

STURBRIDGE MEMORIAL DAY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday, May 20,: Veterans who would like to participate as a member of the Firing Squad are asked to meet for practice at 6:30 P.M. at the Legion Hall

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 21, 22; Poppy Sales at Yankee Spirits from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00P.M.

Thursday, May 23; Poppy Sales by members of Unit 109 American Legion Auxiliary at Shaws Supermarket from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Proceeds from the sale of poppies are used the Auxiliary to benefit hospitalized veterans.

Friday, May 24: Special Memorial Day program at Burgess Elementary School at 9:00 A.M. All Veterans are invited to attend and participate with the students. Poppy sales continue today at Shaws by the Auxiliary. Veterans who want to help decorate graves are asked to meet the American Legion Hall at 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 25: Special Memorial Service for Veterans at Veterans Memorial Park, Paxton Mass. Service is at 1:00 P.M., refreshments will be served afterwards.

Sunday, May 26; All veterans are invited the annual Memorial Day Sunday Service of the Sturbridge Federated Church. Veterans are asked to meet outside of the Church at 10:15 A.M.

Monday May 27; Annual Memorial Day Parade and Services. Parade starts at 9:00 A.M. at the Sturbridge Lions Community center, proceeds to St. Annes Cemetery, then reforms at the Public Safety Complex at 10:20 and starts again at 10:25 and ends at 11:30 in front of the Town Hall. The Tantasqua High School Marching Band will provide the music. Open House will follow at the American Legion Hall.

For further information call Tom Chamberland, Director of Veteran Services, at 347-3386.

MEMORIAL DAY 1996

The Sturbridge Veterans Council cordially invites you to participate in this years annual Memorial Day Parade. The Parade this year will be held on Monday, May 27, 1996. The parade will follow the same route as in previous years. This years Honorary Parade Marshal is Mr William (bill) Reich. A Life member of Post 109, and long time resident of Sturbridge. Music will be provided by the Tantasqua High School Marching Band.

- 9:00 A.M. Parade Formation at the Lions Community Center.
- 9:15 Parade Step-Off
- 9:20 Parade Stops for ceremony at the American Legion Monument
- 9:35 Parade Stops in St. Anne's Cemetery for memorial service
- 10:00 Parade Marches out of St. Annes to Senior Center and Board Buses
- 10:20 Parade Reforms in front of Public Safety Complex
- 10:25 Ceremony for Police and Firefighters Monuments
- 10:35 Parade Step Off, 2nd part
- 10:50 Parade stops at North Cemetery, memorial service and reading of the Gettysburg Address
- 11:10 Parade returns to Town Hall
- 11:20 Memorial Service for Old Cemetery, Decoration of Monuments, Replacement of the POW Flag, National anthem and Flag raising.
- 12:00 Open House at the American Legion, Refreshments for Parade Participants.

Buss transportation will be provided for car pooling purposes BEFORE the Parade, starting at the Town Hall at 8:30 A.M., Safety complex at 8:35 A.M., Senior Center at 8:45 A.M. Legion Hall at 8:50 A.M. and Lions Club at 8:55. Buss transportation will be provided during the parade from the Senior Center to the Public Safety Complex, and after the parade from the Town Hall back to the Lions Club with stops at the Safety Complex, Senior Center and Legion Hall.

For more information or questions, call Tom Chamberland at 347-3386.

May 31, 1991

Major Paul Barabani, Executive Officer
1st Bat. 181st Infantry
701 Lincoln Street
Worcester, Ma. 01605

Major Barabani:

I have enclosed a copy of the letter I sent to the Adjutant General on May 14, 1991. To date I have not received any acknowledgement to the receipt of that letter.

After our conversation on the afternoon of May 9, 1991 and conversation with Sgt. Bingham, I was confident that your unit would participate in our Welcome Home ceremony. Sgt. Bingham and I discussed the possibility of a static display and participation in our parade. Some of the items of interest were the Humvee, jeep, heavy equipment, etc. The Humvee would be a prime piece of hardware in the parade. I would also like to ask if a tent would be set up to house our T.V. and VCR for the showing of the video's of our service men and women that may not make the celebration. Copies of the Heritage Festival and Operation Welcome Home schedule of events, are enclosed.

I realize that because your unit will be returning from fifteen days of maneuvers, all of my request may not be possible. I would appreciate any assistance you can give this request, to ensure our success in all services being represented.

Sincerely,

Richard LaFranchise
Heritage Festival Committee
Operation Desert Storm
Welcome Home Committee
Home: 508-347-7544
Work: 203-565-0047

Enclosure:4

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS Tom Chamberland and Im the director of Veteran services for the Town of Sturbridge. I'd like to welcome you all to todays Operation Yellow ribbon program.

We are extreemly pleased with todays turnout dispite the cold weather. Todays program will last about a ½ hour. The Residents of this town gathered here some 40 years ago and started this monumnet with the honor roll of those residents who were serving out country in WWII. Sgt Rudy julian was one of them. and coinsidnetly some 40ty years ago this week Sgt Julian was involved in the fight for IWo Jima that earned him, posthumously the congressional medal of honor. The highest honorebestowed by this country on its armend forcres. Today we again gather infron of the town hall to support and honor the service men and women who are now serving their country. In The Persian Gulf. we have put together this breif but meaning ful ceremony. would you, please come to attention as the Sturbridge Fire Dept. Color guard advances the american Flag.

worlds most well
known Symbol
freedom. The ~~Flag~~
FLg of The United
States.

would you now join me in The
Pledge of Allegiance!

CLOSING REMARKS:

ON behalf of the families of the soldiers honored today I would like to thank everyone for participating. The yellow ribbon program will begin after the conclusion of this ceremony. There are a limited # of ribbon packages available. If you are interested in doing a section of about 5 - 10 poles along Rt 20 or 131 please come up after and see me.

The Yellow ribbon banner is up, over Rt 20 by Stallion Hill rd.

I would like to thank the following who thru ^{THEIR} donations of ~~Money, ribbon or other items~~ have made this day a huge success:

CPC Engineering, Arland Tool Mfg., Sturbridge Democratic Town Comm.

American Legion Aux. unit 109, Sturbridge Lions Club, The Sign Write

Corp., American Legion Post 109 ., Freds Variety Store., Mr & Mrs

Ronald Ravenell, Mr & Mrs Mike Miller, Mr & Mrs Rosario Chamberl; and

The Senior Squares, The Sturbridge Fire Dept and Color guard.

The Sturbridge Police Detp. The Sturbridge Firefighters Association,

The Sturbridge Police Explorers, ^{m + m Sp. Landwille,} ~~The Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and~~ ⁷⁰⁰ ~~Girl Scouts, The Southbridge Civil Air Patrol.~~ ^{The COOPER SMITH,}

Optics. and Massachusetts Electric Co. ~~Sturbridge Democratic~~

After the conclusion of the ceremony the Civil Air patrol will be handing out extra yellow ribbons. If you would like a couple to do the poles or trees in your front yard PLEASE TAKE SOME. I also have a few rolls of yellow ribbon left. If you are interested in doing your neighborhood, come on up and get a roll.

There will be an open house at the American Legion Hall after where coffee and Hot choc. will be available. Again thank you all for coming out on this cold winter day. We will now have a concluding prayer from Rev. Berekely, of the Federated Church.



May 21, 1991

Commander
104th TFG/CC
Barnes MAP
Westfield, MA 01085

Dear Sir,

The Town of Sturbridge will be celebrating the return of its troops who served in the Persian Gulf at our Heritage Festival on June 29th of this year.

As part of the welcome we have asked for representation by the armed forces. As part of this request, we would appreciate participation by the 104th by having an A-10 flyover during the ceremony at approximately 1815 in the evening. This time is somewhat flexible as the welcoming is slated to take place between 1730 and 1845 hours.

I apologize for the short time in making this request, but the committee needed to wait for town meeting approval for funding of the festival.

The event will take place approximately 3 miles north of Route 20 on Route 148 in the town of Sturbridge at the Tantasqua Regional High School athletic field. Map is enclosed.

Also on hand for the event will be members of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Marines.

Thank you for helping us with our celebration.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Briere, Chairman
Sturbridge Heritage Festival 1991

May 14, 1991

The Adjutant General
25 Haverhill Street
Camp Curtis Guild
Reading, Ma. 01867-1999

Dear Sir:

Major Paul Barabani advised me to contact you, in reference to the following matter.

On June 29, 1991, the town of Sturbridge will officially welcome home our service men and women, from Operation Desert Storm. We would like to request the Massachusetts National Guard, 1st Bat. 181st Infantry to assist us in recognizing these fine young men and women, along with their families. Letters are being sent to each commanding officer, outlining our plans, in hopes that a large number of these service personnel will be in attendance.

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This years event will again include, food booths by local civic groups, games, music and fireworks. The Festival will be held at Tantasqua Regional Sr. High School, located on Route 148 (Brookfield Rd.), Sturbridge, Ma. Our plans call for the ceremony to take place between 5:30 - 7 pm. This is just prior to the evening concert from 7:15 - 9pm, with the fireworks starting at 9pm. A stage will be set up on our football field and has lighting and sound.

We will supply meals either before or after the ceremony. If you have any questions please contact me, directly.

Thank you.
Sincerely,

Richard LaFranchise
Heritage Festival Committee
Operation Desert Storm
Welcome Home Committee
Home: 508-347-7544
Work: 203-565-0047

May 30, 1991

Joe Bausk
50 Prattsmill Rd.
Sudbury, Ma. 01776

Dear Joe:

On June 29, 1991, the town of Sturbridge will officially welcome home our service men and women, from Operation Desert Storm. We would like to request the Sudbury Ancient Fyfe & Drum Company to assist us in recognizing these fine young men and women, along with their families. Letters are being sent to each commanding officer, outlining our plans, in hopes that a large number of these service personnel will be in attendance.

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I have enclosed copies of our program per our phone conversation this evening.

Thank you.
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THIS SONG IS DEDICATED TO ALL OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN ,
PARTICULARLY THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.
IT IS THE SINCERE WISH OF THIS COMPOSER THAT THEY PERFORM
THEIR TASKS WITH DILIGENCE AND ACCURACY, SO AS TO END THE
WAR SWIFTLY AND RETURN HOME TO THEIR LOVED ONES AND THEIR
PROUD COUNTRY, ESTABLISHING PEACE AND CONCORD IN THE WORLD
ONCE MORE.

THE BELLS OF PEACE

TO CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER IS THE THING THAT MATTERS MOST.
BEING ABLE TO UNDERSTAND, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST.
HOPING AND PRAYING THAT OUR SONG WILL TAKE WING,
CARING AND SHARING EACH AND EVERY LITTLE THING
WILL HELP TO MAKE THE BELLS OF PEACE, THE BELLS OF PEACE TO RING,
THE BELLS OF PEACE TO RING.

CHORUS

RING FOR PEACE, RING FOR PEACE,
RING FOR PEACE, RING FOR PEACE,
RING FOR PEACE, RING FOR PEACE,
RING BELLS OF PEACE.
RING FOR PEACE, RING FOR PEACE,
RING FOR PEACE, RING FOR PEACE,
RING FOR PEACE, RING FOR PEACE,
FOR ALL MEN, FOR ALL MEN,
RING BELLS OF PEACE.

THE GUNS OF WAR MUST BE SILENCED, NEVER TO BE HEARD AGAIN.
UNDERSTANDING AND PEACE IS THE WAR TO BE WAGED,
NOT AGAINST BUT FOR ALL MEN.
HOPING AND PRAYING THAT OUR SONG WILL TAKE WING.
CARING AND SHARING EACH AND EVERY LITTLE THING
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JUDITH BERGESON-BUMA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS FORT DEVENS
FORT DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS
April 22, 1991



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
Public Affairs Office

Mr. Richard LaFranchise
P.O. Box 946
Sturbridge, MA 01566-2946

Dear Mr. LaFranchise:

This is in response to your invitation to Fort Devens to participate in your parade on June 29, 1991.

Fort Devens receives many requests because it is the only active Army post in New England. We would like to honor all of them; however, the number of requests received often exceeds the amount of military support our limited resources can provide. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to: Public Affairs Office, ATTN: Community Relations, Fort Devens, MA 01433-5030.

Your request will be processed and a final decision on your request will be made 45 days prior to your event. Carefully review the Fact Sheet on the back of the application form prior to submitting your request. If we do not hear from you within two weeks, we will presume our support is no longer needed.

Thank you for your interest in the United States Army and it is hoped that we can comply with your request.

Sincerely,

Karen L. Buckley
Community Relations Assistant

Enclosure

Karen L. Buckley
Public Affairs Office
ATTN: Community Relations
Fort Devens, Ma. 01433-5030

April 23, 1991

Dear Miss Buckley:

On June 29, 1991, the town of Sturbridge will officially welcome home our service men and women, from Operation Desert Storm. We would like to request the Fort Devens American Heritage Unit, to assist us in recognizing these fine young men and women, along with their families. Letters are being sent to each commanding officer, outlining our plans, in hopes that a large number of these service personnel will be in attendance.

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We will arrange transportation and will supply meals either before or after the ceremony.
If you have any questions please contact me, directly.

Thank you.
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REQUEST FOR US ARMY PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL EVENTS		DATE 4-24-91	
TO: Karen L. Buckley, Community Relations Assis % Public Affairs office ATTN: Community Relations Fort Devens, MA. 01433-5030		FROM: Richard LaFranchise Heritage Festival/Operation Desert Storm Welcome Home Committees P.O. Box 946 Sturbridge, MA. 01566-2946	
KIND OF EVENT (Parade, ceremony, concert, rally, benefit, etc) Operation Desert Storm Welcome Home Ceremony		PARTICIPATION REQUESTED (Marching troops, color guard, band, other) AMERICAN HERITAGE UNIT (SO STATE FLAG)	DATE OF EVENT JUNE 29, 1991
NAME OF INDIV TO WHOM PARTICIPANTS WILL REPORT Richard LaFranchise		LOCATION TANTASQUA REGIONAL SR. High School	TIME 5-7 PM
ORGANIZATION SPONSORING EVENT (Post, society, association, etc) TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, AMERICAN LEGION POST		ADDRESS RT 148 (BROOKFIELD RD) STURBRIDGE, MA. 01566	PHONE NUMBER 347-7544
EVENT IS () PROFIT (X) NON-PROFIT () RELIGIOUS () POLITICAL		ADMISSION CHARGE: NONE	
DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS			
LIST OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND DIGNATARIES TO BE PRESENT Area Service Men & Women Returning From Operation Desert Storm And Their Families.			
ESTIMATE SIZE OF AUDIENCE 5000 +		WILL EVENT BE ON TV? (X) YES () NO RADIO? (X) YES () NO IF SO, WHAT STATIONS Channel 11 Local Access WUESO	
OTHER ARMED FORCES REQUESTED TO PARTICIPATE (Indicate service and type of participation) U.S. MARINE CORPS Ground, U.S. AIRBORNE FLY OVER FROM WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE			
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS			
MUSIC STANDS () YES (X) NO	QUANTITY N/A	CHAIRS (X) YES () NO	QUANTITY AS Req'd
ROUTE OF MARCH From School Gym To Stage on Football Field Where Ceremony will Take Place.		PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM (X) YES () NO	
FORMATION ORDER (See reverse side for precedence of military troops)		SIZE OF STAGE 40' x 40'	
ESTIMATED DISTANCE 200yds Approx.			
PLACE SCHEDULED TO RELEASE PARTICIPANTS FROM PARADE TANTASQUA REGIONAL SR. High School RT 148 (BROOKFIELD RD) STURBRIDGE MA.		TIME RELEASE SCHEDULED APPROX. 7 PM	
BAND WILL BE REQUIRED TO PLAY HONORS () YES (X) NO (If "Yes", give name of individual) N/A			
IF THE TIME OF THIS EVENT WILL PREVENT ARMY PERSONNEL FROM EATING AT THEIR REGULAR MESS, WILL SPONSOR FURNISH THEM WITH AN ADEQUATE HOT MEAL (X) YES () NO (If "No", state what messing facilities are planned) Meals will be provided either before or after ceremony, per your request.			
WILL TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED (X) YES () NO We will contract buses as required			
NAME OF PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION/MEALS Richard LaFranchise		ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER Home: 508 347-7544 P.O. Box 946 WK: 203 565-0047 STURBRIDGE, MA. 01566-2946	
LOCATION OF PARKING FACILITIES FOR BUSES AND TRUCKS TANTASQUA REGIONAL SR. HIGH SCHOOL RT 148 (BROOKFIELD RD) STURBRIDGE, MA.			
REMARKS (See Cover Letter)			
MILITARY COMMITMENTS HAVE PRIORITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT EVEN AFTER THIS REQUEST HAS BEEN APPROVED, A MILITARY REQUIREMENT MAY CANCEL ARMY PARTICIPATION.			
I understand that the senior member of the US Army participants will notify your headquarters and myself, in that order, if military precedence is not followed or if in his opinion the extremity of the weather would create undue physical hazards for the participants or damage Government equipment. If the event is then cancelled, I understand that another date may be arranged by contacting your headquarters.			
PHONE NUMBER 508-347-7544 203-565-0047	TYPED/PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE Richard LaFranchise		SIGNATURE

April 23, 1991

Sgt. Major Larson
C/O Department of the Navy
25th Marines
4th MARDIV, FMF, USMCR
640 Plantation Street
Worcester, Ma. 01605-2099

Att: Sgt. Major Larson;

On June 29, 1991, the town of Sturbridge will officially welcome home our service men and women, from Operation Desert Storm. We would like to request the U.S. Marine Corp. Color Guard from your unit, to assist us in recognizing these fine young men and women, along with their families. Letters are being sent to each commanding officer, outlining our plans, in hopes that a large number of these service personnel will be in attendance.

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We will reimburse any transportation cost and will supply meals either before or after the ceremony.

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On this 124th anniversary of Memorial Day-which started as decoration day for Civil War Veterans, we pause briefly to remember and honor the sacrafices made by our mem and women who have served our country in time of war.

The United States has gone to war 11 times. In the most previous war, Vietnam, as a country we learned many lessons. One of them we here in Sturbridge and all across the country are now doing is paying tribute to our soldiers comming home, and to hold special memorial day observances for that ultimate sacrafice made for freedom. This time, in Operation Desert Storm 141 lost their lives in Combat. Fortunately, Sturbridge did not directly feel this loss. Somewhere in this great country ~~thmx~~ there are small towns like Sturbridge who feel a heavy loss. Let us now pause for a moment and join with our hearts and minds with those families today, a special memorial day for them.

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- 1:00 Welcome by Tom Chamberland
- 1:02 presentation of colors: Sturbridge Fire Dept. Color guard
- 1:05 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1:07 Opening prayer: Fr. Bill St. Annes Church
- 1:10 Soldiers Letters (2) read by Lindsay Kosnick
LIBBY HAYEY
- 1:15 Honor Roll/Flag Ceremony Names Read by Commander Mike Hoewer
- 1:25 Bell of Peace Song written by Mrs Buma, music teacher at Burgess Elem.
Performed by ~~Choral Group~~ Carver W.O.R.C. Concert Choral
+ STUDENTS of BURGESS Elem.
- 1:30 Speeches by: Rep. Dave Perters
Rep. Steve Brewer
Sen Robert Wetmore - Charlie Chase - Aid.
Ch. Bd. Sel. Charles Blanchard
- 1:40 Closing remarks by Tom Chamberland
- 1:43 Closing Prayer Rev. Berekely, Stur. Fed. Church.
- 1:45 National Anthem/ Retire Colors.

Honor Roll - Flag Makers

ED BUZDOLA = _____

NICK ROSSO = _____

"OPERATION HOPE AND FRIENDS"

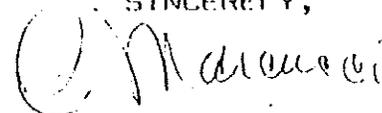
TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
FROM: OPERATION HOPE AND FRIENDS
DATE: MAY 3, 1991
SUBJECT: PARADE

HELLO, PLANS ARE NOW UNDERWAY IN OUR COMMUNITY, THE TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE, TO HONOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED IN OPERATION DESERT STORM. WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THESE BRAVE SOLDIERS IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE A PART OF THIS CELEBRATION.

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH A LARGE PARADE WILL BE HELD IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICEMEN. THE PARADE WILL KICKOFF AT 11:00 AM. CHURCH BELLS RINGING SIMULTANEOUSLY WILL INITIATE THE START. A REVIEWING STAND WILL BE SET UP ON MAIN ST. CONSISTING OF STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS ALONG WITH AREA BUSINESSMEN. TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO "BEST MARCHING BAND", "BEST DRILL TEAM", "BEST HONOR GUARD", AND "BEST FLOAT". WE FEEL THE TROPHIES WILL BE UNIQUE IN THEMSELVES BECAUSE THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER OPERATION DESERT STORM. SOME OF OUR SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE MAKING A SPECIAL TRIP HOME FOR THIS EVENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS GREAT CELEBRATION, PLEASE CONTACT ME ON OR BEFORE MAY 30TH SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (508)765-1343
OR WRITE: DARLENE MARCUCCI
67 IDLEWOOD ST.
SOUTHBRIDGE, MA 01550

SINCERELY,





TOWN OF STURBRIDGE
VETERANS SERVICE DEPARTMENT



TOWN HALL - P.O. BOX 227
STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01566

OPERATION WELCOME HOME
JUNE 29, 1991, 5 to 7 P.M.
TANTASQUA FOOTBALL FIELD

- 3:00 P.M. Form for parade at the auditorium area.
All veterans are invited to participate in the March.
U.S. Marine Reserve unit Color Guard will lead the parade.
Members of the U.S. Army reserve will participate along with
several military vehicles.
A 40' replica of the USS Wasp will be on display.
- 5:30 Parade Set off to football field.
- 5:45 Welcome home ceremony where the yellow ribbon decorated flags
which were placed in front of the Town Hall back in February
during the Operation Yellow Ribbon program will be returned to
the Soldiers and families. A certificate of appreciation signed
by the Board of Selectmen will be handed out.
- 6:15 An A-10 (warthog) fly over by the U.S. Airforce.
6:20 Speeches by invited guests, returning soldiers.
6:30 Patriotic music Sing - A - Long led by Pat Hagerty.
- 7:00 Heritage festival resumes with a 20 piece brass band concert
- 9:15 P.M. FIREWORKS ! ! ! with a special " Welcome Home " ending.

During the day there will be a "Welcome Home" Army tent set up as
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Help is needed to man the Headquarters tent and help organize the parade.
If interested please call Tom Chamberland at 347-3386.

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STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 01566



OPERATION WELCOME HOME

JUNE 29, 1991, 5 to 7 P.M.

TANTASQUA FOOTBALL FIELD

- 3:00 P.M. Form for parade at the auditorium area.
All veterans are invited to participate in the March.
U.S. Marine Reserve unit Color Guard will lead the parade.
Members of the U.S. Army reserve will participate along with
several military vehicles.
A 40' replica of the USS Wasp will be on display.
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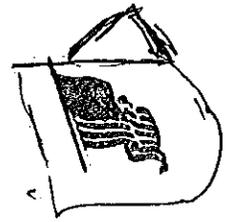
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OPERATION WELCOME HOME

JUNE 29, 1991, TANTASQUA FOOTBALL FIELD

SCHEDULE: REVISION # 2

- 12:00 Yellow ribbon flag ceremony at TOWN HALL
- 1:00 P.M. Opening Ceremony, Heritage Festival: Yellow Ribbon American Flags
- 5:00 Form for parade at Auditorium
- 5:30 Parade from auditorium into football field
- 5:45 Welcom home ceremony:
Opening prayer: Rev. Berkely
Opening Remarks: Mr. Wheaton
Presentation of Flags to Servicemen and Families:
Presentation of Certificates (at Same Time) by John Hart
Speaches: Rep. Peters
Rep. Brewer
Sen Wetmore
Cong. Neal
Gov. Weld
Roland Wilson
John Hart
- 6:15 A-10 Wart-Hog Fly Over
- 6:30 Closing Prayer: Fr. William Cleremont
- 6:35 Patriotic Sing - a - Long : Pat Hagerty.
- 7:00 Heritage Festival Continues with Band Concert
- 9:15 Fireworks Display (with special Ending salute)



ACROSS
Aren Golds
Jim
on left
white



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February 7, 1991

The Town of Sturbridge is holding an afternoon of Show of Support and Honoring of the men and women serving in Operation Desert Storm. The day to be known as Operation Yellow Ribbon will be held on Saturday, February 23rd from 1-4 p.m.

Operation Yellow Ribbon will consist of 3 events:

1. Honoring the troops - 1:00 p.m. at the Rudy Julian Memorial Monument (in front of the Town Hall) - the placing of an American Flag with a yellow ribbon for each Sturbridge resident serving in Operation Desert Storm. Some family members will be there to help place these flags.
2. 1:30 - 3:30 - Tie a Yellow Ribbon - volunteers will set out to tie yellow ribbons on all telephone poles along Route 20 and Route 131 in Sturbridge. Refreshments will be available at the American Legion Post on Route 20.
3. Hang a Yellow Ribbon - at a later date after money has been raised and weather allows, a large banner will be hung over Route 20 by Stallion Hill Road to remain until the troops come home.

The Town is looking for your help in the following areas:

1. A show of our community's support by coming out on February 23rd to the ceremony at the Town Hall and volunteering to tie ribbons.
2. Make a donation toward the yellow ribbon banner - total cost is \$350.00.

If you have any questions or would like to indicate your participation, please call Tom Chamberland at 347-3386. Thank You!

Sincerely yours,

Thomas A. Chamberland
Director, Veterans Services



Town of Sturbridge

TOWN HALL — P.O. BOX 227
STURBRIDGE, MA 01566

February 28, 1991

Rev. William Clermont
St. Anne's Church
16 Church Street
Fiskdale, MA 01518

Dear Rev. Clermont:

On behalf of the families who have relatives in the Persian Gulf, I would like to express my thanks for your participation in Operation Yellow Ribbon held on February 23rd.

Although weather and news events of the day may have kept the attendance down, all the families attended and expressed to me their thanks for the support and generosity shown by the community to the days program.

Your generosity and participation made this possible. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Chamberland
Director, Veterans Services

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Town of Sturbridge

TOWN HALL — P.O. BOX 227
STURBRIDGE, MA 01566

February 28, 1991

Linda Denault
Principal, Burgess Elementary School
P.O. Box 27
Sturbridge, MA 01566

Dear Mrs. Denault:

On behalf of the families who have relatives in the Persian Gulf and myself, I would like to express our thanks to you for helping to coordinate the Operation Yellow Ribbon program.

Your assistance in selecting the soldier letters and coordinating with Mrs. Buma helped make the program a memorable one for all. Would you also express our thanks to Mrs. Buma for her participation. Her song, The Bells of Peace, was very well received. Please express our thanks to all who may have helped.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Chamberland
Director, Veterans Services

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8 Feb. 1991

In support of the Service men and women from Sturbridge who are participating in Operation Desert Storm the Sturbridge Board of Selectmen have endorsed the idea of a yellow ribbon banner to be hung over Rt.20, near Stallion Hill Rd.

This banner will measure 4' x 20', be made of a fiberglass screen mesh and have on it painted a large yellow ribbon with bow. The cost of this banner is \$350.00.

If you would like to participate in making this banner a reality please call me at 347-3386. Your participation will be acknowledged.

Very truly yours;

Thomas A. Chamberland
Director of Veteran Services



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Commanding Officer
Co. C. 159th Aviation Reg.
Headquarters 11th A.V.N.B.D.E.

27 May 1991

Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you on behalf of the family, friends, and Town Residents of Sp 4 Scott Goulet, # 012-54-7525 to take a leave early enough to attend the Town of Sturbridge's Welcome Home Ceremony. This ceremony will be held on June 29th, 1991.

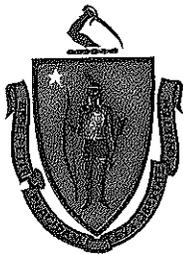
Myself, as Director of Veteran Services, residents and servicemen family members have been planning this day for months. A parade, band concerts, and fireworks are a part of the days activities. Our Town is decorated with yellow ribbons and a special American Flag with Sp4 Goulet's name on it along with 15 other American Flags, for the other service men and women from Sturbridge stand in front of our Town Hall awaiting this day.

As we have heard our President, MR Bush remark that the week around July 4th be a welcome home period I hope the mission of the 159th Aviation Reg. can allow Sp 4 Goulet to spend some time at home and attend our welcome home ceremony.

We appreciate your consideration of our request and hope you can grant a timely leave for Sp 4 Scott Goulet.

Very Truly Yours;

Thomas A. Chamberland
Director, Veteran Services
Town of Sturbridge



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February 14, 1991

Thomas A. Chamberland, Director of Veterans Services
Town Hall
P.O. Box 227
Sturbridge, Massachusetts 01566

Dear Mr. Chamberland:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to participate in the ceremony to be held at the Rudy Julian Memorial Monument next Saturday to honor our troops serving in Operation Desert Storm.

Unfortunately, I have a longstanding commitment to be out of town on the twenty-third which will prevent me from joining you and what I am sure will be a large number of Sturbridge residents for the event. I would appreciate your conveying my regrets to those in attendance, as I would very much like to be with you on this occasion.

As a veteran of the Korean War and a member of veterans' organizations, I strongly endorse the activities you are planning. Sturbridge's Operation Yellow Ribbon will provide a show of support and encouragement not only for the men and women serving in the Persian Gulf, but also for their families and friends here on the home front. I would be proud to join you in person for Saturday's events, but since I cannot be there I would like to express my support through this letter.

Good luck with your plans, and please let me know if I can provide any assistance with Operation Yellow Ribbon.

Sincerely,

ROBERT D. WETMORE
Senator

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