



Our 30th Annual Memorial Day Service was Beautiful!



Our 30th annual Memorial Day Service was very special. We had two excellent guest speakers. The first was William G. Cona, who has long been a friend to Curlew Hills. Mr. Cona is the Commandant of the Marine Corps League Department of Florida. William has spent his life dedicated to the Marine Corps. He is a Lifetime Member of the Marine Corps League and spent over 30 years serving the organization.

Our second guest speaker was Captain Rick Haupt. Capt. Rick Haupt is the Director of Communication, U.S. Central Command, Communication Integration Directorate, MacDill Air Force Base, FL. Capt. Haupt's career includes 10 years joint, six years overseas and five years of sea duty, including multiple deployments afloat and ashore through every geographical combatant command's area of responsibility.

History of Memorial Day



Live patriotic music was once again provided by the Palm Harbor United Methodist Church choir. Their amazing musical talent delighted the 400+ people in attendance, as always!

Please visit the Events page of our website to watch the video from this great event.

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is for remembering those who died serving our country. It was first observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate Civil War soldiers. It is believed the month of May was chosen because flowers would be widely in bloom.

A Note From Our President



Keenan Knopke

It's hard to believe that this year marks the 15th anniversary of the tragedies that occurred on September 11th, 2001. With this sad anniversary almost upon us, it makes us all stop and think about the great loss that our country endured that day.

To honor the heroes of that day, we have been busy planning our 9/11 memorial service. The service will be held on Sunday, September 11th here at Curlew Hills at our onsite 9/11 Memorial. Our one-of-a-kind Memorial features a twisted steel beam from the World Trade Center as its focal point. It also has two large symbolic granite towers with an eternal flame at its base.

Since this year's 9/11 event will be on a weekend, we are hoping that young people who are typically in school will now be able to attend. It is so important that children of all ages take time to remember the thousands of lives that were lost on September 11.

I encourage you to join us on September 11 to honor the victims, the heroes and the many families whose lives were impacted by that tragic day nearly 15 years ago.

John Wilson



Master of Ceremonies for Our 9/11 Event

We are pleased to announce that John Wilson will be the Master of Ceremonies at our 9/11 Memorial Service this year.

John retired as a prime time news anchor for WTVT, Fox Channel 13 in 2014. His brilliant news career has spanned more than 50 years to become one of the most recognized and beloved news anchors in Tampa Bay history. He has earned many news awards for his coverage of world-shaking events in Washington, Moscow, the Middle East, Guantanamo Bay and much more.

We are thrilled to have John lead our 5th Annual 9/11 Memorial Event!

Meet David Schramel Our Grounds Manager



Have you ever wondered how Curlew Hills' grounds always look so beautiful? David heads up the maintenance team that makes that possible. He has worked for Curlew Hills for nearly 25 years! His keen eye for detail ensures that the grounds are maintained to the highest standards so families can enjoy its lush beauty. David is a Florida native, born and raised in Safety Harbor. He has been married to his wife Debra for over 20 years and together they have three lovely children. In his spare time David enjoys boating, diving and offshore fishing.

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September 11 Memorial Service

Sunday, September 11

Pet Blessing Ceremony

Saturday, October 1

Dr. Wolfelt Seminars

Thursday, October 20 & Friday, October 21

Veterans Day Service

Friday, November 11

Candlelight Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, December 7