



Troop 23 – Hot News May 25, 2020

TROOP 23 MEMORIAL DAY WALK:

Memorial Day is our opportunity to recognize, honor and mourn those that have died in service of our nation. For Troop 23, this has traditionally been reflected through our formal display of historic flags in the Wheaton Memorial Day Parade and participation with cemetery memorial service. As in each theater/conflict, which those we honor served, there were risks and extreme elements to contend. In the field, they were tasked to adapt and overcome. Today we wage a domestic battle with COVID-19, which has temporarily changed our normal daily lives. As a result, large public events such as the annual Memorial Day Parade have been cancelled. As a Troop, it tasks us to explore alternate opportunities to help support the observance of Memorial Day, while in conformance to federal and local requirement. While there is no formal Troop 23 parade participation this year, we wanted to provide a few options, if anyone were interested in participating. This first was inspired by the recent Crop Walk success in Wheaton. As a result, we offer the opportunity to take part in a Memorial Day walk (details below). As another option, Scouts/families could simply observe prayer and the sounding of taps at the Wheaton Cemetery (details below). These are all optional and intended to provide an opportunity of participation for anyone that feels comfortable doing so.

In observance of Memorial Day, a small, socially distanced group of uniformed volunteers will walk from First Presbyterian Church to the Wheaton Cemetery. Color guard will be preceded by the service cap and funeral flag of a local fallen soldier. In accompaniment will be key service flags and bugler. At the cemetery (roughly 10:30am), a brief prayer will be sited, followed by the sounding of Taps. Scouts and families are welcome to walk the same path and/or alternate if so chosen. Scouts wishing to carry a flag as a part of their walk, can select a historic flag from the Troop 23 collection, along with white cotton gloves and a flag carrier. Flags will be arranged for selection in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church. As with traditional parade attire, we ask participating scouts to be in full uniform. Please also remember water and bring a mask. Below is the timeline of events for 5/25/2020:

9:30am Flag distribution in parking lot at First Presbyterian Church. Those interested in carrying a flag will also receive a flag holder and white gloves.

9:45am Color guard and accompaniment begin walk to Wheaton Cemetery. Primary route will be west along Jefferson Avenue and then South along West St.

10:30am Prayer and taps at Wheaton Cemetery. Troop flags will be gathered following completion at cemetery.

Note: This is a voluntary/optional walk for anyone who feels comfortable participating.

GOOD NEWS:

Troop 23 Scouts are finding ways to progress and learn during this time – here's just some of what our Scouts have accomplished:

Congratulations to Timmy Tiberi for successfully passing his second class board of review. Timmy has been working hard to hammer out scout requirements while he has this extra time and is very close to completing his next rank as well. Keep it up Timmy!

Tommy Tiberi completed all of the requirements for the Personal Management merit badge. He went through two very full Zoom meetings and he showed he certainly knows his stuff! Well done.

Congratulations to Joseph Monticello for passing his 1st Class Board of Review! Joseph is looking forward to taking on leadership positions and earning merit badges this summer at camp. Way to go

Joseph!

FEEDING THE 5,000:

First Presbyterian Church surpassed its food drive goal! As of last Thursday, with one day left in the drive, 2,406 food items and \$2,925 in donations had been received for a total of 5,331. These donations will benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry and the People's Resource Center. Thanks to Troop 23 for your contributions!

SERVICE HOURS/REQUIREMENT OPPORTUNITY: Looking for service hours? Need to fulfill a cooking requirement? Just want to help out? Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans (MSHV) is currently in need of meals for their residents. Meals can be homemade, store bought, or ordered from a restaurant. MSHV currently has five adult male residents with no dietary restrictions. Signups for available slots and more details are available in the attached schedule.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444ACA623A0FC1-meals>

SUMMER CAMP NEWS:

Summer Camp has been rescheduled (pending Leader and Scout availability, as well as approval by State & County Boards of Health) to the week of July 19-25. For scouts who want two weeks the "second" week would potentially be July 12-18.

The Ryan Mademann Campership is still accepting applications. This merit-based Campership requires an essay from the Scout describing his goals for the upcoming summer camp and provides \$200 to two Scouts. Applications are due by **June 15**. For more details and to submit your application, see our troop website at <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-camperships/>. Any questions please contact Brian Dunbar dunbarbrian83@gmail.com

CALENDAR UPDATES:

Check here <https://troop23wheaton.org/about/happenings/2020-calendar/> for the current schedule.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS AND/OR FEEDBACK, PLEASE CONTACT:

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