



## NEWS FROM CITY HALL

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### **Sanford to Honor Military at Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony on Monday, May 27th**

On Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the City of Sanford welcomes you to spend the morning showing appreciation to those in uniform who gave their last measure of devotion to the United States of America so we all can live in freedom. The City of Sanford is home to more U.S. Veterans than any other city in Seminole County, Florida and was recently recognized as a Military Family Friendly City.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade is at 10 AM in downtown Sanford and the Remembrance Ceremony at 11 AM at Veterans Memorial Park. The City of Sanford, in partnership with the Seminole County Area Veterans Advisory Council, is pleased to announce an exciting parade line-up with many dignitaries, the Tuskegee Airman, military vehicles, Bahia Shriners, Uncle Sam, the Palm Tree Santa's Drill Team as well as representation from military veteran organizations throughout Central Florida. The Grand Marshall is Captain Ron York, a World War II and Korean War Veteran. York is a decorated Veteran awarded with the Bronze Star Medal for Ground Operations, the WWII Victory Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon, Korean Service Ribbon (two campaign stars), United Nations Service Ribbon and a Combat Infantry Badge.

The 11 AM Remembrance Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park on Lake Monroe will feature William 'Bill' Russell, a Korean War Veteran, Lecturer, Historian and Author presenting the Memorial Day Address. Russell served in the U.S. Army from 1947 to 1956. He was also assigned as a combat correspondent and was cited for accompanying a special behind-the-lines operation during the Battle for White Horse Mountain in 1952. The Remembrance Ceremony will also feature Korean Dancers, a 21-gun salute, a helicopter fly-over and more.

At 1 PM, the City and the Korean War Veterans of Mid-Florida will present 150 Certificates of Appreciation from the Department of Defense to veterans who have served in the Republic of Korea. The 1 PM Korean Service Appreciation Ceremony will be held in Sanford's Civic Center. The Department of Defense's Commemoration Committee is recognizing the 60th Anniversary of the Korean War Armistice.

For further information, including updates and the parade line-up, visit the Sanford Memorial Day webpage at [www.sanfordfl.gov](http://www.sanfordfl.gov).

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