

Dutchess County Residents: Remember True Meaning of Memorial Day

Poughkeepsie... Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. 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. The Dutchess County Division of Veterans will host a special Memorial Day Illumination ceremony and vigil at the *Walkway Over the Hudson* State Historic Park on Sunday, May 26th at 7:45 pm at the flag pole in the center of the Walkway.

This special sunset Illumination of the Walkway vigil event will feature a flag ceremony conducted with the Pleasant Valley American Legion, Highland Veterans of Foreign Wars and New York State Park Police. The Daniel Center, Inc. will be honored with a Retired Flag Presentation, and members of Buglers Across America will span the Walkway to play Taps. The public is invited to join in this special event by bringing a flash light, glow stick or other lighted object (no open flames allowed) to help illuminate the Walkway.

Additionally, the Dutchess County Division of Veteran Services has 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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2013 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 23rd 2013, @ 2:00 P.M.

Ceremony

Location: Castle Point campus, River Memorial Garden

Guest Speaker: Edie Meeks, RN, Vietnam Veteran, Northern Westchester Hospital

Point of Contact: Yvette Rodriguez-Cacho @ [845-831-2000 ext. 5135](tel:845-831-2000)

Wappingers Falls:

Friday-Sunday May 24-26, 2013, @ 5/24 4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.; 5/25 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; 5/26 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Baseball Tournament – Sgt. Mark C. Palmateer Memorial

Location: Robinson Lane Fields, Wappingers Falls

Hosted by: Matt and Marci Meybohm

Point of Contact: Marci Meybohm @ [845-625-4157](tel:845-625-4157)

City of Poughkeepsie:

Saturday May 25th 2013, @ 11:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: Poughkeepsie Commons Bldg – 131 Hudson Ave, Poughkeepsie

Hosted by: City of Poughkeepsie and American Legion Lafayette Post #37

Point of Contact: Jacquemae Perotta @ [845-452-5960](tel:845-452-5960)

Milan:

Sunday May 26th 2013, @ 12:00 Noon

Parade and Ceremony

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

Hosted by: Town of Milan

Point of Contact: Bill Gallagher @ [845-758-5133 ext 2](tel:845-758-5133)

Pawling:

Sunday May 26th 2013, @ 11:30 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 22 Coulter Ave., Pawling

Hosted by: R. Barry Deickler, American Legion Post 1949

Point of Contact: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church @ [845-855-5276](tel:845-855-5276)

Poughkeepsie:

Sunday May 26th 2013, @ 7:45 P.M.

Ceremony – Illuminate the Walkway

Location: 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: Division of Veterans Services @ [845-486-2060](tel:845-486-2060)

Village of Fishkill:

Sunday May 26th 2013, @ 2:00 P.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Main Street, Village of Fishkill

Hosted by: Village of Fishkill and VFW Post # 1286

Point of Contact: Rad Wilson @ [845-897-4430](tel:845-897-4430)

Amenia:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:45 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Fountain Square - Intersections of Rt.22&44 near M&T Bank

Hosted by: Town of Amenia and VFW Post # 5444

Point of Contact: Vicki Doyle @ [845-489-7826](tel:845-489-7826)

Beacon:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 11:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: Veteran's Memorial Building

Hosted by: American Legion Beacon Post # 203

Point of Contact: Louis Humphreys @ [845-569-1494](tel:845-569-1494)

Beekman:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: 1189 Route 216 (formerly Clove Excavators), ceremony at Beekman Town Hall

Hosted by: Town of Beekman

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

Dover Plains:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Church Hill Road, Wingdale

Guest Speaker: Kati Palmer-House, Town Clerk and Town Historian Town of Dover

Hosted by: American Legion Post # 1949

Point of Contact: John Conto @ [845-877-3771](tel:845-877-3771)

East Fishkill:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: East Fishkill Community Center and East Fishkill Memorial, Rt 82. and Beekman Road

Hosted by: American Legion Manny Bacon Post # 1758

Point of Contact: Douglas McHoul @ 845-226-4717 or Jim Reynolds @ 845-221-7273

Hyde Park:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Roosevelt Theatres north to Town Hall. American Legion Post # 1303

Hosted by: Hyde Park Recreation

Point of Contact: Diane Cullen @ 845-229-1477 x4

LaGrange:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 11:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: LaGrange Town Hall, 120 Stringham Road, LaGrangeville, NY

Hosted by: Town of LaGrange

Point of Contact: Kathy Kowgios @ 845-452-9064

Millbrook:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Village Green and Tribute Garden Park

Hosted by: Millbrook VFW Post # 9008

Point of Contact: Lon Moore @ 845-392-4911

Millerton:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Millerton Firehouse Veterans' Park (Village of Millerton) Irondale Cemetery

Hosted by: American Legion Post #178

Point of Contact: Sean Klay @ 518-929-3924

Pawling:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:30 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Utter Brothers, Memorial Drive

Veteran Memorial Plaza at the Village Green

Hosted by: American Legion Hasler Kamp Post # 215

Point of Contact: John Claudet @ 845-855-9477

Pine Plains:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:30 A.M.

Parade

Location: Parade starts at the firehouse Rt 82 and goes to the town clock tower, then will proceed to Evergreen Cemetery

Hosted by: American Legion Post # 426 and VFW Post # 5519

Point of Contact: Bob Clinch @ 518-398-5358 or

Brian Coons @ 914-456-5616

Pleasant Valley:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 11:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: Pleasant Valley Mill site, Main St.

Guest Speaker: Senator Terry Gipson

Hosted by: Pleasant Valley American Legion Post # 739

Point of Contact: Carl Renna @ 845-635-2626

Poughkeepsie:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:30 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: Dutchess County War Memorial-corner of Raymond Ave. and Main St.
Guest Speaker: Larry Zwillinger, Semper Fi Parents of Hudson Valley
Hosted by: Dutchess County War Memorial Committee
Point of Contact: John Santiamo @ 845-489-0187

Red Hook:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Begins at Red Hook High School and ends at Memorial Square Park
Guest Speaker: Colonel Olsen
Hosted by: VFW Post # 7765
Point of Contact: William Moore @ 845-758-8175

Rhinebeck:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:15 A.M.

Ceremony and Parade

Location: Ceremony – hamlet of Rhinecliff. Parade - Mulberry St. and Platt Ave located near the Dutchess County Fairgrounds
Guest Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel Craig C. Wirth, USMC
Hosted by: American Legion Post # 429
Point of Contact: Wayne Rifenburgh @ 914-474-6161 or 845-876-4429

Stanford:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:00 A.M.

Parade and Ceremony

Location: Bangall Monument, Hunns Lake Road
Hosted by: American Legion Leroy Campell Post # 1793
Point of Contact: John Quinn @ 845-868-7742

Town of Wappinger:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 1:00 P.M.

Ceremony

Location: Schlathaus Park, at the intersection of Myers Corners and All Angels Hill roads.
Hosted by: Town of Wappinger
Point of Contact: Barbara Gutzler @ 845-297-2744

Verbank:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: On-The-Green, Verbank, NY (Town of Union Vale)
Hosted by: Union Vale Fire Company
Point of Contact: John J. Welsh @ 845-724-4762

Village of Tivoli:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 10:00 A.M.

Ceremony

Location: Southside Red Church Cemetery RT 9G
Guest Speaker: Mayor Bryan Cranna
Hosted by: American Legion Harris Smith Post # 524
Point of Contact: Commander Thomas Mabie @ 845-757-4489

Village of Wappingers Falls:

Monday May 27th 2013, @ 9:00 A.M.

Ceremony – Honor Elmer Belding – Purple Heart

Location: Mesier Park, Village of Wappingers Falls
Hosted by: American Legion Post 427 and VFW

Point of Contact: Raymond C. Chase Jr. @ 845-297-2943

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