

Memorial Day Commemorations

## A Special Newsletter Edition to Help You Commemorate Memorial Day

By Jackie Cuthbert

Thanks to **Lisa Carlisle of the Roswell Club, our District Family of Rotary Chair**, for the challenge she issued to each of us to pause this Memorial Day and quietly remember the sacrifices of others for our freedom this coming Monday, May 25. Her email shared some history - that records show the earliest commemoration of fallen soldiers in the US was organized by freed slaves at the end of the Civil War. After WWI, that special day of remembrance evolved to include all US military personnel who died in all wars. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.

District 6900 clubs and others around the country find themselves creating new ways to celebrate Memorial Day this year since large gatherings are still on hold. We are sharing two of them in this special edition of the newsletter - Alpharetta's virtual celebration at 9:00 am on Monday, and one from our sister district - District 6920 - for their annual (and this year virtual) Taps at Twilight service at 6:45 pm.

If you can't join either of these events, Lisa and District 6900 have challenged everyone to join in the Memorial Day national moment of remembrance. At 3 pm, May 25th, encourage everyone you are with at that moment to pause and be thankful for the veterans who returned home and how your service to others honors them all.

“Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops and once a year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well”.  
Jennifer M Granholm [more]

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Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

Category	NET MEMBERSHIP	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
I	<b>Fayetteville</b>	<b>North Atlanta</b>	<b>Brookhaven</b>
II	<b>North Columbus</b>	<b>North Fulton</b>	<b>Vinings Cumberland</b>
III	<b>Marietta</b>	<b>Dunwoody</b>	<b>Carrollton-Dawn Breakers</b>
IV	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Roswell</b>	<b>Peachtree City</b>

### Key Dates



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## Join Alpharetta's Virtual Tribute to Our Veterans ... May 25 at 9:00 AM

By Kirk Driskell

The City of Alpharetta and the Rotary Club of Alpharetta will host a Virtual Memorial Day Tribute on Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m.

The ceremony will feature a combination of live and recorded content that will be live-streamed from Brooke Street Park behind Alpharetta City Hall. The public is invited to tune into the program virtually at <http://www.youtube.com/alpharettagov>.

"While we are observing Memorial Day in a very different way this year due to social distancing, we knew it was important to provide a way for our community to honor the heroes who gave their lives to protect this great nation and the freedoms we all enjoy," Mayor Jim Gilvin said. "This year, I hope even more people will have the opportunity to join us virtually for this very special tribute." [more]



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## Taps at Twilight - May 25 at 6:45 pm

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St. Simons Island  
Rotary will  
present the  
annual "**Taps at  
Twilight**"

Memorial Day  
tribute at 6:45  
PM, Monday, May  
25, 2020. In  
consideration of  
social distancing  
guidelines, the  
event will be held  
virtually and will  
not be live.

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Facebook ...  
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