

CHATHAM'S CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The **CHATHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY** for the Revolutionary War and Civil War plaques.

The Chatham Historical Society, founded in 1923, has as its purpose to recall and celebrate our local heritage, bringing together those who are interested in various facets of the area's history; also to collect and preserve records and artifacts of historical interest relating to the settlement and development of Chatham, and to make this material available to the public; to encourage the preparation of programs, papers, and books on historical matters of local interest and to work toward preservation of the town's historical character wherever and whenever possible.



DONALD WALLACE WHITE, author of *A Village at War*, for his invaluable help in the wording of the plaques for the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

THE WILLIAM WEICHERT FAMILY for supplying "the Stones" bearing the plaques.

THE CHATHAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

for setting the plaques and redesigning the memorial area.

THE RESIDENTS OF CHATHAM PAST AND PRESENT, who create the history we celebrate.

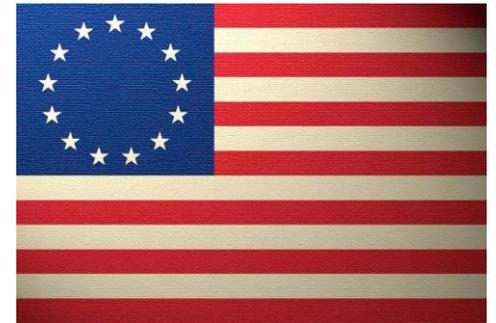
CHATHAM BOROUGH MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

MAY 28, 2018

8:00 A.M.



REVOLUTIONARY WAR 1776



CIVIL WAR 1863



PRESENT DAY



THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL PARK

Sentiment for a town memorial to World War I soldiers prompted Charles M. Lum to investigate purchase of the Fairview Hotel, sadly decrepit and forlorn since it had been shorn of its liquor license and deserted by automobilists who preferred more sophisticated excitement. Early in February 1919, Lum proposed purchasing the Fairview House and grounds for \$ 20,000.

On this “magnificent location” he suggested building a town library, athletic field and playground. Townspeople rallied behind Lum, pledging the necessary funds. The contract was signed in May 1919, and fourteen months later, on July 5, 1920, Mayor Floyd L. Auble officially dedicated Memorial Park to the 137 Chatham men who served in the war.

Chatham youngsters understandably felt Memorial Park was really dedicated on August 16, when the new concrete pool was filled. Paul Molitar worked Saturdays and evenings to finish the project. He utilized the 70 x 30-foot foundation of the old Fairview stables, saving at least two-thirds of the cost.

(Chatham at the Crossing of the Fishawack p. 216)



The Fairview House

CHATHAM BOROUGH MAY 28, 2018 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AGENDA HONORING MEN & WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES

- ★ SEATING OF VETERANS 8 A.M.
- ★ CHATHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD
- ★ FLAG CEREMONY & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
TROOP 8 BSA
- ★ “THE NATIONAL ANTHEM”- LIAM DRISCOLL
- ★ REMARKS & ATTENDING VETERANS ROLL CALL
COUNCIL PRESIDENT LEONARD RESTO
- ★ WREATH LAYING BY VETERANS
- ★ “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL”- LIAM DRISCOLL
- ★ PLAYING OF “TAPS”- TROOP 8 BSA
- ★ COLOR GUARD RETREATS
- ★ BENEDICTION –DEACON ANDREW DUTKO,
ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH

Wooden flag lapels courtesy of
Washington Avenue School 2nd grade students.

THANK YOU FOR COMING AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING ALL VETERANS AGAIN NEXT YEAR

Lest we Forget WWI CHATHAM SCENES



Frederick P. Parcels



Fred R. Pihlman



Paul Van Fleet



Eugene P. Hubbard



Van Horn D. Wolfe

All five of Chatham's men who died in
World War I were killed in France.
Hubbard, first to die, was followed
by Wolfe, Van Fleet, Parcels and
Pihlman.

