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Memorial Day program resumes in DeKalb

Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country will be honored at the Memorial Day program in DeKalb.

The program on the Ellwood House lawn returns this year after a one-year absence due to COVID-19 safety measures last year. It will be held on Monday, May 31 at a new time, 10 a.m.

A full slate of speakers and music is planned to honor the country's fallen veterans.

Opening remarks will be given by DeKalb Mayor Cohen Barnes, DeKalb Police Chief David Byrd and the president of the DeKalb Park District Board of Commissioners. Michael Embrey, the DeKalb American Legion Historian, will deliver the keynote speech.

Terri Crane Goodman will sing the Star-Spangled Banner, and Ron Lofton will lead the audience in the singing of "America the Beautiful" and "This Land is Your Land." Terri will then join Ron to sing the Armed Forces service songs. The program will also include "Amazing Grace" performed by the Firefighter Highland Guard of DeKalb, a rifle salute and the playing of "Taps."

Several local veterans groups will be represented including the DeKalb American Legion, Marine Corps League, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, AmVets, and AmVets Ladies Auxiliary.

While the Memorial Day program is returning this year, the Memorial Day parade will return next year.

The City of DeKalb would like to thank FunME Events and the DeKalb Park District for their help arranging this year's program.