



City of Woodstock 26th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony 2024



PRELUDE 9:30 am

Cobb New Horizons Concert Band
"National Emblem March"
"Brighton Beach March"
"Hands Across the Sea"
"Armed Forces: The Pride of America"
"This is My Country"
"Stars and Stripes Forever"

Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director
Guest Conductor, Dr. Scott A. Stewart
CobbNewHorizonsBand.com

Thank you to Cub Scout Pack 625 for handing out programs and flags today and Home Depot-Woodstock for planting the flowers at the Memorial and Fountain. We appreciate you!

CEREMONY 10:00 am

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Julian Windham, Commander

U.S. Army
American Legion Post 316

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Kings Academy AJROTC

Col. Frederick O. Stepat
American Legion Post 316

"Pledge of Allegiance"

Linda Ersery

U.S. Air Force
American Legion Post 316

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

Cobb New Horizons Concert Band

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OPENING PRAYER

Ellen Stepat

American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 316

MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

Mayor Michael Caldwell

City of Woodstock

"POW/MIA Remembrance"

John Blair

U.S. Marine Corps
Vietnam, Silver Star Recipient and
Georgia Military Veterans Hall of
Fame Member

"The Other Side of the Wall"

John Newport

MSGT USMC (RET)
Vietnam Veteran 65, 68-69
GMVHOF 2021 INDUCTEE

<i>“Going Home”</i>	Robert Kaus, Bagpipes	AtlantaAlpharettaBagpiper.com
<i>“In Flanders Field” & Response – “Keep the Faith”</i>	Charles & Carol Gray	Sr. Vice Commandant Marine Corps League Woodstock Detachment #1311
<i>“Red Poppy Proclamation”</i>	Andrea Deaton	U.S. Air Force American Legion Post 316
<i>“Bloody Fields of Flanders”</i>	Robert Kaus, Bagpipes	AtlantaAlpharettaBagpiper.com
MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL RITUAL	Tony Minicucci, Jr. Vice Commandant	Marine Corps League Woodstock Detachment #1311
<i>“America the Beautiful”</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director Dr. Scott A. Stewart, Guest Conductor
READING OF THE HONOR ROLL	Karen Lawrence	Marine Corps League Woodstock Detachment #1311
	Jeff Davison	Marine Corps League Woodstock Detachment #1311
<i>“Shenandoah”</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director Dr. Scott A. Stewart, Guest Conductor
PLACING OF THE WREATH	Kings Academy AJROTC	Col. Frederick O. Stepat American Legion Post 316
	Woodstock Fire Department	A Shift, Station 14 Battalion Chief, Tim Smith
	Russell Vaudrey	Army Air Corps, WWII Pacific Theater of Operations
<i>“American Salute”</i>	Cobb New Horizons Concert Band	Dr. Charles R. Jackson, Jr., Director Dr. Scott A. Stewart, Guest Conductor
RAISING OF THE FLAG	Woodstock Fire Department	A Shift, Station 14 Battalion Chief, Tim Smith

CLOSING PRAYER

Col. Frederick O. Stepat

U.S. Army (Ret.)
American Legion Post 316

**19th Annual -
DEDICATION OF THE
DOVE RELEASE**

Nancy Kay Duncan

Woodstock, Georgia
GeorgiaDoves.com

RELEASING OF THE DOVES

Millie Bush, Phil Bush, Ellen Stepat, Rick Stepat, Irma Martin

"Amazing Grace"

Robert Kaus, Bagpipes

AtlantaAlpharettaBagpiper.com

RETIREMENT OF THE COLORS

Kings Academy AJROTC

Col. Frederick O. Stepat
American Legion Post 316

RIFLE HONORS

Ceremonial Rifle Team

Marine Corps League
Woodstock Detachment #1311

"Taps"

Phil Moser, Quartermaster

Marine Corps League
Woodstock Detachment #1311

Thank you for your continued support of our Veterans. Past, Present & Future.



Freedom is our birthright. Peace is our passion.

These two ideals, so treasured by this nation, hang in a delicate balance.

More of one, demands less of the other.

To hold that balance, it requires a special person:

A Soldier, a Sailor, a Marine, an Airman, a Coast Guardsman.

They are our sons and our daughters,
our wives, and our husbands, our mothers, and fathers,
our brothers and sisters; our best and brightest.

Our Comrades, sworn by God to protect and defend this most cherished nation of ours,

stood in lonely vigil in a foreign land. Walking in harm's way,

this was their duty which they held sacred and for which they gave their own lives.

For now, their dreams, their families, and their futures have been set aside.

They put our dreams, our families, and our futures above their own.

Today the White Doves will fly as a military salute in honor and remembrance of our fallen heroes.

The Doves will realize their dream to be free in flight, their birthright, with a burning desire to go home.

It is our hope that as you enjoy the beauty of the release and flight of the Doves,
you will take a moment to reflect on those who gave their lives to serve and to protect
our peace and liberty and that their Spirit lives on and has a home in our heart.

Now, for our Comrades serving today, say a prayer that all come home safe when the job is done.

Georgia Doves





The Vietnam Wall, did you know. . .

There are 58,267 names on the wall.

39,996 were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were 19

33,103 were 18

12 were 17 years old.

5 soldiers were 16.

There are 3 sets of fathers and sons on the wall.

31 sets of parents lost 2 of their sons.

997 were killed their first day.

1,448 were killed their last day.

8 women were on the wall, nurses.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the war and 153 of them are on the wall.

The wall originally listed 57,939 names when it was dedicated in 1982; however, other names have since been added and as of May 2018, there were 58,320 names, including eight women.

The number of names on the wall is different than the official number of U.S. Vietnam War deaths, which is 58,220 as of May 2018. The names inscribed are not a complete list of those who are eligible for inclusion as some names were omitted at the request of families.

The names of 32 men were erroneously included in the memorial, and while those names remain on the wall, they have been removed from the databases and printed directories. The extra names resulted from a deliberate decision to err on the side of inclusiveness, with 38 questionable names being included.



Cobb New Horizons Symphonic Band

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www.CobbNewHorizonsBand.com

Prelude Music starting at 9:30 am

National Emblem March

by Edwin Eugene Bagley, edited by J. Neumann

Brighton Beach March

by William P. Latham

Hands Across the Sea

by John Philip Sousa, arr. by Brion/Schissel

Armed Forces, The Pride of America (Medley)

arranged by Larry Clark & Greg Gilpin

This Is My Country

by Al Jacobs and Don Raye, arranged by Jerry Brubaker

Stars and Stripes Forever

by John Philip Sousa, edited by John R. Bourgeois

Music for the Memorial Day Ceremony starting at 10:00 am

The Star-Spangled Banner.....arranged by John Philp Sousa



America the Beautiful.....by Samuel Ward

Shenandoah.....by Frank Ticheli

American Salute.....by Morton Gould

We Thank Our Sponsor!

Kennesaw State University

