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Veterans Council of Northampton Announces 2021 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

*Annual day of remembrance honors those who died in military
service to the United States during peace and war*

Monday, May 31, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Village of Florence

The 153rd Memorial Day parade will be a scaled down version of our annual parade very similar to last year due to the ongoing issues with the Covid 19 pandemic. Although the governor plans to lift most all restrictions imposed during the public health crisis on May 29, it did not afford enough time for the veterans Council of Northampton to change its initial plans for this annual remembrance. This year's parade, beginning at 8:00 a.m., will again be a parade of vehicles consisting of members of the Veterans Council of Northampton including the VFW Post 8006 leading the parade with the color guard. Unfortunately, there will be no performance of the high school band or other school and youth programs as only recently children 12 to 16 have just begun vaccinations and many will not be fully vaccinated in time. The parade will begin as always at Trinity row and will proceed directly to the Park Street cemetery, at which there will be a brief ceremony to honor the sacrifice and service of our deceased men and women in uniform who endured incredible sacrifices, and for some the ultimate sacrifice of giving their life for their country.

The President of the United States of America proclaims May 31, 2021, as National Day of Remembrance. He encourages all Americans to observe this solemn day of remembrance and to honor our military, past and present, with appropriate ceremonies and activities. All Federal agencies and interested organizations, groups, and individuals shall fly the flag of the United States at half-staff this May 31st in honor of those American patriots who died as a result of their service.

The Veterans Council of Northampton and the City of Northampton's Veterans Services departments invites those that wish to observe this year's ceremony either look for designated areas for standing or practice social distancing within the cemetery. We look forward to next year with a return to our traditional parade and observance that will be fully open to the public and participation of all groups and organizations is highly recommended.

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