

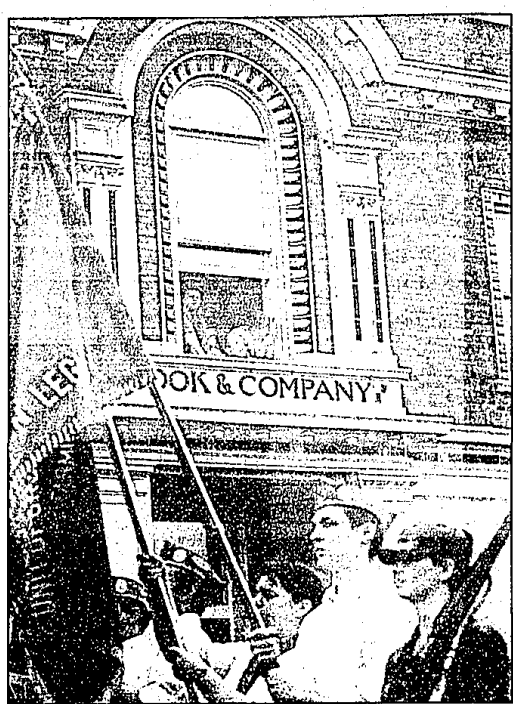
In honor: Veteran Joseph Nafe places a wreath at the memorial while fellow veterans Walter Christensen and Carney Jackson stand near.



Patriotism: Veteran Walter Christensen salutes as the flag is raised from half- to full-mast during Memorial Day ceremonies.



On the go: The Farmington Hills Police Department marches in the morning parade.



Vantage: Some parade-goers figured it was a better view from a second-story window of the annual Memorial Day parade.

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him." Pete Kulbaba died in February. Grandfather and grandson were good buddies, with Pete Kulbaba often taking Kenny to the VFW No. 2269 Post in Farmington Hills.

In the parade, Kenny wore his grandfather's veteran's hat, and his vest bearing all the medals he received while in the Navy during World War II.

Well-known veteran Jack Curd gave Kenny a D-Day tabard. "He said he didn't fight in that battle so he wanted Kenny to have it," Kari Kulbaba said.

Later, Kenny and his family attended ceremonies at the VFW post where the commander said he didn't have much hope for today's youth, "until he met Kenny," Kari Kulbaba said.

The morning gave visitors quite a peek into the community's strong veteran commitment.

An introduction was given by parade chairman Walter Chistensen, followed by the national anthem by the North Farmington High School Marching Band.

Fred Collet of the VFW Post 2269 gave the invocation, while Farmington Mayor Mary Bush and Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, as well as Pic Webster, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan vice president, offered their welcomes.

Marine Capt. David Ladouceur spoke about the importance of paying homage to men and women who have sacrificed for their country and its freedoms.

Following the parade, wreaths were placed by a number of representatives from VFW and American Legion posts.

An open house and awards presentation at Groves-Walker No. 346 American Legion Hall on Grand River.



Wow! Keenan Guth waves his flag from atop the shoulders of his dad, Walter.

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