## Newsletter



#### Hello all!



Every year, May 30 marks the culmination of the United States Military Appreciation Month with Memorial Day, and every year, we choose to honor and recall the lives of the brave men and women who gave up their lives for us and our futures—the good people of this country.

Whether it was almost a century ago with the brutality of the Pearl Harbor Attack, with the catastrophic destruction of tens of ships, hundreds of planes, and over 2400 US personnel, or more recent sacrifices in the wars of the 21st

century, our armed forces have willingly and proudly given everything they had for their country and its people.

That said, while we commemorate their service to never let their sacrifice be forgotten, we must also give credence to the accomplishments our forces have made over the years, specifically in this month.

If we are to return to World War II, it was the month of May in which the German High Command surrendered all German Forces. It was the month of May when our military took out Bin Laden, the notorious leader and Al-Qaeda leader responsible for the attacks on 9/11. And it was the month of May when we also saw advancements for women in the armed forces throughout history, with the establishment of the Women's Overseas Service League and Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Thus, our forces' accomplishments and their consistent commitment to the betterment of our country are indicative of why we must never forget the sacrifices of every single man and woman who has helped us reach where we are today and where we will reach tomorrow.

Now we'll move on to some Group News,

Thank you, Steve, L., and his involvement at Fort Snelling for our "Red Bull members in the news."

### 'It's Our Honor to Honor'

#### **By John Autey**

jautey@pioneerpress.com

At 7:30 a.m. on a recent morning outside a maintenance building in a tucked-away corner of Fort Snelling National Cemetery, the mournful tune of taps mingles with the roar of jets taking off and landing at nearby Minneapolis- St. Paul International Airport.

Joseph Collova, a Marine veteran, is tuning up his trumpet before a day of honoring veterans.

Collova is part of the Fort Snelling Memorial Rifle Squad, the oldest all-volunteer group for national cemeteries in the U.S. They meet Monday through Friday — 125 veterans, 25 per squad. They perform formal military honors for veterans being interred at Fort

#### **PHOTOS BY JOHN AUTEY / PIONEER PRESS**

# **RIFLE SQUAD, 12A**







Here is the link to this article about Steve and his involvement at Fort Snelling. Thank you Steve and your Team.: <a href="https://saintpaulpioneerpress-mn.newsmemory.com/?publink=2dcc74217">https://saintpaulpioneerpress-mn.newsmemory.com/?publink=2dcc74217</a> 1348494

Just in case you missed the kickoff meeting on May 7 or were unable to sign in to "Teams" online, here is what happened.









An **important** last thought from the meeting: I proposed dividing the metro area into four quadrants. The idea is to drive local participation through event coordinators in each of these quadrants. I will be responsible for the northwest quadrant, Joe Remley for the northeast quadrant; the southeast and southwest quadrants **are open**.

I'm looking for someone to step up and help coordinate local events in your communities. Please contact me if you're willing to participate.

From the meeting, we were able to finalize the Twin City Auto Show Memorial Day parade. Did you attend?

If you didn't, here's what happened.









Did you join in? The Excelsior Memorial Day parade? If you didn't, here's what happened.







Okay, we know you missed the fun; well, here are a few chances to join us for the upcoming June/July events.

- Saturday, June 18, noon to two St.
  Louis Park Parktacular Grand day parade. Contact me for registration.
- July 4 Edina Fourth of July parade.
  Sign up via the Red Bull website.
- July 16 Hopkins VFW military vehicle show



- Sunday, July 17 Hopkins raspberry days parade. Meet at 11:30 AM American legion post 320 10, 12th Ave. S., Hopkins, MN. Any questions contact Eric Thompson
- July 23 and 24th air expo flying Cloud Airport. Check the Red Bull website for details and registration.
- July 29-30 little log house Hastings MN. Check the Red Bull website for registration and details. Also please feel free to contact Steve Landgraf for more detail.





Group, the very last thing we want to add about the our new flight simulator Steve Landgraf gave an overview on the use for meetings and events promoting the Red Bull group. Thanks to Mark Ellis, Steve Landgraf and Gary Worth for making this a possibility.

That's all for now! Keep active in your local communities. Feel free to post any event on the website that would be appropriate for our group. Contact info@redbullhmva.com with details.



Eric Thompson 612-940-9049 Edt1950@gmail.com

# Join Us Today!

The Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association is dedicated to preserving the history of military vehicles. The Association's mission is to provide educational resources and support for preserving historic military vehicles, so that future generations can learn about the sacrifices and service of the men and women who have served our country. In addition to its educational mission, the Association also works to promote the responsible use and enjoyment of historic military vehicles.

You can keep this noble tradition alive by becoming a member of the Red Bull Historic Military Vehicle Association.

We look forward to meeting you soon before Military Appreciation Month ends.

To know more about us, Visit our website at https://www.redbullhmva.com/ and become a member by signing up with us.