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Independence Day Celebration

**234th Anniversary of the
Signing of the Declaration of Independence**

Sunday, July 4, 2010
Veterans Memorial
Scituate Town Common

Brought to you by

**Scituate American Legion
Post #144**



General George W. Casey, Jr.

Chief of Staff of the Army

Formerly Senior Commander
Multi-National Force in Iraq



CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

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 with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just
 powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new
 Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem best, — Prudence, indeed,
 will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience has shewn that Governments are generally changed to slow and
 dangerous injuries, — But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object
 evinces that the design is to reduce them under absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient
 sufferance and endurance of these States, — They have suffered the longest Sufferance now to be endured, but it is near the necessity which compels them to declare their independence of Government. — The history of the present King of Great
 Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct or indirect purpose, to extend to these Colonies the same
 oppressive and unbounded Power, — Now in order to present a more concise View of these usurpations, that may serve to illustrate the
 Post 144 is proud to have been able to present

this patriotic program to you today. It's the 234th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence at Philadelphia on July 4, 1776.

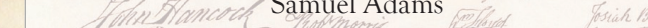
This is the document that cut us free from
the rule of King George III of England and
set the 13 colonies on a course to form
the United States of America.

We salute the memory of five signatories of the Declaration from Massachusetts:

Declaration from Massachusetts

John Adams

John Hancock



Samuel Adams
Eldridge Gerry
Robert Treat Paine

Josiah Bartlett
Wm. Wigglesworth
John Adams
John Adams
John Adams

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HONORED GUESTS:

General George W. Casey, Jr. CSA
Major General Joseph C. Carter, The Adjutant
General, Mass. National Guard
Brigadier General Thomas Sellars, Commander
Land-Based Forces, Mass. National Guard.
State Senator Robert Hedlund
State Representative Garrett Bradley
State Representative James Cantwell
John Danehey, Chairman,
Scituate Board of Selectmen
Joseph Norton, Scituate Selectman
Richard Murray, Scituate Selectman
Tony Vegnani, Scituate Selectman
Shawn Harris, Scituate Selectman
Karen and Joe Kelley, Gold Star Parents
of Sgt. Michael J. Kelley
Judy Mulcahy, Scituate resident who invited
General Casey to today's event on our behalf
Jack Conway, Event Chairman
Gary Carlo, Event Vice Chairman
Police Chief Brian Stewart
Fire Chief Rick Judge
Stephen Litchfield, Event Committee member
William E. Battles III, USMC, President, Mass.
Society, Sons of the American Revolution

General George W. Casey, Jr.

General Casey, the Chief of Staff of the Army, has strong local roots. He knows Scituate well because both he and his parents enjoyed summer vacations in our town.

The General was born in Japan during the Occupation of that country. His father, George W. Casey, Sr. was a West Point graduate who rose to the rank of Major General. He was Commander of the 1st Calvary Division when he was killed on July 7, 1970 in a helicopter accident in Vietnam.

The present General Casey grew up on Army Posts in the U.S. and Germany. He graduated from Boston College High School and Georgetown University and earned his Master's Degree at the Korbel School for International Studies at the University of Denver in 1980.

He was commissioned from the ROTC program at Georgetown and served in many roles for the Army command, including Senior Coalition Commander in Iraq from June 2004 to February 2007.

General Casey was elevated to Chief of Staff of the Army in January 2007, a post in which he still serves.

This is a military role once filled by world leaders like General John J. Pershing, General Douglas MacArthur, General George Marshall, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, General Omar Bradley and General William Westmorland, among others.



PROGRAM

Martial Music

215th Army Band of the Massachusetts National Guard

Welcoming Remarks:

*Edward F. Covell, Commander,
Scituate American Legion Post 144.*

Invocation

Rev. Matthew Bradley, Foyer of Charity, Scituate

Pledge of Allegiance

Adam Crowley, 2010 graduate, Scituate High School

National Anthem

Katherine Hodgkins, Scituate High School, Class of 2011

Musket Salute

*General Henry Knox Artillery Regiment of the
Massachusetts Society, Sons of the American Revolution*

Selectmen's Welcome

John Danehy, Chairman

Scituate's own Declaration of Independence

*Delivered by Samantha Lawyer, Oratorical Winner
Scituate High School Class of 2010*

Musical Interlude

Mass. National Guard Band

Recitation of the Declaration of Independence

*Peter Mehegan, Former newsman,
WCVB TV, Ch. 5 and co-anchor of Chronicle*

Keynote Address:

*General George W. Casey, Jr.
Chief of Staff, United States Army*

Award Presentation

*William E. Battles III, USMC
President, Mass. Society, Sons of the American Revolution*

Oration: "Freedom Is Not Free"

Joe Kelley, Scituate Resident

Benediction:

Eleanor Grossman, Chaplain, American Legion

Closing Remarks:

Jack Conway, Event Chairman

Music

Mass. National Guard Band

The Bells of Lawson Tower

Presented by the Scituate Historical Society