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Special Issue - - Sunday, May 28, 2023

Free Hamburgers, Hot Dogs For Post 201 Family Members 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Memorial Day

Bring a Dish to Share Requested

Members of the Post 201 Family will be treated to free hamburgers and hot dogs at the Post tomorrow (Memorial Day) between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The decision was made late yesterday afternoon, according to outgoing Post Commander Fred Mahony. It came on the heels of Post leadership learning that no baseball games would be played on the Post's field tomorrow as had been originally contemplated..

Mahony asked that those planning to enjoy the hot dogs and hamburgers also "bring a dish to share." This is in keeping with how the Post has celebrated Memorial Day in previous years.

But while enjoying the fun and friendship let's not forget the real reason for Memorial Day.

Unlike Armed Forces Day which is for those still in uniform; or Veterans Day which is for those who have hung up their uniforms - - - Memorial Day is for those who never made it out of their uniform.

Yesterday, JCVA member Bob Moore shared a story with this writer which is perfectly timed for Memorial Day. The original source appears to be an article written by Rick Stambaug for Memorial Day 2015. It's worth the read, and clicking through to the link about the musical tribute.

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"How easy we forget the sacrifices we ourselves have paid for; the freedoms and liberty we claim to love and admire so much!

"The following is an article concerning a small country WE helped liberate from tyranny in World War II and the sacrifices WE paid to provide these people with exactly the same thing we claim to cherish today and I ask you to please note the difference in the amount of respect each country pays to those sacrifices.

"In Maastricht in the Netherlands it is not just a picnic and party!

"About six miles from Maastricht lie buried 8,301 American soldiers who died in "Operation Market Garden" in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall/winter of 1944 near the end of World War II.

"Every one of the men buried in the cemetery, as well as those in the Canadian and British military cemeteries, has been adopted by a Dutch family who mind the grave, decorate it, and keep alive the memory of the soldier they have adopted. It is even the custom for these families to keep a portrait of *their* American soldier in a place of honor in their home.

"Annually, on Liberation Day, (twin to our Memorial Day), services are held for 'the men who died to liberate Holland.' The day concludes with a concert and the final piece is always *Il Silenzio*, a memorial piece commissioned by the Dutch and first played in 1965 on the 20th anniversary of Holland's liberation.

"It has been the concluding piece of the memorial concert ever since.

"Recently, the soloist was a 13-year-old Dutch girl, Melissa Venema, backed by Andre Rieu and his orchestra (the Royal Orchestra of the Netherlands).

"This beautiful concert piece is based upon the 'original version of taps' and was composed by Italian composer Nino Rossi.

"As we 'picnic' and 'party' this weekend, are you taking at least one short moment out of the party to honor those who paid the price allowing you to do just that?

"How many 13-year-olds in America today fully understand the history and the sacrifice of our freedom? This young lady seems to!

"You may listen to young Melissa Venema's performance ([*by clicking here*](#)). It is quite moving."

Source:

Article by [*Rick Stambaugh*](#), May 23, 2015

For Gods Glory Alone Ministries

<https://www.fggam.org/2015/05/least-we-forget-il-silenzio-the-original-taps/>

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Resource Links

Post 201 Walk of Memories - [Click here](#) for more information.

Survivor Assistance Checklist - [Click this link](#).

Benefits for Georgia Veterans - [Click this link](#).

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Veterans Crisis Line - 1-800-273-8255 Press 1

Post 201 Service Officer Hotline for Vets-at-Risk - 631-720-6022

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It's the price you paid to be eligible."***

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