



Military Appreciation Day

*Honoring Servicemembers,
Veterans, Military Families and
Advocates in Massachusetts*

2025 Honoree List



ABOUT MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY

Military Appreciation Day is a new annual tradition in Massachusetts, launched in 2025 by the Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS) in partnership with the Massachusetts Legislature. Held during National Military Appreciation Month, this event offers a special opportunity to honor the service, sacrifice, and continued contributions of our Commonwealth's veterans, servicemembers, and military families.

As the first Military Appreciation Day since the establishment of EOVS, today's gathering reflects our shared commitment to uplifting the veteran community—and to building a future where every veteran in Massachusetts is seen, valued, and supported.

HISTORY OF EOVS

On March 1, 2023, the Healey-Driscoll Administration established the Executive Office of Veterans Services (EOVS). This important step was made possible because of the leadership of the Massachusetts Legislature. Elevating the former department to a cabinet-level secretariat has allowed for increased oversight and professionalism in the administration of veterans benefits, including the expansion of programs and services as well as increased advocacy on behalf of the veteran community.

HONOREES

David Adams

Nominated by: Representative John Marsi
Southbridge, MA

Maurice Aguiler

Nominated by: Representative Francisco Paulino
Lawrence, MA

Brian Ahern

Nominated by: Senator Nick Collins
South Boston, MA

Lorraine Ahern

Nominated by: Senator John Keenan
Rockland, MA

Clarence "Bud" Anderson

Nominated by: Senator Michael Moore
Shrewsbury, MA

Roderick Anderson

Nominated by: Representative Mindy Domb
Amherst, MA

George Andes

Nominated by: Senator Michael Rodrigues
Somerset, MA

Patrick Arabie

Nominated by: Representative Bill MacGregor
Boston, MA

Dominique Anduaga Arias

Nominated by: Senator Lydia Edwards
Winthrop, MA

Vernon Barber

Nominated by: Representative Judith Garcia
Chelsea, MA

Ralph Basiliere

Nominated by: Senator Pavel Payano
Haverhill, MA

Robert "Bobby" Blair

Nominated by: Representative James Arena-DeRosa
Holliston, MA

Genie Boland

Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA

John Boroski

Nominated by: Representative James Arciero
Littleton, MA

Frank Burke

Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA

Jerry Burke

Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA

Robert Burke

Nominated by: Representative Norman Orrall
Middleboro, MA

Mike Callanan

Nominated by: Representative Dave Rogers
Belmont, MA

HONOREES

Corin Campbell

*Nominated by: Representative Margaret Scarsdale
Pepperell, MA*

Millie Cardello

*Nominated by: Senator Sal DiDomenico
Everett, MA*

Paul Carew

*Nominated by: Representative David Linsky
Natick, MA*

Stephen Carita

*Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA*

George Challies

*Nominated by: Representative Steven Xiarhos
Sandwich, MA*

David Chapdelaine

*Nominated by: Representative Shirley Arriaga
Chicopee, MA*

Vionette Chipperini

*Nominated by: Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante
Gloucester, MA*

Mei Chu

*Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA*

Jacquelynn Coles

*Nominated by: Representative Vanna Howard
Lowell, MA*

Joseph Connell

*Nominated by: Minority Leader Bradley Jones Jr.
Lynnfield, MA*

Mark Comeiro

*Nominated by: Representative Frank Moran
Woburn, MA*

Christopher Copan

*Nominated by: Representative Michael Day
Stoneham, MA*

Erika Corbeli

*Nominated by: Representative Joseph McGonagle
Everett, MA*

Jennifer Cornelius

*Nominated by: Senator Bruce Tarr
Rowley, MA*

Gary Correia

*Nominated by: Representative Tony Cabral
New Bedford, MA*

Joe DeCaro

*Nominated by: Senator Adam Gomez
Springfield, MA*

Salvatore (Tory) DeFazio III

*Nominated by: Representative Alice Peisch
Wellesley, MA*

Christopher Demars

*Nominated by: Representative Natalie Blais
& Representative Susannah Whipps
Greenfield, MA*

HONOREES

Randall Durrigan

*Nominated by: Representative Mark Sylvia
Fairhaven, MA*

Phil Dow

*Nominated by: Representative James
Murphy
Weymouth, MA*

Cyril "Paul" Dumas

*Nominated by: Representative Michael
Chaisson
Foxborough, MA*

Robert Dunne

*Nominated by: Representative Thomas
Walsh
Peabody, MA*

Sean Durkee

*Nominated by: Representative Tom Stanley
Waltham, MA*

Anthony Enos

*Nominated by: Senator Mark Montigny
New Bedford, MA*

Elvira Figueroa

*Nominated by: Representative Daniel Cahill
Boston, MA*

William Flanagan

*Nominated by: Representative Rodney
Elliott
Lowell, MA*

Denbeigh Forbes

*Nominated by: Representative Kathleen
LaNatra
Kingston, MA*

Carol Freitas

*Nominated by: Representative Steve
Ouellette
Dartmouth, MA*

Philip McGovern

*Nominated by: Senator Cindy Friedman
Arlington, MA*

Joseph Patrick Gill, Jr.

*Nominated by: Representative Tram Nguyen
Tewksbury, MA*

Gumersindo Gomez

*Nominated by: Representative Carlos
Gonzalez Springfield, MA*

Richard Gormley

*Nominated by: Senator Mike Rush
West Roxbury, MA*

Randy Greeley

*Nominated by: Representative David Biele
South Boston, MA*

Warren Griffin

*Nominated by: Senate President Karen
Spilka
Holliston, MA*

Phil Hamel

*Nominated by: Representative Donald
Berthiaume
Ware, MA*

Alma Hart

*Nominated by: Representative Kenneth
Gordon
Bedford, MA*

HONOREES

Jim Hastings

Nominated by: Representative Michael Soter
Bellingham, MA

Joseph Henebury

Nominated by: Senator William Brownsberger
Belmont, MA

Richard "Dick" Hynes

Nominated by: Representative Jeffrey Roy
Franklin, MA

Henry (Hank) Holden

Nominated by: Representative Hadley Luddy
North Chatham, MA

Jeffrey Hollett

Nominated by: Representative Andy Vargas
Lynn, MA

Richard Honan

Nominated by: Representative Jeffrey Turco
Winthrop, MA

Brad Hultman

Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA

Arthur Hurley

Nominated by: Representative Daniel Ryan
Charlestown, MA

Stephen Ingle

Nominated by: Representative David DeCoste
Hanover, MA

Joseph Jacobs

Nominated by: Representative Kate Hogan
Hudson, MA

Sharon Johnson

Nominated by: Representative Ted Philips
Stoughton, MA

Tony Kelley

Nominated by: Representative Steven Owens & Representative John Lawn
Watertown, MA

Michael Kendrick

Nominated by: Representative Simon Cataldo
Chelmsford, MA

Ruth Kennedy

Nominated by: Senator John Velis
Russell, MA

Andrew Francis Kjellberg

Nominated by: Representative David Muradian
South Grafton, MA

Kim Krautter

Nominated by: Representative John Barrett
Lanesborough, MA

Clifford Krieger

Nominated by: Senator Edward Kennedy
Lowell, MA

Margie Labeledz

Nominated by: Senator Jason Lewis
Winchester, MA

HONOREES

Dianne Laffey

Nominated by: Representative Cynthia Creem
Brookline, MA

Bob Lennon

Nominated by: Representative Sean Reid
Lynn, MA

Richard Lombard

Nominated by: Senator Brendan Crighton
Nahant, MA

Gerald Lynch

Nominated by: Representative Jim Hawkins
Attleboro, MA

Joseph Marshall

Nominated by: Representative Carole Fiola
Fall River, MA

Kevin Marshall

Nominated by: Representative Dennis Gallagher
Bridgewater, MA

Bernard McCluskey

Nominated by: Representative Bud Williams
Springfield, MA

Robert "Bob" McCormack

Nominated by: Representative Rita Mendes
Brockton, MA

Patricia McCorry

Nominated by: Representative Michelle Badger
Plymouth, MA

Scott McGowen

Nominated by: Representative Brian Ashe
Longmeadow, MA

Kevin McNamara

Nominated by: Representative Amy Mah Sangiolo
Auburndale, MA

Jaime Melendez

Nominated by: Representative Frank Moran
Lawrence, MA

Dick Moody

Nominated by: Senator Joan Lovely & Representative Sally Kerans
Danvers, MA

William "Bill" Moore

Nominated by: Representative David LeBoeuf
Cherry Valley, MA

Sidney Zachary Moss

Nominated by: Representative Lindsay Sabadosa
Northampton, MA

Michael Mulrenan

Nominated by: Representative Richard Haggerty
Woburn, MA

Meagan Murphy

Nominated by: Representative Danillo Sena
Devens, MA

June Newman

Nominated by: Representative Mark Cusack
Braintree, MA

HONOREES

Shannon Nisbett

*Nominated by: Senator Rebecca Rausch
Franklin, MA*

Charly Oliva

*Nominated by: Representative Aaron
Saunders
Belchertown, MA*

Nicholas Paganella

*Nominated by: Representative Jack Lewis
Framingham, MA*

John Paradis

*Nominated by: Senator Joanne Comerford
Florence, MA*

Scott Parrish

*Nominated by: Senator Barry Finegold
Andover, MA*

Carin Paulette

*Nominated by: Senator Patrick O'Connor
Plymouth, MA*

Thaddeus "Ted" Prorok

*Nominated by: Representative Josh Tarsky
Needham, MA*

Vincent Perrone

*Nominated by: Senator Robyn Kennedy &
Representative Meghan Kilcoyne
Boylston, MA*

Bob Pessek

*Nominated by: Representative Kevin Honan
Boston, MA*

Stephen Petak

*Nominated by: Representative Brian Murray
Milford, MA*

George Pontes

*Nominated by: Representative James
Murphy Weymouth, MA*

Dennis Proulx

*Nominated by: Senator Kelly Dooner
Taunton, MA*

James Reid

*Nominated by: Representative Chris
Hendricks
New Bedford, MA*

Anthony Renzoni

*Nominated by: Representative Kimberly
Ferguson
Holden, MA*

David Rodgers

*Nominated by: Representative Jenny Armini
Marblehead, MA*

Stephen Rogerson

*Nominated by: Senator Ryan Fattman
Webster, MA*

Tom Rooney

*Nominated by: Senator Julian Cyr
Marstons Mills, MA*

Joe Rossi

*Nominated by: Representative Bill
MacGregor & Representative Rob Consalvo
Boston, MA*

HONOREES

Del Richmond

Nominated by: Representative Kate Donaghue
Westborough, MA

Denis Russell

Nominated by: Senator Dylan Fernandes
Plymouth, MA

Frank Sacchetti

Nominated by: Majority Leader Representative Mike Moran
Brighton, MA

William "Bill" Saladini

Nominated by: Representative Mike Kushmerek
Fitchburg, MA

Charles Sanderson

Nominated by: Senator John Cronin
Lunenburg, MA

Matthew Sargent

Nominated by: Representative Danielle Gregoire
Marlborough, MA

Jered Sasen

Nominated by: Representative Angelo Puppolo Jr.
Wilbraham, MA

Eric Segundo

Nominated by: Representative Orlando Ramos
Springfield, MA

Richard Serino, Sr.

Nominated by: Representative Jessica Giannino
Revere, MA

Arthur Sharp

Nominated by: Representative James Murphy
Weymouth, MA

Donald Silva

Nominated by: Representative Justin Thurber
Swansea, MA

Robert Snow

Nominated by: Representative Kristin Kassner
Rowley, MA

Michael Slater

Nominated by: Senator Jacob Oliveira
Granby, MA

Joseph Sweeney, Sr.

Nominated by: Representative Richard Wells
Milton, MA

Rocco Telese

Nominated by: Representative Adrian Madaro
East Boston, MA

John Travers

Nominated by: Representative Hannah Kane
Shrewsbury, MA

Paul Troy

Nominated by: Representative Marc Lombardo
Billerica, MA

Orrie Tucker

Nominated by: Representative Priscila Sousa
Framingham, MA

HONOREES

David F. Viera

*Nominated by: Representative Steven Howitt
Seekonk, MA*

Bob Vincent

*Nominated by: Representative Kate
Lipper-Garabedian
Wakefield, MA*

Mark Vital

*Nominated by: Representative Carmine
Gentile
Marlborough, MA*

Richard Voutour

*Nominated by: Representative Natalie
Higgins
Leominster, MA*

Frederick "Pat" Walor

*Nominated by: Colleen M. Garry
Dracut, MA*

Weymouth Veterans Council

*Nominated by: Representative James
Murphy
Weymouth, MA*

Brian Willette

*Nominated by: Representative Homar
Gomez
South Hadley, MA*

Allan Wilson

*Nominated by: Representative Thomas
Moakley
North Falmouth, MA*

Andrew Wohar

*Nominated by: Representative Joan
Meschino
Hull, MA*



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