

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Territory-Wide Memorial Day Commemorations Announced

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Every year, military service men and women who died in active service are remembered with commemoration events across the U.S. mainland and in the territory. This year, the Office of Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Survivor Outreach Services and the VA Vet Center have partnered to make this year's event memorable, according to a press release issued today.

Traditionally held on May 30, ceremonies will occur in tandem on all three islands on May 25.

The St. Croix march will start at the Frederiksted Post Office and proceed to the Frederiksted Cemetery for the graveside ceremony, and continue to the Frederiksted waterfront adjacent to the Verne I. Richards Veterans Memorial Park, for the seaside service.

On St. Thomas, a grave site ceremony at the entrance of the western cemetery will be followed by a procession with police escort to the Emil White bust on the waterfront for the seaside ceremony. Immediately following the seaside event, the commemoration will proceed to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Veterans Park via main street. The official commemoration ceremony will be held at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Veterans Park.

In St. John, the group will assemble at the Cruz Bay Public Cemetery, and at 10:00 a.m. a motorcade will move forward to the Bethany Moravian Cemetery for a short ceremony. It will be followed by another short ceremony at the Emmaus Moravian Cemetery.

Finally, the gathering will move forward to the Coral Bay dock for a seaside ceremony at 12:00 p.m., followed by an official ceremony at the Viggo E. Sewer American Legion Post #131, Headquartered in Coral Bay at 12:30 p.m.