

It rained, but Memorial Day parade carried on

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The crowd lined the intersection of Machell Avenue and Memorial Highway to watch Back Mountain emergency vehicles, youth organizations, the Ladies Auxiliary, PA Senator Lemmond, U.S. Congressman Don Sherwood and other dignitaries make their way to the war memorial at the center of town.

Once there, speakers including Reese, Kupstas, Marion Kunigonis, Father John Lambert, Senator Lemmond and Congressman Sherwood talked of remembering those who had served. A group of Cub Scouts laid a wreath on the memorial. Dallas High School trumpeters positioned throughout the crowd played Taps.

The emotion of the crowd moved from solemn to raucous as Congressman Sherwood praised the US military.

"We have today the most technologically competent, proficient military the world has ever seen," he said.

He exhorted the crowd to instill patriotism in future generations: "We had a reminder with September 11. On September 11, we saw what can happen when we get complacent. It's our job as patriotic Americans that all the young generations understand the sacrifices of those that have gone before."

"Today is a day of remembrance. To remember those that have gone before."



Rainy skies didn't stop the annual Memorial Day parade in Dallas, although it was cut short as organizers decided not to continue on to Woodlawn Cemetery after the veterans memorial.

Clockwise from left: Corey Phillips played Taps; Michael and Matthew Glicini carried the Boy Scout Troop 281 banner straight and proud; The Color Guard stepped lightly on a rainy Memorial Highway, under Band Director Todd Hunter's watchful eye; Youngsters observed a solemn moment. From left: Cathryn Warner, D.J. Madeira, Hannah Madeira, Rachael Madeira and Michaela Madeira; Dallas Borough Mayor Tim Carroll held an umbrella over Rev. John Lambert as he offered a prayer.



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