

PULSE



Members of the American Legion place a wreath in front of the Victory of Hinsdale sculpture in Memorial Hall during last year's Memorial Day ceremony, with the Wall of Honor listing fallen servicemen as



backdrop. This year's Memorial Day activities on May 27 will start with a sunrise service in Oak Brook and continue with a procession and ceremony in Hinsdale. (file photos)

A weekend to remember

The 2019 Memorial Day procession sponsored by the Hinsdale American Legion Post 250 will kick off at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27.

The parade will start from Third and Washington streets and proceed north on Washington, ending at Chicago Avenue. At the conclusion of the parade, the Post will hold a memorial service on the front lawn of the Hinsdale Memorial Building.

The Hinsdale Central Band and student singer Annie Ascher will perform during the ceremony,

and local essay contest participants Anastasia Gilinski, Elizabeth Tabachnikov and Rohan Chadha will read their compositions. Speech contest participants Aiste Austrevicius and Brandon Walker also will be introduced.

Past Commander George Hogrewe will read the poem "In Flanders Field," a task he has carried out for at least 30 years, according to Tom Lynch, adjutant for Post 250.

"That will be a big thing for all of us," Lynch said.

The Names of the Honored Dead will be read, and the ceremony will conclude with a rifle salute and the playing of TAPS.

Early risers can attend the start of the day's proceedings at the 7 a.m. sunrise service at Bronswood Cemetery, 3805 Madison St., Oak Brook. Lynch said honoring the community's fallen soldiers is always moving for him. He also is gratified to see the next generation involved in the day's observance.

"The kids actually getting up there and reading the essays and giving

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Making a Difference is a partnership between The Hinsdalean and the American Legion Post 250 in Hinsdale, whose mission is to support veterans and their families, the community, youth and the programs of the national organization.

their perspective, because it's such a unique perspective on life from seventh- and eighth-graders, is so neat to see," he said.

Memorial Day observances and other events planned over next four days

Here are other special activities taking place this Memorial Day weekend.

• Red, White & Bar-B-Q

May 24-26

Ty Warner Park
700 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont
westmontbbq.com

The Westmont Lions Club annual barbecue festival and competition features the best barbecue vendors in the Midwest, free live music, a carnival, competitions, craft and commercial vendors and more. The Uncle Bub's Amateur Contest will be held at 9 a.m. May 25, and a Race to Flag event and pancake breakfast will take place at 7 a.m. May 26. Visit the website listed above for a complete schedule. Times: 4 to 10:30 p.m. May 24, noon to 10:30 p.m. May 25, noon to 9 p.m. May 26. Admission: Free except for carnival.

• DuPage County Ceremony

May 26

DuPage County Government Center
421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton
dupageco-il-vetsmemorial.org

Marking the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the DuPage Veterans Memorial, the ceremony will feature speaker Ken Jacobs of the DuPage Veterans Memorial, laying of the wreath by Gold Star families, a weapons salute

by Alexander Hamilton's Artillery Company and performances by the Tunes of Glory Pipe Band. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the 421 Administration Building. Time: 2 p.m.

• Rosie & The Rivets

May 26

Cantigny Park Band Shell
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton
(630) 668-5161
cantigny.org

Cantigny's outdoor summer concert series begins with a high-energy show of the best danceable music of the 1950s and early '60s, along with current hits with a retro twist. Seating is on the lawn; chairs and blankets are welcome. Time: 3 p.m. Admission: Free with \$10 parking.

• Fullersburg Cemetery Walking Tour

May 27

Garfield Avenue and Maumell Street,
Hinsdale
fullersburg.org

Take a walking tour of the cemetery and see the final resting spot of many of the founders of Fullersburg and Hinsdale. The oldest stone, dating from 1847, marks the grave of Candice Fuller, mother of Ben Fuller who platted Fullersburg in 1851. Grave markers can also be

found for many of the area's Civil War soldiers as well as a Confederate veteran buried in an unmarked grave just south of the flag pole. Hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 11:45 a.m. tour, 12:30 p.m. flag ceremony.

• Memorial Day Remembered

May 27

Kline Creek Farm
1N600 County Farm Road, West Chicago
(630) 876-5900
dupageforest.org

Observe Memorial Day with a ceremony rooted in the history and traditions of the late 1800s, when the holiday was known as "Decoration Day." All ages are welcome. Hours: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

• Wayne Messmer Big Band

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The popular National Anthem performer at Chicago Cubs games will sing favorites from such artists as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett and Dean Martin at this Memorial Day concert, backed by a powerhouse big band. Seating is on the lawn; chairs and blankets are welcome. Time: 3 p.m. Admission: Free with \$10 parking.