

Memorial Day Commemorations

A Special Newsletter Edition to Help You Commemorate Memorial Day

By Jackie Cuthbert

Thanks to **Lisa Carlisle of the Roswell Club, our District Family of Rotary Chair**, for the challenge she issued to each of us to pause this Memorial Day and quietly remember the sacrifices of others for our freedom this coming Monday, May 25. Her email shared some history - that records show the earliest commemoration of fallen soldiers in the US was organized by freed slaves at the end of the Civil War. After WWI, that special day of remembrance evolved to include all US military personnel who died in all wars. In 1971, Memorial Day became a federal holiday.

District 6900 clubs and others around the country find themselves creating new ways to celebrate Memorial Day this year since large gatherings are still on hold. We are sharing two of them in this special edition of the newsletter - Alpharetta's virtual celebration at 9:00 am on Monday, and one from our sister district - District 6920 - for their annual (and this year virtual) Taps at Twilight service at 6:45 pm.

If you can't join either of these events, Lisa and District 6900 have challenged everyone to join in the Memorial Day national moment of remembrance. At 3 pm, May 25th, encourage everyone you are with at that moment to pause and be thankful for the veterans who returned home and how your service to others honors them all.

"Ceremonies are important. But our gratitude has to be more than visits to the troops and once a year Memorial Day ceremonies. We honor the dead best by treating the living well". Jennifer M Granholm [more]

LEADERBOARD Check out the full district scoreboard

Here are the clubs that are leading the way in our district for membership, annual fund and polio plus.

Category	NET	ANNUAL FUND	POLIO PLUS
	MEMBERSHIP		
I	Atlanta Brasil	Emory-Druid Hills	Brookhaven
II	Bremen	Jackson-Butts County	Muscogee-Columbus
III	North Atlanta Professional Alliance	Vinings Cumberland	Dougherty County (Albany)
IV	Dunwoody	Dunwoody	Marietta
V	Peachtree City	Alpharetta	Peachtree City

Key Dates

Thursday, October 15th, 2026	South Cobb Governor Visit
Thursday, October 15th, 2026	Rotary Means Business with the Tucker Rotary Club
Monday, October 19th, 2026	Henry County Governor Visit
Tuesday, October 27th, 2026	Barnesville Governor Visit
Wednesday, October 28th, 2026	Griffin Daybreak Governor Visit
Thursday, October 29th, 2026	Griffin Governor Visit
Thursday, November 5th, 2026	Rotary Means Business with the Decatur Rotary Club
Monday, November 9th, 2026	Douglas County Governor Visit



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Join Alpharetta's Virtual Tribute to Our Veterans ... May 25 at 9:00 AM

By Kirk Driskell

The City of Alpharetta and the Rotary Club of Alpharetta will host a Virtual Memorial Day Tribute on Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m.

The ceremony will feature a combination of live and recorded content that will be live-streamed from Brooke Street Park behind Alpharetta City Hall. The public is invited to tune into the program virtually at <http://www.youtube.com/alpharettagov>.

"While we are observing Memorial Day in a very different way this year due to social distancing, we knew it was important to provide a way for our community to honor the heroes who gave their lives to protect this great nation and the freedoms we all enjoy," Mayor Jim Gilvin said. "This year, I hope even more people will have the opportunity to join us virtually for this very special tribute." [more]

Tuesday,
November
10th, 2026

**Carrollton
Governor Visit**

Wednesday,
November
11th, 2026

**Carrollton-Dawn
Breakers
Governor Visit**

Thursday,
November
12th, 2026

**Bremen Governor
Visit**

Friday,
November
13th, 2026

**Alpharetta
Governor Visit**



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Taps at Twilight - May 25 at 6:45 pm

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St. Simons Island
Rotary will
present the
annual **"Taps at
Twilight"**
Memorial Day
tribute at 6:45
PM, Monday, May
25, 2020. In
consideration of
social distancing
guidelines, the
event will be held
virtually and will
not be live.
Viewing
opportunities will
be on Golden
Isles TV Channel
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Rotary YouTube
channel and
Facebook ...
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