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"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." – Dr. Seuss

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A sacred day to remember

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"Memorial Day is the most sacred of the military holidays," said Duxbury American Legion Post Commander Joseph Staier. "It's not about barbecues and a day at the beach. Thank you for taking an active role in being here today."

Commander Staier delivered the opening remarks at the May 29 Memorial Day ceremonies, sponsored by the Duxbury American Legion. The service, which began at

11 a.m. and lasted just under an hour, was held at the First Parish Church, adjacent to Duxbury Town Hall.

The ceremony featured Captain Kristin Montville of the United States Air Force, who delivered the keynote address.

"Today is an opportunity to slow down the world," said Montville. "A day to remember and smile. A day to cry and ask questions. It's a day of happiness, the start of an-

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A few seniors hit Duxbury Beach to celebrate their last days at DHS. (L to R) Grace Davidson, Alden Gisholt Minard, Izzi Murphy, Rachel Kyriakides, Abby Manning, Kate Griffin, Meghan Guilfoile and Sarah Gill. The graduation will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 3 at Train Field off Alden Street. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved to the Performing Arts Center. Photo by Becky Rose



Four year old Claire Montville helps her mother Captain Kristin Montville place a wreath of remembrance at a monument to war veterans in the Mayflower Cemetery. Montville, of Duxbury, was the speaker at the annual Memorial Day service. Photos by Mary Schiess

Swastikas found at both the middle and high schools

Stephens addresses Nazi symbols with 'outrage'

BY SUSANNA SHEEHAN
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Last week, the Duxbury school department responded swiftly to two swastikas that had been drawn in a middle school bathroom and on bleachers in the high school gym, and quickly identified the people responsible.

Both Duxbury High School Principal Andrew Stephens and Duxbury School Superintendent Dr. Benedict Tantillo sent emails to parents of school children informing them of the swastikas.

Tantillo's email, which was sent on Friday, May 26, said the schools had found out

who had drawn the swastikas, which is a symbol associated with Adolf Hitler's Nazi party in Germany in WWII. They were a Duxbury Middle School student and a Duxbury High School student, said Duxbury Police Chief Matthew Clancy.

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Memorial Day: 'A day to remember'

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other summer. A bittersweet holiday."

Montville, who was introduced as hailing from a "far-away land called Falmouth," returned from active duty in the Middle East in January. She said she was "honored and surprised" to be chosen to give the remarks at the annual Memorial Day commemoration. She mentioned her nine years of service and wondered aloud, "What do I have to offer?"

She said her speech was an opportunity to give "a glimpse" into her story, and talk about the lives of post-9/11 veterans. Montville detailed her time in basic training, of which she was "terrified" and said she and her fellow peers were "stronger together."

"I had far more responsibility at 24 than I ever thought possible," she said, detailing her time helping Africans in 2010. Shortly thereafter the Arab Spring hit and she was involved in an air war with Muammar Gaddafi's regime.

"We worked hard to do the right thing," she said. "Peace through war is a contradiction."



Joe Meade reflects the patriotism and somber mood of the day. Photos by Mary Schiess

Another paradox, she pointed out, came as she deployed on her most recent mission, to a "safe location in the Middle East."

"I always teach my young daughter not to fight," she says. "So how do I tell her I have to fight? I told her sometimes men and women get to be superheroes."

Montville, who resides in Duxbury with her husband Ed and their three daughters, says she found pride in Kate Bonneau's post from May 7 on the Facebook group Duxbury Helping Duxbury. Bonneau, a teacher at Duxbury High School, wrote about her husband, who was deployed to Southeast Asia this past January. As a surprise, the Duxbury freshman, junior varsity and varsity boys lacrosse teams showed up at her house to help with her yard work.

"I'm honored to live in a community where this is the norm," said Montville.

The community, which



Police, fire and American Legion honor guards salute the fallen veterans on Memorial Day.



Girl Scouts Helena Penn, Julianna Lee, Maya Schiess, Sadie Sanford, Libby Dennison and Olivia Jeffcote at the parade.

showed up in full force for the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, joined together to sing "America The Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner" with the Duxbury High School chorus led by their director Robert Judge. Those present listened as Reverend Catherine Cullen of the First Parish Church drew the ceremony to a close with a benediction.

"We remember them," she said about the nation's veterans. "As long as we shall live, we remember them."

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Camera Club members offer photography help on June 13

Want to learn how to take better pictures? Planning to buy a new camera or equipment? Ask the experts! On Tuesday, June 13 from 1-2:30 p.m., members of the Duxbury Camera Club will provide one-on-one technical help at the Duxbury Senior Center. Open to the public. Sign up for your individual 30-minute session by calling/leaving a message on the Programs and Activities voice mailbox: 781-934-5774, ext. 5716. Please let us know your area of interest. This free technical help is offered monthly on the second Tuesday.

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