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Recognizing Memorial Day Under Shelter-in-Place

Memorial Day plans will be different this year, but there are still many ways to recognize the holiday while following shelter-in-place guidelines.

The Memorial Day holiday is a time to remember and honor those military service members who died in service of the United States. Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Director and Army Veteran Ryan Derby said, "This is an important time to reflect on the men and women who gave their lives to defend the rights of all Americans."

While many traditional ceremonies have been modified or canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, below is a list of virtual, televised or individual events:

- National Memorial Day Concert broadcast on PBS/KEET-TV – 8 p.m. Sunday, May 24 (check local listings)
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony live webcast – 10 a.m. Monday, May 25 (vvmf.org/alwaysremember)
- We Honor Them Together National Veterans Memorial and Museum Virtual Walk/Run – May 22-25 (nationalvmm.org/event/national-veterans-memorial-and-museum-virtual-run-walk)

The upcoming weekend is also a time when family and friends come together in celebration. Here are a few ways to enjoy the weekend while maintaining social distancing and other safety measures.

- Kinetic Sculpture-in-Place livestream (kineticgrandchampionship.com)
- Redwood State and National Parks opening limited facilities (nps.gov/redw/index.htm)
- Visit a county park (humboldt.gov/civicalerts.aspx?AID=2885). Please note: Freshwater Park is closed as are all county campgrounds.)

If there are items you need, please remember to support local EOC-Certified retail businesses. Visit humboldt.gov/2770 to see the list. Additional businesses are added daily, so please call ahead to see if your favorite retailers are open.

When recognizing the holiday, maintain six feet of distance at all times from anyone but members of your own household, and make sure personal hygiene supplies are on hand when leaving your home. Facial coverings continue to be required, and rules against non-essential travel remain in

place. Lodging for those outside of Humboldt County is not allowed and will not be available except to those traveling for essential purposes.

The most up-to-date list of EOC-Certified businesses can be found on the Humboldt County website here: humboldtgov.org/2770.

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