THOSE MEN

As we stand on this ground
that was fought for you and me.
We wonder what it was like
and how painful sometimes it could be.

With the troops moving out
and troops moving in,
you can imagine how fast their hearts were beating,
underneath their skin.

Because if you stepped off course,
or a little to the left or the right side, you see,
you could signal to an enemy,
that you're right behind that tree.

How scared the young ones were
and the wives were worried sick,
as they waited for letters,
that the men would have sent.

How the letters from the men
would secure their fears.
Until maybe you received one,
that would bring many tears.

Yes, for some it was sad,
To see their loved ones go.
But because they were brave,
a seed they did sow.

A seed of freedom and justice
that provided a shady tree to all man.
And on this tree is a fruit that says
"Our Country WILL and CAN."

Its roots hold the United States
in one big part.
And the fruit is picked by man,
And put in his cart.

Put in his cart to take home with him,
And eat a justice feast.
Which all those men saved,
So that our land could have Peace!

MEMORIAL DAY
OBSERVANCE PROGRAM
May 25, 2009
11:00 AM

JAMES H. QUILLLEN
VA MEDICAL CENTER
MOUNTAIN HOME NATIONAL CEMETERY
Memorial Day Observance Program

Master of Ceremonies..............Dan Snyder
   Acting, Associate Director

Presidents Proclamation ..........Charlene S. Ehret
   Medical Center Director

Invocation..........................Chaplain Samuel Scaggs
   Chaplain Service

Presentation of Colors.............Daniel Boone HS JROTC
   Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance..............Mike Kromoff, Jr
   CDR, AL Post 253
   Jonesborough

National Anthem....................Jessica Nixon
   Miss Johnson City, TN

Introduction of Guests

Welcome Remarks...................Artis Parker
   Mountain Home
   National Cemetery Director

Keynote Speaker....................The Honorable Phil Roe
   U.S. House of Representatives

Medley of Patriotic Songs.........Eddie Shelton

Wreath Laying Ceremony..........W. Avery Keesee
   Chaplain, AL Post 145
   Mikey W. Kromoff
   Rolling Thunder Chapter 4

Bag Pipes.........................Shriners
   Jericho Shrine

Closing Remarks...................Charlene S. Ehret
   Medical Center Director

3-Volley Salute....................Honor Guard
   Johnson City Police Department

Taps & Echo Taps.................Joe Cunningham/Mike Peters
   Rolling Thunder Chapter 4

Retiring of the Colors..........Daniel Boone HS JROTC
   Color Guard

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   Tennessean District Ruritan

Chairs.............................Tennessee Army National Guard
   176th CSSB

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