

Memorial Day Ceremony

presented by

Robert E. Lee Post 2239
Veterans of Foreign Wars
&
American Legion Post 284
Colonial Heights, Virginia

Monday, May 29, 2023
10:00 am

Memorial Monument
on the Boulevard
Colonial Heights, Virginia

With Honor and Gratitude, We Remember



*"This is the day we pay homage to all those who didn't come home.
This is not Veterans Day, it's not a celebration,
it is a day of solemn contemplation over the cost of freedom."*

-Tamra Bolton, in Parade essay

*Everyone is invited to the American Legion Post Home
for Refreshments and Fellowship following the ceremony*

505 Springdale Avenue
Colonial Heights, Virginia



The American Legion Post #284
Colonial Heights, Virginia



SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Colonial Heights police Department
Colonial Heights Parks and Recreation Department
Colonial Heights Fire Department

WELCOME

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS
All Please Stand

American Legion
Honor Guard

BENEDICTION

American Legion Chaplin
William H. Gibson, III

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
All

MOMENT OF SILENCE
PLAYING OF BAGPIPES
AMAZING GRACE

Piper, Mike McCann

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr. James Curry

RETIRING OF COLORS
All Please Stand

American Legion
Honor Guard

OPENING PRAYER

VFW Chaplin
Eugene Byer

CLOSING REMARKS

Michael Peterson
Commander
VFW Post #2239

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Michael Peterson
Commander
VFW Post #2239

INTRODUCTION
OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS MAYOR
*Mayor T. Gregory Kochuba

Craig Ervin, Commander
American Legion
Post #284

***Who gave you, your freedom?
It is the veteran, not the preacher
Who has given us freedom of religion.***

INTRODUCTION
OF GUEST AND SPEAKER
*Ken Wiseman
VFW Department of VA
State Chief-of-Staff

Michael Peterson
Commander
VFW Post #2239

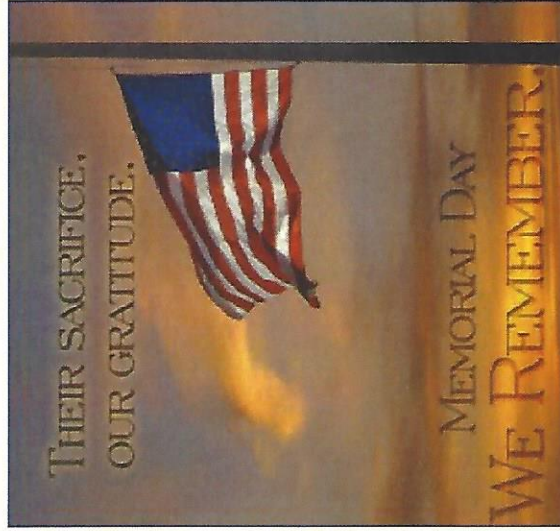
RECOGNITION OF
OUR LOCAL FALLEN HEROES

TAPS

Mr. Robert Emerick

LAYING OF WREATHS

Michael Peterson
Commander
VFW Post #2239



***Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it.
It flies with the last breath
of each soldier who died protecting it....***