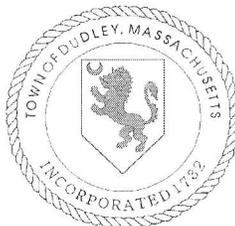


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Dear Town Residents,

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the restrictions we are following especially in light of the recent upgrade of the Towns of Dudley and Webster to the Red Zone List with the rising numbers of infections, we will **not** be able to honor our veterans this year with a Veterans Day Parade or other associated activities. It deeply saddens me to once again cancel a Veterans Parade as we did for Memorial Day last May 30. It is all of our fervent hopes that next year will be a year devoid of pandemic concerns and much camaraderie together in person.

Just a few words on the meaning of Veterans Day. Veterans Day honors all those Americans who have served our country in the military in war or peace. They are both dead and alive, although the day is largely intended to thank the living veterans for their service and sacrifices made to the United States of America.

“The veterans are the real one percent who secured every freedom for every other American. They are the one percent who chose a harder path while others didn’t, and our military personnel are the one percent who are still in the fight — in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other hotspots around the world,” I will add.

“America was built on the service and sacrifice of many Americans, but our continued safety, security and freedoms fall squarely on the shoulders of those who wear the uniform. I salute all those who served and sacrificed for our great nation, and their families, too.”

I do recommend that all Americans who are lucky enough to know a veteran or have had a veteran in their family, send a card, make a phone call, and just find some way to express your thanks for their unselfish service to keep our country free.

Please keep all veterans in mind during this Holiday. Stay safe.

Thank you,



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