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2017 Memorial Day Ceremony at Stillwater Veterans Memorial

Stillwater, MN
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A Memorial Day ceremony at the Stillwater Veterans Memorial will begin at 11:30 a.m., Monday, May 29th to honor St. Croix Valley area casualties of war with a wreath laying ceremony recognizing the fallen from each of the branches of the armed forces. The ceremony will include music by the Stillwater Wind Symphony and the Croix Chordsmen, and a T-6 Thunder Flight Team will conduct a flyover. The American Legion honor guard will participate as well as local Veterans of Foreign War members will present a rifle salute and fallen comrade tribute.

The guest speaker for this year's event is Lieutenant Colonel Bill VandenBergh, U.S. Army. LTC VandenBergh is a 1986 graduate of Stillwater Area High School, and a 1990 Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Minnesota's Army R.O.T.C. program. Over a 27-year military career in the Army and as a citizen-soldier in the Army National Guard and Army Reserve, LTC VandenBergh has served in numerous commands across the country and on various overseas assignments, to include quality time in Iraq and multiple tours to Afghanistan. He recently returned from a deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan where he served as the Deputy Commander of the Forward Support Base, Headquarters, Resolute Support, a base comprised of over 2,400 NATO service members. He has earned numerous personal and unit awards, to include the Bronze Star and his Ranger Tab. In his role as a civilian, LTC VandenBergh is a Supervisory Financial Administrative Specialist with the Department of Veterans Affairs at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

The Stillwater Veterans Memorial is at Third and Pine Streets in Stillwater. While some seating will be provided, attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Beverages and refreshments will be provided, courtesy of Cub Foods, Culvers, Kowalski's Markets, and Starbucks. Media support is provided by Johnny's TV and Valley Access Channel. For more information, please visit Stillwater Veterans Memorial at <http://www.stillwaterveteransmemorial.org> and <https://www.facebook.com/stillwater.veterans.memorial/>

Come out and honor our local and national heroes who have given their last full measure in support of our country's freedoms and for democratic ideals around the world.

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