



Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2021



State Police honor Memorial Day with services in Versailles

WOODY BUSH PHOTOS

The Indiana State Police-Versailles Post held its annual Memorial Service May 19 to honor the 44 troopers and three civilians employees who have lost their lives in service to the State of Indiana. "We will never forget the ultimate sacrifice that they made," said Sgt. Stephen Wheelles of the Versailles Post.



American Revolution Patriots to be remembered

On June 13, the Clifty Creek Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Indiana Society of SAR Graves Committee will hold a grave marking ceremony for the Revolutionary War Patriots laid to rest in Vernon Cemetery, Vernon, IN.

This patriotic ceremony will feature a musket salute and the unveiling and dedication of SAR markers in the Pioneer Section of Vernon Cemetery. The markers will honor Patriots John Story and Jethro New who served to protect our country during the Revolutionary War.

The public is invited to see this colorful and dignified tribute to two of America's first veterans. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be held rain or shine. Please enter through the South Pike Street entrance into Vernon Cemetery. Social distancing guidelines as set forth by Governor Holcomb and the local health department will be observed. For additional information or directions email the chapter at cliftycreekchapter@cinergymetro.net.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a national patriotic, historical and educational society whose members are direct descendants of the patriots who earned our independence.



MELANIE FLODDER PHOTOS
Pictured left, people gathered around the replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier that was brought to Versailles last week. The poignant screen pictured below brings the reality of the sacrifice many have made to secure freedom.



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2021 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Batesville Area Services:

Batesville Veterans of Foreign War Post #3183 and American Legion Post #271 Honor Guards will hold Memorial Day Ceremonies at local cemeteries on Monday, May 31. The schedule is as follows: 8:00 a.m. – Holy Family Cemetery, Oldenburg, 8:30 a.m. – St. Anthony Cemetery, Morris, 9:00 a.m. – St. Marks Cemetery, Batesville, 9:30 a.m. – St. Johns Cemetery, Huntersville, 10:00 a.m. – St. Louis and Methodist Cemeteries, Batesville, 11:00 a.m. Liberty Park Pavilion, Batesville. COVID-19 Social Distancing Guidelines will be followed. The parade and gathering at Liberty Park will not follow the ceremony this year.

Milan Area Services:

The commander of the American Legion Post #235, Milan, gives the following schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, for the visits to the cemeteries in the Milan community: Pleasant Hill, 10:30 a.m.; Stringtown, 10:45 a.m.; Milan Flag, 11:00 a.m.; Cravens new section at 11:30 a.m.; Col. Canfield (Buddy) Boone - Daren Baker Park 11:30 a.m.; Old Milan, 12:00 p.m.; Old German Lutheran, 12:15 p.m.; Prattsburg, 12:30 p.m.; St. Paul's - Stumpke's Corner, 12:45 p.m.; Pilgrim Home Church (Franklin Cemetery) 1:00 p.m.; and Ripley Crossing, 1:20 p.m. Participants meet at the legion home by 10:00 a.m. Following the services the auxiliary will serve lunch.

Osgood & Napoleon Area Services:

Commander Carl Hauser, Jr. of the William A. Gilland American Legion Post #267, Osgood, has announced the schedule of services at area cemeteries on Sunday, May 30. The first stop will be at the St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Osgood, at 7:45 a.m.; Perseverance at 8:00 a.m.; Delaware at 8:15 a.m.; Mud Pike at 8:35 a.m.; Finks at 9:00 a.m.; Booker Napoleon at 9:20 a.m.; County Line at 9:30 a.m.; Napoleon Lutheran at 9:50 a.m.; Napoleon Catholic at 10:10 a.m.; Millhousen Catholic at 10:30 a.m.; Flat Rock at 10:50 a.m.; Hopewell at 11:10 a.m.; Dabney at 11:20 a.m.; Otter Creek at 11:40 a.m.; Greendale at 11:50 a.m.; and Manderley at 12:10 p.m.

Sunman Area Services:

The members of the Kenneth L. Diver Post #337 of Sunman will meet at the post home on Monday, May 31 at 7:45 a.m. Grave site memorial services will be held at the following cemeteries: 8:00 a.m. St. John's Lutheran - Hubbles; 8:15 a.m. St. John's Church of Christ - Penntown; 8:30 a.m. St. Stephens Lutheran - Spades; 8:45 a.m. St. Nicholas Catholic; 9:15 a.m. Little Memory Cemetery; 9:30 a.m. Adams Lutheran; 9:45 a.m. St. Pius Catholic; 10:15 a.m. Zion Lutheran - Manchester; 10:30 a.m. St. Stephens Cemetery (Busse); 10:45 a.m. Seig Family Memorial; and 11:00 a.m. St. Paul United Methodist - Sunman.

Versailles Area Services:

On Saturday, May 29 at 11:00 a.m., the Versailles American Legion will gather at the Post Home and then proceed to Cliff Hill Cemetery to place flags on the graves of all veterans. On Sunday, May 30. They will meet to schedule a series of honor activities at several local cemeteries commencing at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday. The schedule is as follows: Elrod – 9:15 a.m.; Marble Corner – 9:30 a.m.; Tanglewood – 9:45 a.m.; Holton – 10:00 a.m.; New Marion – 10:15 a.m.; Shelby – 10:30 a.m.; Benham – 10:45 a.m.; Olean – St. Paul's – 11:00 a.m.; Olean – St. Peter's – 11:15 a.m.; Akers – Friendship – 11:30 a.m.; Dewberry - St. Paul's Lutheran - 11:45 a.m.; Cross Plains – 12:15 p.m.; Salem – 12:30 p.m.; Westfork – 1:00 p.m.; Grandview Memorial Gardens – 1:15 p.m. In keeping with tradition, all veterans are encouraged to join in the annual parade through town, which will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31. Transportation will be provided from the legion to the cemetery. Following this service there will be a march to the Ripley County Veterans Memorial for service honoring our veterans. At 1:00 p.m. a picnic will be held at the American Legion Park for all Legion Members and their families. Memorial Day holds a special place in the hearts of all veterans and their families especially in these turbulent times, and we encourage all of you to be a part of these ceremonies.

Man plans to honor Union Soldier buried in Milan on Memorial Day

Peter Dieterlen, member of the Sons of Union Veterans, will be standing at attention at the Milan Cemetery north of Milan next to the Lighthouse Baptist Church on Memorial Day. Dieterlen's intention is to honor a Union soldier buried in the western portion of the cemetery. The Sons of Union Veterans is a congressionally chartered organization formed with the goal of educating and honoring the memory of those who fought for the Union in the Civil War.



Indiana Patriot Guard

On Friday, May 28, the Indiana Patriot Guard will post flags and stand in a flag line at the Milan VFW in support of this year's Memorial Day Services. On Sunday, May 29, IPG will be posting flags in Hidden Valley. On Memorial Day, May 31, the IPG will post flags on the ground of Liberty Park, escort the local Honor Guard to six area cemeteries, and post a flag line at 11 a.m. for the service at Liberty Park. The 2021 IPG Ride to Remember is scheduled for June 12 and 13. A brief service will be held at 8 a.m. in Liberty Park before the two-day ride begins.

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