



Memorial Day Events - 2025

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

City of Gaithersburg – Flags of Our Heroes – Opening Ceremony

Saturday May 24, 2025 at 11 a.m.

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, featuring a giant display of American flags, returns to the lawn at Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, Friday, May 23 through Monday, May 26. The flag display, which is lit at night, can be enjoyed 24 hours a day. A formal opening ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 24, at 11 a.m. 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. Flags are sponsored by individuals and organizations to honor their "heroes." [Click here for sponsorship details](#). Flags for Our Heroes is organized by the Rotary Clubs of Gaithersburg & Historic Emory Grove and is hosted by the City of Gaithersburg.

Japanese American Veterans Association – 77th Annual Memorial Day Service

Sunday May 25, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Location: Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium

Sponsors: Japanese American Citizens League (National and Washington DC Chapter); Japanese American Veterans Association; and National Japanese American Memorial Foundation. The service will be both in-person and virtually - event will be Livestreamed on JAVA Facebook

(www.facebook.com/JapaneseAmericanVeteransAssociation). Please contact jaclwdc@gmail.com for additional information.

Greenberg-Lerner Post 692 - Jewish War Veterans of the USA

Sunday May 25, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: American Jewish Veterans Memorial - Bender Jewish Community Center, 6125 Montrose Road, Rockville, MD 20852

Keynote Speaker: Mrs. Amy Grant Wolfe, creator of the ballet "Colin," a tribute to her son, Cpl Colin Wolfe, killed in Afghanistan. Program includes a "Reading of the Fallen," (all the Jewish service personnel lost since 9/11), Rabbi Gittelsohn's Eulogy at Iwo Jima, a wreath laying and Taps. Invited guests are the National Vice Commander, JWV, Scott Stevens, Department of Maryland Commander, JWV, Scott Schlessinger. Emcee is LtCol Sheldon Goldberg, entertainment will be provide by Voices of Vets, and light refreshments will be available gratis. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held indoors.

National Memorial Day Concert

Sunday May 25, 2025 at 8 p.m.

Location: West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

The concert is free and open to the public. No tickets are necessary. Taking the Metro to the concert site is strongly advised due to traffic volume and street closures put in place for the event. The nearest stations are Federal Center SW (Orange/Blue lines) and Union Station (Red line). General Admission gates typically open at 5 p.m. The public will not be admitted to the West Lawn of the Capitol before that time. Checkpoints will be set up, and all bags and parcels will be checked. Guests will be required to enter through a metal detector. The gates are located at the southwest corner of the Capitol grounds. There are viewing areas for the use of guests with disabilities. Dress rehearsal on the Saturday before the Concert is also open to the public. The concert is aired live on PBS at 8 p.m. EST. The livestream of the National Memorial Day Concert is also available on this website, [the National Memorial Day Concert Facebook page](#), the [PBS YouTube channel](#) and the [PBS app](#). For more information, visit www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert.

City of Rockville – Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade

Monday May 26, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Location: Maryland Avenue in Rockville Town Center

www.rockvillemd.gov/2402/Memorial-Day-Ceremony-and-Parade

Founded in 1944 by William (Bill) Wood, the Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade is a long-standing tradition in the City of Rockville. The day starts off with a ceremony remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and concludes with the annual parade. The parade features more than 50 units, including military and community groups, marching units, dance troupes, and more. Each year, the City of Rockville selects a local veteran or active military member to serve as the city's Grand Marshal and lead the festivities. For more information contact: 240-314-8620, email specialevents@rockvillemd.gov. Free parking is available at the Metro lots, City Hall lots, and Jury lot.

American Legion Post 268, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2562 and Jewish War Veterans Post 360

Monday May 26, 2025 at 11 a.m.

Location: Wheaton Veterans Urban Park, 11200 Amherst Avenue, Wheaton, MD 20902

Featuring speaker Stan Seidel, Maryland Director for Veterans' Employment and Training. Navy Jr ROTC from John F. Kennedy High School will be presenting the colors. A light lunch will be offered to all who attend at American Legion Post 268, 11225 Fern Street, Wheaton. Seating is limited, bring a folding chair if needed.

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

Monday May 26, 2025 at 1 p.m.

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

Featured speakers include Chuck Hagel, 24th Secretary of Defense, Vietnam veteran; General Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.), Vietnam veteran; and France Hoang, CPT, USA (Fmr.), Afghanistan Veteran. Special introductions by Jan Scruggs, Founder of The Wall.

Featured Vietnam Women's Memorial Speaker: Janet Southby, Colonel, USA Nurse (Ret.), Vietnam veteran. Colonel Southby deployed to Vietnam on her 22nd birthday aboard a heavily-loaded troop ship that sailed from Oakland, California. Upon arrival in Vietnam, she helped to establish and staff the 85th Evacuation Hospital, the first US Army hospital to be established as far north as QuiNhon, and within weeks she found herself caring for soldiers injured during the battle of Ia Drang Valley.

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

<https://www.vvmf.org/2025-Memorial-Day>.

National Memorial Day Parade

Monday May 26, 2025 at 2 p.m.

Location: Constitution Avenue

The National Memorial Day Parade presented by Boeing returns to Constitution Avenue with pre-parade musical performances starting at 1 p.m. Attend the parade live, in person, or watch on television around the country and around the world, as the story of American sacrifice is shared from Washington, DC and beyond. Participating celebrities and performers and watch the parade live: <https://americanveteranscenter.org/avc-events/parade/>.

Military Women's Memorial - Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday May 26, 2025 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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/memorial-day-program-2/>

Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation

Monday May 26, 2025 from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Korean War Veterans Memorial, 10 Daniel French Drive SW, Washington, DC

The Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation will hold a ceremony and wreath-laying event at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on Memorial Day to pay tribute to all those who served and sacrificed for freedom. To participate, you can either view the ceremony live on the Foundation's Facebook page or join us in person at the Korean War Veterans Memorial at 4:15 pm on May 26th. The ceremony will be a solemn yet powerful

tribute to the brave men and women who fought valiantly during the Korean War. As we gather at the memorial, we will remember their sacrifices and honor their legacy of courage and selflessness. Whether you choose to join us virtually or in person, your presence and support are deeply appreciated. Together, we can ensure that the sacrifices of these Veterans are never forgotten and that their stories continue to inspire future generations. To participate, you can either view the ceremony live on the Foundation's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/kwvmfusa/) or join in person. To register, please visit: <https://koreanwarvetismemorial.org/event/memorial-day-ceremony/>.

City of Gaithersburg – Memorial Day Observance

Friday May 30, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

<https://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 Friday May 30, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. 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. Groups or individuals interested in attending or participating in the Memorial Day Observance may contact the Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture: 301-258-6350, parksrec@gaithersburgmd.gov.