



Military Heritage Museum

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MILITARY HERITAGE MUSEUM HOSTS MEMORIAL DAY COMMEMORATION

PUNTA GORDA, FL – The Military Heritage Museum in Punta Gorda is sponsoring a Memorial Day Commemoration ceremony on May 25 from 11:30 to noon. The ceremony will include guest speaker Phillip Schofield, Corporal (Retired) United States Marine Corps, and a MOS of 5811-Military Police Officer. The Color Guard Detachment 756 Charlotte County will present colors. There is no charge to attend the Memorial Day ceremony.

Museum exhibits and galleries will be open from noon to 4. Admission adults \$18, Veterans \$14, and children \$5. Gold Star families always receive free admission. Huey Helicopter Cockpit tours are offered from 12:30 to 2:30. At 1 in the Gulf Theater, a military living historian (1st Person Reenactor), Donald Taylor (US Army and Coast Guard) will portray a U.S. Berdan's Sharpshooter (aka USSS). "Berdan" Sharp Shooters were two regiments of crack marksmen recruited from eight states based on their ability to pass an exacting marksmanship test. A Memorial Day Documentary and a 3-D movie will be shown at 2.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2026 will be Monday, May 25. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Americans observe Memorial Day by attending ceremonies, visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades to honor the sacrifice of service members who have died protecting our freedoms.

The Military Heritage Museum is located at 900 West Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda. For more information or reservations, please go to the website and sign up at www.militaryheritagemuseum.org or call 941-575-9002.

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