

BUCHWALTER POST, CO. A. OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, MAY 27, 2002 COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALLSVILLE, OHIO

OUTDOOR ADELPHI BAND CONCERT 9:30 A.M. SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Pledge of Allegiance---

To the American Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

To the Christian Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.

The Memorial Day Committee honors today the life of Dana Zeigler whose death occurred on May 10. He was a long time member of the church community, and this planning group.

The committee wishes to thank all who have joined us today and helped to make this program special. We wish to recognize, in addition to those listed, Mr. Gale Kyle, a local Reservist who took part in Operation Desert Storm and who will bear the flag today.

The Committee

Contributions for the continuance of this annual observance are appreciated. Thank you.

Program

Musical prelude

Mrs. Dana Zeigler

Welcome

Wayne Cryder, Chairman Memorial Day Committee

Pledges to the American and Christian Flags Led by David Zeigler

Congregational Hymn *America the Beautiful*Led by Pastor David Titler

Scripture and Prayer by Pastor David Titler, Hallsville Community United Methodist Church

Recognition of Men and Women Present Who Have Served Our Country in Its Armed Forces

Musical Program Scioto Ridge Boys Gospel Quartet, Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church, Hilliard, Ohio: Mark Snider, Ray Miller, Bob Houston, Bob Joseph, with Betsy Paster, accompanist

Closing Hymn Battle Hymn of the Republic

Benediction

Pastor Titler

Memorial Day--a time to remember and to honor those who serve our country with their time, and too often with their lives, to insure the freedoms that we have.

Buried in our local cemetery are Zedekiah Dawson, Martin Dresbach, and Henry and Moses Jones, War of 1812, and from the Spanish-American War, Samuel Karshner, Gordon Withrow, and Ebeneezer Speakman. Fifty-two Civil War veterans are buried here, in addition to those serving during more recent wars and the Korean Conflict.

On the local scene, many know that Hallsville was once an induction center for enlisted men during the Civil War. Local names on the roll call of that era include Simon Chester (who lost a hand at Gettysburg), John Drake (who lost a leg), and Asa Sullivan and Luther Buchwalter, who lost their lives.

Experiences of World War I have been reported to some of us by parents and grandparents who lived during that time. My dad did not serve in WWI, but one Sunday our parents drove to Camp Sherman to visit a neighbor and friend, Russell Bowsher. Taking with them a cold watermelon, they had an impromptu picnic with Russell, who had seen them as they entered the camp. With no authorized leave for him and no red tape entanglements for entering the grounds, they enjoyed the day!

Time and change have brought us through WW II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, et al.

Our present on-going challenge stems from September 11, a wake-up call to the multi-needs of us as individuals, nation, and world...needs long neglected on all fronts.

"It's me, it's me, O Lord" are the words of a well-known spiritual. They mark the starting place for each of us.

--Mary Cryder