

**Lewiston
History
Mysteries**

Lewiston's Memorial Day Commemoration Includes Parade and Free Lunch for All

Memorial Day is an American tradition and is commemorated in thousands of communities across the nation. The earliest record of a Memorial Day was on April 25, 1866, when the women of Columbus, Mississippi, put flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers in the city cemetery. Other communities followed and the holiday was also known as Decoration Day (as in decorating the graves with flowers and flags). It wasn't until 1967 that the U.S. government officially declared the holiday as Memorial Day.

Lewiston has commemorated Memorial Day for decades and has a deep and abiding respect for those who have served in the military. The Niagara Falls Airbase is one of the area's largest employers and countless local businesses and individuals have donated time and money to support our current and past military service people.

Lewiston has two service organizations for veterans — the American Legion Post 1083 (phone 716-297-3978), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Downriver Post 7487 (phone 716-866-6880). Those who have served in the military are eligible to join the American Legion. Those who have served overseas in a combat zone are eligible to join the VFW.



Lewiston's Eternal Flame

Lewiston's Veteran Memorial stands at Academy Park (just across the street from Hibbard's) near Portage Rd. and Center St. An eternal flame has burned continuously for the past 15 years at the hallowed site in memory of our fallen heroes.

Memorial Day Timeline Monday, May 29, 2017

Mark your calendar and make plans to join this important community tribute on May 29. Volunteer organizers are hard at work. Help is always needed, so if you can lend a hand, or are interested in participating in the parade, donating or learning more, contact Norm Machelor at 716-866-6880.

11 am: "Patriot's Parade" starts on Center Street. It begins at 4th Street and ends at Academy Park at Portage Rd. and Center St. The parade host is VFW, Downriver Post #7487. The parade will be recorded on video by a drone operated by prominent sponsor Bruce Andrews from Great Lakes Realty.

Noon: Remembrance Ceremony at Academy Park, featuring the Air Force Color Guard choreographed flag folding, patriotic choral selections, taps and laying of the memorial wreath.

12:45 pm: A community luncheon will be held under a giant tent donated by Falls Tent and Awning at Academy Park. The free lunch is being prepared and donated by the Brickyard. Hibbard's is supplying free custard, and coffee is being donated by Tim Hortons. DiMino Tops Market is also a major sponsor. Donations are gratefully accepted.

What's the difference between Memorial Day and Veteran's Day?

Memorial Day remembers the men and women who have died while serving in our military. Veteran's Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Memorial Day is always celebrated on the last Monday in May and Veteran's Day is on November 11 each year.

Remembering Lewiston Heroes

Among those who will be honored on Memorial Day will be hometown heroes, Frederick Cadille and Stanton Dyke. Specialist Cadille was killed in combat in Vietnam on Dec. 5, 1965. He had enlisted in the Army the year before and served in the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment. He was 24. Marine Lance Corporal Stanton Dyke was from Brookside Drive in



Frederick Frank Cadille



Stanton Richard Dyke

Lewiston and was killed in a land mine explosion in Quang Nam Province in Vietnam on Feb. 9, 1968. His name is also on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. He was 23. The Lewiston community, and the entire nation, will never forget their courage and sacrifice. America has always counted on Lewistonians for their devoted service.



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