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Memorial Day Weekend Welcomes Summer to Orland Park



The Village of Orland Park's Memorial Day Ceremonies are poignant tributes to those who have died serving our country. Flags from each of the 50 states billow as they provide a colorful frame for the village's towering memorial, Ara Pace – Place of Peace. Bagpipes wail as lines of veterans file in for the presentation of colors as audience members silently rise to their feet.

"The village's ceremonies for Memorial Day and Veterans Day are long standing traditions that everyone enjoys," said Mayor Dan McLaughlin. "It's nice to come together as a community to remember those who served our country and to never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Orland Park's observance of Memorial Day 2016 will be held Monday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the village's Veterans Memorial, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The public is invited.

"Memorial Day Weekend marks the start of summer in Orland Park. The village's Centennial Park Aquatic Center opens for the season that weekend and we come together as a community to observe Memorial Day," the mayor said.

The village's Veterans Commission reminds area residents that the last day to add a veteran's name to Orland Park's granite memorial is Friday, April 29. The \$250 cost to add a veteran's name covers engraving and maintenance. Veterans may be living or deceased and do not have to live in Orland Park.

"It's especially touching when a veteran stands as his name is announced as his friends and family smile and applaud," the mayor said.

Forms to add veterans' names are at the link below. They are also available at the information desk at the Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Questions about adding a veteran's name to Orland Park's memorial may be directed to the village's Veterans Commission. Further information about the Village of Orland Park Centennial Park Aquatic Center is available with the Recreation Department at 708/403-PARK.

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