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Memorial Day programs, ceremonies to be held across Kenosha County

Memorial Day will be observed at various events across Kenosha County over the upcoming holiday weekend. Here is a list of programs, compiled by the Kenosha County Division of Veterans Services:

What: Memorial Day Ceremony – to include singing of the National Anthem and "Eternal

Father," a flower dedication.

Who: Navy Club Ship 40, Kenosha

When: Monday, May 31, 9 a.m. (Note: This time has been changed to correct an error in an

earlier version.)

Where: Navy Park, Sixth Avenue and 54th Street, Kenosha

Note: For more details, please contact Dick Stader at 262-654-9202.

What: Memorial Day Ceremony, Twin Lakes Who: American Legion Post 544, Twin Lakes

When: Monday, May 31. Ceremony to start at Mound Prairie Cemetery at 9 a.m., then move to St. John's Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. Parade from Lance Park to the American Legion post to begin at 11 a.m., with a ceremony to follow at the Legion post.

Where: 989 Lance Drive, Twin Lakes

Note: For more details, please contact Jim Schmidt at 262-537-4001 or American Legion Post

544 at 262-877-3669.

What: Memorial Day Ceremony

Who: American Legion Post 21, Kenosha

When: Monday May 31, 10 a.m.

Where: Green Ridge Cemetery, 6604 Seventh Ave., Kenosha

Note: For more information please contact, Tom Visintainer at 262-620-5646.

What: Memorial Day Ceremony

Who: Sunset Ridge Memorial Park and American Legion David Leet Post 552

When: Sunday, May 30, 11 a.m.

Where: Sunset Ridge Memorial Park, 4300 Green Bay Road, Kenosha

Note: The program includes the reading of names of all Veterans who have been interred at the park and honoring all Veterans everywhere. The keynote speaker is Allen J Lynch, Medal of Honor recipient and author of *Zero to Hero*. For more details, please contact Sunset Ridge at 262-652-4788.

What: Memorial Day Ceremony

Who: VFW Post 7308, Pleasant Prairie Memorial Post

When: Monday, May 31, noon

Where: Old St. Mark's Cemetery, Ninth Court and 78th Street, Kenosha **Note**: For more details, please contact John McCoy at 262-358-2415.

What: Memorial Day and Flag Retirement ceremonies

Who: VFW Post 1865, Kenosha

When: Monday, May 31. Memorial Day Ceremony at 11 a.m., Flag Retirement Ceremony at 2

p.m.

Where: VFW Post 1865, 6618 39th Ave., Kenosha

Note: For more details, please contact Bob Burns at 847-421-3734

What: Memorial Day Ceremony – to include POW/MIA Service

Who: Kenosha Area Vietnam Veterans

When: Monday, May 31, noon

Where: Library Park, 711 59th Place, Kenosha

Note: For more details, please contact Rich Bowker at 262-694-1129.

Please note: The annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade hosted by American Legion Post 293 in Silver Lake remains canceled this year due to COVID-19.

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove is also not occurring this year. Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Mary Kolar invites veterans, family and friends to honor the fallen by participating in a virtual Memorial Day commemoration, available at www.WisVetsMemorialDay.com.

About Memorial Day:

Memorial Day is an American holiday observed on the last Monday in May, honoring the men and women who died while in U.S. military service.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.