



2019 NEW BERLIN MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

Monday, May 27, 2019 is Memorial Day.

This is the only day of the year that we as a Nation have set aside to honor the men & women that gave their lives for our Freedom. We must never forget the ultimate sacrifice made by them throughout the history of our great Country. All too many of us have lost sight of the true meaning of this most important day. The men and women whose heroism we both mourn and celebrate must never be taken for granted. We must do everything we can to ensure that the generations that follow will fully appreciate the sacrifices that so many have made and the sorrow their families have had to endure so that the rest of us can live in relative peace and security.

Ament Industrial Truck a division of Herc-U-Lift, The Sanctuary - a Wimmer Communities Property, The New Berlin Animal Hospital, Castle Senior Living and the New Berlin Common Council are proud to join the Hoepfner-Horn Bros. VFW Post 5716 and Highland Memorial Park Cemetery to honor those who sacrificed everything for our Freedoms.

The ceremony will be on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11:00 am at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, 14875 W. Greenfield Avenue in New Berlin. Members of VFW Post 5716 will perform their Memorial Ritual Service including a rifle salute and Commander Brian Barker will say a few words. Other guest speakers will include Mayor Dave Ament, State Senators David Craig and Dale Kooyenga, State Representatives Mike Kuglitsch and Joe Sanfelippo, New Berlin Common Council President, Alderman Ken Harendt and our special guest speaker is Major General Don Dunbar. Kayla Schultz will sing the National Anthem and "America the Beautiful" and Miss New Berlin, Jenna Watkins, will say the Pledge of Allegiance. Distinguished Young Woman of New Berlin, Emma Olsen will read the poem "Freedom Isn't Free." The New Berlin Community Band will play patriotic music, "God Bless America" and perform echoing TAPS.

Paul Peterson will give "A Toast to the Flag" and New Berlin Boy Scout Troop 93 will help direct traffic, assist Peggy, Sherry and Matt Ament with filling balloons and handing out programs and flags for those who attend. There will also be a balloon release with memorial tags. Aero Compressed Gases donated the helium for the balloons. Our sponsors have donated over 600 U.S. flags and balloons for the Ceremony.

The event will end with a balloon release and a cannon shoot that will be fired by Sherry Ament. Ament Industrial Truck a division of Herc-U-Lift will provide and former New Berlin Assistant Fire Chief Joe Dallman will drive the shuttle for anyone needing assistance to and from their cars and the Memorial.

Seating will not be provided so bring your lawn chair if you would like to sit during the ceremony. The event should last about 45 minutes.

Please join your New Berlin neighbors in honoring those who gave their lives for our Freedom.

Mayor Dave Ament