

## *The Mother of a Soldier*

*The mother of a soldier - hats off to her, I say!  
The mother of a soldier who has gone to face the fray;  
She gave him to her country with a blessing on his head -  
She found his name this morning in the long list of the dead:  
"Killed - Sergeant Thomas Watkins, while leading on the rest,  
A Bible in his pocket and a portrait on his breast!"*

*The mother of a soldier - she gave him to her land;  
She saw him on the transport as he waved his sun-browned hand;  
She kissed him through the teardrops and she told him to be brave;  
Her prayers went night and morning with her boy upon the wave.*

*The mother of a soldier - her comfort and her joy,  
She gave her dearest treasure when she gave her only boy;  
She saw the banners waving, she heard the people cheer;  
She clasped her hands and bravely looked away to hide a tear.*

*The mother of a soldier - ah! cheer the hero deed,  
And cheer the brave who battle 'neath the banner of their creed;  
But don't forget the mothers, through all the lonely years  
That fight the bravest battles on the sunless field of tears.*

*Nay, don't forget the mothers - the mothers of our men,  
Who see them go and never know that they'll come back again;  
That give them to their country, to battle and to die,  
Because the bugles call them and the starry banners fly.*

*The mother of a soldier - hats off to her, I say!  
Whose head is bowed in sorrow with its tender locks of gray.  
She gave without regretting, though her old heart sorely bled  
When she found his name this morning in the long list of the dead:  
"Killed - Sergeant Thomas Watkins, while leading on the rest,  
His dear old mother's portrait clasped upon his hero breast!"*

# MEMORIAL DAY

May 30, 2016

at the

## Battle Ground Veterans Memorial

### Welcome

Mayor Philip Johnson,  
U.S. Army, Retired

### Presentation of Colors

Battle Ground HS Air Force JROTC

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Bivouac of the Dead

Theodore O'Hara

### Honoring The Fallen

### Reading of the Names

Councilmember Mike Dalesandro & Bonnie Gilberti

### The Mother of a Soldier

Folger McKinsey

### Taps

Battle Ground HS Student Steve Montecucco

## *Bivouac of the Dead*

*The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on Life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.  
On fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents to spread,  
And glory guards, with solemn round  
The bivouac of the dead.*

*No rumor of the foe's advance  
Now swells upon the wind;  
Nor troubled thought at midnight haunts  
Of loved ones left behind;  
No vision of the morrow's strife  
The warrior's dreams alarms;  
No braying horn or screaming fife  
At dawn shall call to arms.*

*Their shriveled swords are red with rust,  
Their plumed heads are bowed,  
Their haughty banner, trailed in dust,  
Is now their martial shroud.  
And plenteous funeral tears have washed  
The red stains from each brow,  
And the proud forms, by battle gashed  
Are free from anguish now.*

*The neighing troop, the flashing blade,  
The bugle's stirring blast,  
The charge, the dreadful cannonade,  
The din and shout, are past;  
Nor war's wild note, nor glory's peal  
Shall thrill with fierce delight  
Those breasts that nevermore may feel  
The rapture of the fight.*

*Like the fierce Northern hurricane  
That sweeps the great plateau,  
Flushed with triumph, yet to gain,  
Come down the serried foe,  
Who heard the thunder of the fray  
Break o'er the field beneath,  
Knew the watchword of the day  
Was "Victory or death!"*

*Long had the doubtful conflict raged  
O'er all that stricken plain,  
For never fiercer fight had waged  
The vengeful blood of Spain;  
And still the storm of battle blew,  
Still swelled the glory tide;  
Not long, our stout old Chieftain knew,  
Such odds his strength could bide.*

*'Twas in that hour his stern command  
Called to a martyr's grave  
The flower of his beloved land,  
The nation's flag to save.  
By rivers of their father's gore  
His first-born laurels grew,  
And well he deemed the sons would pour  
Their lives for glory too.*

*For many a mother's breath has swept  
O'er Angostura's plain --  
And long the pitying sky has wept  
Above its moldered slain.  
The raven's scream, or eagle's flight,  
Or shepherd's pensive lay,  
Alone awakes each sullen height  
That frowned o'er that dread fray.*

*Sons of the Dark and Bloody Ground  
Ye must not slumber there,  
Where stranger steps and tongues resound  
Along the heedless air.  
Your own proud land's heroic soil  
Shall be your fitter grave;  
She claims from war his richest spoil --  
The ashes of her brave.*

*Thus 'neath their parent turf they rest,  
Far from the gory field,  
Borne to a Spartan mother's breast  
On many a bloody shield;  
The sunshine of their native sky  
Smiles sadly on them here,  
And kindred eyes and hearts watch by  
The heroes sepulcher.*

*Rest on embalmed and sainted dead!  
Dear as the blood ye gave;  
No impious footstep here shall tread  
The herbage of your grave;  
Nor shall your glory be forgot  
While Fame her record keeps,  
For honor points the hallowed spot  
Where valor proudly sleeps.*

*Yon marble minstrel's voiceless stone  
In deathless song shall tell,  
When many a vanquished ago has flown,  
The story how ye fell;  
Nor wreck, nor change, nor winter's blight,  
Nor time's remorseless doom,  
Can dim one ray of glory's light  
That gilds your deathless tomb.*

## **HONORING THE FALLEN**

*Honoring these local veterans  
who died in service to our country.*

### **World War II**

Julius J. Bergman  
Otto O. Burgstahler  
Edmond H. Condon  
Jack O. Freel  
Bruce C. Green  
Joe J. Pancoska  
Elmer E. Pellett  
William A. Pelto  
Archie C. Peru  
Albert E. Sakrison  
Paul H. Snider  
Sheldon E. Tessendorf  
William A. Uskoski  
Leonard A. Wallace  
Milton E. Winston  
Walter G. Wright

### **Korean War**

Jack Hanley

### **Vietnam War**

Raymond E. Carpenter  
Daniel B. Cheney  
Richard A. Hostikka  
Dale R. Lindberg  
Alvin L. Lowery  
Timothy G. Mattson  
Monte V. Thomas  
Donald F. Thulin

### **Global War on Terror**

#### **Afghanistan**

Bryce D. Howard  
Jonah D. McClellan  
Andrew J. Shields

#### **Iraq**

Cedric E. Bruns  
Kane M. Funke  
Jeremiah J. Johnson