

a period of service in the Armed Forces. More than 1,400 men and women from Concord went to fight in WWII and just about 300 each to Korea and to Viet Nam. Today, almost 1,000 Veterans live in Concord. Memorial Day is Concord's opportunity to honor the men and women who served our community and our nation in these wars.



to Iraq. Mark's family served as Flag Receivers.



FLAG RETIREMENT



The Flag Retirement Ceremony is traditionally held each year on Veteran's Day and gives Concordians the opportunity to retire their American Flags in a respectful and appropriate manner. This year the Marshall was Mark Merlino who recently returned from deployment



The Public Ceremonies and Celebrations Committee is grateful to the many who helped make the celebrations of 2009 so successful—Town officials, the staff of various Town Departments, CCHS Music, the VFW, the American Legion, the Concord Minutemen, the Concord Independent Battery, Middlesex County 4H Fife & Drum Corps, and ALL participants. Once again, many thanks to the supportive people of Concord, Massachusetts.