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## **VETERANS COUNCIL CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY MAY 31**

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(Naples, FL) - May 31 will be a day to remember fallen heroes. The Veterans Council of Collier County will host a Memorial Day Ceremony to commemorate the efforts of our military men and women to protect our way of life.

This year's program will pay tribute to all who have served in our Military Forces, from the first armed resistance against the King of England on April 19, 1775 to those on active duty serving through out the world.

Re-enactors from Collier County Museum's "Soldiers of the Past" will parade one by one as comments and historical quotations are provided by historian & Chaplain Lt. Col. Robert Hartman, U.S. Army (Ret.)

### **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

Date: Monday May 31, 2010 Memorial Day  
Time: 9:30 a.m. prelude; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. formal ceremony  
Location: **Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens**  
"A dignity provider", 525 111<sup>th</sup> Ave. N. in Naples, FL 34108  
  
For information call Jim Elson 434-2652 or 860-0009.

"I view this program as a significant historical retrospect of those who dedicated their service to the formation of our Country and to those who have paid the Ultimate Sacrifice.

We call on all Americans to remember soldiers who have fallen fighting for our country from this country's War for Independence through today's War on Terror. The United States has formally celebrated Memorial Day since May 1868. We would not know the wonderful freedoms we seem to take for granted if it were not for the sacrifices made by soldiers and their families," said James Elson, Past President of the Collier County Veterans Council.

Collier County's Veterans Services and Museum Departments will participate in the ceremony along with the Collier County Sheriff's Color Guard.

Media should contact Jim Elson at (239) 434-2652 or the day of the event (cellular) (239) 860-0009. Lunch will be provided after Ceremony by: **Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens "A dignity provider"**