

2018 MEMORIAL WEEKEND EVENTS – CENTRAL OREGON

MAY 26-- **POSTINGS of USA FLAGS ON VETERANS' GRAVES** at Deschutes Memorial Gardens. Veterans who want to help, be at Deschutes Memorial Gardens at 0900. More info: Bob Cusick, Commander, Bend VFW Post 1643, 541-419-8463.

MAY 26-- **POSTINGS of USA FLAGS ON VETERANS' GRAVES** at Pilot Butte & Greenwood Cemeteries in Bend. Volunteers meet at 0800 at Pilot Butte Cemetery flagpole just off Bear Creek road entrance. More info: Greg Ford at 541-749-2112.

MAY 25 - 28 – **POPIES for VETERANS in Madras:** The Madras VFW Post 12141 booth will be at Black Bear Diner in Madras for all 4 days. In 1915, Canadian doctor Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae was inspired by the sight of **poppies** growing in battle-scarred fields in Europe. He was inspired to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the **poppy** was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance. Donate and receive a red poppy as well as valuable info about the VFW. Please buy a poppy to help other Veterans.

MAY 26 - 28 – **POPIES for VETERANS in Redmond:** VFW Post 4108 will be selling poppies for Veterans in Redmond from 0900-1800 each day at Redmond Safeway, Fred Meyers & Wal-Mart. Please buy a poppy to help other Veterans.

MAY 26 – **CAR SHOW & BBQ** to benefit local Veterans and Battle Buddies of Central Oregon! 9 am to 3 pm at Bend Elks Lodge, 63120 Boyd Acres Road in Bend. Automobile registration at 0800. Wonderful food, awesome cars, great music, cool raffle prizes & auction items. More info: www.battlebuddiesco.org or Kristina Olson at cobattlebuddy@gmail.com or 541-390-7587.

MAY 28 – **MEMORIAL DAY, Bend:** Monday, May 28, Bend's annual Memorial Day Service will be held at 1 p.m. (1300) in **Deschutes Memorial Gardens** on Hiway 97. Ceremony and Wreath-Laying at the Veterans Monument in the gardens. Guest Speaker will be Major Christopher Kerr, Executive Officer, ARNG, Bend. Rifle Honor Guard provided by ARNG, Bend. **Open House reception** will follow at Bend VFW Hall, 1503 NE 4th Street, Bend. Info: Bob Cusick, Commander, Bend VFW Post 1643, 541-419-8463 or cusickrobert@yahoo.com

MAY 28 – **BEND PARADE OF FLAGS** at 7 a.m. at **Bend Heroes Memorial**, 35 NW Drake Rd, Bend. Organized by Bend Heroes Foundation to honor Bend's 112 veterans who gave their lives during combat from WWI to the present. Cost: **FREE**. Contact: Dick Tobiason, 541-390-9932 or dtobiason@bendcable.com or Bendheroes.org

MAY 28 – **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** in **La Pine**. 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at La Pine Cemetery, Reed Rd., La Pine. Organized by American Legion Post 45 Honor Guard. Free. Contact: American Legion Hall, La Pine, 541-536-1402.

MAY 28 – **MEMORIAL DAY GALA** in **Prineville**. Parade at 10:00 AM at 4th & Main St, **Prineville**. Then, Memorial Ceremony at cemetery, with Re-Dedication of Veterans Memorial at the Fairgrounds. Organized by VFW Post 1412, American Legion Post 27, Band of Brothers. Info: Jim Taylor, 541-350-9766.

MAY 28 – **REDMOND MEMORIAL DAY** events: **Volunteers needed:** USA Flags raising at **0600** (1400 flags set around the city). Report to Les Schwab store in Redmond at 0600. **Volunteers also needed:** USA flags removal at 1800 in Redmond. More info: Dennis Guthrie at 541-280-5161. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Want to “buy” a large American flag flown 6 times per year in Redmond to honor a loved one who served? Visit: www.flagcityusa.us

MAY 28 – **TERREBONNE MEMORIAL CEREMONY** at Pioneer Cemetery at 0900, 485 NW Larch Ave., Terrebonne. Organized by VFW Post 4108, American Legion Post 44. Info: <http://www.vfw4108.org>

MAY 28 – **REDMOND MEMORIAL CEREMONY** at at 1100 in Redmond Memorial Gardens, 3545 S Canal Blvd. Organized by American Legion/VFW. Speaker: Redmond Mayor George Endicott. Info: <http://www.vfw4108.org>

MAY 28 – **MEMORIAL DAY MEAL** at Redmond VFW – 11:30 am to 2 pm: Serving Brats, Dogs, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad & Watermelon, Iced Tea & Coffee. All for a suggested donation of \$5, or whatever you feel is right.

MAY 28 – **SISTERS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** at Village Green Park at 11 a.m. The community is invited to honor the memory of those who have given their lives defending our nation. Keynote speaker this year will be U.S. Army veteran Brett Miller. A lunch will follow the ceremony (no charge, but donations gratefully accepted). Info: Lance Trowbridge at 541-903-1123 or Pat Bowe at 541-588-0912.

MAY 28 – **“WE ARE REMEMBERING – NOT JUST A NUMBER”** Troy Field in downtown Bend, from 8 a.m. - 11p.m. For the 11th year, Volunteers from Central Oregon will conduct a continuous reading of the name, age and hometown/state of every U.S. service person killed in Afghanistan since 2001 and in Iraq since 2003. Name boards will be displayed on the field. **Want to VOLUNTEER at Troy Field on Monday, May 28?** Phone: 541-310-0701 or email: firstamendmentsightings@live.com or www.weareremembering.com