

# Large crowd attends Community Patriotic Celebration on June 27

A large crowd of Frankston area residents and visitors heard a Houston engineer, military veteran and son of a Frankston couple challenge them to build “*A More Perfect Union*” in an entertaining, inspiring and enlightening speech Sunday, June 27 at the Community Patriotic Celebration hosted at The United Methodist Church of Frankston Family Life Center.

Dayton Robertson, son of Sam and Beverly Robertson of Frankston, gave the audience some lessons in history, and emphasized that while we may fall short in perfecting our union, we should individually and collectively strive for perfection as a goal.

He cited several ways we could work toward the goal by our actions personally and toward one another, both in our personal lives and as patriotic citizens of our nation.



**Presentation of Flag, above**



The crowd at the event enjoyed singing patriotic songs and hearing various individual singers and church choirs perform patriotic music during the program.

The program began with a prelude by UMC pianist Kay Randle followed by a call to order by the master of ceremonies Jerry Beard, representing the sponsoring church.

## **LaShonna Scott, Soloist, at left**

Frankston Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts presented the flag, followed by LaShonna Scott, soloist, singing “*The Star Spangled Banner*” and the Scouts leading in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Frankston First Baptist Senior Pastor Scott Wiley gave the Welcome and the invocation.

The United Methodist Choir and the audience combined their voices in singing a selection appropriate for the occasion followed by a group of patriotic songs from the First Baptist and St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church choirs.





*United Methodist Choir*



*First Baptist Choir*





*St. Charles Borromeo Choir*



*At right, Dayton Robertson, Speaker*

The emcee introduced the speaker who attended public school in Snyder, Texas and later went on to be a combined band staff commander of the Texas Aggie Band and graduate in engineering and as a commissioned officer from Texas A&M University.





Receiving special recognition during the event were those who served in the armed forces and the nurses who performed so bravely and sacrificially as they treated COVID-19 cases, risking their own health and, in some cases, losing their lives. Nurses present at the local celebration were presented pins in recognition of their service.

To honor the nurses further, a song appropriate for their service was sung by First Baptist Minister of Music Alison Adkins.

**Soloist Alison Adkins, at left**

The musical program continued as Frankston soloist Tammy Bostick performed a patriotic selection and a piano duet was played by pianists Kay Randle and Ann Maxwell.

**Tammy Bostick, Soloist, at right**

The ceremony was concluded by Remarks and the Benediction delivered by the Rev. Mark Kusmirek, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Prior to the benediction, Rev. Kusmirek emphasized some of the points made by the speaker for the day, particularly those pertaining to our nation's history and challenges.

After the benediction, the audience was treated with refreshments of ice cream and cookies, renewed old acquaintances and visited with one another.



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