



**The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration**  
By presidential proclamation, the Commemoration extends from  
Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025



## **CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**

Calverton National Cemetery, dedicated in 1978, is situated on 1,045 acres, 722 of which have been developed. The cemetery conducts 5,000-6,000 interments annually, with more than 295,000 Veterans and eligible family members interred in over 225,000 gravesites across our hallowed grounds.

### **Support Committee**

American Legion Suffolk County  
American Legion Riverhead Post #273  
AMVETS 1174  
AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary of NY  
Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks  
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. NY6  
Boy Scouts of America, Suffolk County Council  
Brookhaven National Laboratory Veterans Association  
Catholic War Veterans Post 1897  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 190  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA NSDC  
Long Island Air Force Association  
Loyal Order of Moose Inc. Lodge 1379  
Marine Corps League East End Detachment 642  
Masonic War Veterans Post 23  
New York State Disabled American Veterans  
Patriot Guard NY Region 8 & Region 9  
U.S. Marine Corps Veterans of Long Island  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11

### **Officers**

Cyndi Ventura, President  
Dennis Sullivan, First Vice President  
Michael Paquette, Treasurer  
Frank Bailey, Secretary  
Joseph Sullivan, Chaplain  
Bill Quinn, Sergeant-at-Arms

### **Acknowledgements**

*All Veterans & Fraternal Organizations & Guests*  
Naomi Pierro  
Forge River Nursery  
North Shore Community Band  
Patriot Guard Riders Region 9  
Riverhead Police Department  
Staff of Calverton National Cemetery  
The Salvation Army  
Town of Riverhead  
VA Police Northport  
Wading River Fire Dept.



# **Department Of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery Administration Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York**



**Monday, May 27th, 2024 - 1:00 pm**  
**REMEMBER AND HONOR**

# Memorial Day 2024

Musical Prelude.....North Shore Community Band  
James J. MacDougall, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)  
Musical Director

Assembly Call.....Greg Efimetz, US Navy (Ret.)  
North Shore Community Band-Bugler  
VFW Post 6249

Master of Ceremonies.....Cyndi Ventura  
Past National President Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.  
President of The Support Committee for Calverton National Cemetery / Gold & Blue Star Mother

Advancing the Colors.....Dennis Sullivan  
Past NY State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars

\*Presentation of Colors.....USMC League East End Det. 642

\*Pledge of Allegiance.....Dennis Sullivan  
Past NY State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars

\*National Anthem.....Naomi Pierro

Posting of Colors.....Dennis Sullivan  
Past NY State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars

Invocation.....Joseph Sullivan  
Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Chaplain, Support Committee for Calverton National Cemetery

Welcoming Remarks.....Anne M. Ellis  
Executive Director, Calverton National Cemetery

Introduction of Honored Guest Speaker.....Anne M. Ellis  
Executive Director, Calverton National Cemetery

Honored Guest Speaker.....Congressman Nicholas J. LaLota  
New York's 1st Congressional District House of Representatives

Introduction of Educational Guest Speaker.....Cyndi Ventura

Educational Segment Guest Speaker..... Herman Suarez  
Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) Deputy Director of Logistics

Musical Interlude.....North Shore Community Band  
Salute to the Armed Forces

***When the anthem for your specific branch of service is played or that of your loved one please rise***

Poem For The Fallen.....Cyndi Ventura & Margie Miller  
Gold Star Mothers

Dedication of Wreath.....The Gold Star Family of  
Medal of Honor Recipient Garfield M. Langhorn US Army Private

***Please rise for the rendering of military honors.***

\*Present Arms..... Dennis Sullivan

\*Firing of Vollies.....USMC Veterans of L.I., Mercury Detachment  
Hank Drumm, Sr. Sgt. Major USMC (Ret.)

\*Taps.....Greg Efimetz

Benediction.....Joseph Sullivan  
Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Chaplain, Support Committee for Calverton National Cemetery

Closing Song .....Naomi Pierro  
God Bless America

Musical Conclusion .....North Shore Community Band

\*Retirement of The Colors.....Dennis Sullivan  
Past NY State Commander Veterans of Foreign Wars

Postlude.....North Shore Community Band

***\*Inclement Weather Program***

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