

# **THE GARDEN CLUB OF MARION**

## ***By-Way Marker Ceremony***

***Honoring Those Who have Served Our Country***

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## **BY-WAY MEMORIAL DEDICATION**

**Matter Park**

**Marion, Indiana 46952**

**September 14, 2016**

**3PM**

**TENTATIVE**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Sgt. Ben William and associate will start the program with playing bag pipes from the far end of the gardens and slowing walking up to the back of the Marker stone at 3 pm.**

**Members of Marion High School Junior ROTC will serve as the honor guard for the ceremony. The Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker dedication will begin with Bag Piper in the foreground.**

**The presentation of colors by Marion High School Junior ROTC Honor Guard**

**The Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Chris Weaver.**

**The Mississinewa High School Crimson Choir will led the audience in the Star spangled Banner.**

**The invocation will be made by Alex Mandura, College Wesleyan Church Minister.**

**MISTRESS OF CEREMONY (Ruth Moorhead) of the Garden Club of Marion will welcome, dignitaries, and thank all participants and everyone to the ceremony. Special thanks to the staff of the Matter Park. The Mission and Activities of the Garden Club of Indiana will be highlighted.**

**The Poem High Flight will be read, Lilla Milford**

**Introduce the Key note speaker—The State of Indiana Garden Club Blue Star Memorial Chairman, Jayne Evan Kesler.**

**The Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker will be unveiled, by The Club President Cheryl Bell and Libby Highley. Bag Pipe Amazing Grace.**

**The ceremony will close with a wreath presentation, by Col. Leland Gamson with a Bag Pipe performance of “Amazing Grace.”**

**American Legion Honor Guard Rifle Salute, Warsaw American Legion Post.**

**Taps played by Mr. Ed. Velazquez, Marion High School.**

**Taps played by Edward Velazquez.**

**Presentation by Mayor Jess Alumbaugh**

**Follow-up comments by the Club’s Presidents.**

**Concluding Prayer Alex Mandura.**

**Bag Pipes off in the distance.**

**The Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker Dedication will be held at the Matter Park, Marion, Indiana, September 14, 2016 at 3:00 PM.**

## **Invited Guest**

### **By-Way Guest Addresses**

**Andrea T. Little**

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960 Maple Grove Road  
London, Kentucky, 4075-8955**

**Jodi Meyer, President, The Garden Club of Indiana  
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Princeton, Indiana,  
47670**

**Mayor Jess Alumbaugh  
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46952  
Office of the Governor  
Of Indiana  
Governor Mike Pence  
200 West Washington Street  
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Suite 415**

**Carmel, IN 46032  
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Indiana House of Representatives  
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**Grant County Veterans Affairs Office in conjunction with service organizations in Grant County. July 26,2016**



**BLUE STAR  
MEMORIAL BY-WAY**

A tribute to the  
Armed Forces of America  
The Garden Club  
of Marion

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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September 14, 2016  
3 P. M.  
Matter Park  
Marion, Indiana, 46952





WWI

WWII

KOREA

VIETNAM

GULF WAR

AFGHANISTAN IRAQ PAKISTAN

## PROGRAM

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY-----RUTH MOORHEAD

AMAZING GRACE-----BAG PIPERS

POSTING OF COLORS----- MARION HIGH SCHOOL ROTC

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG-----CHRIS WEAVER

NATIONAL ANTHEM-----Mississinewa HS CRIMSON CORAL

RETRIEVE COLORS-----ROTC

OPENING PRAYER-----ALEX MANDURA, COLLEGE CHURCH

POEM HIGH FLIGHT-----LILA MILFORD

RECOGNITION OF GUEST-----Mistress OF CEREMONY

The GARDEN CLUB OF MARION-----RUTH MOORHEAD

BY-WAY MEMORIAL-----JAYNE KESSLER, TGCI

UNVEILING/LAYING OF THE WREATH -----PRESIDENT CHERYL BELL AND LIBBY HIGHLY, COL LELAND GAMSON  
(Amazing Grace)

RIFLE SALUTE --THE North Webster AMERICAN LEGION POST253

TAPS----- EDWARD VELAZQUEZ

AMAZING GRACE, SGT WILLIAMS

CONCLUDING PRAYER-----ALEX MANDURA  
MISSISSINEWA HS CRIMSON CORAL

PRESENTATION-----MAYOR JESS ALUMBAUGH



COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT-----CHERYL BELL