

**The Township of West Orange
2016
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES**



**Monday
May 30th
10:00 AM**

Township Hall

This program is presented by the

**WEST ORANGE
VETERAN'S OF FOREIGN WARS**

in cooperation with the

**MAYOR'S OFFICE
TOWNSHIP of WEST ORANGE**

and the

**WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
AIR FORCE
JUNIOR RESERVE OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS**



MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE TEAM

Susan Anderson
Megan Brill
Joseph Fagan
Major Joseph Marchesini, USAF (Ret.)
Ralph Panciello, VFW Post 376 Commander
Shari Ann Quirk
Chief Master Sergeant Ricardo Thurston, USAF (Ret.)

Observance

In traditional observance, the flag of the United States is raised briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lowered to the half-staff position, where it remains only until noon. It is then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day. The half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives in service of their country. At noon, their memory is raised by the living, who resolve not to let their sacrifice be in vain, but to rise up in their stead and continue the fight for liberty and justice for all.



The “National Moment of Remembrance” resolution of December 2000 asks that at 3pm local time all Americans “voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of Remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to Taps.”

Our Performers

AFJROTC & WOFD COLOR GUARD

US Flag / Joshua Vinoya, AFJROTC
NJ State Flag / Chase Garguilo, AFJROTC
West Orange Flag / Michael Giovine, AFJROTC
VFW Flag / Jeremy Lugo, AFJROTC
Ax Bearer / Captain Joseph Matullo, WOFD
Ax Bearer / Firefighter Michael Reilly, WOFD

WOPD HONOR GUARD & RIFLE BEARERS

Captain Timothy Brennan
Sergeant Andrew Berkery
Sergeant Egerton Walcott
Officer Jeffery Krimmel
Officer Robert Krimmel
Officer Steven Bode
Officer Matthew Reiss
Officer Newman Paye

TRUMPETER

Fabiola Etienne

VOCALIST

Derrick Givens

Order of Events

- Welcome.....Major Joseph Marchesini, USAF (Ret)
- Posting of the Colors.....AFJROTC & WOFD Color Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance.....Ralph Panciello
VFW Post 376 Commander
- "The Star Spangled Banner"*... .Derrick Givens
- Invocation.....Monsignor Michael Kelly
Captain, USAR (Ret)
- "Memorial Day Reflection"*.....Cadet Rushil Garala, AFJROTC
12th Grader, West Orange High School
- Remarks and Presentations....Hon. Robert D. Parisi,
Mayor of West Orange
- Oath of Enlistment.....Alfred L. Rosu
Lieutenant Colonel, USAR (Ret)
- Wreath Dedication.....Joseph Fagan, Township Historian
VFW & AFJROTC Cadets
- "Some Gave All"*Derrick Givens
- Rifle Salute.....West Orange Police Dept
- "Taps"*Fabiola Etienne, WOHS
- Benediction.....Monsignor Michael Kelly
Captain, USAR (Ret)
- Retiring of the Colors.....AFJROTC & WOFD Color Guard
- "American Soldier"*Derrick Givens

History

Memorial Day was born out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. Originally called Decoration Day, it is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America.

It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The National Holiday Act of 1971 changed the date to the last Monday in May to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays.



Message from the Mayor:

Today the West Orange community comes together once again on Memorial Day to pay tribute to those township sons lost defending our nation. We honor and remember these 156 brave souls who perished in wars and we vow to never forget them. We know what their sacrifice means to our community, our country and the world at large.

We've bestowed the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the State's highest honor for military service, on 360 of our deserving combat veterans, becoming "New Jersey's Most Decorated Community!"

We also recognize our men and women in uniform today and thank the West Orange High School Mountaineer Squadron Air Force Junior ROTC and its instructors, Retired Air Force Major Joseph P. Marchesini and Retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant Ricardo Thurston as our program coordinators. We're proud to partner with them as we continue the tradition of honoring and celebrating this important holiday.

Keeping our nation safe is the ultimate sacrifice in keeping our country out of harm's way and strong. Today, and every day, we honor our fallen with tremendous gratitude and pride.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Parisi", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Robert D. Parisi
Mayor



The Memorial Day Observance Team
Celebrates, Honors and Remembers
veterans' advocate, decorated Vietnam veteran, and longtime
Memorial Day ceremonies organizer...

Gary R. Englert
1951 - 2015