



# The Honor of Your Presence is Requested



**To Fellow Veterans and All American Citizens,**

I am writing to extend an invitation to you to formally participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies that will take place each year on the last Monday of May at 11:00 AM.

Memorial Day is a sacred day in our Country. It is a time for us to remember and honor those who lost their lives in service to our Country. As veterans, we share a special closeness to those who have gone before us and we should make every effort to be visible at this special time.

American citizens who did not serve in the armed forces should be in attendance to show their gratitude to those that committed themselves to serve our Country. It was and continues to be the service and sacrifice of the few that allows all Americans to enjoy the freedom and security that is frequently taken for granted.

Our mission is a simple one. We, as living veterans along with the citizens of our community must gather together each year and never forget the sacrifices of our fellow veterans

Our goal this year is to gather 1,000+ veterans to emphasize the importance of this memorial event. In addition, it will give our community an opportunity to express thanks to all veterans for their time in service.

I would deeply appreciate your acceptance of this invitation and your assistance in helping me find as many veterans as possible to achieve our goal. What a great statement we would make in our small community! I would also ask that you spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. All are welcome to join in to observe the parade, give thanks to our veterans and participate in the closing ceremonies in Central Park. It is especially important that children and young adults attend and understand the purpose of this solemn event.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars. Veterans participating need to begin gathering at 9:30 am at the American Legion Post located on Commerce Road just west of downtown Milford. The Parade steps off at 11:00am sharp, moving south thru Milford to Central Park. A brief ceremony will take place immediately following the parade.

Please wear your uniform, if you have one and can still get into it, or a piece of your old uniform, cap, jacket, etc. Wear any medals, ribbons, badges, etc that you may have on a sport coat or on a white shirt with dark trousers. All veterans will ceremonially receive a special medal for attending our gathering.

I hope I can count on your attendance. Please fill out the backside of this letter and return to me as soon as possible, or call me at **1-800-547-8111** so I can get a head start on planning.

Thanks in advance for your participation. I look forward to seeing you at the Parade.

**REMEMBER, RAIN OR SHINE WE MARCH!! THIS IS OUR DAY TO BE VISIBLE.**

***Joseph M. Salvia, Parade Chairman***

# MEMORIAL DAY The Last Monday of May

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Please fill out the sections below and return as soon as possible to:

MAIL TO: Joseph M. Salvia  
American Legion Post 216  
510 W. Commerce Road  
Milford MI 48381

## ***ATTENDANCE (check appropriate boxes)***

Check one:  Army  Navy  Marines  Air Force  Coast Guard

- I am still in service (active duty or reserve status) or I have received an honorable discharge and will participate in the Memorial Day Parade
- I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ other veterans with me. (Please attach list of names if possible)
- I am not a veteran but will attend to give thanks to those who served our country.

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PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION CLEARLY. THANK YOU

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***DONATION TO ASSIST WITH PARADE EXPENSES***

- I will make a donation to help the American Legion with parade expenses.

( ) \$15.00 ( ) \$20.00 ( ) \$25.00 ( ) Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: American Legion Post 216 - Memorial Day Fund**

Thanks in advance for your donation.....Joseph M. Salvia, Commander

**PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM AND HAND OUT TO AS MANY AS POSSIBLE**