

Gloucester World War II Veterans Memorial
Dedication Ceremony



Tuesday – July 4th 2006 at 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Kent Circle, Gloucester, MA 01930

1. MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Anthony Verga, House Chairman,
Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal
Affairs, Massachusetts State Representative

2. WELCOME

Michael Linquata, Committee Chairman

3. POSTING OF THE COLORS

Gloucester AMVETS Post 32

4. NATIONAL ANTHEM

Rockport Legion Band
Directed by Robert Puff

5. INVOCATION

Reverend Eugene Alves
Pastor, Our Lady of Good Voyage Church

6. INTRODUCTION OF DIGNITARIES

Anthony Verga, Master of Ceremonies

John Tierney, Congressman 6th District

Alphonse Swekla, City Council Member

John Bell, Mayor

Bruce Tobey, City Council Member

Bruce Tarr, State Senator

Sefatia Romeo, City Council Member

Thomas Kelly, Secretary of Veterans Services

Joseph Marcantonio, Cdr. DAV. Chapter 74

Joe Parisi, D. P. W. Director

Sandra Kee, Cdr., Lester Wass Post 3 American
Legion, Gloucester

John Beaudette, Police Chief

Charles Anderson, Cdr., VFW Post 1624

Barry McKay, Fire Chief

Arthur McCann, Cdr. AMVETS Post 32

Arley Pett, Veterans Services Director

Robert Breaker, Cdr. U. S. Coast Guard Station,
Gloucester, MA

William McGroraty, Past Vets. Service Dir.

Mel Olson, Cdr., Post 98 American Legion,
Rockport

James Destino, City Council President

John “Gus” Foote, City Council Member

Greg Ketchen, Capt. U. S. Coast Guard, Ret.

Jason Grow, City Council Member

Jacqueline Hardy, City Council Member

Brigadier General Kenneth Pascoe, Former Chief
of Staff, 26th Yankee Infantry Division

Michael McLeod, City Council Member

Walter Peckham, City Council Member

Brigadier General William Doyle, Former
Commander 26th Yankee Infantry Division

- GUEST OF HONOR* Thomas Kelley, Secretary of Veterans Services
Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor
7. *TRANSFER OF MEMORIAL TO THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER* Michael Linquata, Chair of Committee
8. *ACCEPTANCE OF MEMORIAL AND REMARKS* John Bell, Mayor City of Gloucester
9. *PROCLAMATIONS AND REMARKS* Anthony Verga
Bruce Tarr, Mass. State Senator, Minority Whip
10. *GREETINGS* Congressman John Tierney
11. *RECOGNITION OF WWII MEMORIAL COMMITTEE* Anthony Verga
- A. REMARKS* Michael Linquata, Chairman
- B. REMARKS* Roger Armstrong, Vice Chairman
Designer of the Monument
12. *INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER, THOMAS KELLEY* Anthony Verga
13. *RECOGNITION OF WORLD WAR II VETERANS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY – EACH BRANCH OF SERVICE INTRODUCED SEPARATELY WITH MUSIC SPECIFIC TO THEIR BRANCH* Anthony Verga
Rockport Legion Band
under the direction of Robert Puff
14. *PLACING OF SIX WREATHS AT THE BASE OF THE MONUMENT RECOGNIZING ALL VETERANS FROM GLOUCESTER WHO FOUGHT IN WORLD WAR II – DAV, AMVETS, AMERICAN LEGION, VFW, ELKS, WWII VETERANS COMMITTEE REPRESENTED BY MICHAEL LINQUATA*
 A. A Moment of Silence for all departed WWII veterans
15. *RIFLE VOLLEY AND TAPS* AMVETS Post 32
16. *BENEDICTION* Reverend Eugene Alves,
Pastor, Our Lady of Good Voyage Church
17. *HONOR GUARD STRIKE THE COLORS* AMVETS Post 32
18. *CLOSING REMARKS* Anthony Verga, Master of Ceremonies
19. *MUSICAL SELECTION* Rockport Legion Band
Directed by Robert Puff