



**"We Honor, Remember  
and Reflect"**

## **Memorial Day Events - 2024**

### **In Montgomery County, Maryland and the DC Region**

List compiled by the Montgomery County Commission on Veterans Affairs

To add an event, please email [MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MCCVA@montgomerycountymd.gov)

#### **City of Gaithersburg – Flags of Our Heroes – Opening Ceremony**

**Saturday May 25, 2024 at 11am**

**Location:** Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm (next to Gaithersburg High School), 512 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

<https://flagsforourheroes.org>

Flags For Our Heroes celebrates our heroes, living and deceased, in a touching tribute to the people who mean the most to us. Every Memorial Day weekend since 2014, a Field of Honor located at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, Maryland shimmers with more than 750 8-foot-high American flags fluttering in the gently warming Spring breezes. The flags are sponsored by corporations and individuals who want to honor their heroes. Each flag bears the name of the sponsor and the sponsor's hero on a beautiful medallion. The medallions are then returned to be kept as mementos for the sponsors or their honorees. The flag display, which is lit at night, can be enjoyed 24 hours a day.

#### **City of Gaithersburg – Flag Retirement Ceremony**

**Sunday May 26, 2024 at 6:30pm**

**Location:** Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm (next to Gaithersburg High School), 512 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

<https://flagsforourheroes.org>

Join the Flag of Our Heroes flag retirement ceremony at the Field of Honor.

#### **City of Gaithersburg – Memorial Day Observance**

**Thursday May 30, 2024 from 11am to 12pm (noon)**

**Location:** Christman Park, 304 West Deer Park, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

[www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/special-events/memorial-day-observance](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/recreation/special-events/memorial-day-observance)

Loyalty & patriotism will be on full display as the City joins the nation in honoring all who have given their lives in military service at its Memorial Day Observance on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 11am at Christman Park. The public is invited to join the Mayor & City Council, City staff and honored guests in a tribute to those of all generations who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The speaker for the event is Navy Commander Robert Carlisle, United States Navy Reserve (retired).

The patriotic ceremony will include words and music to commemorate the occasion, followed by a solemn wreath-laying ceremony. The Cadet Color Guard of Gaithersburg High School will present the colors. At the event, guests will be invited to fill out a card and provide a 4x6 photograph for a Book of Tribute, honoring friends and family members who serve.

Groups or individuals interested in attending or participating in the Memorial Day Observance may contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture: [parksrec@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:parksrec@gaithersburgmd.gov).

## **City of Rockville – Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade**

**Monday May 27, 2024 at 9am to 1pm**

**Location:** Rockville Town Center Park, 131 Gibbs Street, Rockville, MD 20850

[www.rockvillemd.gov/2402/Memorial-Day-Ceremony-and-Parade](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/2402/Memorial-Day-Ceremony-and-Parade)

This year's Grand Marshal is Stephen P. Johnson, a historian at the Department of Defense's POW/MIA Accounting Agency, where he works to provide the fullest possible records and accounting of missing personnel to their families and the nation. Schedule of Events: 9 a.m. - a musical tribute by the Rockville Concert Band and Chorus; 9:30 a.m. - Memorial Day ceremony begins; 10:30 a.m. - Parade begins. For more information contact: 240-314-8620, email [event@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:event@rockvillemd.gov).

## **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) – Annual Memorial Day Ceremony**

**Monday May 27, 2024 at 1pm**

**Location:** Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 5 Henry Bacon Drive, NW, Washington, DC 20245

Keynote Speaker: Frederick W. Smith, Founder and Executive Chairman of FedEx Corporation. After graduating from Yale in 1966, he served four years in the U.S. Marine Corps, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam. Smith's valor and dedication shone brightly during this time in the Marine Corps, where he served as a rifle platoon leader, a company commander and forward air controller (FAC) in the OV-10.

**Featured Vietnam Women's Memorial Speaker:** Major General Donna Barbisch, USA (Ret.), Vietnam Veteran. Donna Barbisch, DHA, MPH, began her Army career in the Army Student Nurse program in 1967. She is a Vietnam Veteran, having served as a 2nd Lieutenant in the 91st Evacuation Hospital, Chu Lai, Vietnam. During her Vietnam service (1969-1970), she administered care to military and civilian casualties of war.

To learn more about the speakers, RSVP to the event, or learn how to watch live that day, visit

[www.vvmf.org/2024-Memorial-Day](http://www.vvmf.org/2024-Memorial-Day).

## **Military Women's Memorial - Annual Memorial Day Ceremony**

**Monday May 27, 2024 from 3pm to 5pm**

**Location:** Military Women's Memorial, Memorial Avenue & Schley Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

Free and open to the public, the event includes formal military honors, remarks from current and former servicewomen from each of the military services, and a keynote address. Members of the public are also invited to join in the personal tribute segment of the program. Visit website to reserve your ticket:

<https://womensmemorial.org/program/27th-annual-memorial-day-program/>