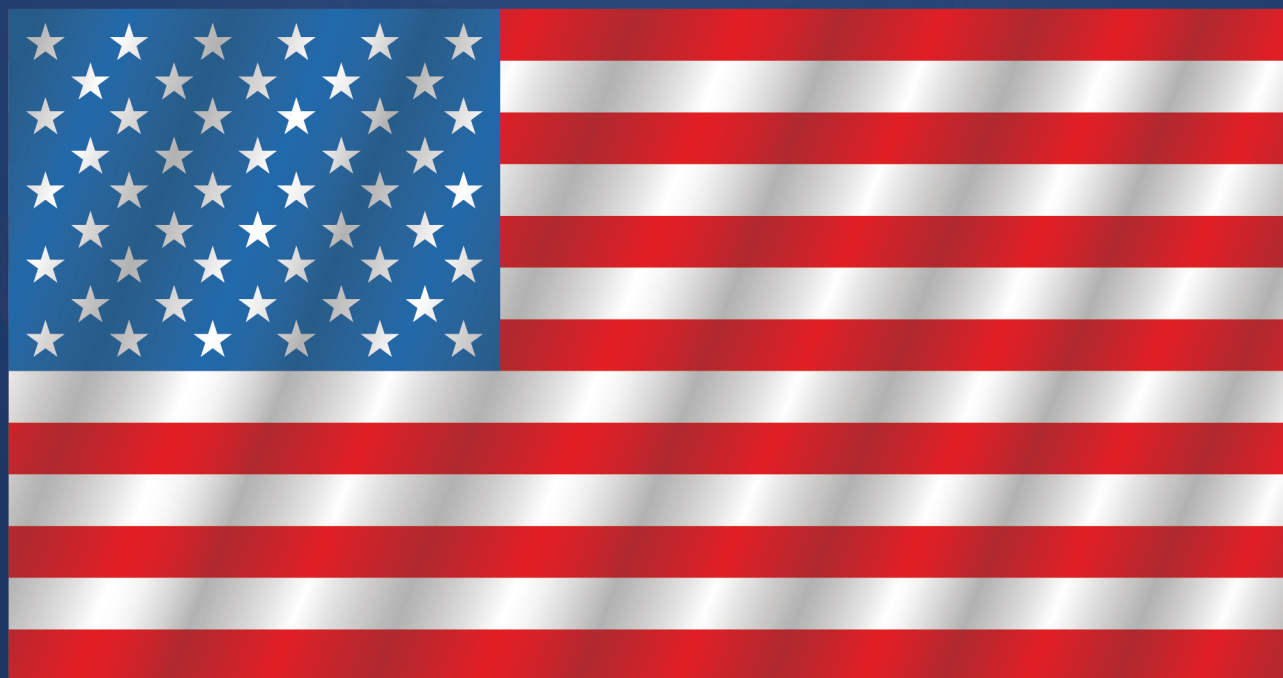


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The New Jersey Hills Media Group would like to express our deepest gratitude for those who have been willing to lay down their lives to protect the lives and freedom of Americans over the years. Within this section you will find some informative articles about the celebration we call "Memorial Day," along with photos of some of those who have served in the U.S. Military from different parts of our coverage area.

-Jake Yaniak

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The 2024 "Poppy Girl" Charlotte Wesolowski of West Caldwell, in front, right, smiles with her family during West Caldwell's Memorial Day ceremony. Joining her, in front, is her brother Carter, and parents Matt and Adrian in back.

‘IN FLANDERS FIELDS’

BY JOHN McCRAE

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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THE MEANING BEHIND COINS ON MILITARY GRAVES

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. During this time, ceremonies honoring those brave men and women who gave their lives for our freedoms are conducted at veterans' cemeteries across the country.

There are flowers, flags, parades, but have you ever noticed coins on military headstones? If so, do you wonder what they mean?

What Is The Meaning Of Coins On Headstones?

Placing a coin on headstones of a service member or veteran is a show of respect and honor, as well as letting the deceased service member's family know someone was there, but the denomination of the coins each has a distinct and significant meaning.

Where Did This Tradition Come From?

According to an article by the Department of Military Affairs, the custom of leaving coins with the deceased can be traced back to the Roman Empire. Coins were placed into the mouth of fallen soldiers to pay for passage and protection across the River Styx, which separates the world of the living from the world of the dead. In Navy mythology, coins were placed under the mast of a ship to pay the "ferryman" for safe transport to the afterlife in the event sailors died at sea.

The custom gained popularity in the U.S. during the Vietnam War as a way to honor the fallen during a time of upheaval and political divide over a controversial war. The coins were a way to quietly honor service members and communicate a message of respect for family members.

Honoring Our Heroes

Leaving coins on military headstones and veterans' graves is a kind and appreciated gesture, but what generally happens with them after time is also significant and special. The coins are usually collected and used for upkeep of the cemetery or to help pay for burial costs for homeless veterans.

While visiting military graves this Me-



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memorial Day (or any other day), why not bring some pocket change as a simple symbol of respect to those who gave so much? It's a small gesture that could mean a lot to the loved ones of these late heroes.

5 Other Ways To Honor The Fallen This Memorial Day

- Attend an event or parade: Communities across the nation organize events and parades to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Join a local event or attend a parade to show respect and let the families of the fallen know their loved one is not forgotten.

- Fly the U.S. flag. If you haven't already, put out the flag as a symbol of patri-

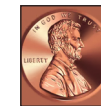
otism. According to the VA, on Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon, then raised to the top of the staff until sunset.

- Wear or display a red poppy. The colorful flower is a symbol of remembrance that dates back to World War I. The tradition got its start thanks to a poem by WWI brigade surgeon John McCrae. Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted its first nationwide poppy distribution ahead of Memorial Day in 1922, a tradition that continues today.

- Post a Tribute: Honor a late veteran you know by posting a tribute to the Veterans Legacy Memorial.

The VA-connected website is "dedicat-

A Penny



This means someone has visited the grave.

A Nickel



This signifies that the visitor served with the deceased service member at boot camp.

A Dime



A dime means the visitor and deceased service member served together at some point.

A Quarter



Be prepared to have some tissue on hand when you see this denomination on a headstone. This coin is left by someone who was physically with the service member when they died.

ed to the memory of the nearly 4.5 million veterans interred in VA national cemeteries." The site allows visitors to search for a specific veteran and leave photos, tributes, and memories in their honor.

- Spend time with family and friends. What better way to honor those who fought and died for our freedoms than enjoying the moments their sacrifice provided us? Sharing the day with those you love and care about the most is a great way to say "thank you" to these fallen heroes who can't with their families and friends so that we can be with ours.

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THE HISTORY OF 'TAPS'

The creation of our country's most revered bugle call has been credited for many years to General Daniel Butterfield, commander of the Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.

It was believed that the general wrote the call in July 1862 while his brigade was camped in Confederate territory at Harrison's Landing on the banks of the James River in Virginia following the Seven Days Battle. Brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, first sounded the call there.

Years later, in 1898, Norton wrote about the creation and premiere of "Taps." He claimed that General Butterfield showed him some notes on a staff written in pencil on the back of an envelope and asked him to play them. General Butterfield made some revisions to the music and instructed Norton to sound this call in place of "Lights Out" that evening.

General Butterfield wrote in response to this that Norton's recollection was generally correct. He stated that he was knowledgeable of military bugle calls and could sound them himself. "Lights Out" did not seem as smooth, melodious, and musical as it should be, so he called upon some one who could write music to make the changes in the call (he claimed to be unable to read or write music).

Recently scholars have discovered that General Butterfield did not compose this new call but revised an earlier call with which he was familiar. The origin of that call which the General gave to Norton was found in an early version of "Tattoo" and was published in at least three drill and tactics manuals: the Winfield Scott manual of 1835, the Samuel Cooper manual of 1836, and the William Gilham manual of 1861.

The last five measures of the version of "Tattoo" very closely resemble the current day "Taps." Undoubtedly, General Butterfield was remembering this earlier call he had learned from his previous training as a regimental commander. He made revisions to it to suit him and had Norton sound the call. The new call spread quickly to other units in both the Union and Confederate armies. It began to be used for funeral ceremonies almost immediately, but it was not until 1891 that U.S. Army drill regulations made it mandatory for funerals.



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Chatham Boy Scout Miles Soriano performs Taps at Chatham's Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 27.





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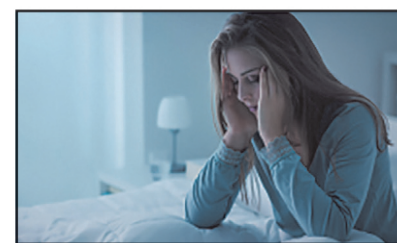
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9 FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

The final resting place for thousands of American active-duty service members, veterans and their families, Arlington National Cemetery is one of the most moving, memorable sights for visitors to the capital region.

Its rolling, forested hills lie just across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C., with the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington House (The Robert E. Lee Memorial) in view on the north and south ends of Memorial Bridge.

Following are answers to questions that visitors frequently ask about the cemetery.

1. Who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery?

More than 400,000 people are laid to rest at the cemetery's rolling hills, including those who fought in the Civil War, all joined by the tie of service to the United States. Veterans and their eligible family members rest with dignity and honor, a reminder of the service, sacrifice and valor of those who defended and protected freedom. Active, retired and former members of the armed forces, Medal of Honor recipients, high-ranking federal government officials and their dependents are among those who have been honored this way.

2. What is the columned mansion at the top of the hill in the cemetery?

Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial, was General Robert E. Lee's home until the beginning of the U.S. Civil War, when Lee vacated the estate. First owned by George Washington Parke Custis, adopted grandson of George Washington, Arlington House later was inherited by Mary Anna Randolph Custis, who married Robert E. Lee.

As area cemeteries filled to capacity in 1864, the Union Army began burying soldiers along the northern border of the Arlington estate. Later, in hopes of preventing the Lees from resuming control

over the mansion, the Army placed graves as close to the mansion as possible, including in Mrs. Lee's rose garden, to make the house uninhabitable.

3. Are funerals still conducted at Arlington National Cemetery?

As you walk through the cemetery, you may hear the firing of rifle volleys in the distance or see a flag-draped casket atop a horse-drawn caisson. A lone bugler plays Taps.

As many as 27 to 30 services occur each weekday and four to five on Saturdays fulfilling the cemetery's primary mission, and visitors are required to observe federal regulations on decorum and decency. Posted signs that say "Silence and respect" surround the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Funeral services are generally held daily, except Sundays and federal holidays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

4. Are the flags always at half-staff in the cemetery?

The flags in Arlington National Cemetery are flown at half-staff from a half hour before the first funeral until a half hour after the last funeral each service.

Only two flagpoles are located in Arlington National Cemetery. The Woodhull flagpole rises 90 feet above the south lawn of the Memorial Amphitheater near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and the other stands in front of Arlington House. Individuals can request a flag to be flown over the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

5. What is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier?

Even if two feet of snow hits the Washington, D.C. area or temperatures rise above 100 degrees, sentinels from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) stay outside no matter what. Their job is to guard the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier 24 hours a day, every day of the year, in any weather, in full

dress uniform with an M-14 rifle. They march for 21 paces in front of the tomb, face north to stand at attention for 21 seconds, then march 21 paces back.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is a memorial to the dead of World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Inscribed on it are the words, "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God."

6. When is the Changing of the Guard?

Sentinels at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, who are required to memorize seven pages of cemetery history in their trial phase and recite it verbatim before earning their post, conduct the Changing of the Guard once each hour on the hour starting Oct. 1. In summer, they conduct the ceremony every half hour. Visitors can observe the Changing of the Guard, a moving ritual guaranteed to inspire you.

7. Which noteworthy historical figures are buried at Arlington National Cemetery?

A wide array of notable graves are located at Arlington National Cemetery, from Gen. George C. Marshall, American statesman and soldier during and after World War II, to Pierre L'Enfant, a French-American military engineer who designed the urban layout for Washington, D.C. Among others:

Presidents And First Ladies

- President John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis

- President William Howard Taft and Helen Herron "Nellie" Taft

Actors, Artists, Authors, Scientists

- Dashiell Hammett, author and veteran of both World War I and II

- Glenn Miller, noted composer and big band leader (headstone)

- Audie Murphy, actor and most decorated US soldier of World War II

- Walter Reed, pioneering bacteriologist

Civil Rights Leaders

- Medgar Evers, murdered civil rights leader

- Allard Lowenstein, New York congressman

- Lemuel A. Penn, African-American educator

Jurists

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg, first Jewish woman Court justice, and the second female justice

- Warren Burger, Supreme Court chief justice

- Thurgood Marshall, first African-American Supreme Court justice

- William Rehnquist, Supreme Court chief justice

- Earl Warren, Supreme Court chief justice

Sports Figures

- Joe Louis, former boxing heavyweight champion of the world

- Abner Doubleday, credited with having invented baseball

Women

- Brig. Gen. Hazel Johnson-Brown, first African American female to attain general officer rank

- Mary Randolph, first recorded person buried on the grounds that became Arlington Cemetery

8. What is the eternal flame?

Cross the Arlington Memorial Bridge from Washington, D.C. into Arlington on a clear night, and you can see a flickering flame atop the hill in Arlington

National Cemetery. The eternal flame, lighted by Mrs. Kennedy on Nov. 25, 1963, the day of President John F. Kennedy's funeral, burns from the granite stone at the head of the president's grave. The nozzle and electric ignition system includes a constantly flashing electric spark that relights the natural gas if the flame in case of rain, wind or accidents.

The assassination of President Kennedy, at age 46, stunned the nation. His gravesite, with its vista overlooking Washington, D.C., includes engraved words from some of his speeches that bring life to the memorial. Buried there are two of Kennedy's four children and his widow. Nearby is a memorial to his brother Joseph, killed in World War II; and the graves of his brothers, Sens. Robert F. Kennedy (assassinated in 1968) and Edward M. Kennedy, who met eligibility requirements because of their military and political service to the nation.

9. What are my options for exploring Arlington National Cemetery?

Take Metro to the Arlington National Cemetery stop which puts you within steps of the Welcome Center. From there, grab a map or use the Arlington National Cemetery app to locate specific gravesites or simply follow the signs to memorials such as Arlington House, the JFK gravesite and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. You can purchase a narrated tour of the cemetery via trolley on Arlington National Cemetery Tours, which makes navigating the hilly terrain easier. Most people spent two or three hours visiting Arlington National Cemetery and watching the Changing of the Guard.

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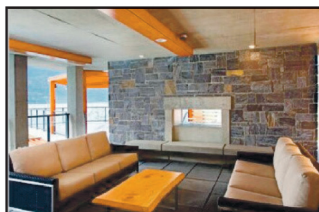
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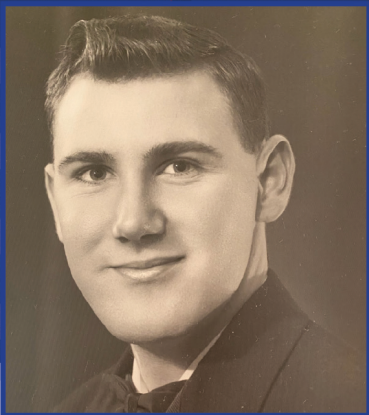
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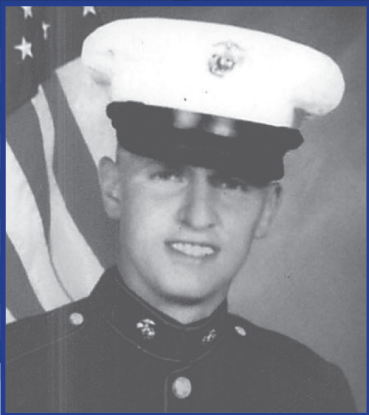
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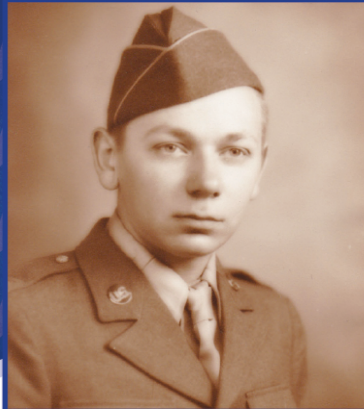
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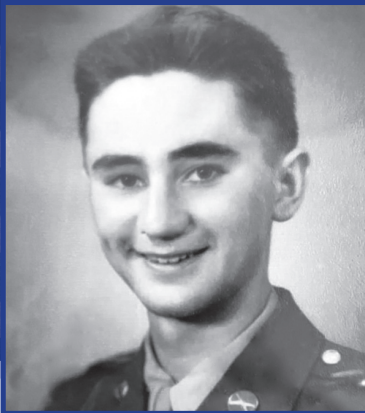
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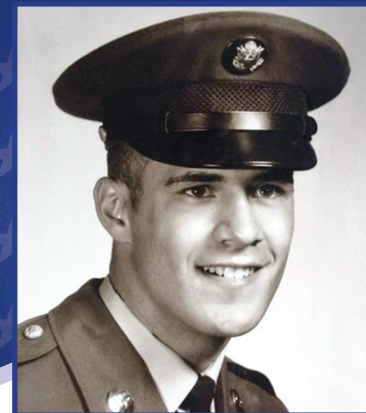
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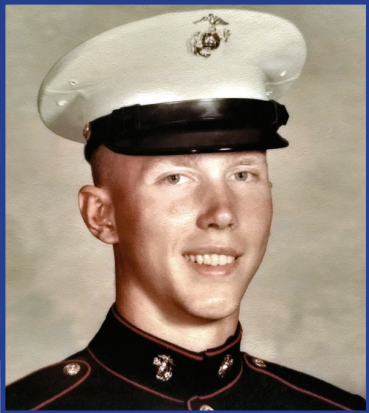
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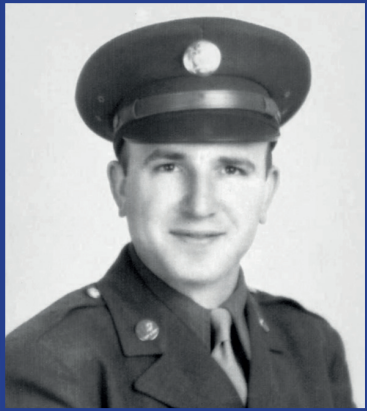
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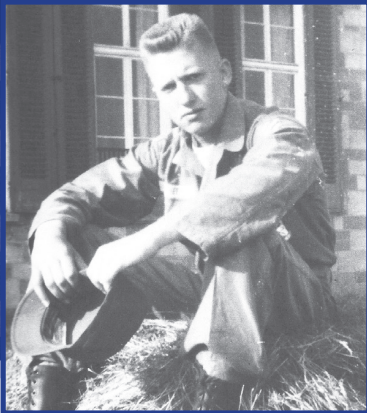
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Veterans led by Chuck Dauchert, in front at right, march in to take their seats during Memorial Day ceremonies held at Rock Spring Park in Long Valley on May 25, 2024.

From left, Boy Scout Troop 1 members Nikloa and Dallipar Hill, former Mendham Fire Department Capt. Barbara Nelson and Fire Chief Greg Wiatroski place one of the wreaths at Mendham's Veterans Memorial during Memorial Day observances in Borough Park on May 27, 2024.

Photo by Tina Deangelis



MEMORIAL DAY SCENES



Photo by P.C. Robinson

Marchers in the Far Hills-Bedminster Memorial Day parade proceed down Route 202/206 toward Far Hills on Monday, May 27, 2024.



Photo by Shelly Brown

From left, Bernardsville residents Bob Walsh, a World War II veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps; Mayor Mary Jane Canose and Korean War Army veteran John Sternick take a moment during Memorial Day observances at the borough firehouse on Monday, May 27, 2024. Walsh was keynote speaker at the event while Sternick served as Grand Marshal.

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Photo by Nicole Zanchelli

Local groups, like Long Hill Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Daisies and Brownies, smiled, waved and strolled down Main Avenue in Stirling during the May 27, 2024 Memorial Day parade.



Photo by Nicole Zanchelli

Stirling Fire Company's Frank Riley rode on the back of a historic rig and waved at the Long Hill crowds along Main Avenue during the Monday, May 27, 2024 Memorial Day parade.



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Basking Ridge resident and Warren American Legion member Joseph Finan was named Warren's Grand Marshal at the Monday, May 27, 2024 Memorial Day ceremony in Warren. Finan enlisted in the United States National Guard at the age of 19, attained the position of sergeant, and held the distinguished role of senior chaplain assistant within headquarters of the 50th army division.

MEMORIAL DAY SCENES



Photo by Rikki Massand

Officers and firefighters of the Flemington Fire Department marched up historic Main Street during the Memorial Day Parade last year, holding up the large American flag and their fire department’s red and gold flag.



Photo by Marin Resnick

Califon residents Barbara Mayer and Richard Mayer and their dog Daisy, fly flags during the annual Califon Memorial Day celebration held on Monday, May 27, 2024.



Photo by Shelly Brown

From left, Dana Heinold, Kurt Heinold, holding three month-old Austin, and Kurt’s dad, Phil Heinold of Basking Ridge meet and greet during Bernardsville’s Memorial Day ceremony at the firehouse on Monday, May 27, 2024. The elder Heinold is commander of Bernardsville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7858. The younger Heinolds live in Hawthorne.

MEMORIAL DAY SCENES



Roxbury veterans stand during last year's Memorial Day ceremony at Horseshoe Lake in Succasunna.



Photo by Tyler Barth
Several Chatham residents who have served in the Armed Forces were recognized after the borough's Memorial Day ceremony wrapped up on Monday, May 27, 2024. From left are Tom Salvas, John Eyre, John Gedeas, John Crouthamel, Justin Strickland and Jack Conlan.



Photo by Claudia Ceva
From left, U.S. Marine Corp veterans Ken Rolff and Fred Hendricks, U.S. Army veteran Carmelo Cangialosi and U.S. Navy veteran Mike Shaw sit and wait during a Memorial Day ceremony held at the Fairfield Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Memorial Post 7925.

SENDING YOUR SUPPORT To U.S. MILITARY MEMBERS

(StatePoint) A simple message of support can go a long way. That's why to celebrate its 84th birthday, the USO announced its birthday wish is to collect 2 million messages of support this year to honor the more than 2 million people serving in the U.S. military and the families who stand by their side.

"A simple note of support can boost morale and remind service members and military families that they're not alone, no matter where they serve," said J.D. Crouch II, CEO and president of the USO.

The messages will be displayed at over 250 USO centers worldwide in high-traffic, visible locations where service members are most likely to see them, ensuring every sentiment makes an impact.

Generating widespread support back home for the people serving in our nation's military all over the world, and fostering strong connections between service members and country and home, aligns with the USO's long-time mission. Since 1941, the USO has been the leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the well-being of the people serving in America's military and their families. The USO goes where service members go throughout their time in uniform, providing support from the moment they join the military, through deployments and as they transition back to their communities.

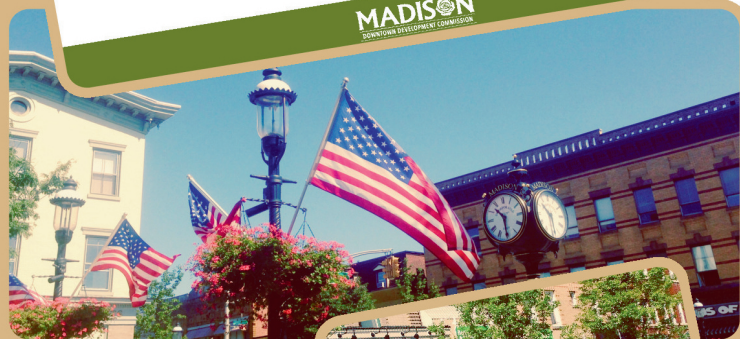
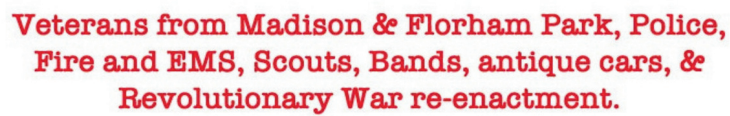
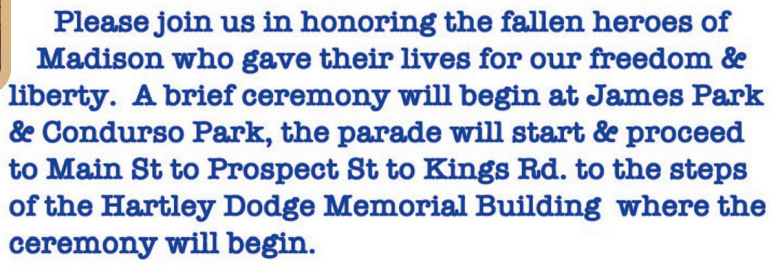
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For service members around the globe, feeling supported and appreciated by Americans can make a big difference.



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Veterans from Madison & Florham Park, Police, Fire and EMS, Scouts, Bands, antique cars, & Revolutionary War re-enactment.

If parade is cancelled due to weather, the ceremony will be inside the HDM building.

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