



An American flag and a VFW flag in hand, respectively, VFW Farmington Post 2269 Auxiliary members Irene Johnson (left) of Livonia and Irene Rodebaugh of Farmington Hills stand at attention.

Area veterans groups honor slain soldiers

By Bob Sklar
Staff writer

They stood at attention under a brilliant sun to salute America's war heroes who died in battle.

For the third straight year, members of the Farmington area's veterans groups gathered at North Farmington Cemetery for a Memorial Day service at 5 p.m.

The special observance is always held on May 30, the true Memorial Day. "To honor our fallen comrades," said chairman Wally Christensen, chaplain at American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346 in Farmington.

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"But it's also a day of parades, kids with flags and for older people to do honor to those who served us so well."

Keynote speaker Charles Larson, past American Legion state commander and past commander of the Groves-Walker post, said the true meaning of Memorial Day "is re-

membrance of those who paid the supreme sacrifice so that we could enjoy the blessings of liberty."

"It's fitting that we gather in harmony and unity to pay due respect by decorating graves here today," he added.

To comply with General Logan's Orders, which date to the Civil War, veterans group auxiliary members placed poppies or wreaths at each veteran's grave at North Farmington Cemetery.

Buried in the cemetery are servicemen from all American wars, from the Revolution to Vietnam.

The service concluded with a firing squad representing American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346 and Northwest Post 190 and VFW Farmington Post 2269, all locally based. Boy Scouts from Groves-Walker Post Troop 162 played Taps.



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World War II veteran Harold Rundquist of Farmington leads a march of war veterans around North Farmington Cemetery.

Patriots remembered

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Michael Hermann, stationed at Selfridge Air National Guard Base near Mount Clemens, were honored as sailor of the year and reserve sailor of the year, respectively. Both are from Detroit.

DURING THE ceremonies, Farmington and Farmington Hills police and emergency medical workers treated about 15 people for heat exhaustion. North Farmington High School band members, dressed in

full uniform, performed during the memorial ceremony. Several band members were weakened by the heat.

Those who continued to serve were praised. State Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington, was recognized for 14 years of legislative service. He isn't seeking reelection.

Parade chairman Wally Christensen, chaplain of American Legion Groves-Walker Post 346 in Farmington, handed the surprised Brotherton

a plaque lauding him for "outstanding contributions to veterans and their families in Farmington."

"He'll continue to do the great things he's done. It's in him," Christensen said.

"For once, I have nothing more to say than I really appreciate this," Brotherton told the gathering.

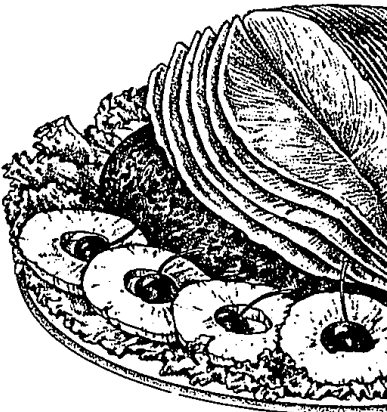
But the day really belonged to others. "It's not just a day off, it's a day to remember," said Jody Soronen, Farmington Hills mayor. "Let's hope that there's not another conflict in the world."

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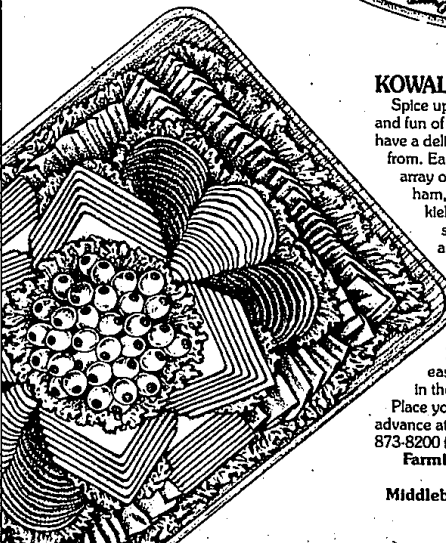


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