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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

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.

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:

John Adams, Supreme Judge of the world for the extirpation of the British Colonies, feloniously flushed and delirious. First those United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, Free and Independent of the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and such a Government should be totally dissolved; and full Power to do this, conclude Peac, confidat Aliances, and every other Act and Thing which, Inde pendent of this, with the same, shall be necessary.

John Hancock



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

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Tony Vagnani, 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 Cavalry 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 Westmoreland, 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,
WCWB 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