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Memorial Day, a Day of Remembrance

With sunny skies and the temperatures rising over the past few days, Wisconsinites are looking forward to Memorial Day weekend. It is a chance for us to enjoy a long weekend by celebrating with friends and family. Whether you have plans to enjoy brats at a cookout, break out the jersey and take in a ball game, or grab the fishing poles and head to the lakes, we must not forget the true meaning of this weekend.

Memorial Day has roots dating back to 1868, with the first Memorial Day designed to decorate fallen soldiers graves with flowers to commemorate their sacrifice. It wasn't until 1971 that Congress declared Memorial Day an official federal holiday, electing that the holiday's intent holds such importance that we must be unified in its celebration. Today, almost every city, village, and town throughout this great nation has their own way of commemorating their local military heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"Every man and woman who has taken time to serve our country deserves our gratitude," Cowles stated, "but some made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedom. No matter how you celebrate your Memorial Day, please take some time to remember those brave soldiers and their families as you spend time with yours."

As you enjoy your Memorial Day weekend, please take a moment and honor our fallen soldiers by visiting a memorial site near you. Listed below are veteran's monuments in the 2nd Senate District of Wisconsin that are open for visitation year-round:

2nd Senate District Veteran's Memorial Sites

All Veterans, Kaukauna High School, Kaukauna
Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena, near Lambeau Field, Ashwabenon
In Memory of Those Who Served, City Hall Complex, Seymour
Mohican Veterans Memorial, County Road A, Bowler
Shawano County Veterans Memorial, in front of the court house, Shawano
Veterans Memorial Bridge, near Thilmany Mill, Kaukauna
Veteran's Memorial Park Ring of Honor, Lawe Street, Kaukauna
Veterans Memorial in Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano
Veterans Park, East Main Street, Hortonville
Wall of Honor, Four Seasons Park, Hobart
Wittenberg Veterans Memorial, in front of the Community Center, Wittenberg



I also invite you to join your neighbors in honoring our fallen troops by attending a Memorial Day parade or local celebration. The following are Memorial Day events located within the 2nd Senate District of Wisconsin:

2nd Senate District Memorial Day Events

A Soldier's Remembrance: Memorial Day, Heritage Hill, Green Bay, 10 AM to 4:30 PM
Allied Veterans Parade, Huckleberry Harbor to Woodlawn Cemetery, Shawano, Starting at 9:20 AM
Allouez Catholic Cemetery Memorial Day Mass, Allouez, Starting at 10:30 AM
Appleton Memorial Day Parade, College Ave. to Riverside Cemetery, Appleton, Starting at 9 AM
Ashwabenon Memorial Day Services, VFW Park, Ashwabenon, Starting at 11 AM
Bear Creek VFW Parade, St. Mary's Cemetery, Bear Creek, Starting 11 AM
Birnamwood Legion Post Memorial Day Celebration, Birnamwood, Starting at 10:30 AM
Bonduel Memorial Day Services, Bonduel Community Archives, Bonduel, Starting at 10 AM
Celebrate DePere Memorial Day Activities, Voyager Park, DePere, Starting at 11 AM
De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade, West De Pere High School, De Pere, Starting at 10 AM
Duck Creek Post Memorial Day Ceremony, Duck Creek VFW, Howard, Starting at 8 AM
Hortonville Memorial Parade, Hortonville High School, Hortonville, Starting at 9:30 AM
Howard Memorial Day Parade, Howard, 10 AM to 12 PM
Kaukauna Memorial Day Service, Ring of Honor, Kaukauna, Starting at 10:30 AM
Memorial Day at Green Bay Botanical Garden, Green Bay, 9 AM to 5 PM
Memorial Day Reception, Ashwaubenon Historical Society Museum, Ashwaubenon, Starting at 11 AM
New London Memorial Day Observance, Taft Park, New London, Starting at 9:15 AM
Seymour Memorial Day Parade, American Legion Clubhouse, Seymour, Starting at 9 AM
Tigerton Memorial Day Event, Veteran's Memorial Park, Tigerton, Starting at 11:30 AM
United Patriotic Society Memorial Day Ceremony, Admiral Flatley Park, Green Bay, Starting at 5 PM
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Observance, Neville Museum, Green Bay, Starting at 8 AM

For those outside of the 2nd Senate District, refer to your local tourism bureau's webpage, or contact a local chapter of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Kiwanis International, or counterpart organization for events taking place in your area.

If the weather is rainy, you might consider attending the Trout Museum of Art in Appleton. A new exhibit, running until July 3rd, entitled *Wisconsin War Stories* is worth the trip. This award winning series of photographs and documentaries details World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. In a collection of personal stories, told in their own words, from Wisconsin men and women who fought in those wars, *Wisconsin War Stories* is a powerful exhibit that forcefully reminds us why these stories and heroes should never be forgotten. The Trout Museum is open Friday and Sat. from 10-4 and Sunday 12-4. Veterans/Active Military are admitted for free.

Senator Robert Cowles (R-Allouez) represents the 2nd Senate District of Wisconsin, which covers portions of Brown, Outagamie, Shawano, and Waupaca counties.