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CENTERVILLE TO HOST MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

In commemoration of Memorial Day, the city of Centerville is remembering those who have died in service to our country with a ceremony saluting the men and women who have helped protect, preserve and maintain our freedom.

Scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, May 29, at the Veterans Memorial at Stubbs Park, 255 W. Spring Valley Road, the program includes color guard presentations from Centerville VFW Post 9550, the Centerville Police Department Honor Guard, and remarks from Centerville Mayor Brooks Compton.

The keynote address will be given by Col. Bradley McDonald, 88th Air Base Wing and Installation Commander, Wright-Patterson AFB. He commands one of the largest air base wings in the Air Force with more than 27,000 Air Force military, civilian and contractor employees. The wing provides support and services to one of the largest, most diverse, and organizationally complex bases in the Air Force including a major acquisition center, research and development laboratories, a major command headquarters, an airlift wing, and the world's largest military air museum.

Col. McDonald entered the Air Force after graduating from the United States Air Force Academy in 1994. He has held a variety of leadership, staff, and command positions with experience at the squadron, wing, major command and Air Staff levels as well as in the deployed environment. Additionally, he served as a wing executive officer, speechwriter to the Commander, Pacific Air Forces, and as a Capitol Hill military fellow to the United States Senate Majority Whip. He also served at Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, as the Chief of the Financial Analysis Division.

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Other program activities include readings by local school students and a musical performance Centerville Community Band. Centerville area Boy and Girl Scouts will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The public is invited to attend this tribute to the patriotic men and women who have shaped our country's rich heritage. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Centerville Police Building, 155 W. Spring Valley Road. For more information, call Centerville Municipal Offices, 433-7151, or visit centervilleohio.gov.

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