

**SEWICKLEY BOROUGH  
132<sup>ND</sup> MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

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**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENTS  
MAY 24 - 26, 2025**





# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## SATURDAY, MAY 24

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE SEWICKLEY COAST GUARD STATION**

*CGC Osage*  
**11:00 A.M.**

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## SUNDAY, MAY 25

### **VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE**

*Sewickley United Methodist Church*  
*337 Broad Street*  
**11:00 A.M.**

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## MONDAY, MAY 26

### **132<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** **10:00 A.M.**

#### **PROGRAM AT WOLCOTT PARK**

Immediately Following the Parade

#### **PROGRAM AT SEWICKLEY CEMETERY**

Immediately Following the Program at Wolcott Park

*The Sewickley Memorial Day Parade Committee is sponsoring Memorial Day events throughout the holiday weekend in remembrance and to honor those who gave their lives in service for our nation. The Sewickley Memorial Day Parade Committee encourages you to participate in the many events detailed in this program.*



Memorial Day is a sacred day to all veterans. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be reminded of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice.

# SATURDAY, MAY 24

11:00 A.M.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE COAST GUARD STATION

**Master Chief Christopher Hurley, Officer in Charge, Coast Guard Cutter OSAGE  
Boat Driver—Petty Office Second Class Trevor Sharpe**

To attend the ceremonies, go to the Coast Guard dock at the end of McKown Road,  
off of Ohio River Blvd., in Glen Osborne Borough.

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Dominic Munizza</b> <i>Commander, Post #4 American Legion</i>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Reverend Hannah Loughman</b>
<b>Introduction</b>	<b>Dominic Munizza</b> <i>Commander, Post #4 American Legion</i>
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	<b>Devlin Robinson</b> <i>PA State Senator</i> <b>Ray Kuyler, Esq</b> <i>US Naval Academy, Class of 1995</i>
<b>Laying of the Wreath</b>	<b>Petty Officer 2nd Class Hunter Liming</b> <b>Fireman Clement Baird</b> <b>American Legion Post 4</b>
<b>Taps</b>	<b>American Legion Post 4</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>Reverend Hannah Loughman</b>

**Music provided by the Sewickley United Methodist Church  
Clocktower Ringers**



**Ray Kuyler, Esq**



# SUNDAY, MAY 25

11:00 A.M.

## VETERANS MEMORIAL SERVICE

*Sewickley United Methodist Church, 337 Broad Street*

*Everyone is  
Welcome!*



Reverend  
Hannah Loughman

American Legion Post 4



## IN MEMORY OF



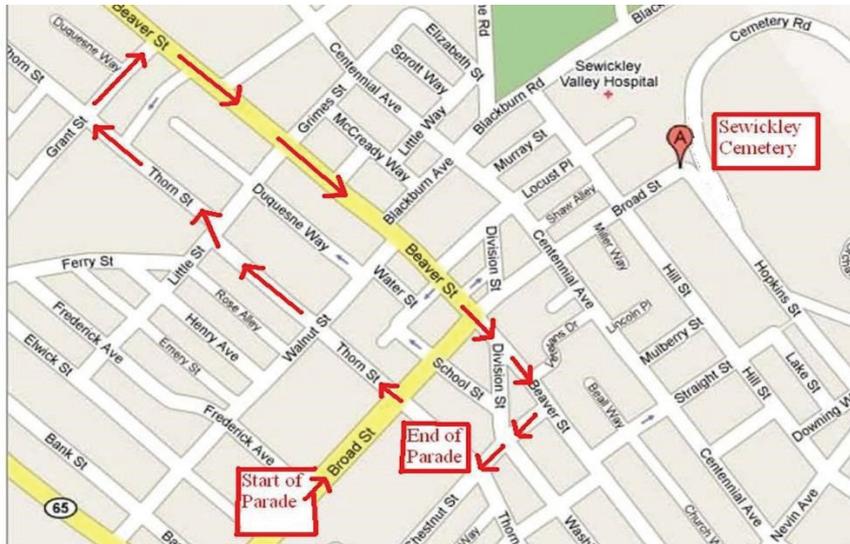
### American Legion Post 4 - Sewickley PA Past Post Commanders

1920	J. Clark Mansfield	1943	Charles C. Allen	1967	James Maloney
1921	Carl E. Ericson	1944	Clarence A. Halley	1968	James C. Abercrombie
1922	Churchill B. Mahard	1945	William E. Evans	1969	Samuel Murgie
1923	J. Ronald Macqueen	1946	William F. McCrea	1970	Paul Ribar
1924	Daniel N. Shindlebower	1947	Edward J. Parks	1971	Charles F. Lawrence
1925	Francis C. Foote	1948	Walter S. Smith	1972 - 1973	William B. O'Donovan
1926	Robert W. McKnight	1949	Russel W. Richert	1974	Len Miller
1927	Harris E. Potter	1950 1951	Charles W. Lucas	1975	William Start
1928	William D. McKeen	1952	James P. Cronin	1976 - 1977	Albert Lawrence
1929	Lawrence Gibb	1953	Donald Slem	1978 - 1979	John J. O'Neill
1930	John M. Williamson	1954	Joseph Start	1980 - 1981	Alfred Abercrombie
1931	Kenneth A. Hamilton	1955	Louis E. Shadduck	1982 - 1983	Tom Callahan
1932	Harold Grubbs	1956	Wilbert E. Smoose	1984 - 1995	James R. Martarella
1933	R. Malcolm Gibb	1957	Edward F. Yost	1996 - 1998	William Fluharty [Living]
1934	Joseph F. Harrison	1958	Raymond S. Milligan	1999 - 2003	Joe Gardner
1935	Frank L. Moore	1959	Paul S. Mooney	2004	Joe Reiser
1936	Albert Buckley	1960	R.J. Hipsley	2005 - 2006	Michael Edmonds
1937	David J. Rattledorfer	1961	Fred Buswell Jr.	2007 - 2008	Charles Davis [Living]
1938	Robert Moag	1962	John T. Moore	2009	William Fluharty [Living]
1939	William White	1963	Allen L. Bartlett	2010 - 2011	Charles Makar
1940	Martin Grogan	1964	Fred H. Moorby	2012 - 2015	Robert Fleming
1941	Charles H. Eaton	1965	Charles Merriman	2015 - 2025	Dominic Munizza [Living]
1942	Charles L. Gordon	1966	John C. Alexander		

**MONDAY, MAY 26**

10:00 A.M.

**132<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL  
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**



**PARADE ROUTE**

All streets on the route will close approximately 1 hour before the parade. Parking is not permitted on the streets along the parade route from 6:00 a.m. to noon on Monday to accommodate the parade. We thank you for your cooperation, and hope you enjoy your time in the Borough of Sewickley.

## **PARADE FORMATION**

### **DIVISION I**

Sewickley Police  
Edgeworth Police  
**Korean War Veterans**  
**Tuskegee Airmen**  
Syria Shrine Legion of Honor  
**Cochran Hose Company**  
**Quaker Valley High School Band**  
Kenneweg, Inc  
Sewickley Mayor George Shannon  
Former Mayors of Sewickley  
**Ohio Valley Marching Band**  
**Daughters of the American Revolution**  
**Pittsburgh Chapter**  
**Coraopolis VFD**  
**Quaker Valley High School Athletic Recognition**  
Leetsdale Mayor Sandra Ford  
Leetsdale Police  
District Judge Giuseppe Rosselli  
**Leetsdale VFD**  
The Urish Family  
**Music By Rick Purcell**  
**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**  
**USS Requin Submarine Base**  
Glen Osborne Borough  
**Carnegie Mellon University Pipes and Drums**  
Ben visits STEM  
Sewickley Center for the Arts' Sweet Ride

### **DIVISION II**

**River City Brass Band**  
**Ambridge VFD**  
Scouts BSA - Troop 243 & Pack 243  
**Balmoral Pipes and Drums**  
**Fair Oaks VFD**  
Road Rigs of Pittsburgh Shrine Center  
**Aleppo Twp VFD**  
Sewickley Community Center  
**Syria Shrine Band**  
**Clocktower Ringers of Sewickley United**  
**Methodist Church**  
**Syria Shrine Chanters**  
State Representative Valerie Gaydos  
State Senator Devlin Robinson  
Glen Oaks Girl Scouts  
**Northgate Flames Marching Band**  
**Bell Acres VFD**  
American Heritage Girls Troop PA 2551  
Syria Shriners—Directors Staff  
Rhema Rockettes  
Trail Life Troop 1207  
Sewickley Area Soccer  
Quaker Valley Softball & Baseball  
Fern Hollow Nature Center  
**Pittsburgh Shriners - Roadrunners**  
**Ray Ryan New Orleans Riverside Band**  
Sewickley Academy  
Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority  
Sewickley Police

## **PROGRAM AT WOLCOTT PARK**

**Introduction**

**Honorable George Shannon**

*Mayor of Sewickley Borough*

**Welcome Remarks**

**Matthew Shipley**

*Retired Navy Seal Commander*

**Invocation**

**Reverend Hannah Loughman**

**“God Bless America”**

**Deborah Calloway & C. Michael Rush**

**“God Bless The U.S.A.”**

**John Tucci**

**“America the Beautiful”**

**Deborah Calloway & C. Michael Rush**

**“Assembly”**

**Ohio Valley Marines**

**Memorial Day Message**

**Dominic Munizza**

*Commander, American Legion Post 4*

**Placing of the Wreath**

**Matthew Shipley & Dominic Munizza**

*Retired Navy Seal Commander*

*Commander, American Legion Post 4*

**“Retreat”**

**Ohio Valley Marines**

**Salute to the Dead**

**Ohio Valley Marines**

**“Taps”**

**Ohio Valley Marines**

**“The National Anthem”**

**Deborah Calloway & C. Michael Rush**



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For further Memorial Day observances, there will be a ceremony at the Sewickley Cemetery immediately after the Wolcott Park Program. Bus transportation, from Wolcott Park to the Cemetery, is available. The Sewickley Memorial Day Parade Committee would like to thank the Quaker Valley School District for providing the bus transportation.

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## **PROGRAM AT SEWICKLEY CEMETERY**

### ***DECEASED SEWICKLEY VALLEY VETERANS ROLL CALL***

#### **Memorial Day 2025 - Deceased Veterans Roll Call**

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Date Death</u>
Jackie	Battles	Army	9/17/2024
James	Boykan	Army	2/14/2024
James	Chewning	Army	2/10/2025
Fred	Council III	Air Force	10/6/2024
Stephen	Crano	Army	6/26/2024
Toby	Croyle	Army	12/2/2024
William	Cummings	Navy	3/8/2025
Alfred	Doyle	Army	10/20/2024
David	Forse	Army	2/21/2025
John	Jamis	Army	1/20/2025
Lawrence	Hitchins	Airforce	6/6/2024
David	Kaczmarczyk	Army	2/6/2025
Richard	Kuzma	Army	1/3/2025
Robert	LeCerf	Navy	9/2/2024
Robert	Leighton	Navy	3/24/2024
Robert	Lintner	Air Force	10/24/2024
Joe	Martinelli	Navy	5/17/2024
Robert	McMillen	Army	2/17/2025
Thomas	Paul	Army	6/14/2024
Ronald	Petalino	Army	6/27/2024
Melvin	Rizzo	Marines	10/29/2024
Herbert	Schlentner	Army	5/28/2024
Joe	Schmid Jr	Army	10/18/2024
William	Steinmetz	Army	2/4/2025
John	Verduce	Coast Guard	11/16/2024
Raymond	Yope	Air Force	5/12/2024

## **PROGRAM AT SEWICKLEY CEMETERY**

**Welcome**

**Dominic Munizza**

*Commander, American Legion Post 4*

**Invocation**

**Reverend Hannah Loughman**

**"God Bless America"**

**Deborah Calloway & C. Michael Rush**

**Opening Remarks**

**Matthew Shipley**

*Retired Navy Seal Commander*

**Keynote Speaker**

**Honorable Valerie Gaydos**

*PA State Representative, 44th District*

**Trailman Manasseh Strong**

**Gettysburg Address**

**Placing of the Wreaths**

1. Revolutionary War
2. War of 1812
3. Mexican War
4. Civil War
5. Spanish American War
6. World War I
7. World War II
8. Korea
9. Vietnam
10. Gulf War
11. Iraq & Afghanistan War



**Dominic Munizza**

*Commander, American Legion Post 4*

**Matthew Shipley**

*Retired Navy Seal Commander*

**Bell Ringer**

**Ohio Valley Marines**

**Salute to the Dead**

**Ohio Valley Marines**

**"Taps"**

**Dominic Munizza**

**Closing Remarks**

*Commander, American Legion Post 4*

**Benediction**

**Reverend Hannah Loughman**



Two Civil War veterans, Albert Moore and W. W. Scott, pose for the camera in front of the statue of Fame on Decoration Day, May 30, 1915. The community has sponsored a parade and ceremonies at the soldiers' monument in Sewickley Cemetery since 1880. In 2005, the badly deteriorated marble monument was entirely replaced in granite, which will last indefinitely.

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"The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African American military aviators in the United States armed forces. This elite corps of pilots and support personnel overcame racial prejudice and discrimination to help defeat the Nazis in World War II.

Atop the Memorial's central tower at the Sewickley Cemetery sits an airplane tail sculpted from a block of red granite, a nod to the "Red Tails," the distinctive unit's nickname. The Tuskegee Airmen Memorial at Sewickley Cemetery is the largest outdoor memorial of its kind in the United States.



The Memorial was dedicated on September 15, 2013, and commemorates the legacy of almost 100 Tuskegee Airmen, including one woman, Rosa Mae Willis Alford, who hailed from Western Pennsylvania. Seven Tuskegee Airmen are from Sewickley.

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## **DECEASED SEWICKLEY TUSKEEGEE VETERANS**

**JAMES  
ALLISON**

**WILLIAM  
CURTIS**

**WILLIAM  
GILLIAM**

**FRANK  
HAILSTOCK, Jr**

**MITCHELL  
HIGGINBOTHAM**

**WILLIAM  
JOHNSTON**

**ROBERT  
HIGGINBOTHAM, Sr**

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Chairman

Honorable Mayor George Shannon

Vice-Chairmen

Dominic Munizza, *Cmdr., American Legion Post 4*

*Matthew Shipley, Retired Navy Seal Commander*

Secretary

Donna Kaib

Treasurer

Jim Abercrombie

Event Chair

Susie Abercrombie

Distinguished Members

Annette Abercrombie, Cliff Abercrombie,

Bill Fluharty, John Forrest, Ray Kuyler, Bryan O'Neill,

Sean O'Neill, Scott Wendt

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Jim Abercrombie



**Sewickley Memorial Day Parade - 1950**

## MEMORIAL DAY THANK YOU

### *A Special Thanks to All of Our Parade Contributors*

*The Parade is funded solely by donations, and contributions are always accepted.*

*Please send your donations to:  
Sewickley Memorial Day Fund,  
P.O. Box 428, 601 Thorn St.,  
Sewickley, PA 15143*



## MEMORIAL DAY THANK YOU

**A Special Thanks** to Divine Redeemer Parish/St. James Church, Heritage Valley Health System and Katherine Longwell

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*The Sewickley Memorial Day Fund is a registered 501(c)3 Corporation.*

*The weekend prior to Memorial Day, American flags are placed on all Veteran's graves in the Sewickley Cemetery, St. James Cemetery along with St. Paul's, Blackburn Road and St. Mary's cemeteries.*

*The flags are placed by "volunteers" and veterans in the community.*



