

To All Veterans and American Citizens

**The Honor of Your
Presence is requested on**

The last Monday in May at 11:00am

Please accept this invitation to formally participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies in Milford, Michigan



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 should make every effort to be visible on this special day.

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 so frequently taken for granted in our Country.

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

Our goal 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 military service.

With your acceptance of this invitation and assistance in helping find as many veterans as possible, this goal can be achieved. What a great statement it would make in our small community! Also, please 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 Milford American Legion Post at the address shown below.

VETERANS: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WALK, JEEPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO RIDE IN !!

Although not required, 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.

Please fill out the backside of this letter and return as soon as possible, or you can register on-line by visiting our website – www.milfordlegion216.org . Also, any donations will be much appreciated!!

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
American Legion, Past Commander***