

“A SALUTE TO THOSE WHO PAID THE PRICE OF FREEDOM”

**Memorial Day Ceremony
May 25, 2015**

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Tri-community Post 4719
and Ladies Auxiliary**

Gahanna, Ohio



Jerry Kerr, Commander
Jack Steinhauser, Honor Guard Captain
Jack Steinhauser, Memorial Chairman

Marti Bridges, Auxiliary President
Jerry Kerr, Master of Ceremonies

THIS PROGRAM IS DEDICATED TO THE HEROIC DEAD OF ALL WARS

by the
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
Tri-Community Post 4719

Ladies Auxiliary
Gahanna, Ohio

American Legion Post 797
Gahanna, Ohio

Knights of Columbus Council 10941
New Albany, Ohio





TRI-COMMUNITY VFW POST 4719

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Always remember our Veterans of all wars.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 797

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Assistant Chaplain	John Raab
Honor Guard Captain	Jack Steinhausser, Sr.

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President	Carole Ebersole
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RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

Sunbury Road

9:00 a.m. Memorial March
Prayer – American Legion
District 12 Chaplain Malcolm Glasgow
Pledge of Allegiance
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY

New Albany

9:45 a.m. Memorial March
Veterans of Foreign Wars – American Legion
Knights of Columbus
Invocation – *Fr. Jerome P. Rodenfels*
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
New Albany High School Band
Directed by Darren Falk
Address – *Fr. Jerome P. Rodenfels*
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

JEFFERSON CEMETERY

Blacklick

10:45 a.m. Memorial March
Invocation – Rev. Glen Allison
Havens Corners Church of Christ in Christian Union
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
Gahanna Lincoln High School Band
Directed by Rob Cebriak
Address – *Rev. Glen Allison*
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

CREEKSIDE BRIDGE

Gahanna

- 11:30 a.m. Assembly on Bridge
Veterans of Foreign Wars
American Legion
Wreath Ceremony – VFW Commander Jerry Kerr
Prayer – American Legion *District 12 Chaplain*
Malcolm Glasgow
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
Gahanna Lincoln High School Band
Directed by Rob Cebriak
Rifle Salute and Taps
March to Mifflin Cemetery

MIFFLIN CEMETERY

Gahanna

- 12:15 p.m. Greetings from the Mayor of Gahanna
The Honorable Becky W. Stinchcomb
Invocation – American Legion *District 12 Chaplain*
Malcolm Glasgow
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
America the Beautiful
Gahanna Lincoln High School Band
Directed by Rob Cebriak
Address – *Rev. Andrew Hoover*
East Columbus Christian Church
Memorial Day Ceremony
Rifle Salute and Taps

GAHANNA VETERANS MEMORIAL

75 West Johnstown Road

- 1:00 p.m. Memorial Day Dedication
Gahanna Veterans Memorial Committee

AMERICAN LEGION & VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS HONOR GUARD

Ron Brubaker
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Ed Dahlman
Merlin Depew
Victor Elekes
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* Past Post Commanders

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

~Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae (1872-1918)





Always remember our
Veterans of all wars.

Those men and women who
served, fought, and died for
our freedom.

Our POW/MIAs and their families,
and those men and women who now serve
in our military to protect the world in the
Global War on Terrorism.

May God Bless Them All.



HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans – the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) – established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim To Be First: Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Official Birthplace Declared In 1966: Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the “birthplace” of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo’s claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

~U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**“Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women
in the service of our country can never be repaid.**

**They have earned our undying gratitude.
America will never forget their sacrifices.”**

~President Harry S. Truman



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