

# *Town of Belgrade Memorial Day Ceremony*



*Monday, May 31, 2021  
Old Town House - Cemetery Road  
10:00 a.m.*

**Memorial Day Ceremony  
Town of Belgrade**

Parade ..... Belgrade Fire Trucks

Star-Spangled Banner ... Christine Poulson, Dave (Archie) Archibald and Frank Dionne

Raising of Colors to Half-Staff ..... Girl Scout Troop 1236  
(A moment of silence)

Welcome ..... Gary M. Mahler, Master of Ceremonies

Invocation ..... Pastor Eleanor, Union Church of Belgrade Lakes United Methodist

**GUEST SPEAKER – Major Ian Hepburn**

My Country 'Tis of Thee .... Christine Poulson, Dave Archibald (Archie) & Frank Dionne

**Placement of the Wreath  
(Girl Scout Troop 1236)**

Playing of Taps ..... Christine Poulson, Dave (Archie) Archibald & Frank Dionne

Reading of the Veterans Honor Roll ..... Samuel Hudspath, Valerie  
Hudspath, Kathleen Benson, Anna Sence, Patrick Sence, Tom Nadeau, Jarod  
McGouldrick, Thomas Nanof, Christina Wilson, and Gary Mahler

Raising of the Flag to Full-Mast ..... Girl Scout Troop 1236

America the Beautiful ..... Christine Poulson, Dave (Archie) Archibald & Frank Dionne

Benediction ... Pastor Eleanor, Union Church of Belgrade Lakes United Methodist

**The Town of Belgrade thanks the following people and all  
those who volunteered as part of the service or in  
preparation for this Memorial Day observance.**

- Belgrade Girl Scout Troop 1236. Leaders: Danielle Bedard & Victoria Alexander, Girl Scouts: Ann Bedard, Jasmine Bedard, Emily Clifford Bickford, Caroline Clifford Bickford, and Macy Cote
- Master of Ceremonies, Gary Mahler
- Guest Speaker, Major Ian Hepburn

- The Belgrade Fire Department

### **Veteran Readers**

- Gary Mahler – Twenty-one years in the U.S. Navy. Five ships, Vietnam, Belgian/Netherlands Mine Warfare School, and recruiting.
- Samuel Hudspath – Lieutenant Colonel Sam Hudspath (retired) served in the U.S. Air Force from March 1985 to September 2006 in the administration and public affairs career fields.
- Valerie Hudspath – Joined the USAF in 1981 as an E1 Airman and 20 years later retired as an O4 Major.
- Kathleen Schaeffern Benson – A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a Weather Officer, Capt. Kate Schaeffern Benson gave the first weather brief of Desert Storm as part of the Secret Squirrel mission in 1991.
- Anna Sence – Active-duty Army explosive ordnance disposal and recruiting 12 years. Currently a medical services Second Lieutenant in the Army Reserves.
- Patrick Sence – U.S. Army 2003-20 in air defense artillery and recruiting, Afghanistan War Veteran. First Sergeant.
- Tom Nadeau – Staff Sergeant Tom Nadeau serves with the Maine Army National Guard, 488th Military Police Company, out of Waterville.
- Jared McGlaughlin – Master Sergeant Jared McGouldrick joined the Coast Guard in 2000. He has served at Station Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and at Sector Northern New England in Portland for 11 years before moving to the NH Air National Guard, where he has served since 2011.
- Thomas Nanof – Retired, First Sergeant, Infantry. Served 22 years with the Mass. Army National Guard, retired as First Sergeant of B Company, 1-181-IN, Gardiner, Mass., and Fort Monmouth, N.J. Deployed B Co. 1-181-IN in support of Global War on Terror, post 9/11, Operation Noble Eagle.
- Christina Wilson - In ROTC 4 years, active-duty for 2.5 years as a financial analyst in foreign military sales and test analyst, and in the inactive reserves for 6 years after her active-duty stint. Achieved the rank of Captain.
- Cemetery Sexton Chris Dutil, Cemetery crew and the Cemetery Committee
- Pastor Eleanor, Union Church of Belgrade Lakes
- Jason Carey, Sound System

A special thank you to Sexton Chris Dutil, Bruce Galouch, Wesley Day and Robert Lewis for posting the flags on the graves of veterans, and all those who assisted in planting the geraniums on the graves.

## Major Ian Hepburn



Major Ian Hepburn has served in the Armed Forces for 25 years, six in the U.S. Navy as a submarine nuclear technician, and 19 years in the Army National Guard in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. He has spent the last eight years of his Army career in the Maine Army National Guard, and deployed to Poland in 2019. He currently works full-time as the Executive Officer (XO) for the 521st Troop Command Battalion. His duties include supervision and direction of multiple Army aviation units, an infantry company and the Army band. He earned a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from the University of New Hampshire, as well as a master's degree in emergency management and homeland security from Arizona State University. Major Hepburn lives in Belgrade with his wife and two children.

**Thank you for attending the Belgrade Memorial Service**

***NOTE: If we did not include your loved one's name on the Veterans Honor Roll, please accept our apologies, and please call the Town Office so we can update our records. If you paid for flowers in perpetuity for your memorial monument and/or burial lot in Belgrade, and flowers were not planted, we apologize and request you please contact the Town Office at 207-495-2258.***

***Following the ceremony, please join us at the Village Green for the opening of a time capsule buried within the Veterans Memorial at 47 Main St. An effort to improve and expand the monument to add the names of more Belgrade veterans will be announced.***