

Town of Franklin

A PROCLAMATION

Honoring

The Edward L. Grant American Legion Post 75

- WHEREAS,** The American Legion was founded in Paris France on March 15, 1919, by a large number of military men, greatly encouraged by Lt Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the 26th President; and
- WHEREAS,** an application for an American Legion Post in Franklin, MA was submitted on June 24, 1919 and approved on October 29, 1920. The first Post Commander was Michael Kearney; and
- WHEREAS,** Edward L. Grant, born in Franklin, MA, was educated at Dean Academy and Harvard University and played professional baseball for the Cincinnati Reds, New York Giants, Philadelphia Phillies, and the Cleveland Naps; and
- WHEREAS,** Grant was one of the first professional baseball players to volunteer for service in World War II. Grant was killed by artillery fire on October 5, 1918 leading troops in trying to rescue the Lost Battalion; and
- WHEREAS,** In honor of his sacrifice to our nation, the American Legion Post in Franklin was named Edward L. Grant American Legion Post 75; and
- WHEREAS,** The post provides many services to the Veteran community, and the Community as a whole by: Providing Color and Honor Guards for Memorial Day Parades in Franklin and Norfolk, providing outreach services for Veterans in the Town's Assisted Living and Extended Care facilities, the VA Hospital in Brockton and the Bourne National Cemetery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN that the Eduard L. Grant American Legion Post 75 is hereby commended and recognized by the Town Council of the Town of Franklin.



May 20, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Mercer", is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas D. Mercer
Chairman
Franklin Town Council