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Memorial Day Tribute in North Plains Sponsored by Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge #22 Support Our Troops Committee

The City of North Plains and the North Plains Community Foundation invite the public to pay tribute to fallen heroes during a Memorial Day Tribute on Monday, May 25. The Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge #22 is the event sponsor.

Beginning at 11 am, scheduled events include an honor guard and rifle salute, courtesy of Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666 and a laying of the wreath. A flyover of the F15 from the 142nd Flight Wing, home to Oregon Air National Guard's Redhawks, based at the Portland Air National Guard Base, has been confirmed. The time will be announced on Friday, May 22nd through Social Media.

The Tribute will take place at North Plains' Veterans Memorial Park, 31230 N.W. Highland Court, behind the North Plains McDonald's.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Major Francis "Frank" Mullally, US Army, Retired. Frank Mullally served in World War II at the age of 18, right out of high school. He was first assigned to the 30th Infantry Division and headed to the Battle of Anzio, Italy, in February, 1944. He then participated in the liberation of Europe during the invasion of Southern France in August of 1944. He was captured a month later by German troops when he was on patrol. After his return to the United States after the war, he served again, this time in Korea before the conflict began. Later, he was posted to Panama during the Korean conflict, guarding the Panama Canal. Major Mullally eventually took over a company at Fort Lewis, Washington and retired after 22 years of service.

The Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge #22 was formed in 1884 prior to the building being erected in downtown North Plains in 1914. The Lodge has continuously operated since its formation. The Knights of Glencoe Lodge members have committed themselves to being an integral organization in the community of North Plains and surrounding area. While the Glencoe Lodge is most known for operating the beer garden during the annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival, behind the scenes, they operate a Support Our Troops drive that is always ongoing, help teachers obtain materials for our schools, supply gifts for Santa's workshop, provide bike helmets for kids in need, provide their partner organizations a place to meet, support for the North Plains Public Library and provide volunteer assistance for other needs in the North Plains community.

The North Plains Veterans Memorial Park opened on November 11, 2020, and offers a place to relax and reflect. This 11,000-square-foot award-winning park features a 100-foot flagpole with a 50x30 foot flag as the centerpiece, commemorative plaques honoring our Veterans and POW's for their service and sacrifice, benches, the town's first EV charging station, an American Legion flag disposal box, bike rack and repair station. The Memorial Bricks are part of the park design and are for sale through the North Plains Parks Foundation to honor those who are serving or have served and are a living or deceased Veteran.

The Cost of Freedom: Memorial Day 2026

There's a flag on a porch waving in the wind.
Old men and old uniforms
wearing medals again.
Mamas hold photographs
and wipe away the tears.
Cuz some never made it home.
And it's still hard to hear.

On that hallowed ground
white crosses row by row.
Every one a story only heaven fully knows.
Freedom ain't just a word.
It's a price somebody paid.
Written in the blood of the brave.

Tonight we light a candle
and raise our voices high.
For every soul that stood that ground
and never got a chance to say goodbye.

God bless the ones who gave it all.
The ones who answered duty's call.
Who stood for freedom strong and tall
and fought the fight so we'd never fall.
May we never forget to remember
the red, white, and blue.
Cuz every star and every stripe was bought by
those heroes standing true.
On this day we pray.
Lord, let their memories stay.
Bless the ones for all they gave.

Some are barely 18,
chasing dreams across the sea.
All left behind a family, some a wife to be.
They carried all our hopes
into the darkest nights,
so we could sleep in peace
with no worry in sight.

Somewhere a bugle will play soft and low.
Our families hold each other
where the roses grow.
The fallen may be gone from sight,
but they still lead the way,
in the land for which they paid.

Let the church bells ring out.
Let songs of freedom ring high
for every heart that gave its last beat
beneath the foreign sky.

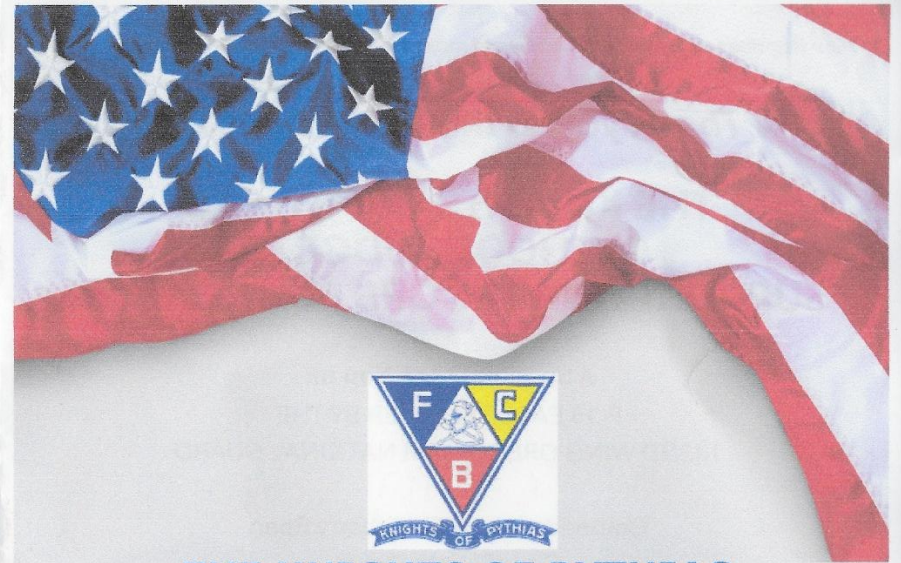
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Cuz every star and every stripe was bought
by those heroes stand'n true.
On this day we pray.
Lord, let their memories stay.
And bless the ones for all they gave.

If you listen to the silence,
you can hear the angels sing.
For the warriors who carry freedom
on brave and faithful wings.
And the liberty that feeds our breath
still echoes with their names.

God bless the ones who gave it all.
The brave who stood so tall.
May this nation always honor
the ones who gave all.
And when flags wave above
from sea to shining sea,
we remember those
who paid the cost for every liberty.
On this day we pray.
Lord, help America stay
forever worthy of the ones
who gave it all one day.

*Original music and lyrics by Hutch McCall
released May 10, 2026. "This song is dedicated
to the brave men and women who answered
duty's call and never made it home. From the
white crosses on hallowed ground to the flags
waving on every porch, we honor the stories only
Heaven fully knows. Whether you're a military
family, a veteran, or a grateful American, I hope
these words serve as a reminder that our liberty
is bought with a heavy price.*

*"May we never forget to remember."
Video available on YouTube.*



THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
GLENCOE LODGE #22
NORTH PLAINS, OREGON

Presents the City of North Plains
MEMORIAL DAY
★ ★ ★ TRIBUTE

Monday, May 25, 2026—11:00 AM

North Plains Veterans Memorial Park
31230 NW Highland Court
North Plains, Oregon



"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." — Unknown

Thank you to the Event Sponsor

THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GLENCOE LODGE 22 SUPPORT OUR TROOPS FOUNDATION

A Special Thank You to:

F-15 EAGLE FLYOVER BY THE
142ND WING OREGON AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Catherine Loyer, Strawberry Roan
City of North Plains

Live Sound by Mitch Ward

Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666 Color Guard
City of North Plains Public Works Employees

VFW Post 2666 Auxiliary

Robinson's Florist

Joyce Reynolds


North Plains Community Foundation

Hospitality following the Ceremony and Buddy Poppies by the VFW Post 2666 Auxiliary

Engraved Bricks are still available.



North Plains Parks Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 182
North Plains, OR 97133

 [Brick Order Form](#)

KIMBERLY MAUS

*Vice President, North Plains Chamber of Commerce
Master of Ceremonies*

MARTIN J. RYAN VFW POST 2666 COLOR GUARD

"THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER"

CATHERINE LOYER

Soloist

Keynote Speaker

JAMAL T. FOX

*Deputy Director,
Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs*

Guest Speaker

MAJOR FRANCIS MULLALLY

US Army, Retired

POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE-MISSING PERSON TABLE

*Russ Sheldon,
President, North Plains Chamber of Commerce*

LAYING OF THE WREATH CEREMONY

Francis Mullally, Elmer Mays, Darcey Edwards and Daniel Stinchfield

RIFLE SALUTE AND "TAPS"

Martin J. Ryan VFW Post 2666 Color Guard

Closing Song

"THE COST OF FREEDOM"

(Lyrics on the back page)