



The American Legion

Bay Village Post 385
P.O. Box 40503
Bay Village, Ohio 44140



April 10, 2023

The American Legion Post 385 welcomes the participation of your organization in the **Bay Village Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies** to be held on Monday, May 29, 2023. The parade is being organized by the American Legion Post 385 with assistance from VVA Chapter 249.

Memorial Day Schedule

8:00 a.m. Assemble in Huntington Park

8:45 a.m. March to Lakeside Cemetery

9:00 a.m. March to Cahoon Park

9:45 a.m. Ceremonies at Cahoon Park

Please advise your organization members that plan on participating in the parade of the schedule listed above. It will be the responsibility of each organization to obtain automobiles for their use in the parade. Please note that all participants in the parade will march at their own risk.

Any questions you may have concerning the parade and ceremonies may be directed to Joe Cronin at email joecronin@prodigy.net. It will be greatly appreciated, if you are no longer an officer, or affiliated with the addressed organization if you would forward this information to the responsible party.

Thank you for your participation.

Stan Zeager - Commander, Post 385, The American Legion
Bruce McConoughey - President, Chapter 249, Viet Nam Veterans of America

(Address corrections may be sent to joecronin@prodigy.net)



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Memorial Day Code of Conduct

Memorial Day was established shortly after the Civil War and was intended to honor both the Northern and Southern troops who had died in battle.

It was for many years observed on May 30th and has since been observed on the last Monday in May. This made Memorial Day part of a three day weekend and has caused the original meaning of Memorial Day to change. It is now celebrated with numerous automobile races, fishing trips, mattress and tire sales and the official kick-off of the summer dress season.

Here, in Bay Village, the American Legion for many years has sponsored a parade to commemorate the deeds of the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who made the ultimate sacrifice to gain and maintain the many freedoms and liberties that all Americans enjoy.

Even this parade has changed in nature over the years so that rules and guidelines are now necessary to preserve the original intent of the parade.

Therefore the following rules will now apply:

- 1) All organized groups within Bay Village are invited to participate in the parade, with the full understanding that the parade is intended to honor those who died while serving the United States. With this in mind, groups are not to throw candy or distribute literature while part of the parade nor at the two gathering places.
- 2) The marchers shall observe a manner befitting a funeral procession and avoid loud talking, singing or yelling.
- 3) Persons who are on the ballot in November for election or reelection shall not have speaking parts as part of the parade or the ceremonies at the cemetery or the Rose Garden.
- 4) Signs urging support or election of candidates or issues are not permitted on parade vehicles and may not be carried or worn in the parade.
- 5) Wording on clothing shall be in good taste and subject to approval of the American Legion Parade Chairman or his designee.
- 6) Introductions shall be limited to local dignitaries and elected officials and students that are sponsored by Veteran's group.
- 7) There shall be no announcements made of events not directly associated with Memorial Day.
- 8) There shall be no food nor drink sold along the parade route.
- 9) Guest speakers are to be advised that their topics should be a reflection of the day on which we honor those who died in the cause of freedom.