

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Clark County Veterans War Memorial, built in 1998 and located on the footprint of the Vancouver Barracks chapel, serves as a place of honor for our Clark County fallen so we never forget their sacrifices. Freedom is not free – it is paid for by the lives of our very best; and
- WHEREAS, the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), a non-profit organization comprising more than 40 organizations, was created for the purpose of connecting all veteran-advocacy organizations, public and private, in and around the Greater Vancouver-Portland region, including all of Clark County; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver, the 40 et 8, Voiture 99, the National Park Service, Armed Forces Reserve Center and the Fort Vancouver National Trust serve as partners as CMAC executes its objectives of recognizing and appreciating every veteran's service to our country and promoting events in the community through a network of service agencies and programs which benefit our military; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver has earned the distinction of being a patriotic community and takes pride in honoring our fallen service members at the annual Memorial Day Observance, sponsored by the Community Military Appreciation Committee, at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site; and
- WHEREAS, Waste Connections, Inc. and Northwest Natural are corporate sponsors for the Memorial Day Observance. We are pleased to see the community step up and ensure significant events and activities are funded while promoting the character and history of our community; and
- WHEREAS, this year's observance on May 27th, 2024, will have John Kaiser as the Keynote Speaker, and the official laying of the wreath at the Clark County Veterans War Memorial to honor fallen soldiers, thank them for their commitment to our country, and recall their legacy of patriotism. By giving their lives to the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the 27th in May as:

“ Memorial Day at the Barracks ”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor to honor those who have given their lives for our country and to show our respect and support for the people of our armed forces.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 20th day of May 2024.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle
ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR