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Special points of interest:

- * May 1, Cold War Victory Day
- * May 2, National Day of Prayer
- * May 18, Armed Forces Day
- * May 27, Memorial Day
- * June 14, Flag Day
- * June 16, Father's Day
- * June 20, West Virginia Day
- * July 4, Independence Day

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2013 MEMORIAL SERVICE
MAY 24, 2013

Roll Call 2013

2012—Finley Amos; Wilbur Arnett; John Beaty II; Joseph Behanna; Ralph Blankenship; Howard Bond; Joseph Boyle; William Corathers; Blaine Corder; Earl Core; Dennis Crites; Dannie Drummond; Merle Dutchess; Doak Edgell; James Farmer; John Fisher; William Gainer; Sophie Gessler; William Glover; Elizabeth Virginia Goodpasture; Lulu Hensley; Warren Kelly; Charles Lewis; Fred Long; Warren McGinnis; Nicholas Morey; Dennis Parks; George Pasko Sr.; Donald Peters; Calvin Phillips; Earl Reedy; Ralph Richmond; Harry Rodeheaver; Paul Silcott; Garlan Smith; Harry Doyle Smith; Robert Clyde Smith; Glenn Snider Sr.; Harvey Staab; Thomas Stealey; William Stewart; Donna Triplett; James Logan Weber; Drexel Westfall.

2013—Denver Beverly; John Brown; Rudolph Cameon; Richard Currence; Fredrick Dolies; Edgar Henry; Ernest Huffman; Thomas Kuretzka; James Marks; William Moore; Shirley Moran; Audrey Wayne Morris; Robert Mundell; John Payne; Roland Phelps; William Shillingburg; Ralph Stump; Louis Talerico Jr.; Martin Tennant; Leslie Watkins; Frank White.

Please continue to pray for their families.



Proclamation from Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

As we prepare to celebrate our state's 150th birthday, this Memorial Day holds special meaning for our state's history as well as its future. First known as Decoration Day, this national holiday has West Virginia roots. It was founded in 1866 by Julia Pierpont, wife of Governor of Restored Virginia—the first name of our beloved state. Initially enacted as a tribute to Union soldiers of the Civil War, the day has since expanded to honor Americans who have died in all wars. As the state with the largest percentage of its residents, per capita, serving in the military, you likely know someone who is a veteran or member of the military. Year after year, many West Virginians look forward to the modern-day tradition of

showing thanks: The Running for the Wall. Every year since, an increasing number of West Virginians join the ride—clearly showing our support for our veterans. As thousands of motorcyclists travel through West Virginia on their way to Washington D.C. to honor our nation's veterans, we are also reminded of the summer travel season and the importance of roadway safety. This Memorial Day, as in years past, millions of Americans will set out on the road. Whether you're traveling to see your family, or setting out on a long road trip like The Run for the Wall, we all want our travels to be safe. This month marks the beginning of the annual, life-saving law enforcement campaign: Click It or Ticket. This year's message is simply: Be Ready, Be Buckled. I recently joined our Law

Enforcement community, legislators, along with business and transportation leaders to call attention to seat belt use as I signed legislation that makes it a primary offense to be unbuckled. Beginning July 9, 2013, if you or your passenger is not wearing a seatbelt you can be pulled over. This single piece of legislation is expected to prevent 184 serious injuries and save 17 lives each year. No one plans to be in an automobile accident—wearing seatbelts can save you and your family from unnecessary pain, suffering, and heartaches. Please buckle up. As we celebrate Memorial Day, I hope you enjoy your time with family and friends, remembering our rich heritage and honoring our veterans. And if you're traveling, travel safe—with your seatbelt latched. To all our veterans, thank you. Governor Earl Ray Tomblin

Shepherd's Corner - Pastor Johnny Payne, WVVNF Chaplain

First thank you to Miriam McCaw for coming up with the name for the Chaplain Section of the Newsletter.

"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet church-yard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting

services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit." This quote is from General Order 11 of May 5, 1868 by John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief, HQ Army of the Republic.

As General Logan requested in this order, Let us always remember those who have died on the fields of battle and the sacrifices that they paid for our freedoms. Heavenly Father, may we never forget the sacrifices that so many have paid so that we may have the freedoms that we enjoy today. As

a sign said that was posted in Afghanistan, "Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you, Jesus Christ and the American Soldier— One died for your soul and the other died for your freedom." Father help us to honor them with a pure heart and with the dignity and honor that they richly deserve. We thank you that so many have been willing to stand for the truth of liberty. In Jesus' name we pray Amen.

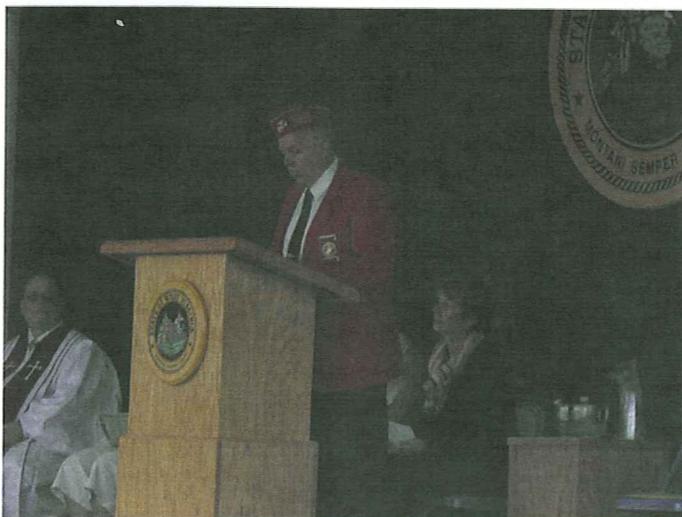
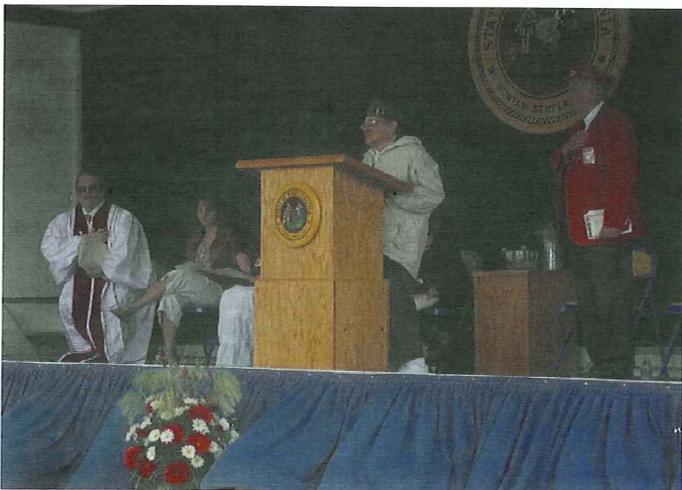
Order of Service

Pipe Major — Keith Haddix
Presentation of Colors — Lewis County Honor Guard
Pledge of Allegiance—Miriam McCaw,
Invocation—Pastor Johnny Payne
Welcome—Dr. Kevin Crickard
Somewhere over the Rainbow —Alyssa Duckworth
Guest Speaker—Meg Cianfrocca
Poem—Sandi Workman
Special Words — Clara Eaton
Story of "TAPS" — Paul Pitrolo
Meaning of TAPS —Lorelle Kisamore

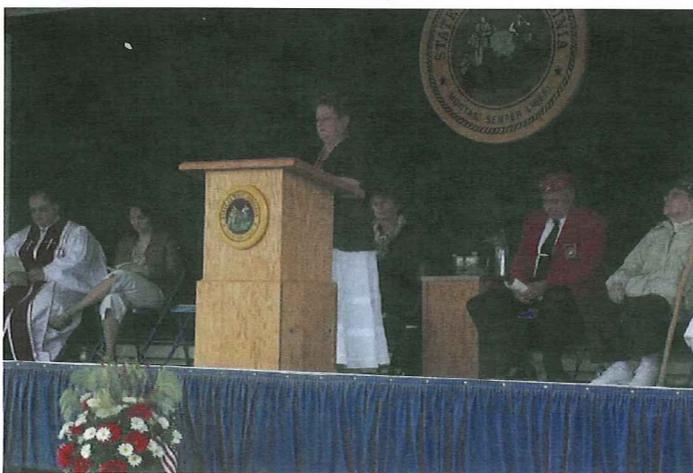
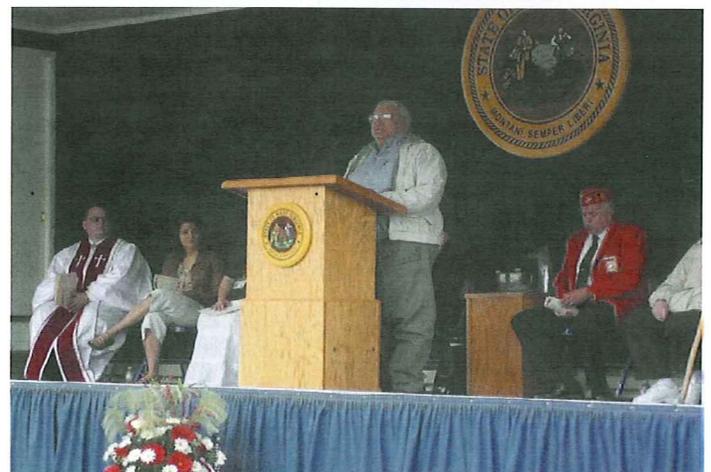
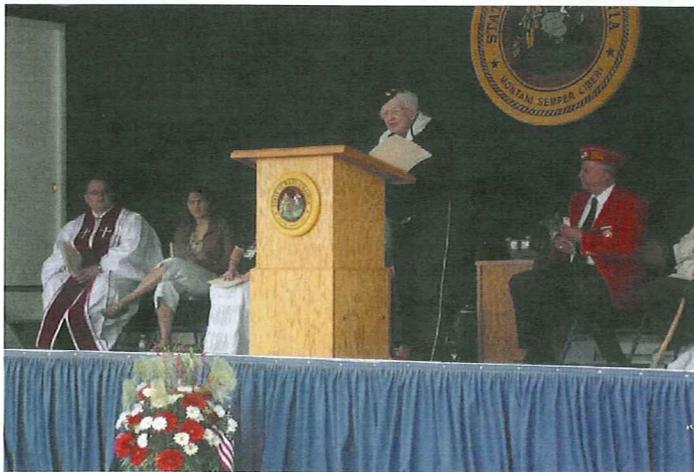
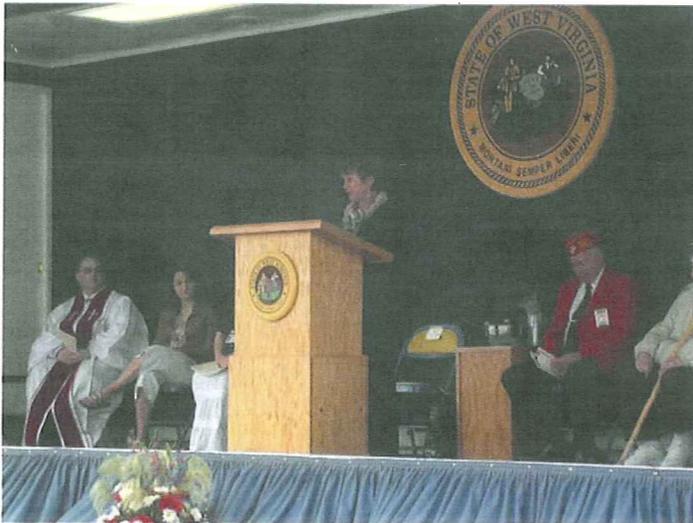
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Closing—Dr. Kevin Crickard
Retiring of the Colors—Lewis County Honor Guard
Benediction—Pastor Johnny Payne
Releasing the Doves—Gary Cooper; Rhonda Dumire; Stephanie Gower; Beth Hudkins; Melissa Markham; Heather Stewart and Connie West
Releasing the Balloons—WVVNF Staff

Time of fellowship followed the Memorial Service in the Foyer and Fountain areas of the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility.

Reflection—Thomas McVay and Wesley



“Veterans are a group of people who at one time in their lives wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to and including their life. Memorial Day is a day we honor those men and women whose checks were cashed.”
Mark White, WVVNF—IT



“..... I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.”

Yours very sincerely and respectfully, Abraham Lincoln



“These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor - and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror.”
- Michael N. Castle, Governor of Delaware 1985-1992; U.S. Representative for Delaware 1993-2011



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Here at the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility we proudly serve our state's heroes by providing them the full spectrum of long term care services they deserve, and more.

Since receiving our state nursing home license on June 2, 2008, our veteran population has been steadily growing. Veterans from across the state are migrating to our modern, spacious facility. Located along the West Fork River, our comfortable rooms offer beautiful views of the Veterans Administration Park footpath, baseball fields, and courtyard area.



May we never forget those who have gone on before us. Our veterans means so much to each of us. Their lives has not only impacted their respective families and the staff of the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Facility but also the State of West Virginia; the United States of America and the world. Because of their bravery and valor we enjoy the freedoms and peace we have today. May God bless them and watch over their families. May we never forget to honor and show respect to those who has served our county.

Pastor Johnny Payne, Chaplain