction: *Janet Muscara-Schmidt*

Honor Guard

American Legion Post #13:
Under the Direction of Michael Vassar
Chas MacKenzie, Curt Prochowski,
Chris Steinbrick, Frank Tremont

Members of VFW Post #1523

Taps

Tyler Eddy

Laying of the Wreaths

Robert Warrender.....U.S. Army
William Schmidt U.S. Marine Corp
Ron Pariseau U.S. Navy
Rita M Barylski.....U.S. Air Force
Thomas Lajoie U.S. Coast Guard
Thomas Lajoie.....U.S. Merchant Marines
Al Heath POW/MIA



Presented by

American Legion Post #13

VFW Post #1523

Danielson Veterans Coffeehouse

Putnam Elks #574 Veterans Committee

The Town of Putnam

Saturday, December 14, 2024 ~ 12:00 Noon

Veterans Park, Putnam, CT

(corner of Bridge & Church Streets)

Ceremony will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion
in case of inclement weather