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# ***Memorial Day Ceremonies at State Veterans Cemeteries, Nursing Homes***

**FRANKFORT, Ky (May 21, 2013)** Kentucky's four state veterans cemeteries and three veterans nursing homes will hold ceremonies this Memorial Day holiday honoring those who have died for our country.

**Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville:** 11 a.m. CST, Monday, May 27.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1913 (VFW) Hopkinsville will host Memorial Day services at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West Again this year. The guest speaker will be Mr. D.D. Cayce III. Wreaths will be placed by Patricia Basner, Chaplain, Fort Campbell American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233, Jane McKnight, Dept. of Ky President American Legion Auxiliary, Richard Stanley, Cemetery Director, and John Brame Commander Post 1913. Mr. Stanley will also give the Year of Honors remembrance. Johnny C. Brown will play taps and "To the Colors" as VFW Post 1913 conducts the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony. Pennyrile Honor Guard will post and retire the colors. Lunch will be served at VFW Post 1913 at noon following the ceremony.

**Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff:** 8:30 a.m. EDT, Monday, May 27. The guest speaker will be State Representative Tim Moore. Wreaths will be placed by the U.S. Air National Guard. The 201<sup>st</sup> Brigade Support Battalion will perform the rifle salute. Casey Williams will sing the National Anthem and the North Hardin High School Junior ROTC will present and retire the colors.

**Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North, Williamstown:** 1 p.m. EDT, Monday, May 27. Guest speaker will be Col. Mark Roland, USAF (Ret.) Wreaths will be placed by family members of those interred there. Stephanie Price will sing the National Anthem. Ciarra Krist will perform taps. Grant County Honor Guard will post the colors, and the Williamstown Women's Club will provide refreshments.

**Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East, Greenup County:** 10 a.m. EDT, Monday, May 27. Guest speaker will be SSG Moses Scarberry of the West Virginia ANG Honor Guard. Landrea Spurlock will sing the National Anthem. The East Carter County High School Junior ROTC will place the wreaths and post/retire the colors. Boyd County Schools band members will perform "Echo Taps."

**Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson:** 10 a.m. CDT, Friday, May 24. KVCW Director Richard Stanley will be the guest speaker. Residents and staff will share when and where they served in the military. The program will close with a tribute to residents of WKVC who have passed away during the past year.

**Thomson-Hood Veterans Center, Wilmore:** 10:30 a.m. EDT, Monday, May 27. The guest speaker will be Mr. Pat Whitt who served in the Army during the Vietnam era. The Pledge of Allegiance will be performed by one of the Thomson Hood Veteran Center residents and music will be provided by Ms. Ruby Wiant. There will be a final roll call for the Thomson Hood Veteran Center residents who have passed from May 2012 – May 2013. In addition, a slide show and the lighting of the candles in these residents' honor will be provided. The ceremony will be concluded with the playing of taps

**Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard:** Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center residents will be attending the Memorial Day Ceremony at Hazard City Hall at 11:00 a.m. EDT Monday, May 27, followed by lunch at the DAV. At 2:00 p.m. there will be a wreath dedication at EKVC followed by a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps as well as last roll call for all residents that have passed during the last year with refreshments in the multi-purpose room.