

i.e script: Patriots' Day

Stacy-Opening Remarks

Good Morning- I am Stacy Perrone-Petta. I am so pleased you could be with us today to celebrate Patriots' Day. I thank you for joining us to honor the BIRTH of our NATION, to show your patriotic spirit, to embrace and learn from our American Heritage and History. We have some special presentations this morning as well. But first, I invite Boy Scout Troop 230 to present colors...

I am honored to sing our National Anthem please rise

And now Hannah Wright will step forward to lead us in our Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome Commander Eldred Mathieu to present our Invocation

Stacy Speaks-

Mayor Dunn, Senator Sampson, Veterans, Special Guests, Honorees and Wolcott Citizens....Welcome

Today marks our 4th Annual Patriots' Day celebration here in our beautiful town of Wolcott. I have been working hard along with the help of our Patriot Youth Ambassadors to encourage others to join our initiative. I am happy to announce that 6 other Connecticut Towns have joined us this year to celebrate including: Bristol, Southington, Plantsville, Watertown, Oakville, & New Milford. And Naugatuck & Thompson have promised to celebrate in 2020.

For those that were with us last year I had everyone raise their hands in the air. Hallelujah!!! So let's raise the roof here at the Wolcott VFW, put those hands up, if you're feeling patriotic...and two thumbs up to say thanks to our Veterans, Servicemen & Servicewomen.

Coming together like this is a wonderful way to honor our American Heritage, and to commemorate the battles that marked our American Independence. Today we recognize our veterans near and far, young and old that fought for the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear. Let's now take a moment of silence to reflect and remember.

Thank you!

I recently heard a speech by Kevin Ritter and he referenced the idea of American Inheritance...Actually being a defender of the American Inheritance. It struck a cord with me... no pun intended being a music teacher...So I ask you “how are **YOU** spending your American Inheritance?”

The Battles of Lexington and Concord April 19th 1775. Known as the shot heard around the world, PATRIOTS' DAY, is where it all started... where the birth of our nation started... where we started OUR fight for freedom. Really what price can we put on those lives that were lost fighting for so many freedoms, the freedoms that we hold so dear.

Another great saying that I keep fresh in my mind is ... “**we don't know them all, but we owe them all.**” So many soldiers during the American Revolution and throughout our American History suffered and sacrificed to insure and defend OUR American Inheritance

Through the Patriots' Day Initiative we hope that you will ponder this question and find more ways to spark patriotism. Whether it be within your own heart or within our community.

-[Mayor Thomas Dunn](#) to give some remarks:

Thank you Mayor Dunn... we will hear more from you later in the program

-[Historic Reading](#) featuring our Patriot Youth Ambassadors:

The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere by Henry Wadsworths Longfellow

[Historic Presentation-](#)

-Now help me Welcome Wolcott Historian, President of the Wolcott Historical Society and good friend: Florence Goodman..

Thank you Flo for all you do for Wolcott to help preserve our local history.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Senator Rob Sampson. We know how busy you are at our state capitol representing our best interests.

-Rep Sampson speaks & awards citation:

Stacy speaks

-Before I welcome back Mayor Dunn to present local citations: I would like to invite everyone to stay after the ceremony for some refreshments and photographs.

And now Mayor Dunn to present the awards...

1)Ronald S. Juryzk

2)Donato DiVirgilio

3)Richard Nanni

(and here to accept the award on behalf of Richard is his son Donato DiVirgilio, and Granddaughter Kimberly DiVirgilio...

Just a few **thank yous** before we conclude today's Ceremony.

Many thanks again to everyone who attended today's event, congratulations again to our honorees...

Special Thanks to: Commander Eldred Mathieu, Amy Desaulniers, Robin Di Nicola, Lynn Mouanes, Selena Rodrigues and all of today's presenters.

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-Welcome Ella Goldstone as she sings GOD BLESS AMERICA

-Closing Benediction-Commander Eldred Mathieu

-Retiring of Colors

Thank you and God Bless!

Ceremony Outline

Opening Remarks

Present Colors

Invocation

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Remarks

Historic Reading

Historic Presentation

Presentation of State Citations

Presentation of Patriots' Day Awards

God Bless America

Closing Benediction

Retire Colors

Refreshments