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**EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP
HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

EASTAMPTON TOWNSHIP. Eastampton Township Mayor Robert Apgar and Township Council announced that the Township is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on Thursday, May 27 at 5pm at Veterans Park (in front of the Manor House), located at 12 Manor House Court in Eastampton. The event will feature comments from Mayor Apgar, Council Members and Pastor Reverend Edward F. Conway of Smithville United Methodist Church, as well as songs and music by the Eastampton Community School Chorus and representatives of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Local Girl Scout Troops will be participating in planting flowers and the laying of wreaths. Refreshments also will be served after the ceremony.

Mayor Apgar stated, "Eastampton is home to many veterans and service members, and we have a proud tradition of celebrating all those who have made sacrifices in the service our great country. We invite the entire community to join us on May 27 as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice."

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the American military and was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. By the late 1800s, communities began to observe Memorial Day and, after World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who had died in all of America's wars. Originally known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day became an official federal holiday in 1971.

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