



Our May 2022 meeting will be held on **Monday, May 9, 2022** starting at **7:30 PM**. Join local resident William J. "Duff" Duffy as he honors the 35 fallen heroes from Point Pleasant Boro, Point Pleasant Beach, Bay Head, Lavallette, and Mantoloking who served in World War I, World War II, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War. "Duff" is a frequent contributor to the PPHS's Facebook page. Meeting location: Woman's Club of Point Pleasant Building, 513 St. Louis Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach. Face coverings are optional and your decision to mask or not mask will be respected by all. *Image below courtesy of William J. "Duff" Duffy.*



## A History of Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day was first celebrated in the United States on May 20, 1950. President Harry Truman wanted to establish a day that would celebrate and honor those serving in the five branches of the United States Military: The U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Coast Guard. Parades, open houses, receptions, and air shows were held to commemorate the first Armed Forces Day in 1950.

"This is the day on which we have the welcome opportunity to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces ... to all the individuals who are in the service of their country all over the world," the New York Times described the day in 1952. "Armed Forces Day won't be a matter of parades and receptions for a good many of them. They will all be in line of duty and some of them may give their lives in that duty."

The longest continuously running Armed Forces Day Parade is held in Bremerton, Washington. In 1948, the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce organized a parade honoring local John "Bud" Hawk after he was presented with the Medal of Honor for heroism in World War II. The parade has been held every year since.

Armed Forces Day should not be confused with Memorial Day or Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a federal holiday on the last Monday of May that remembers and mourns those who died in U.S. military service. This year, Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. Veterans Day is also a federal holiday that honors the service of all U.S. military veterans, both living and deceased. Veterans Day is always celebrated on November 11, as it originated as Armistice Day to celebrate the first anniversary of the end of World War I on November 11, 1919.

Armed Forces Day is not an official federal holiday but is always the third Saturday in May. This year, Armed Forces Day will be celebrated on Saturday, May 21.

The Point Pleasant Historical Society thanks all current members of the five military branches for their service and remembers with gratitude all of those who fought and died while serving the United States of America.



President Truman and other dignitaries during an Armed Forces Day parade on May 20, 1950. Photographer: Abbie Rowe (Public Domain Image)

**ARMED FORCES DAY**  
**MAY 21, 2022**

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MAY 30, 2022**

**VETERANS DAY**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2022**



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***Annual Point Pleasant Beach  
 Memorial Day Bike Parade:  
 Saturday, May 28***

Decorate your bike and help honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Start at Dollar General's parking lot on Arnold Avenue and bike to Memorial Park (Arnold and Baltimore). Ceremony to follow. Parade Lineup: 9:45 AM. Ceremony: 11:00 AM

***The Longest Day: The Heroes of  
 D-Day Presented by the Ocean  
 County Historical Society***

Join Dr. Jeff Schenker at the Ocean County Historical Society, 26 Hadley Avenue, Toms River, on June 12 as he discusses the individual heroes of June 6, 1944 and what led to an Allied Victory during World War II. Jeff is a popular Adjunct Professor of History at Ocean County College, having earned a Masters Degree in History from Monmouth College and a Doctorate in History from Drew University. Jeff was fortunate to spend eight days in France studying the Normandy Invasion on a Stephen Ambrose tour. He is a dynamic speaker and well versed in the details of D-Day. You will learn about General Dwight Eisenhower and the men directly involved in the battle. The in-person program begins at 2:00 PM in the OCHS museum. There is no admission fee. No refreshments will be served.

To register for the in-person audience limited to 50, email [oceancountyhistory.zoom@gmail.com](mailto:oceancountyhistory.zoom@gmail.com) with your name, D-Day, your zip code, and your email address (so we can contact you with confirmation). Masks are optional. Visit [oceancountyhistory.org](http://oceancountyhistory.org) for more information.

***Memorial Day Bike Parade in Point Pleasant Boro***



**Mayor Sabosik & the Borough Council  
 announce the**

**MEMORIAL DAY FAMILY BIKE PARADE & CERMONY**  
 Monday, May 30th, 2022  
 at Community Park

Everyone is welcome— children and adults! Join our Community Bike Parade around the park. All children must be supervised by an adult. Helmets must be worn by all bike and scooter riders.

Decorate and ride your bike, tricycle, unicycle, stroller, wagon, scooter, even your dog! **(Pedal powered only, nothing motorized)**

**Parade begins at 11:00am. The ceremony will follow  
 directly after at 11:30am.**

**\*\*If there is rain, the Bike Parade will be cancelled. The Ceremony will be indoors.\*\***

