

VETERANS CLUB OF CELEBRATION

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Ken Fitzpatrick	Kathy Lane	Michele Murray	

Honor the United States Flag

It is customary to honor the United States Flag when hoisting or lowering the flag, during the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance and Taps. When saluting the flag, veterans are authorized and encouraged to render the hand salute. Citizens salute by placing the right hand over the heart. If wearing head cover, remove it with your right hand and hold it to the left shoulder, with your hand over your heart.

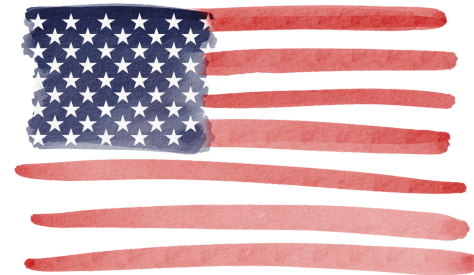
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MEMORIAL DAY FLAG CEREMONY

Saturday, May 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Celebration Veterans Memorial



CEREMONY PROGRAM



OPENING	Lt Col Jack McLaughlin
INTRODUCTION OF COLOR GUARD.....	Lt Col Jack McLaughlin
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	Lt Col Jack McLaughlin
GARDEN CLUB OF CELEBRATION	Capt Jaime Eriks
NATIONAL ANTHEM	Celebration Community Chorus
INVOCATION	Chaplain Lt Col Rick Lane (USAF Retired)
ARMED FORCES SALUTE	Celebration Community Chorus
OSCEOLA SHERIFF.....	Capt Marcos Lopez
MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE	CMSgt Salvatore Negro (USAF Retired)
IN FLANDERS FIELDS	Celebration Community Chorus
CHANGING OF THE FLAG	Boy Scout Troop 125 Cub Scouts Troop 125
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Led by the Scouts
BENEDICTION	Chaplain Lt Col Rick Lane (USAF Retired)
TAPS	Kim Lenaway, Bugler
CLOSING COMMENTS	Lt Col Jack McLaughlin

MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

"Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure." - Abraham Lincoln

Surprisingly, many citizens of our country do not realize why we observe this national holiday. In some polls, only 28% of Americans know the true meaning of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a sacred day of remembrance for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while in service to our country.

The first Memorial Day was not called Memorial Day. It is believed to have been celebrated with a parade of freed slaves and Union soldiers marching through Charleston, South Carolina in 1865.

Waterloo, New York, is considered the official birthplace of Memorial Day because after the town held observances on May 5th, 1866, General John Murray and General John A. Logan called on all communities to honor the war dead every year.

Logan had been impressed with how the South had honored Confederate soldiers for years. In 1868, Logan, who was head of the prominent veterans group, "Grand Army of the Republic," issued a proclamation that "Decoration Day" be observed nationwide. The date chosen was May 30th, specifically because it was not on the anniversary of a battle. It was a day to honor fallen veterans of all American wars. In 1971, Congress passed the "Monday Holiday Law," which changed the observance of Memorial Day from its traditional date of 30 May, to the last Monday in May.

The alternative name, "Memorial Day" wasn't commonly used until World War II, a two-front fight against tyranny in which more than 400,000 American servicemembers would die.

