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Memorial Day ceremony set for May 28

The public is invited to commemorate Memorial Day with a special ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 28 at the Mission Viejo Civic Center, 200 Civic Center.

The poignant ceremony will include keynote speaker Lt. Colonel Thomas Savage of the City's adopted Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

The Civic Center courtyard will feature the American Heroes Tribute banner display from May 21-30 to honor and remember military personnel who lost their lives serving our country. The American Heroes Tribute banners are possible through the efforts of the nonprofit American Heroes Tribute, and each sponsored banner provides a long-lasting tribute to the members of the Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Memorial Day ceremony will include a color guard and buglers; a rifle salute from Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 6024; and a performance by Dawn Wright.

Volunteers from the Mission Viejo Marine Adoption Committee will have shirts, hats and coins available (for a donation) to support the Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, and poppies will be available from the members of the Veterans of Foreign War Ladies Auxiliary.

The patriotic spirit will continue later that week with a special 7 p.m. screening of "Dreadnaughts at War, Their Stories" May 31 at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center, 24932 Veterans Way. The fascinating history documentary focuses on four men who served as tankers during the Vietnam War. A live interview will follow with the film's creator, Paul Higgins, and Vietnam veteran Pat Forster. The free event is presented by MVTV channel 30.

For more information, call 949-470-3061.

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