THE GARDEN CLUB OF MARION

By-Way Marker Ceremony

Honoring Those Who have Served Our Country

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United States Armed Services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 Dogwood trees by the New Jersey Council of Garden Clubs in 1944 as a living memorial to veterans of World War II. In 1945, the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that covers thousands of miles across the Continental United States, Alaska and Hawaii. A large metal Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker was placed at appropriate locations along the way.

The Garden Club of Marion placed a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the entrance to local National Veterans Cemetery East 38th Street.

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THE GARDEN CLUB OF MARION BY-WAY MEMORIAL DEDICATION Matter Park Marion, Indiana 46952

September14, 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.

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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

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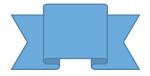


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September 14, 2016 3 P. M. Matter Park Marion, Indiana, 46952





PROGRAM	
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BY-WAY MEMOBIAL	JAYNE KESSLEB, TSCI
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COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT-----CHEBYL BELL