



All the veterans there gathered for the end of the ceremony

Nottingham's Veterans Day November 11, 2022, 11 AM

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On a bright, shining almost warm fall day, as part of the town's yearlong 300th Anniversary Celebration, there was an emotionally moving Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2022, at 11 AM at the town's veteran's monument in front of the Blaisdell Memorial Library. The town historically has had a long tradition of holding Veterans Day events, which was revived this year by the 300th Committee. The [date and time](#) were linked to history. "November 11 is Veteran's Day in the United States. For much of the rest of the world and especially in Europe, it is Armistice Day, the day that marks the end of World War I. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 when the armistice was signed, over 20 million people had lost their lives." The event was planned by Joe Welch and conducted by Steve Soreff with sound production by Douglas Cummings.

It will begin with an Honor Guard of the Nottingham Boy Scout Troop 167 marching in with the American and POW-MIA flags, running them up the flagpole, and bringing them to half-staff. Then, they led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.



The Boy Scouts raised the American and POW-MIA flags to commence the ceremony

Claire Burbank magnificently sang the National Anthem.



Claire Burbank singing the National Anthem.

Next, the Fire and Police Department's Chaplain, Gary Anderson, offered an invocation. He referenced a Civil War portrait of a boy with a Bible opened to the 23rd Psalm.



Chaplain, Gary Anderson invoked the 23rd Psalm in his invocation.

Then, the Board of Selectmen, Chair Donna Danis addressed the group. She noted there were more than 300 veterans living in Nottingham. She also talked about her family's military history.



Board of Selectmen, Chair Donna Danis

This was followed by two Nottingham veterans, Steve White and Tiler Eaton. They described their military experiences, the meaning of being a veteran, and their love for this country. White talked about his Marine training and his father's service. Eaton noted that his union was hiring and training veterans.



Steve White



Tiler Eaton

After speaking, Steve White and Tiler Eaton placed a wreath at the Nottingham Veterans monument and had a moment of silence for passed veterans.



Steve White and Tiler Eaton placed the wreath at the Nottingham Veterans monument.

The event ended with the playing of Taps as the Scout moved the flags back to full staff while veterans saluted



The Scouts put the flags back to full staff. Photograph Pegging Tucker



A final salute as the flags goes up. Photograph by Pegging Tucker

It was a beautiful and meaningful event. It is hoped that it will to be continued.

