

Memorial Day 2025 Collage



Memorial Day Ceremony May 26, 2025 Mountain View Funeral Home & Cemetery Mesa, Arizona



Memorial Day Program

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Josh Roy Band
Boy Scouts will be passing out water, fans, flowers, & programs.
VFW Post 7968 will be handing out poppies.

Welcome Message, Master of Ceremonies:
Elsa C. Krcilek, Vice-President Mountain View Funeral Home and Cemetery

Presentation of Colors
The AJ Mounted Rangers

Opening Prayer
Sir Knight, Reverend Robert King Sr.

Pledge of Allegiance
Jiri Erickson, AJ Mounted Rangers

National Anthem
Performed by Beckey Jo Schwarz

Mayors Speech
Chip Wilson, Mayor of Apache Junction

Honored Guest Speakers
Mrs. Dana Almond & Mr. Milo Granese

Field Cross Presentation
Sir Knight, Reverend Robert King Sr. & Civil Air Patrol Cadets

Placement of Wreaths
Attending Organizations Representatives
Escorted by the Civil Air Patrol Cadets

13 Folds of the Flag
Civil Air Patrol Cadets & Skyline HS JROTC

Memorial Day Message
Supervisor Jeff Serdy

Josh Roy Band

Taps and Gun Salute
American Legion Post 27 Honor Guard

Dixie Release
(Patriotic Trio) The Josh Roy Band



Placing of The Field Cross

Today we are symbolically placing a field cross, also known as a battle cross, in honor of our fallen comrade soldiers. It is an honor given when a soldier has died in the performance of the duties assumed while defending our country, that they so loved. This ceremonial service, not observed by most people, is usually performed by the soldier's comrades at the duty station because of mission assignment, or when they cannot attend more formal ceremonies because of the ceremony location.

The rifle is ceremoniously positioned, inverted, representing the end of conflict for that soldier. It is no longer needed, as the soldier has more than fulfilled their duty with the utmost honor.

The helmet is placed atop the rifle, in recognition of the soldier, who without regret, stood up and took an oath to protect and defend their country, along with the rights and freedoms of their fellow countrymen.

The boots are placed with the rifle and helmet as they have taken their final step under that oath which they committed themselves to.

The flag is placed atop the boots, as a tribute, to honor the patriotic courage, support, and love of country, which every soldier holds in their heart. For the protection and defense of their country, they have given their last efforts in the exemplary performance of that duty.

Those fellow soldiers, who have served with the departed soldier, perform the ceremony with dignity, respect, and honor, as the last act of comradeship toward their friend, and fellow patriot who gave their all. It is, the finest "soldier's tribute," given in the true spirit of brotherly love, respect, and honor, to their fallen comrade.

We have today, given you a glimpse into the comradeship, respect, honor, and tribute, that the field cross represents. Let us always remember, the soldiers who gave their all, for they are of those few that have made it possible for the rest of us to celebrate our freedoms. They are our history of the past, the present, and the future. We thank them for their sacrifices, and, may they "Rest in Peace" as we remember and honor them, our defenders, who have given their all, for all of us.

Thank you to all for being present and taking part in observing our services today.

