



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2010

THE GRAND UNION FLAG is considered to be the first national flag of the United States. This flag consisted of 13 red and white stripes with the British Union Flag of the time in the canton.

THE BETSY ROSS FLAG is an early design of the flag of the United States popularly attributed to Betsy Ross using the common motifs of alternating red-and-white striped field with five-pointed stars in a blue canton.

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER FLAG or the Great Garrison Flag was the garrison flag that flew over Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the naval portion of the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812.

THE NATIONAL FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. In April 1818 Congress decided to go back to the original 13 stripes, and simply added a star each time a new state was admitted to the Union. The fifty stars on the flag represent the 50 states and the 13 stripes represent the original thirteen colonies.

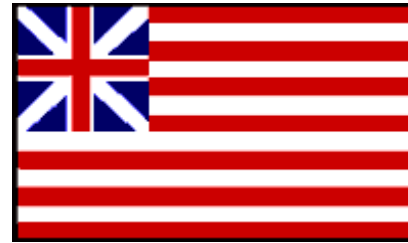
Kirk Post, Commander, American Legion
Larry Rice, Commander, Burlington Allied Veterans
Robert Hogan, Director of Veterans Services
Ralph Patuto, Chairman, Board of Selectmen

TOWN OF BURLINGTON

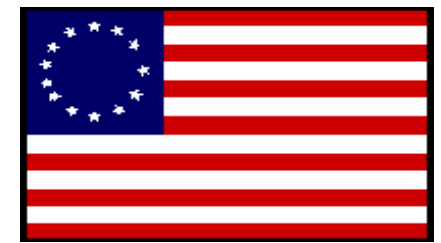
Office of Veterans Services

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Allied Veterans Council



GRAND UNION



BETSY ROSS

Flags of the United States of America 1775 ~ Present



STAR-SPANGLED BANNER



NATIONAL FLAG OF USA

Thursday November 11, 2010

9:00 A.M. FLAG RAISING ON TOWN COMMON

Flag Raising ~ American Legion

Call to Colors ~ Bugler

Burlington High School Marching Band

God Bless America ~ Jack Donaldson

Comments ~ Lt. Col. John Flaherty, Director

Cadet Programs, Civil Air Patrol, Hanscom A.F.B.

Presentation ~ Arlington High School Senior

Sean Harrington

Comments ~ Senator Ken Donnelly



HOST ORGANIZATION

Burlington American Legion ~ Millican - MacKenzie Post #273

Kirk Post ~ Commander

BURLINGTON VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

American Legion ~ Millican - MacKenzie Post #273

Burlington Detachment ~ Marine Corps League

Veterans of Foreign Wars ~ Roy Henderson Post #7423

Disabled American Veterans ~ William Hurley Chapter #113

Burlington Allied Veterans Council

10:00 A.M. CEREMONY ON TOWN COMMON

Opening Comments:

Robert Hogan, Director
Burlington Veterans Services

Invocation:

Reverend Francesco Passamonte
U.S. Air Force (Ret.)
St. Paul Evangelical Church, Lexington

**History of the
Pledge of Allegiance :**

Thomas Shannon, Commander
District I U.S. Submarine Veterans, Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Thomas Shannon

Music:

Burlington High School Marching Band
Matt Lovell, Director

Remarks:

Ralph Patuto, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Remarks:

Charles Murphy, State Representative
Chairman, Ways & Means

U.S. Flag History:

Civil Air Patrol Cadets

Music:

Burlington High School Marching Band
Star Spangled Banner

Guest Speaker:

Colonel Roger Thrasher, U.S. Air Force
Hanscom A.F.B.

Wreath Placement:

Col. Thrasher / Cmdr. Kirk Post

Bell Toll ~ 11 Times:

Al Fay and Burlington Scouts

Music:

Joseph McGrath, Bagpiper

Closing Prayer:

Rev. Francesco Passamonte