

The Town of Randolph & Randolph Veterans Council Announces 2023 Memorial Day Ceremonies



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Town Manager Brian Howard, Director of Veterans' Services Kevin J. Cook, and the Randolph Veterans' Council are proud to announce the Town of Randolph Memorial Day Weekend Ceremonies for Memorial Day 2023. The public is invited to participate in our remembrance of those who died in military service to our town and nation.

Flags and flowers will be planted on Veterans graves at St. Mary's & Central Cemetery on **Thursday, May 25th 2023 from 08:00 – 12:00** by residents, students from Randolph Public Schools, Recruits from the Randolph Police Academy, along with Sailors from the USS Constitution who have volunteered to be part of our town's remembrance of our fallen Veterans. The public is welcome to assist us in honoring our fallen. Meet up at 30 Seton Way at 08:00 am for flags and directions.

On **Sunday, May 28th**, there will be a Veterans Sunday Service at the 1st Baptist Church at 519 North Main Street at 10:00 a.m. A ceremony will be held at Oakland Cemetery at 12:00 pm and then followed up with a ceremony at Lindwood Memorial Park (490 North Street) at 1:00 p.m. in remembrance of our Jewish Veterans.

On **Monday, May 29th**, we will conduct our Memorial Day Ceremonies. All are welcome to join us and remember all our fallen.

8:30 a.m. Randolph Elks will have a ceremony at the Memorial in front of Town Hall.

9:00 a.m. - Town of Randolph & Veterans Council Ceremony at the War Memorial – Our featured speaker will be **US Navy Commander John Benda**. He was **76th in command of USS Constitution**, our nation's flagship from FEB 2020 - FEB 2022. He was born in Boston and grew up in Dedham MA. He currently serves at the Navy Leadership and Ethics Center in Newport, Rhode Island.

Upon conclusion of the ceremonies in Crawford Square, all units will meet up at the parking lot next to Zapustas Rink for a march to St Mary's and Central Cemetery. No March down North Street is planned but units will march from the parking lot over to the two cemeteries.

10:15 a.m. Ceremonies held at Central Cemetery (Time is approximate)

10:45 a.m. Ceremonies held at St Mary's Cemetery (Time is approximate)

Upon conclusion of ceremonies, all units will march to the Zapustas Ice Arena parking lot and depart from there to AMVETS Post 51 on AMVETS Lane for refreshments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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