

## **SOUTH KINGSTOWN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE CANCELLED**

**MEMORIAL CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

The planning committee for the annual **South Kingstown Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony** regretfully announces the cancellation of the Parade portion of the annual event due to mandated COVID-19 restrictions on large public events.

The traditional post-parade Memorial Ceremony and Wreath Laying Service at the Saugatucket Park Veterans Monument will be carried out by members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 916, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 325, to honor the memory of all United States military personnel who died while serving in the Armed Forces. The same group will also carry out the annual wreath laying ceremonies at the Civil War Memorial in Riverside Cemetery, the Hazard War Memorial Monument at Hazard School and at the Vietnam Memorial Park at Dale Carlia Corner.

Parade Committee Chair and Vietnam Veteran, Steve Stewart (VFW Post 916), noted that “We are living in difficult times but no matter how challenging this time may be, we must never forget the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our great country. We will remember and honor them this year just like we have done every year.”

The committee is planning to livestream the Saugatucket Park Ceremony on Memorial Day, and the public is invited to attend virtually. An announcement on the program details and how to access the livestream event will be made in the coming weeks.