

The Star-Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?



God Bless America

Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above;
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, my home, sweet home.
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City of Westbrook

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONIES MONDAY MAY 27, 2019

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 8:00am | Remembrance Ceremony at Veterans Circle & Stephen W. Manchester Gravesite
Woodlawn Cemetery (380 Stroudwater Street) |
| 10:00am | Memorial Day Parade
Main Street, from Longfellow Street to Riverbank Park |
| 10:30am | Official 2019 Memorial Day Ceremonies
Riverbank Park |

The City of Westbrook invites residents to join us for the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies. All events are open to the public. Veterans are welcome and encouraged to participate, so we may honor those who have served our country.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES RIVERBANK PARK

- Call to Attention
- Introductions
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem
- Introduction of Grand Marshal
- Mayor's Proclamation
- General Logan's Order
- "God Bless America"
- Gettysburg Address
- Laying of Wreaths
- Remembering Senior Airman Shawn McKeough, Jr.
- Moment of Silence
- Drumroll, Volley & Taps
- Musical Selection from Westbrook City Band
- Tribute to POWs and MIAs, "God Bless the USA"
- Unveiling of New American Legion Post 62 Sign
- Benediction



2019 GRAND MARSHAL Major Mary "Dottie" McGuirk



Mary Dorothy (née Chaisson) McGuirk was born on December 26, 1928 at 17 Palmer Street, Westbrook, Maine. She attended St. Hyacinth School and Westbrook High School, graduating in 1947. Ms. McGuirk enrolled in Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1950. She was commissioned in the Air Force Nurse Corps on March 11, 1954. She married Captain Gerald D. Johnson in 1957, who died in a plane crash in 1958. Major McGuirk later remarried Major Laurence McGuirk. Throughout her active military nursing career, she lived in Oklahoma, England, Washington,

California, Hawaii and the Philippines. During the Vietnam War, Major McGuirk flew to Vietnam from Hawaii on a C141, transforming the airlifter into a hospital ward for 90 wounded soldiers. In 1968, Major McGuirk was honorably discharged from the Air Force in accordance with policy which prevented pregnant women from serving in the military. After her second husband was killed in the line of duty, Major McGuirk fought and won her reinstatement to active duty (previously not allowed for women with children under the age of 18). She served for 6 additional years, retiring in 1978 as Chief Nurse of Pope Airforce Base in North Carolina. Major McGuirk went on to serve as the first female Commander of American Legion Post #62. Dottie's Way was named in honor of her 15 years of service on the Westbrook Housing Authority.

To all young people, but especially young women, Major McGuirk shares the following message: **Follow your dream. Sometimes you have to fight to keep it, but don't take second place.**