

## **The Town of Chatham Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th, 2016 and will begin at 10:00 am.**

Participants will assemble at Veterans Field Road parking lot beginning at 9:30 AM. This will include members of the Chatham VFW and American Legion, other Veterans from throughout the Cape, the Ladies and Men's Auxiliary to the Chatham VFW, the Chatham Coast Guard Color Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, clergy, town employees and Selectmen, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Brownies.

Our Memorial Day Ceremony is a moving Ceremony in that we travel to five different memorial sites and conclude at Veterans Circle. At each site there will be a brief ceremony to include a wreath placement, a rifle salute by members of the Chatham VFW, and a playing of Taps by Emily VanRyswood.

Participants will step off from the Veterans Field Road parking lot at 9:55 and stop centered on the World War I Memorial, located on the left of the Community Center. The Town of Chatham Memorial Day Ceremony will begin here at 10:00. Following the ceremony here, the procession will then proceed down Main Street and stop at Nickerson Park. This is the site of the World War II Memorial that was dedicated last Memorial Day. After the ceremony here, the procession will move to the Oyster Pond parking lot. At Oyster Pond a wreath will be laid in the water for those Lost at Sea. Following that, the ceremony will move to the adjacent Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Afterwards, the procession will move to the Civil War Memorial located at Seaview and Main Street where Scott Hamilton will recite the Gettysburg Address and Reverend Edmund Robinson will play "Ashoken Farewell". Sarah Marchio will then lead the participants back to Veterans Circle playing a Civil War period tune on bagpipe. At Veterans Circle members from our Scouts will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Laura Barabe will sing our National Anthem. We Are the Men, an all male vocal choir, will perform "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Navy Hymn". The ceremony will conclude with Sarah Marchio playing something amazing on bagpipe.

In the event of inclement weather the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the Community Center beginning at 10:00. That decision will be made that morning.