

Dutchess County Residents: Remember True Meaning of Memorial Day

Poughkeepsie... Memorial Day is Monday, May 28th. Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and Veterans Services Director Nelson Eddy Rivera, USN (Ret) encourage residents to remember the sacrifices of veterans who have died in service to our country and participate in the many Memorial Day ceremonies and parades taking place across the county. There will be ***National Moment of Remembrance*** at 3 p.m. in honor of those who have died to defend our freedom.

The ***National Moment of Remembrance*** is an act of national unity to honor America's fallen. All citizens, alone or with family and friends, wherever they are at 3 p.m., are asked to pause for a moment of reflection honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The goal is to put "Memorial" back into Memorial Day. A Gallup poll indicated that only 28 percent of Americans realize the true meaning of the holiday.

The *Moment of Remembrance* is not meant to replace traditional Memorial Day ceremonies or events. It is an act of remembrance to celebrate the lives of those who died and an opportunity for citizens to rededicate themselves to giving back to America in their memory.

The Dutchess County Division of Veteran Services reached out to local municipalities and community organizations and has compiled a listing of ceremonies and parades happening over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. The events listing follows below with contact information for further inquiries.

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Complete list of 2012 Memorial Day Observations listed below..

2012 Memorial Day Community Observances

(Based on information provided by municipalities and community organizations.)

Listed by date, then alphabetically by municipality

Castle Point VA Hospital:

Thursday May 24th 2012, @ 2:00 P.M.

Ceremony

Castle Point Campus, River Memorial Garden

Guest Speaker: Omayra Bedward, Human Resources

Specialist VA Hudson Valley HCS

Point of Contact: Yvette Rodriguez - [831-2000 ext.](tel:831-2000) 5135

City of Poughkeepsie:

Sunday May 27th 2012, @ 2:00 P.M.

Ceremony

Soldier & Sailors Fountain – South Ave, Poughkeepsie

Guest Speaker: Mayor John Tkazyik

Hosted by: American Legion Lafayette Post #37

Point of Contact: Jacquemae Perotta - 452-5960

Milan:

Sunday May 27th 2012, @ 12:00 Noon

Parade and Ceremony

Milan Town Hall, 20 Wilcox Circle, Milan, - off Rt. 199

Hosted by: Milan's Veterans Committee

Point of Contact: Supervisor Bill Gallagher –
[\(845\) 758- 5133](tel:8457585133) or supervisor@milan-ny.gov

Pawling:

Sunday May 27th 2012, @ 11:30 AM Ceremony

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 22 Coulter Ave, Pawling, NY. There will be an outdoor memorial service to honor all the brave men and women who served in the Armed Forces. The Pawling Legion Color Guard will be singing patriotic songs and praying for each of those who have gone on before us. Our lawn will be adorned with over 300 American flags bearing the name and branch of service for each deceased veteran.

Hosted by: R. Barry Deickler, American Legion Post 1949
Point of Contact: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church - 855-5276

Poughkeepsie:

Sunday May 27th 2012, @ 7:30 P.M.

Ceremony – Illuminate the Walkway

Flag Pole in the center of the Walkway over the Hudson

Hosted by: Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro
and Dutchess County Division of Veterans Services

Point of Contact: Dutchess County Division of Veterans
Services - 486-2060

Village of Fishkill:

Sunday May 27th 2012, @ 2:00 P.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Parade will go down Main Street and the ceremony will be
at Monument square on the corner of Main and Broad
Streets

Hosted by: Village of Fishkill and VFW Post 1286

Point of Contact: Rad Wilson - 897-4430 or

Rad@vofishkill.com

Amenia:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Parade starts at 10:30 A.M., Line up 10:00 A.M. at
Amenia Firehouse. All Veterans welcome to march.

Ceremony starts at 11:00 A.M. at Fountain Square -
Intersections of Rt.22&44 near M&T Bank

Hosted by: Amenia Fire Company and VFW Post 5444

Point of Contact: Vicki Doyle 677-7600 ext. 203

Beacon:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 8:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Naval event including gun salute & a wreath tossed into
the water at the Fishkill Creek. A parade up Main Street in

Beacon finishing behind the Veteran's Memorial Building will follow. A Memorial Service honoring our local fallen heroes in front of the Veteran's Memorial Building
Hosted by: American Legion Beacon Post 203
Point of Contact: Louis Humphreys - 569-1494

Beekman:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Parade line up will be at 9:30 A.M. at Clove Excavators Parking Lot and a ceremony of lying of the wreath to be conducted at the Town Hall immediately following the parade.

Hosted by: Town of Beekman

Point of Contact: Rachael Rancourt - [724-5300](tel:724-5300) ext 221

Dover Plains:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 9:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Veterans' Section at Valley View Cemetery, Nellie Hill Rd.,
Dover Plains, NY

Guest Speaker: Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson

Hosted by: American Legion Post # 1949

Point of Contact: John Conto, Legion Commander - 877-3771

East Fishkill:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Parade starts at East Fishkill Community Center,
Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at the junction of
Route 82 and Beekman Road

Master of Ceremonies & Guest speaker: Douglas A. McHoul, former Dutchess County Commissioner of Personnel and Legislature Chairman.

Guest speaker: Lt. Col. Mark Baaden, U.S. Army

Hosted by: Manny Bacon, American Legion Post 1758;
Commander Neil Klock; East Fishkill Community Choir
and Director Marge Way

Point of Contact: Bonnie Wiegard - 226-4717 or Doug

McHoul - [787-741-8449](tel:787-741-8449).

Hyde Park:

**Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:00 A.M.
Parade and Ceremony**

Hyde Park NY – Parade begins at Roosevelt Theatre on Rte 9 and proceeds north to Town Hall where the Legion Post 1303 will hold a Memorial Service
Special Guests: 25 Sailors from the USS Roosevelt.

Hosted by: Hyde Park Recreation and Legion Post 1303
Point of Contact: Diane Cullen - 229-8086 x4 or
recprogramleader@hydeparkny.us

LaGrange:

**Monday May 28th 2012, @ 11:00 A.M.
Ceremony**

LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road,
LaGrangeville, NY

Hosted by: Town of LaGrange
Point of Contact: Kathy Kowgios - 452-9064 or Jon
Wagner 264-3571

Millbrook:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony Parade proceeds down Franklin Ave, around the Veterans Green; Halts, wreaths placed on Memorials, and then proceeds into the Tribute Garden for the Ceremony

Hosted by: Millbrook VFW Post 9008
Point of Contact: Lon Moore - 392-4911 or email
lemoore@us.ibm.com

Millerton:

**Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:00 A.M.
Parade and Ceremony**

Veterans' Park (Village of Millerton) Irondale Cemetery

Hosted by: American Legion Post #178

Point of Contact: Robert Jenks, Commander Post #178

[\(518\) 789-6466](tel:518-789-6466)

Pawling:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 9:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Utter Brothers, Memorial Ave.

Veteran Memorial Plaza at the Village Green

Hosted by: Hasler Kamp, Pawling American Legion Post 215

Point of Contact: John Claudet – 855-9477

Pine Plains:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:30 A.M. Parade

Parade starts at the firehouse on Rt. 82 and goes to the Town Clock tower, then will proceed to Evergreen Cemetery

Guest Speaker: Capt. David Byrne, a West Point graduate and SW Asia Combat Veteran. Grand Marshall: Rose Miller, a WWII flight nurse and Pacific theater veteran.

Hosted by: American Legion Post 426 and VFW Post 5519

Point of Contact: George Keeler - [518-398-7391](tel:518-398-7391)(H) or 854- 505-1799(C)

Pleasant Valley:

Monday May 28th 2011, @ 11:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Pleasant Valley Memorial Park, Corner of Rt. 44 and South Avenue.

Guest Speaker: Judge Rosenbaltt, former New York State Supreme Court Justice

Hosted by: Pleasant Valley American Legion Post 739

Point of Contact: Carl Rennia - 635-2626

Poughkeepsie:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 9:30 A.M.

Ceremony

Dutchess County War Memorial-corner of Raymond Ave. and Main St.

Guest Speaker: Paula Zwilling, President of Semper Fi Parents of Hudson Valley

Hosted by: Dutchess County War Memorial Committee

Point of Contact: John Santiamo - 489-0187

Red Hook:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Begins at Red Hook High School and ends at Memorial Square Park

Hosted by: VFW Post 7765

Point of Contact: William Moore - 758-8175 or wmoore@hve.rr.com

Rhinebeck:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 9:15 A.M.

Ceremonies followed by **Parade**

Ceremonies begin in the hamlet of Rhinecliff at 9:15 A.M.

Parade will begin at the corner of Mulberry St. and Platt

Avenue located near the Dutchess County Fairgrounds at 10:30 A.M.

Memorial Services at Rhinebeck Cemetery

Refreshments to be served at the Legion home on Mill St.

Guest Speaker: Senior Master Sergeant Thomas Stark, United States Air Force.

Point of Contact: Wayne Rifenburgh - 474-6161 or 876-4429

Stanford:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 9:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Parade starts at the Grange Hall on Route 82 and continues north on Rt. 82, up Hunns Lake Road to the Bangall Memorial in Bangall. Ceremony at Bangall Memorial

Hosted by: American Legion Leroy Campell Post 1793

Point of Contact: John Quinn from the Legion @ [845-868-7742](tel:845-868-7742)

Town of Wappinger:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 2:00 P.M.

Ceremony

Schlathaus Park, at the intersection of Myers Corners and All Angels Hill Roads.

Hosted by: Town of Wappinger

Point of Contact: Donna Lenhart - 297-0720

Verbank:

Monday May 28th 2012, @ 9:00 A.M.

Ceremony

On-The-Green, Verbank, NY (Town of Union Vale)

Hosted by: Union Vale Fire Company

Point of Contact: John J. Welsh 724-4762 or

presidentuvfd@gmail.com

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