

Greetings and Welcome to Sunshine Residents:

Dear Friends,

VETERANS DAY -- Wednesday 11 November 2020

***2:30 pm Golf Cart Veterans Day Tribute procession – line up at the SEPO Office
(and proceed) for the 3.00 pm Gazebo – Veterans Day Tribute**



Gazebo - Guests, please park around the Gazebo area in your Golf Cart - others are invited to bring their lawn chair (safe distance). Ushers will be there for assistance.

COVID-19 Commandments: Wear your mask - Wash your hands - Social Distance - Act responsibly.

A Sanitation Station is close by.

Program:

Golf Cart Parade from SEPO Office to the Gazebo -

Honor Guard: American Flag -- Kenny Dill (U.S.Army)

Army - Jon Sandusky -- Navy - Dawn Rae Sealy -- Marines - John Magyar

Air Force - Gus Elliott -- Coast Guard - Dan Crothers

Ushers: Ushers: Marian Shan Brenda _____

While guests are getting settled in their Golf carts..... Ushers will assist the first few golf carts to get in position for their viewing place. Poppies will be dispensed safely. A Sanitation Station is at the entrance.

Lenore: Welcome Intro ----- a few words..... Reminder - Veterans Wall in Retz Hall

Randy Nicolas US Army: Invocation

Heidi Dill proud American: National Anthem - she will use her own audio equipment.

All proud Americans: Pledge of Allegiance – recited

John Combs US Air Force (Ret): *Presentation of the Colors –

Armed Forces Medley:

John – to Flag bearers “stand forward when you hear your Branch called”



ARMY



NAVY



Goast Guard



Air Force



MARINES

John - “Posting” of the Colors – retire the Flag Bearers (take your seats)

Lenore: (Program contiues.....) **Veterans Recognition**

Veterans: (in the audience) This is your day!

Please stand, - in a few words..... briefly state your name, Branch, years of service.....

Comments: Randy Nicholas U.S. Army Dawn Rae Sealy U.S.Navy Patti Wood U.S. Army

Almost the End..... Thanks to our friends who made this possible, to you our audience, and especially to our Veterans. God Bless You (round of applause) Audience please stand -TAPS

Taps: (essentially ends our Military Program) Dick Jones on Trumpet

EXIT: All - God Bless The USA - Lee Greenwood

In Flanders Flag fields.



POW/MIA Remembrance Table (Missing Man Table)

The *table* is round to show our everlasting love for the missing in action.

The *white tablecloth* symbolizes the simplicity of their motives answering the call to duty.

The *single red rose in a vase* is a reminder of the lives of each of the missing and their loved ones who keep the faith, still waiting for answers.

The *red ribbon tied around the vase* shows our continued determination to account for the missing.

A *lemon slice at each bread plate* is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.

A *pinch of salt* recalls the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.

The *Bible* represents the strength gained through our faith to sustain those lost from our country, which was founded as One Nation Under God.

The *inverted glass* symbolizes their inability to share in the day's toast.

The *chair* at their place stands empty to express their absence.

We shall never forget these brave men and women who answered the Nation's call to serve and served the cause of freedom.

The Honor and Remember Flag:



The Honor and Remember Flag was created to serve as a national symbol that specifically acknowledges the sacrifice of men and women in the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives for their country in over two centuries of America's history. House Joint Resolution #137 signed by Governor Rick Perry 2010

The RED FIELD represents the blood spilled by brave men and women in America's military throughout history who willingly gave their lives so that we could remain free.

The BLUE STAR represents active service in military conflict. This symbol originated with WWI but on this flag, it signifies service through all generations from the American Revolution to modern day.

The WHITE BORDER beneath and surrounding the Gold Star recognizes the purity of sacrifice. There is no greater price an American can pay than to give his or her life in service to our country.

The GOLD STAR signifies the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active service who will not return home. GOLD reflects the value of the life that was given.

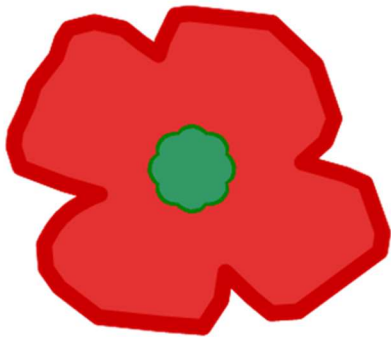
The FOLDED FLAG signifies the final tribute to an individual life that a family sacrificed and gave to our Nation.

The FLAME is an eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life yet burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero.

We shall always remember their selfless sacrifice.

In Flanders Fields

Lt. Colonel John McCrae, Canadian Brigade Surgeon WWI



Lest We Forget.



*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

— John McCrae (May 3, 1915)

The legend of the Poppy:

LC McCrae was struck by the sight of these red flowers (weeds) growing on a ravaged battlefield. He was devastated by the carnage and destruction and astonished of the Poppies that bloomed in some of the most bloodied battle fields of Flanders, Belgium in WWI. Nothing else could survive the constant bombing in these fields except these Poppies. Some 87,000 Allied Soldiers were killed in action, wounded or went missing in this battle.