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## **TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. May 19, 2021**— The Town of Purcellville encourages all citizens to come out to honor our Fallen Veterans on Memorial Day, Monday May 31, 2021. The ceremony will begin at 11:45 a.m. at Purcellville Town Hall, 221 South Nursery Ave. The ceremony may also be viewed on the Town's Facebook page through a Facebook Live event. Details about the ceremony are below. In accordance with CDC's guidance regarding COVID, the Town strongly encourages those in attendance who are unvaccinated or not fully-vaccinated to wear masks.

### Purcellville Town Hall

- Welcome by the Mayor
- Invocation by Chaplain Larry Brooks, Purcellville Police Department
- Remarks by guest speaker, Chief Petty Officer Stan Milan, United States Navy (retired)

### Procession to the Tear Drop

#### Tear Drop

- American Legion presents military wreaths
- Families of the Fallen present local hero wreaths
- "Taps" played by Rick Reaves
- American Legion gives a 21-gun salute
- American Legion raises the American flag
- Moment of silence
- Purcellville Mayor Fraser reads a proclamation
- Benediction by Chaplain Larry Brooks, Purcellville Police Department
- Closing remarks by Mayor Fraser

**Please note: Traffic will be diverted in the area of the teardrop intersection from approximately 11:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to honor our Fallen. This will impact traffic on Main Street from Hatcher Avenue to 21<sup>st</sup> Street and from Nursery Avenue and 20<sup>th</sup> Street onto Main Street.**

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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