

Hastings American Legion Post 45  
2021 Memorial Day Ceremonies

Monday, May 31, 2021, the American Legion Post 45 of Hastings will conduct the annual Memorial Day ceremonies. There are some changes, again, this year. At 11 a.m., we will open the ceremony with comments from officials at the Hastings Veterans Memorial at Tyden Park. Wreaths will be placed at the base of the Civil War Monument and POW - MIA flag. The Honor Guard will fire a rifle salute, and TAPS will be sounded. We will then walk in the park to the riverbank to place a wreath into the river to honor those who have served on and under the waterways of the world. A rifle salute and TAPS will end our post 45 Tyden Park ceremony. Sisters Faith Byykkonen and Kaylin Rhoades will conduct a patriotic Sing-along after our ceremony for those who would like to participate.

At noon at Riverside Cemetery, Post 45 will have a ceremony at the Avenue of Flags and at the GAR monument, with comments from officials, and the placing of wreaths and giving honors. We may possibly also honor the veteran most recently buried at Riverside as we have in the past.

Masks and distancing will be observed based on recommendations at the time.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for those who gave their all and for their families left behind.

Sincerely,

James E. Atkinson  
Post 45 Memorial Day Chairman

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