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PRESS RELEASE

Memorial Day weekend events planned to remember New Bedford veterans

New Bedford, Massachusetts— Several events are planned in New Bedford throughout the upcoming Memorial Day weekend to honor the courageous men and women who lost their lives serving the United States.

This year's Memorial Day commemorates the centennial of the end of World War I in 1918. The Veterans' Advisory Board has placed wreaths with red carnations, rather than the traditional red, white and blue, at all WWI memorials throughout the City. Of the nearly 90 wreaths placed across New Bedford in honor of Memorial Day, 11 are red at memorials and monuments marking WWI.

Saturday, May 26, 2018

9:00 a.m. at Rural Cemetery

The Greater New Bedford Civil War Round Table will conduct a memorial exercise at the Union Soldier's Burial Site at Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street. These services typically include historical reenactment, music and a gun salute.

Sunday, May 27, 2018

10:30 a.m. at Pine Grove Cemetery

New Bedford Post 1, The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Veterans' plot in Pine Grove Cemetery, 1100 Ashley Boulevard.

12:00 p.m. at New Bedford City Hall

New Bedford Post 1, The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Vietnam Veterans' Honor Roll at New Bedford City Hall (133 William Street) on the William Street side of the building.

Monday, May 28, 2018 (Memorial Day)

8:15 a.m. at Rural Cemetery

New Bedford Post 1, The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Veterans' Plot in Rural Cemetery, 149 Dartmouth Street.

10:00 a.m. at Pier 3

The New Bedford Port Society's Annual Memorial Day Fisherman's Service, Pier 3, New Bedford Waterfront.

11:30 a.m. City of New Bedford Memorial Day Parade

The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Day Committee and the New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board will conduct the New Bedford Annual Memorial Day Parade and Services. The Parade will form at 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of Parker Street and Hathaway Boulevard and will step off at 11:30 a.m. The Parade will travel east on Parker Street to County Street, north on County Street to Pope Street, and east on Pope Street into Clasky Common Park where a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held.

The New Bedford Veterans' Advisory Board and the New Bedford Office of Veterans Services invites anyone who attends the service in Clasky Common Park to bring a single flower of their choice to lay at the park's memorials, in remembrance of a veteran family member or friend.

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