

“Tent 58 Memorial Day 2026”

By Mary Wible

Prior to Memorial Day, **Ellen Higgins** once again visited National Cemeteries at **Annapolis, Alexandria, Seven Pines, Glendale, Richmond, Fort Harrison, City Point, Baltimore and Loudon Park** to place wreaths that she made to remember “our boys” as she calls them.

She also attended the **Marco Island** Memorial Day ceremony in Florida where the American Legion honored both living veterans and deceased veterans of 2025-2026.

The **Doylestown Memorial Day Parade** took place for the 158th time, and President **Deb Schiesser** loyally attended as she has for so many years.

Decoration Day was first held at **Laurel Hill Cemetery** in 1868. Our sisters assembled there to pay tribute to the memory of our departed namesake **Mary Morris Husband** with a wreath for her grave made by Chaplain **Kathy Wible**.

Deb Grady’s three daughters and three granddaughters were recently initiated into our Tent, so she was chosen to do the honors of placing the wreath at the grave after **Mary Wible** read the dedication.

Kerry Bryan placed rose petals along with **Michele Wallenta**, while the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Baker-Fisher Camp 101, stood as the Honor Guard.

Michele also represented us by honoring General George Meade and G.A.R. veterans buried at Laurel Hill with a reading at the Silent Sentry Memorial.

On Memorial Day, **Mary Joyce Johnson** braved the rainy weather at St. Paul Cemetery in Chester to honor John Morton who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Kerry Bryan, Michele Wallenta and **Mary Wible** went to the **Christ Church Burial Ground** for the commemorative services. It is the final resting place of Benjamin Franklin and five Signers of the Declaration of Independence.

On April 16, **Sharon Collopy Cossaboon** and **Donna Gerber** attended the JROTC Navy Awards program at Owen J. Roberts High School. **Sharon** presented The **Certificate of Recognition and JROTC Medal to Cadet Lt. Junior Grade Maria Alicea** from Tent 58.

As we get ready for our Department Convention in June and the celebration of America 250 this July 4th, let us **KEEP GREEN THE MEMORY** of the men and women of the United States of America who fought for our freedom.

In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Mary Wible
Tent 58 Historian and Patriotic Instructor

Photo Gallery

1. [Mary Joyce Johnson](#) - St. Paul Cemetery
2. [Mary Wible, Kerry Bryan, Michele Wallenta](#) - Christ Church Burial Ground
3. [Debbie Schiesser](#) - Doylestown Parade
4. [Michele Wallenta, Mary Wible, Deb Grady, Kerry Bryan](#), SUVCW Camp 101 - MMH grave
5. [Mary Morris Husband's grave](#) - Laurel Hill Cemetery
6. [Sharon Collopy Cossaboon and Cadet Lt. Junior Grade Maria Alicea](#)
7. [Ellen Higgins](#) - Navy Monument - Loudon Park National Cemetery, Baltimore, MD
8. [Ellen Higgins](#) - GAR Monument - Loudon Park National Cemetery, Baltimore, MD



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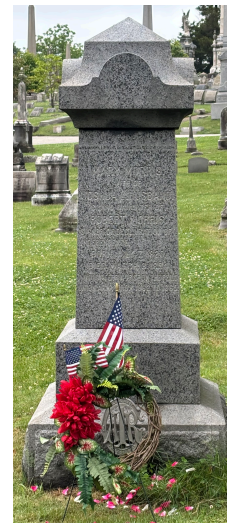
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