

***The Lengthening Lines*** by Anonymous

*In Heaven too, each blossoming May,  
I think they keep Memorial Day;  
And not in scattered, feeble groups,  
But one great host of marching troops.*

*And how the shining columns cheer  
As mighty generals appear.  
Heroes of fortune's high degree.  
Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, and Lee!*

*The soldier lines are shortening here,  
Swiftly, sadly, year by year;  
But yonder, in the skies of spring,  
The glorious lines are lengthening.*

*Ah, yes, and Lee; for on those plains  
No thought of ancient strife remains,  
But brotherly they march away,  
The comrade blue beside the gray.*

*Still waves Old Glory, even there,  
And Heaven itself is not more fair.  
Still rises in that peaceful land  
The music of the martial band.*

*And thus as each recurring year  
The soldier lines grow shorter here,  
Our saddened thoughts will gladly rise  
To that review beyond the skies.*

*No wounds, no weariness! they know  
The springing youth of long ago.  
Their speeding miles as stoutly run  
As in the days of Sixty-one*

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***Memorial Day*** by Amos Russel Wells

*The Day of Memories!—Remembering what?  
The cannon's roar, the hissing of the shot?  
The weary hospital, the prison pen?  
The widow's tears, the groans of stalwart men?  
The bitterness of fratricidal strife?  
The pangs of death, the sharper pangs of life?  
Nay, let us quite forget the whole of these  
Upon our sacred Day of Memories.*

*The Day of Memories!—Remembering what?  
The honored dust in every hallowed spot;  
The honored names of all our heroes dead;  
The glorious land for which they fought and bled;  
Our nation's hopes; the kindly, common good;  
The universal bond of brotherhood;  
These we remember gladly, all of these,  
Upon our sacred Day of Memories.*



**Branch 25 (San Francisco Bay Area)  
of the Royal Canadian Legion**

## **Memorial Day Service**

Saturday, 27 May 2023 – 11:00 am

*Under the direction of  
President Michael Barbour*



**The Star-Spangled Banner**  
*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
 what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
 through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we watched,  
 were so gallantly streaming?  
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
 gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
 Oh, say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave –  
 O'er the land of the free  
 and the home of the brave.*

**O Canada!**  
*O Canada! Our home and native land!  
 True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
 With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
 The True North strong and free!  
 From far and wide, O Canada!  
 We stand on guard for thee.  
 God keep our land  
 glorious and free!  
 O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.  
 O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.*

**God Save the King**  
*God save our gracious King  
 Long live our noble King  
 God save our King!  
 Send him victorious, Happy and Glorious,  
 Long to reign over us;  
 God save the King!*

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 Executive Officer LTJG John Keesor,  
 ENS Gibson, INST Rold, and INST Melet.**

**Order of Service**

**“Green Hills”** Lynne Miller, Piper  
**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement** Michael Barbour, President  
**Invocation** Dennis Edmondson, Vice President  
**Colours Are Posted** LPO PO2 Olivia Keesor, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
 ALPO PO2 Kennedy Finnane, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
 PO2 Alondra Ordonez, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
 SN Samantha Rold, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
 SA-T Xavier Mendoza, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
 PO3 Catherine Rold, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
**National Anthem** Star Spangled Banner  
**“The Lengthening Lines”** Siefken Krieger, Membership Chair  
**“Memorial Day”** ABC Mackenzie Mikulich, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
**Roll Call of Remembrance** Margaret Krieger, Treasurer  
**A Moment of Silence is Observed**  
**Act of Remembrance** Margaret Krieger, Treasurer  
*“They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old.  
 Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
 At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”  
 Response from all: **“We will remember them.”***  
**Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin Presentation** Dennis Edmondson, Vice President  
**“Amazing Grace”** Lynne Miller, Piper  
**Placing of the Wreath** ABC Mackenzie Mikulich, USNSCC – Arkansas Division  
**Reflection** Michael Barbour, President  
**National Anthems** O Canada / God Save the King  
**Prayer & Response** Dennis Edmondson, Vice President  
*“O God, we remember before you those who laid down their lives for freedom  
 and truth. We commend their souls into your gracious keeping and pray that we  
 may be worthy of their sacrifice. Help us to be faithful and true to those ideals for  
 which they fought and died. May we continue to perpetuate the memory of our  
 departed comrades by our service to country, community and comrades, and  
 remembering our solemn obligation, may we ever pray - Lord God of Hosts; Be  
 with us yet.” Response from all: **“Lest we forget.”***  
**Closing & Colors Retired** Michael Barbour, President  
**“The Battle’s O’er”** Lynne Miller, Piper

**End of Service**