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P R E S S R E L E A S E

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 our nation.

Saturday, May 28, 2016

9:00 AM 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.

After the service at Rural Cemetery, a service will be conducted at St. Mary's Cemetery (across from Shaw's on Rt. 6) with a focus on Medal of Honor Recipient William Downey who served during the Civil War.

Sunday, May 29, 2016

10:30 AM 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 PM 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 30, 2016 (Memorial Day)

8:15 AM 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.

9:00 AM at Howland Square

Richard F. Howland Chapter, National Guard Field Artillery Veterans Organization will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at Howland Square, located on Mount Pleasant Street at the intersection of Sawyer Street, near the Carlos Pacheco Elementary School.

9:20 AM at Encarnacio Square

Richard F. Howland Chapter, National Guard Field Artillery Veterans Organization will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at Encarnacio Square, located on Dartmouth Street at entrance of Rural Cemetery.

9:45 AM National Guard Square

Richard F. Howland Chapter, National Guard Field Artillery Veterans Organization will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at National Guard Square, located at Kempton Street, North and Watson Streets.

10:00 AM at St. Mary's Cemetery

New Bedford Post 1, The American Legion will conduct a Memorial Day Exercise at the Veterans' Plot in St. Mary's Cemetery, 559 Mount Pleasant Street.

10:00 AM at Pier 3

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

11:30 AM 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 AM at the intersection of Parker Street and Hathaway Boulevard and will step off at 11:30 AM. 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 Park where a Memorial Day Ceremony will be held.

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

Immediately following the conclusion of the Memorial Day Parade at Clasky Common Park

A Memorial Day Exercise will be conducted at the Korean War Monument in Clasky Common Park.

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