



IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow.
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



Veterans Day 2026

Veterans Day Program

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

They Did Their Share

On Veterans Day we honor soldiers who protect our nation.
For their services as our warriors; they deserve our admiration.

Some of them were drafted; some were volunteers.
For some it was just yesterday, for some it's been many years;
in the jungle or the desert, or land or on the sea, they did
whatever was assigned to produce a victory.

Some came back, some didn't.
They defended us everywhere. Some saw combat; some
rode a desk; all of them did their share. No matter what
the duty, for low pay and little glory, these soldiers gave
up normal lives, for duties mundane and gory.

Let every veteran be honored; don't let politics get in the way.
Without them, freedom would have died.
What they did, we can't repay.
We owe so much to them, who kept us safe from terror,
so when you see a uniform, let's say thank you to every wearer.

By Joanna Fuchs

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| 10:50 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assemble at the Freeborn County Courthouse
Veteran's Memorial flag• Raising Colors, 21 Gun Salute and Taps. Fall Out• Proceed to the American Legion Post 56 |
| 11:00 am | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome by Ole Olson, Legion Post 56 Commander• Opening prayer by David Olson, Legion Chaplain• Recognize the colors - Pledge of Allegiance led by
Don Godeke, Legion Honor Guard• Recognize the MIA/POW, moment of silence - Led by
Ole Olson, Legion Post 56 Commander• Introduction of Guest Speaker, Ole Olson,
Legion Post 56 Commander• Dinner prayer by David Olson, Legion Chaplain |

Enjoy your meal!

To all the Veterans, a very heartfelt thank you for your service
and we wish you a happy Veterans Day!

Thank you to all Albert Lea Elementary Schools and St Theodores
for their beautiful and patriotic placemats and cards for our veterans.
The veterans truly love and appreciate the artistic work of these little
individuals.

God Bless you all and God Bless America!

Respectfully, Ole Olson, Legion Post 56 Commander