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Flagler County Memorial Day ceremony held rain or shine, county offices closed

May 23, 2018 – Monday’s Memorial Day ceremony at the Government Services Building will take place rain or shine.

“Should there be inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Board Chambers – right inside,” said Flagler County Veterans Services Officer David Lydon. “We don’t want the weather to dissuade anyone from coming out to help us pay tribute to those who lost their lives in service to our country.”

The ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 28, at the Government Services Building, 1769 East Moody Blvd., Bunnell.

American Legion State Commander Steve Shuga, who retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1995 after 20 years of service, will be the keynote speaker. During his enlistment with the Marines, Shuga’s military assignments included areas of the Western Pacific, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Zaire, El Salvador, Japan and Kuwait.

Ray Mercer, a World War II Silver Star recipient, will place a wreath at the Veterans Monument in front of the Government Services Building. Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, Jamison Walker will sing the National Anthem, and Travis Thomas will sing “God Bless the USA.”

Jack Howell, Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, will present Flagler County with a plaque recognizing it as a Purple Heart County.

The Memorial Day event is sponsored by the Flagler County Commission and the Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council. Veterans groups to participate include: American Legion Post 115, Amvets Post 113, DAV Chapter 86, Marine Corps League 876, Military Officers

Charles Ericksen, Jr.
District 1

Greg Hansen
District 2

David Sullivan
District 3

Nate McLaughlin
District 4

Donald O’Brien, Jr.
District 5

Association of America, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Flagler County Veterans Service Office, VFW Post 8696, and the Knights of Columbus 2264 Color Corps.

Flagler County offices are closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

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