

The *Patriotic Purposes Committee* are citizens, appointed by the Selectmen, who volunteer their time with a mission to inspire pride and patriotism in Mont Vernon.

The Annual Town Reports, beginning with 1916, document that the Patriotic Purposes became part of the town budget. Memorial Day was a date to be recognized in some manner or fashion, often monies were spent for flowers and flags at the Veteran graves in Green Lawn Cemetery and in 1928 at the War Memorial. The Memorial was dedicated to the Town in 1927. Mont Vernon celebrated its Bi-Centennial in 2003 with yearlong activities. With the conclusion of the celebration three members of the planning committee [Jay Wilson, Zoe Fimbel, and Dawn Lyon] collaborated to form a committee to inspire pride and patriotism in the Town, now known as the Patriotic Purposes Committee.

The Committee respectfully takes responsibility for the care and posting of the flags on patriotic holidays and recognized events. On those days, service flags representing all branches of the United States military, the New Hampshire flag and the POW-MIA flag are posted in the Memorial lot. The historical flags and the current U.S. flags are posted on the front lawn of the Town Hall. The flag display calendar is as follows: May-Memorial Day [Traditional and Observed], June 14th-Flag Day, July 4th-Independence Day, September 11th- Patriot Day, and November 11th -Veterans Day. Additional patriotic occasions may arise throughout the year.

Example follows: July 4th:



War Memorial lot



Town Hall

The committee follows the Federal Standard which stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. Information on United States Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. General guidelines and answers may be found at <https://www.usa.gov/flag>

The committee meets throughout the year to post flags, on an as needed basis, or when projects are in development.

Interested persons may contact the Town Hall at 603-673-6080; or townofmontvernon@montvernonnh.us