



We would like to thank all of the companies and individuals who contributed to this great event. We look forward to seeing you next year!

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2016 Memorial Day Parade Holden, Massachusetts



May 30, 2016
Start: 11:00 a.m.

This year's parade is dedicated to:
George Webb
Captain - Continental Army

Capt. George Webb

June 9, 1740 - August 25, 1825

In 1760, it appears, Capt. Webb had his first experience as a soldier in active service. He fought in Gen. Amherst's Western Army and returned to his home in Chatham, Massachusetts.

At the start of the Revolutionary War, he served in a company of coastal observers raised to observe the movements of British war ships upon the approaches to Boston Harbor. In 1776, he became a lieutenant in Captain Peter Haywood's company of light infantry and participated in several engagements among which were Trenton and Princeton. Webb was promoted to captain and assumed command of his own company.

While in command, Capt. Webb's company fought in many of the battles that led to independence. They participated in the two engagements that preceded the surrender of the army of Burgoyne at Saratoga. They wintered with Washington and his army at Valley Forge during the intensely cold winter of 1777-78. That summer, he was with his company in Shepherd's regiment, and Glover's brigade at the battle of Monmouth when Washington turned defeat into victory. Not long after Monmouth, Capt. Webb's company was sent to Rhode Island, and there under Gen. Sullivan, took part in the battle fought at Quaker Hill, August 29, 1778.

With his command in a detachment under Lafayette, they marched to protect the Virginia colony from the depredations of Cornwallis's army then centering there. It was in this operation that Lafayette personally recognized Webb for his bravery and success.

When the siege of Yorktown commenced, he Capt. Webb held his command in Gen. Lafayette's division and was present when Cornwallis surrendered. Capt. Webb remained in Yorktown until the middle of November when, with his company in the detachment in which he had rendered such important service, returned to the headquarters of Washington's army.

In January 1783, with independence of the United States being well assured and no active duty in sight, he Capt. Webb resigned his commission, returned his sword to the scabbard, bade adieu to his old comrades in arms, and returned to his family at the new home he had provided in Holden. His service to his fellow man continued as he served as the Holden Town Surveyor. Capt. Webb died on August 25, 1825 at the age of 85. He lies buried in Holden and the grave is marked by a stone with inscription. When once asked if he would accept a colonel's commission, his answer was, "It's a pity to spoil a good captain to make a poor colonel."

Order of Parade

Start at Main Street (Holden Recreation)

Proceed down Main Street

Prayer and Salute at St. Mary's Cemetery

Prayer and Salute at Grove Cemetery

Prayer and Salute at Park Avenue Cemetery

Prayer and Salute at Main Street Cemetery

Prayer and Salute at Veteran's Memorial

Please join us and the Spirit of America band for a patriotic concert on the Gale Free Library lawn immediately following the parade.

There are currently 1,400 veterans residing in the Town of Holden. These veterans include those who served during WWII, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Grenada Incursion, the Invasion of Panama, the Kosovo Incursion, the Haiti Intervention, the Bosnia Intervention, The Gulf War, the War in Afghanistan, the Iraq War, and those who have served and are presently serving in the Global War on Terror. Holden honors all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

In the Grove Cemetery, we honor more than 356 veterans who served, dating from the Grand Army of the Republic through the Spanish-American War, WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. In the Cemetery of St. Mary's, we honor more than 125 veterans who served in WWI, WWII, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. In the Park Avenue Cemetery, we honor 37 veterans dating back to the French and Indian War. In the Main Street Old Burial Grounds, we honor 36 Americans who fought in the Revolutionary War, French and Indian War, The War of 1812, and the Colonial Wars.

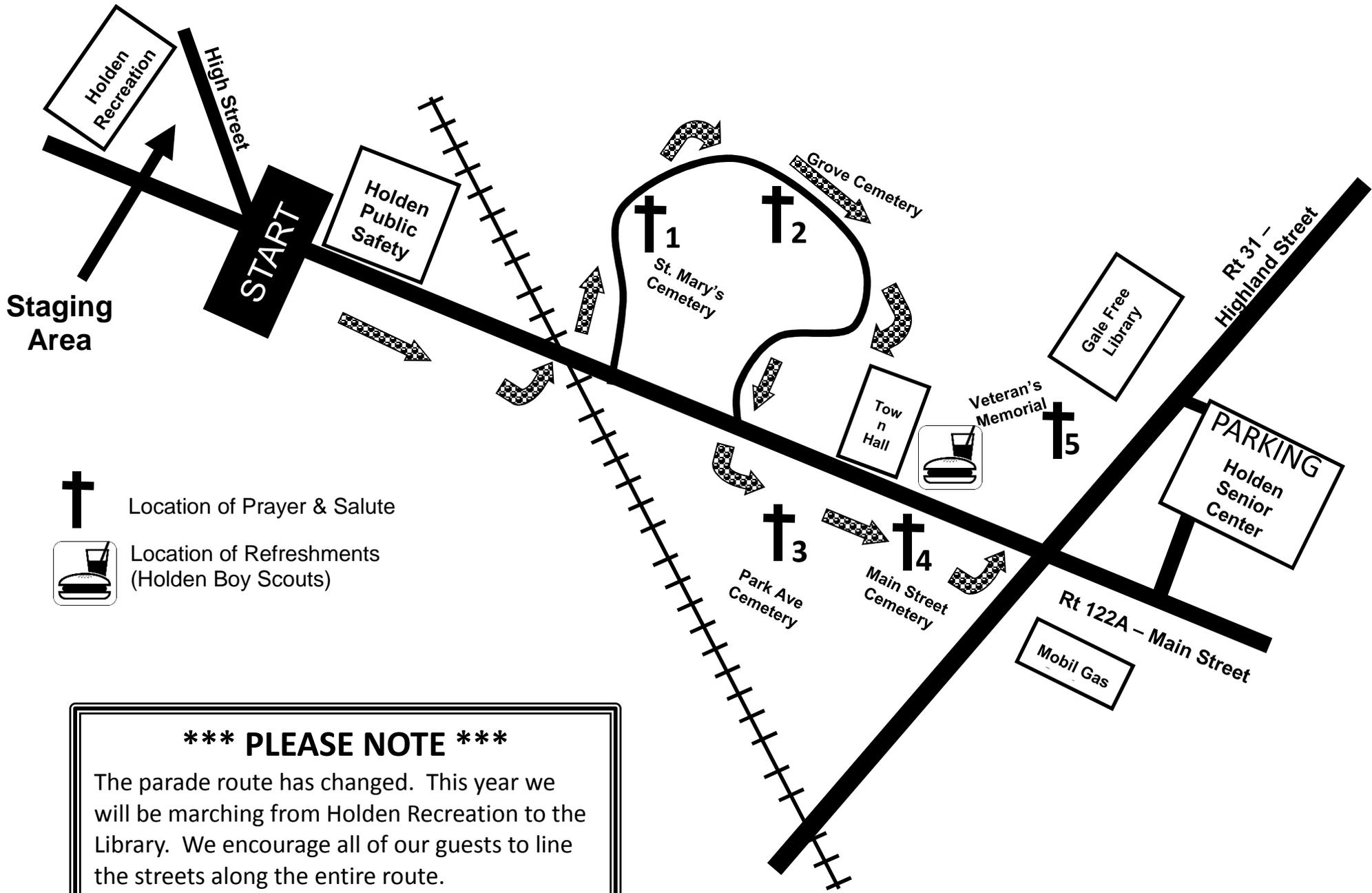
Participants:

Holden Police Department Honor Guard
Holden Fire Department Honor Guard
Spirit of America Fife & Drum
American Legion John E. Harkins Post 0042
Holden Veterans
HHC 1-181st Infantry Regiment
Montachusett Marine JROTC
Holden Scouting Programs
Blackstone Guard
Kids in the Kommunity

At each cemetery there will be:

Prayer
Multi-gun Salute
Patriotic Song
Performed by Holden Girl Scouts
Playing of Taps

Holden offers our deepest gratitude to all Veterans, both living and dead, for their duty, honor, devotion, and sacrifice to this great nation.



- † Location of Prayer & Salute
-  Location of Refreshments (Holden Boy Scouts)

***** PLEASE NOTE *****

The parade route has changed. This year we will be marching from Holden Recreation to the Library. We encourage all of our guests to line the streets along the entire route.