



# Memorial Day Services

Marietta, Pennsylvania



May 29, 2023  
11:00 AM

Organized by the Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee

# Parade Procession

## Division I

Post #466 American Legion Riders

Susquehanna Regional Police Department

Color Guard:

Boy Scout Troop #53

Cub Scout Pack #150

Grand Marshall: Marlin Dietz

Post #466 Commander: CDR. Douglas Meshaw

Mayor of Marietta: Rebecca Carroll - Baltozer

Guest Singer: Pieridae Barbach

Donegal High School Marching Band

Pioneer Fire Company No. 1

## Division II

Lancaster Fencibles

Bainbridge 76 Station

Tom Jones 98th District Representative

Lester Kauffman, Vietnam Veteran

Hempfield/Riverview Brownie Troop #70619

Daisy Troop #70392

Donegal High School Alumni Band

Post 466 Auxiliary Honorary Member: Loretta Portner

Post 466 Auxiliary Float

President of Post 466 Auxiliary: Lori Nau

Power X3 Property Maintenance, LLC.

Donegal Braves Football Association

Marietta Fireworks

Houseal Plumbing

Cocker's Towing

Northwest EMS

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## Division III

York Kiltie Band

Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance

Scott Ney, Gulf War Veteran

"The Patriot"

Jerry Linard, Korean Veteran

Donegal Tribe Softball

Cylo - Lancaster Barnstormers

Donegal Intermediate School Essay Winner: Rylee Brooks

Marietta Borough Council

Donegal High School Homecoming Queen: Ms. Alessia Archer

Donegal High School Prom King/Queen: Ms. Mikaela Ober  
Mr. Cooper Miller

Donegal Youth Soccer

John Gohn, Vietnam Veteran

Columbia Borough Fire Department

## Division IV

Craig Kauffman

Marietta Lions Club President: Andy Fantom

Marietta Lions Club Float

Marty Ladic, Vietnam Veteran

Doug Vera, Honoring Irv Lighty

American Legion 466 Riders Float

Alpha Pack K9's

Donegal Baseball Association

Kracker Beez

Loves Tree Service

East Donegal Township Fire Department



# 2023 Grand Marshall

## Marlin Dietz

Marlin joined the U.S. Air Force five days after his high school graduation in June 1964. He served 21 years at various bases in The States and two tours in Vietnam, 1967-68 as a crew chief on C-123's at Phan Rang Air Base, and 1971-72 at Cam Rahn Bay as a flight engineer on C-7A's flying troops and cargo into Special Forces Camps.

He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, six Air Medals, A.F. Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct Medal with one silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

He retired from the service as a Master Sargent and his moved his family to Marietta in 1986. He worked at The U.S. Postal Service in Ephrata until his retirement. He served The "William Brenner Post 466" American Legion as Chaplain, and he volunteers for Donegal Power Packs. He has a daughter, Sarah with husband Bryan Reichelt and three grandson's in Pine Grove. Also, a son, Preston and his partner Bradley, in Maryland.

# **2023 Guest Speaker**

## **Commander Doug Meshaw**

Doug Meshaw is currently the Commander of The American Legion Post 466. He is a Lifetime member of the Mountville VFW. Doug served in Vietnam and other Countries in the South Pacific from 1961 to 1965. He is a graduate of Millersville University with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. Doug served as Special Assistant to Governor Milton Shapp 1973-1979. During this time he was selected by The Brookings Institute in Washington DC as one of the top 15 Public Administrators in the Nation. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of PAONECALL and as a Building Codes Consultant to The Pennsylvania Builders Association.



## Cemetery Program

Master of Ceremonies:	Steven Shireman
Invocation:	Post #466 Chaplain: Dave Shireman
Amazing Grace:	York Kiltie Band
Pledge of Allegiance:	CDR Douglas Meshaw
Introduction of Guests:	Steven Shireman
National Anthem:	Pieridae Barbach
Opening Remarks:	Mayor Rebecca Carroll - Baltozer
Guest Speaker:	CDR Doug Meshaw
Dissertation:	Essay Winners
Proclamation of Awards:	Kyle Shireman
Musical Tribute:	Donegal High School Marching Band
Benediction:	Post 466 Chaplain: Dave Shireman
Salute to Arms:	Squadron #466 Sons of the American Legion Firing Squad
Dedication of Grave:	Post #466 Chaplain will decorate the grave of the last veteran interred in the Marietta Cemetery
Taps:	Donegal High School Marching Band

## A Memorial Day Prayer

They served and fought and died so that we might be safe and free  
Grant them, O'Lord, eternal peace and give them "The Victory"!  
And in these days of unrest filled with grave uncertainty,  
Let's not forget the price they paid to keep our Country free...  
And, so, on this Memorial Day, we offer up a prayer.  
May the people of all nations be unified in thy care,  
And grant us understanding and teach us how to live.  
So we may lose our selfish pride and learn to love and give,  
And keep us ever mindful of the fighting men who sleep  
In Arlington and foreign lands, so we may ever keep  
The "Light of Freedom" burning in their honor throughout the years  
And hear their cry for peace on earth resounding in our ears.  
Forgive us our transgressions and "Oh, God, Be with us yet"  
Lest in pride and arrogance we heedlessly forget.

Helen Steiner Rice

## **The Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee would like to express thanks to the following for their contributions:**

Houseal Plumbing	Marietta Community House
Marietta Special Fire Police	Harold & Nancy Kulman
American Legion Post 466	McCleary's Irish Pub
Sons of The A.L. Squad 466	The Marietta Lions Club
Swedish Motors, Inc.	Donegal Real Estate
A. L. Auxiliary Post 466	Joyce Shireman Memorial Contribution
Custom Auto Parts	Robert Carroll Memorial Contribution
Marietta Beneficial Association	New Jersey Shell Corporation
Youndts Meat Market	Gary Youndt Memorial Contribution
Marietta Center For The Arts	PX3, LLC
Railroad House Inn	Roseanne S. Madar
Marietta Fireworks	Gary Schatz Garage, LLC
Recumbent Cycles of Lancaster, LLC	Marietta Borough
Paramount Senior Living At Maytown	David & Miriam Mertz
Donegal Insurance Group	Marietta Area Business Association
Foresters Of America #235	David & Lynn Johnson
De Anna M. Massa Mary Kay	Kreider Farms
The Cassel House	Harold McKain Memorial Contribution
The Glazing Sun	Jack W. McKain
Susquehanna Beneficial Association	Molly's Courtyard Cafe
My Digital Conversion	Mulberry Thrill
Premier Linen Company	Express Laundry, LLC
Susquehanna Regional Police Dept.	Bainbridge 76 Station
Bainbridge Inn	Marietta Tavern On Market
Columbia Water Company	

### **The Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee**

Charles Shireman	Steven Shireman
Dan Parkinson	Deb Parkinson
Carrie Walker	Annette Drager
Colie Schmitt	Rob Schmitt

### **A Thank-you for Honoring the Fallen**

The Marietta Memorial Day Parade Committee would like to extend a well deserved Thank-you to the scouting organizations who decorated the cemeteries throughout Marietta to Honor those past Veterans of all Wars.

### **Thank-you for attending this year's services**

The Special Fire Police will be on duty during the Memorial Day Services. Please show them your courtesy.



## The final Inspection

The Marine stood and faced God.  
Which must always come to pass.

He hoped his shoes were shining, Just as brightly as his brass.  
Step forward now, Soldier,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To my Church, have you been true?

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,  
No, Lord, I guess I ain't.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sunday's,  
And at times my talk was tough. And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.

But I never took a Penny.  
That wasn't mine to keep...  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got too steep

And I neer passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears

I know I don't deserve a place  
Among the people here  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to claim their feras

If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
I needn't be so grand.  
I Never expected or had too much.  
But if you don't, I understand.

There was a silence all around the throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the soldier waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.

Step forward now, Soldier,  
You've borne your burdens well,  
Walk Peacefully on heaven's streets  
You've done your time in hell.

**Unknown Soldier**