



THE RAKE AND HOE GARDEN CLUB  
OF WESTFIELD

PRESENTS THIS

**DEDICATION**

OF THE

**BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKER**

HONORING

OUR VETERANS, SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

SHADOWLAWN PARK  
WESTFIELD, NEW JERSEY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2011  
11 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

## BLUE STAR MEMORIAL PROGRAM

<b>Music</b>	Westfield Community Band
<b>Welcome</b>	Gayle Lechner, Presiding President, The Rake and Hoe Garden Club, Inc.
<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	Richard Blundin, Captain Westfield Color Guard of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	Vivian Morrison, President The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
<b>National Anthem</b>	Sung by Maureen Monroe Musical Club of Westfield
<b>Invocation</b>	Lisa Kane, Regent Westfield Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)
<b>History of Blue Star Memorial Markers</b>	Mary Warshauer, Chairman Blue Star Memorial National Garden Clubs, Inc. Past President, Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
<b>Military Tribute</b>	Gayle Lechner

## Remarks

Assemblyman Jon Bramnick District 21	
Jane Curtis, District V Director Garden Club of New Jersey	
Susan O'Donnell, Blue Star Committee Garden Club of New Jersey	
Jim Gildea, Westfield Town Administrator	
<b>Patriotic Song</b>	Junior Musical Club of Westfield
<b>Dedication of the Blue Star Marker</b>	Gayle Lechner
<b>Acceptance of the Blue Star Marker</b>	James Foerst, Councilman 4th Ward, Westfield
<b>Tribute of Flowers</b>	Juniors from Rake and Hoe Garden Club Alice Cowell, Chair
<b>Benediction</b>	Lisa Kane
<b>Taps</b>	Dale Beyert, Trumpet Edison Intermediate School
<b>Retire the Colors</b>	



## BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HISTORY

The Blue Star Memorial Highway and By-way roadside plantings and the Blue Star Memorials at Veterans Homes, Veterans Hospitals and National Cemeteries are living memorials to all who have served, are serving or will serve in the nation's armed forces. In 1944, New Jersey garden clubs, with the then New Jersey Department of Highways, beautified six miles of Route 22 (Route 29, at the time). The name was taken from the Blue Star in the Service flag in honor of the men and women in the Armed Forces. This became a project of The National Garden Clubs in 1945. Garden clubs throughout the United States collaborate with their State Highway Departments and State Military/Veterans Departments to plan and plant sites for Blue Star Memorials across the entire country. The Blue Star Memorial Highway Council in New Jersey consists of members of The Garden Club of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Transportation, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's historical division.

Thank you to all who have participated in the dedication of this marker.

President	Gayle Lechner
Co-chairs	Diana Kazazis, Pamela Kolb
Township	Jim Gildea, Kris McAloon, Scott Chamberlain, Richard Eubanks, Richard Watt
Landscaping	Jill Sitzer, Chair; Fran Brader, Alice Cowell, Joan Daley, Vivian Davidson, Erica Fried, Roberta Grecco, Gail Kender, Pamela Kolb, Gayle Lechner, Barbara Mullin, Marianne Murray, Jeanette and Richard Pelikan, Lee Perry, Jeanne Marie Ryan, Carole Smillie, Mary Foley Smith, Marylyn Straight
Youth	Alice Cowell, Chair; Joan Barna, Joan Daley, Beth Siano, Rachel Holt, Sarah LaMonica, Malissa Morabito, Elise Morano, Emma Phillips, Julia Ross, Annika Schantz
Music	Beth Hanscom, Junior Musical Club of Westfield (Kristen Schiavo and Anna Song, flutes), Maureen Monroe, Beverly Shea
Flags	Janet Gardner
Color Guard	Richard Blundin, David Hill, Ira Jersey, Ken Ward
Invocation	Nancy Smith
Printing	Barbara Murphy
Invitations	Erica Fried
Program	Kris Luka, Jeanne Marie Ryan
Hospitality	Kay Cross, Liz Dwyer, Roberta Grecco, Clare Minick, Barbara Mullin, Maryann Pietruszki
Westfield Community Band	Glenn Parisi and Fred Girshick (trumpets), Barry Rosenberg and Joseph DePaul (trombones), Mark Rakita (saxophone), Helen Bartolick (flute), Joel Fleck (euphonium), Paul Haase (clarinet), Diana Taylor (percussion)