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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Brenda G. Garton, County Administrator

**FROM:** Georgette N. Hurley, Assistant County Administrator

**DATE:** April 27, 2009

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH PRESENTATION –  
MS. JENNY CRITTENDEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MAIN STREET  
ASSOCIATION AND MS. JENNY GRAZIANO, TOURISM COORDINATOR**

It has been my pleasure again this year to work with an energetic committee of citizens, local business identities and your County staff to plan and coordinate the annual National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM) acknowledgement.

In 1999 Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month to Honor, Remember, Recognize and Appreciate all military personnel who have served throughout our history and all who serve currently in our Armed Forces, Reserves and National Guard....AND their families.

On behalf of the Gloucester National Military Appreciation Month Committee, I would like to request an opportunity for the Committee to make a brief presentation at the Board of Supervisors May 5, 2009 meeting to publicly draw attention to this occasion and extend an invitation to the Board and our citizens to participate in the many events planned to honor Gloucester's active duty personnel, as well as our many retirees.

Gloucester's planned special programs are:

- Month long events includes unveiling of a permanent "Battle of the Hook" exhibit at the Gloucester Museum of History, Free canoe or paddle boat rentals on Tuesdays at Beaverdam Park, Gloucester Visitor's Center & Gloucester Library's "A Million Thanks" card writing campaign for the military in the Middle East, Free sno-cones on weekends and Memorial Day at Gloucester Point Beach, Gloucester Library's military books & memorabilia on display, as well as the Chamber of Commerce members throughout the month offering discounts.
  - May 13<sup>th</sup> – Main Street merchants offer specials, promotions and discounts.

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- May 15<sup>th</sup> – “Patriots Who Serve from the Heart at Home” submittals conclude where by this year’s national theme is locally embraced by recognition of individuals and groups who have served or supported our troops and veterans this past year.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Retirement ceremony for more than 100 flags by Boy Scout Troop 111 on the Gloucester Library grounds, 10 a. m.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – ALL of Gloucester is invited to fly flags and wear or display RED, WHITE and BLUE
- May 24<sup>th</sup> – Annual Memorial Day Service at Veterans Memorial, 4 p.m.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Gardner Monument Ceremony on Colonial Court Green in Courthouse Circle, 2:30 p. m.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment of the Continental Army Encampment on Court Green in Courthouse Circle, 10 a. m. - 4 p. m.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Virginia Symphony performance, “Under the Stars” includes a salute to the military, 7:30 p. m.

Attached for your review is background information noting National Military Appreciation Month activities. If I may provide additional details pertaining to these endeavors, kindly advise me.

As I will be out of town and unable to be in attendance at the May 5, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting Gloucester National Military Appreciation Month Committee members Jenny Crittenden and Jenny Graziano have graciously agreed to provide the presentation.

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

Upon the conclusion of the presentation by Ms. Crittenden and Ms. Graziano, I am requesting that the resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors at their April 21, 2009 meeting acknowledging National Military Appreciation Month be read by Madam Chair to be shared with those in attendance and the televised audience.

GNH:djb

Attachments

Pc: National Military Appreciation Month Committee Membership