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Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2013 9:00 a.m.

The Burlington Office of Veterans Services invites everyone to the Town's Veterans Day Ceremony being held at the newly dedicated Veterans Memorial Park section of the Town Common on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. with the ceremony commencing immediately after the traditional 9:00 a.m. flag raising. The year 2013 has a number of significant anniversaries, a couple of which we will be celebrating.

60 years ago, the Armistice ending hostilities in Korea was signed in 1953. We will be acknowledging the loss of Korean War Veteran, William Hurley, who died during the final days of the Korean War. The *Burlington Disabled American Veterans, William Hurley Chapter #113*, is the Host Service Organization, and they will be placing a wreath in honor of William Hurley and the more than one million men and women who served in that terrible war.

40 years ago, in 1973, 591 Prisoners of War (POW) in Vietnam were released. There will be a special raising of the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) Flag to remember not only the release of all those in captivity but also Burlington's lost son, MIA Richard Harper, who flew off on a mission in Vietnam, never to return home. Our five MIAs from World War II, Henry Crogan, Ernest Everett, Wallace Oldford, Lennart Rabenius, and Robert Miller, are not forgotten and will also be acknowledged.

The five Service Flags dedicated this past October 18 on the Town Common will be re-raised for the first time on a Veterans Day by local veterans of the U.S. Army, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force. Our guest speaker will be the Executive Officer from the U.S. Coast Guard Base, Boston, Commander Lara Allison. We will also hear from Selectmen Dan Grattan, and State Representative Ken Gordon. The Burlington High School Marching Band will be performing a set of patriotic songs.



In Burlington we respect the significance of Veterans Day and we respect those who have worn or continue to wear the uniform of our great Country, and we hope you will be available to attend.

Sincerely,

Bob Hogan, Director
Veterans Services