

Town of Belgrade Memorial Day Ceremony



*Monday, May 30, 2022
Old Town House - Cemetery Road
10:00 a.m.*

**Memorial Day Ceremony
Town of Belgrade**

Parade..... Belgrade Fire Trucks

Star-Spangled Banner by F. Scott Key/Moffit.....Messalonskee High School Band

Raising of Colors to Half Staff.....Veterans

(A moment of silence)

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

Invocation..... Pastor George Finnemore, Lakes Christian Fellowship

GUEST SPEAKER – Major Ian Hepburn

Marches of the Armed Forces by Michael Sweeney... Messalonskee High School Band

**Placement of the Wreath
(Veterans)**

Playing of Taps..... Messalonskee High School Band

Reading of the Veteran’s Honor Roll.....Lawrence E. Bessey, Frank Haggan,
Edward W. Hendsbee, Gary Mahler Jarod McGouldrick, Thomas Nanof and Patrick
Sence

Raising of the Flag to Full Mast.....Veterans

America the Beautiful by S.A. Ward/Barker..... Messalonskee High School Band

Benediction.....Pastor George Finnemore, Lakes Christian Fellowship

**The Town of Belgrade would like to thank the following people and all
those individuals who volunteered as part of the service or in
Preparation of the Memorial Day service.**

- Master of Ceremonies, Gary Mahler
- Guest Speaker, Major Ian Hepburn
- Planning and execution, Mary Vogel
- Belgrade Fire Department

- Sexton Chris Dutill, Wesley Day for posting the flags on the graves. Pastor George Finnemore, Lakes Christian Fellowship
- Jason Carey, Sound System

A special “Thank you” to all the volunteers who helped with the planting of the flowers at the graves.

Veteran Readers and Profiles

- Gary Mahler – Retired from the U.S. Navy as a Senior Chief Petty Officer (E-8) with twenty-one years of service. Five ships, Vietnam, Belgian/Netherlands Mine Warfare School, and recruiting.
- Lawrence E. (Skip) Bessey - Retired as an E-7, Sergeant First class in 2012 with 22 years active-duty service. Served as an Airborne Infantry soldier for 13 years then recruited for the Active Army and the Maine Army National Guard. After retiring served as a security contractor for the Department of Defense.
- Patrick Sence, - U.S. Army 2003-2020 in Air Defense Artillery & Recruiting Afghanistan War Veteran, First Sargent.
- Frank Haggan – 6.5 yrs. in U.S. Air Force Rank of Sergeant from February 1972 to September 1978. Served in Texas, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Vietnam, and the Philippines.
- Edward W. Hendsbee – Corporal I USMC 1966-1970, USMCR 1970-1972, Vietnam 1968-1969, First Sergeant ME Army National Guard 1972-1997
- Jared McGouldrick, -Coast Guard in 2000. served at Station Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, and Sector Northern New England in Portland for 11 years before moving over to the NH Air National Guard where I have served since 2011, Master Sergeant Jared McGouldrick
- Thomas Nanof, - Retired First Sargent, Infantry, 22 years Mass. Army National Guard. Deployed Post 9/11

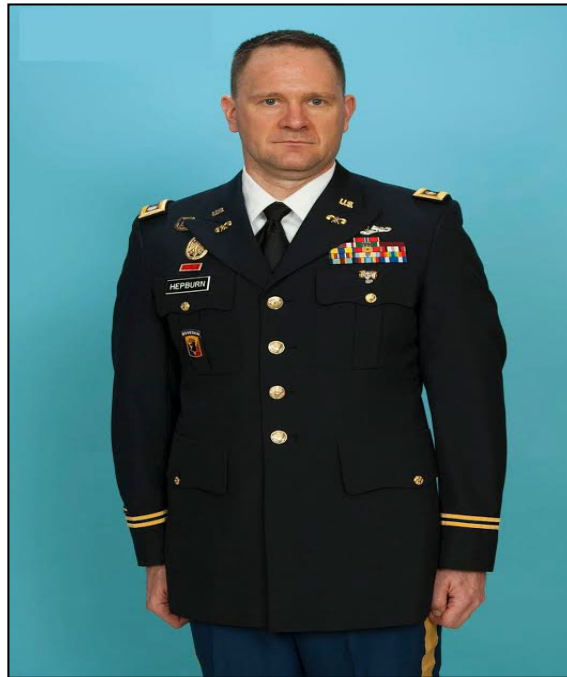




Major Ian Hepburn

Major Ian Hepburn has served in the Armed Forces for 25 years, 6 in the US 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 8 years of his Army career in the Maine Army National Guard, and recently 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 received 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 currently lives in Belgrade with his wife and 2 children.



Thank you for attending the Belgrade Memorial Service

NOTE: In the event we have not included your loved one's name on the Veteran's Honor Roll please accept our apologies, and please call the Town Office so that we may update our records. If you have 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.