

COME JOIN US! MEMORIAL DAY



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PLANS UNDERWAY FOR MOUNT PROSPECT'S ANNUAL PARADE & MEMORIAL SERVICE

Mount Prospect's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1337 and **American Legion Post #525** are gearing up for their annual Memorial Day parade and Lions Park memorial service for fallen service members on Monday, May 27 and they are seeking additional participants, *particularly youth groups.*

"We welcome all civic groups to join us for the parade and memorial service, but especially young folks who can be educated on the meaning of this occasion.

Each year hundreds of local residents and families turn out to watch the Village's veterans march and ride, followed by the Prospect High School band, members of the Mount Prospect Lions Club and scores of Scouts, Indian Guides and others.

"It is the VFW and American Legion who memorialize all of the service members who have fallen to keep our country free. We are the educators for the many young people who come out to our ceremony and watch us parade the colors down Emerson Street. We veterans and you that participate are the ones who make this more than a day off."

The parade steps off at 9:45 a.m. from the Village Center across from Village Hall. Marching units that desire to participate should assemble between 9 and 9:15 a.m. The parade will then proceed south on Emerson to Lincoln Avenue and then east to Lions Park.

Once they reach the Veterans Memorial Bandshell at Lions Park, there will be a stirring memorial service with a speaker, patriotic music, and a ceremonial 21-gun salute by veterans firing detail.

For more information about participating and helping to remind the community about the sacrifices of our fallen service members. E-Mail Dutch DeGroot dutch23mp@comcast.net

