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Slates Bangor Area School District
Slate Student of the Month Award

Miss. Menahe
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Memorial Day at St. Johns Cemetery Bangor



James Kresge President of Bangor Borough Council and who was the organizer and MC for the event



Boy Scout Troop 38



L-R Bangor VFW Post Commander Nick Alfaro, WWII Vet. Rex Kocher and his daughter

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - The Bangor VFW held their annual Memorial Day Event at St. Johns Cemetery on Monday morning as usual. Unlike in 2020 where there was no crowd because of COVID 19.

This year was somewhat scaled down with limited speakers but the attendees totaled about 100.

James Kresge President of Bangor Borough Council and who was the head organizer and MC for the event did most all of the speaking.

On stage and recognized by Kresge was invited guest WWII Vet. Rex Kocher who was thanked for his bravery and service.

At lowering the flag to half mast by Boy Scouts of Troop 38 Bangor, VFW Post Commander Nick Alfaro stood next to Kocher and his daughter in salute.

In attendance were Bangor Elks, US Naval Sea Cadets, Boy Scout Troop 38, Cub Pack 102, Civil Air Patrol, Bangor VFW Auxiliary, Rep. Joe Emrick, Bangor Fire Dept. along with the community.



There was no parade from the start into the cemetery nor was there the parade down town Bangor on Broadway to Founders Park for the second part of the ceremony.

Hopefully 2022 will allow us all to go back to the normal traditions we have in all our small towns in the Slate Belt.

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