

About Memorial Day

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress in 1968 to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional, separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead.



Special thanks to: American Legion Paschall Post #164 Honor Guard, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8198 Honor Guard, American Legion Paschall Post #164 Ladies Auxiliary, Central Crossing and Grove City High School Choirs and R.O.T.C., Central Crossing High School Band, Grove City Council, Mayor's Office and Police Division, Jackson Township Trustees and Fire Department, Grove City Boy Scout Troop 392; Girl Scout Troops 2511 and 458 and the speakers for their help in making this event possible.



We Shall Keep the Faith
by Moina Michael, November 1918

**Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.**

**We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields.**

**And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.**

Memorial Day Program

Monday, May 26, 2014
11:00 am



**Honoring All Our
Nation's Veterans**

**Veterans Memorial Monument
Grove City Municipal Bldg.
4035 Broadway
Grove City, Ohio**

Memorial Day Program

11:00 a.m.

Parade begins at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and marches south on Broadway to the Veterans' Memorial Monument at City Hall

11:20 a.m.

National Anthem

performed by Central Crossing High School Band, directed by Bob McNutt

11:25 a.m.

Firing of Civil War Volley at the Veterans' Memorial Monument

11:28 a.m.

Parade continues to Grove City Cemetery for Veterans' Ceremony

11:48 a.m.

Opening remarks and introduction of guest speakers by Jeff Shipley, Commander, American Legion Paschall Post 164

11:51 a.m.

Invocation by Don Hutchinson, Chaplain, American Legion Paschall Post #164

11:57 a.m.

America the Beautiful

performed by combined choirs of Central Crossing and Grove City High Schools directed by Jennifer Wozniak

12:00

Guest speakers:

Cheryl Grossman
Ohio State Representative
23rd District

Richard L. "Ike" Stage
Grove City Mayor

12:20 p.m.

Band arrangement performed by Central Crossing High School Band directed by Bob McNutt

12:25 p.m.

Placement of poppy flower on monument by George Love, Grand Marshal

12:32 p.m.

American Legion Paschall Post #164 Color Guard will fire a single volley as a salute to all veterans



12:33 p.m.

Taps

performed by Bugler member of the Central Crossing High School Band

12:35 p.m.

Closing prayer by Don Hutchinson, Chaplain American Legion Paschall Post #164

12:37 p.m.

Lord Bless You and Keep You
performed by combined choirs of Central Crossing and Grove City High Schools directed by Jennifer Wozniak

12:40 p.m.

Closing comments by Jeff Shipley, Commander, American Legion Paschall Post 164

After the ceremony:

All participants are invited to the American Legion Paschall Post #164 3363 McDowell Road for refreshments

