

Military commemoration timeline

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

08:30 – 09:00 VIP Guest and Dignitary Arrival

Guests, veterans, and military officials arrive and are escorted to their designated seating areas. Honor guard members complete final ceremonial preparation checks.

Location: Memorial Park Plaza Entrance

09:00 – 09:15 Posting of the Colors

The joint service color guard marches onto the parade field to present the national flag and service branch banners. The assembly stands at attention for the presentation.

Location: Main Parade Ground

09:15 – 09:30 Invocation and Welcome Address

The military chaplain delivers the opening invocation, followed by welcoming remarks from the master of ceremonies. The opening sets a solemn and reflective tone for the day.

Location: Main Parade Ground Stage

09:30 – 09:50 Keynote Commemorative Address

A senior military commander delivers a keynote speech honoring the service and sacrifices of fallen personnel and veterans. The remarks highlight historical valor and military traditions.

Location: Main Parade Ground Stage

09:50 – 10:15 Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Representatives from each military branch lay ceremonial wreaths at the base of the central monument. A minute of silent tribute is observed by all attendees.

Location: Eternal Flame Memorial Monument

10:15 – 10:30 21-Gun Salute and Taps

An honor guard rifle detail performs a traditional three-volley rifle salute. A bugler then plays Taps across the memorial grounds in remembrance of the fallen.

Location: Memorial Courtyard

10:30 – 11:00 Commemorative Medal Presentation

Distinguished veterans and surviving family members receive commemorative ribbons and service medals. Official presenters express national gratitude during each presentation.

Location: Main Parade Ground Stage

11:00 – 11:15 Aerial Flyover Tribute

Military aircraft execute a ceremonial flyover in missing-man formation over the park. Spectators view the flyover from the main plaza grounds.

Location: Memorial Park Airspace

11:15 – 11:30 Retirement of the Colors

The color guard formally retires the flags, concluding the outdoor ceremony. The master of ceremonies provides final instructions for the indoor reception.

Location: Main Parade Ground Stage

11:30 – 12:30 Veterans Reception and Catering

Attendees transition indoors for a catered luncheon and social hour. Veterans, dignitaries, and families gather to converse and build community connections.

Location: Memorial Hall Banquet Room

12:30 – 13:15 Historical Exhibition Gallery Tour

Guests tour a curated exhibit showcasing military artifacts, archival photos, and personal stories. Museum docents provide additional insight into the collection.

Location: Memorial Hall Exhibition Gallery