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2023 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 29. 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. The Community Event is following at Liberty Park at 11:00 a.m. All Veterans and families are welcome to attend the luncheon at the Batesville American Legion Post #271 after the community event at the park

Versailles Area Services:

On Saturday, May 27 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 28. 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 29. 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.

Osgood & Napoleon Area Services:

Commander Dustin Peetz of the William A. Gilland American Legion Post #267, Osgood, has announced the schedule of services at area cemeteries on Sunday, May 28. 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.

Milan Area Services:

The commander of the American Legion Post #235, Milan, gives the following schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, for the visits to the cemeteries in the Milan community: Pleasant Hill, 10:30 a.m.; Stringtown, 10:45 a.m.; New Cravens 11:00 a.m.; Milan Flag, 11:30 a.m.; Col. Canfield (Buddy) Boone Memorial - Daren Baker Park 11:45 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, 1:15 p.m. Participants meet at the Legion Home by 10:00 a.m. Following the services the Auxiliary will serve lunch.

Sunman Area Services:

The members of the Kenneth L. Diver Post #337 of Sunman will meet at the post home on Monday, May 29 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.



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The Indiana Patriot Guard (IPG) will be traveling 300 plus miles through southeast Indiana honoring 16 Soldiers and Marines with ties to the area. The ride will take place over two days - June 10 and June 11, starting in Batesville Saturday morning and ending in Versailles on Sunday afternoon. This group will be keeping their promise to Never Forget. They will speak the names aloud to keep their memory alive.

At each of the stops along the route a service is conducted. It will last about 25 minutes at each place.

At most of the stops along the way members of Gold Star families will be there. "We encourage everyone to join us at a single service, or for any portion of the ride. Attendees do not need to be Veterans, nor do they need to ride a motorcycle. We normally have many vehicles that join us for portions of the ride," noted Michael Buettner, who works with organizing the ride. He further said, "For those that

couldn't show support when our Fallen Hero was brought home, this is a great time to show the Gold Star families that they are remembered."

Sgt. Chad Keith of Batesville, will be remembered at the first stop for his sacrifice 20 years ago.

There is no cost for anyone to attend and join in the ride. "All we ask is that attendees show honor and respect, all attendees are invited to participate in the flag line at each stop," Buettner said.

The following will be remembered:

Army SGT Chad L. Keith, 21, Batesville

Army SGT James D. Faulkner, 23, Clarksville

Army SGT Matthew L. Deckard, 29, Corydon

Army SGT Steven Menne-meyer, 26, Granite City, IL

Army PFC Anthony P. Seig, 19, Sunman

Army SSGT Robert J. Montgomery, 29, Scottsburg

Army SGT Kenneth "KR" Booker, 25, Vevay

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Marine LCPL Hunter "HD" Hogan, 21, Norman

Marine CPL Jordan L. Spears, 21, Memphis

Marine LCPL Jacky Koenig Jr., 20, North Vernon

These 16 heroes will be remembered and honored with individual services that will include a bagpiper introduction, opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, welcome and

recognition of Gold Star attendees and dignitaries, roll call, reading of Fallen Hero's Biography with medals and accomplishments, placement of the memorial plaque, bagpiper selection, poem recital, placement of the rose, three rifle volley, playing of taps and bagpiper conclusion.

For more information you can contact Tim Kieffer, SE Indiana Patriot Guard Senior Ride Captain at seintr@gmail.com or Mike Buettner at mbuettner@etczone.com



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