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**PALISADES CENTER HONORS AND REMEMBERS
FALLEN VETERANS THIS MEMORIAL DAY**

WEST NYACK, N.Y. (May 2021): On Monday, May 31, 2021, the United States of America will remember those who have died while serving our nation in the Armed Forces. Palisades Center will be doing the same this Memorial Day starting with a delayed opening.

In compliance with the Town of Clarkstown's Memorial Day ordinance and in remembrance of our fallen veterans, Palisades Center will open at 1:00pm on Monday, May 31.

Within Palisades Center's East Court, guests will find a Memorial Day banner created by Rockland County resident, Anne Murphy, with the help of John Antonucci, a Vietnam Veteran. Anne Murphy is an American Gold Star Mother, dedicated to keeping the memory of fallen soldiers alive by working to help veterans, those currently serving in the military, their families, and our communities. The banner hangs in memory of her son Lt. Col. Michael L. Murphy, USMC, who was killed on December 11, 2000 while test piloting the MV-22 Osprey Helicopter.

"This banner hangs for people who have loss in their families," said **Anne Murphy**. "It symbolizes their beauty while hanging in a beautiful place."

In addition, on Monday, May 31 starting at 10:00am, the Friends of Mount Moor Cemetery will pay tribute to PFC Henry William Cook Jr in a Memorial Day Ceremony at Mount Moor Cemetery, located adjacent to the Palisades Center.

PFC Henry William Cook Jr. was killed in action during the Korean War and is the only combat casualty interred at Mount Moor Cemetery. This honorable recognition will be coupled with a dedication of ten new gravestones during the Memorial Day Ceremony.

Six of the new headstones will mark the graves of Civil War veterans that have gone unmarked for decades. They include:

- John Cook
- William H. Myers
- Richard Sisco
- Thomas Stewart
- James Thompson
- Wyatt Wilson

Four headstones that have been damaged and weathered over time are also being replaced. They include:

- Lafayette Logan
- Solomon Miller
- John N. Miller
- Samuel Thompson

"I commend the Palisades Center in joining the Rockland Community to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation this Memorial Day," said **New York State Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski**. "Each tribute, ceremony and recognition allows us to reflect on the true selflessness and bravery exhibited by these heroes. Today, and everyday, we remain eternally grateful for their service and courage."

"Memorial Day reminds us to reflect on the lives of our heroes and bring recognition and awareness to their work and the sacrifices they made for us," said **Darrin Houseman, General Manager of Palisades Center**. "We're honored to play a small part in keeping their memories alive."

To learn more about Palisades Center, please visit www.palisadescenter.com.

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About Palisades Center

Palisades Center is a four-level shopping center offering 225 brands, 26 dining options, a bowling alley, ice rink, the world's tallest indoor ropes course, comedy club, and more. With its unique and diverse merchant mix, Palisades Center is the go-to place for local shoppers and tourists alike. To learn more, visit www.palisadescenter.com, www.facebook.com/palisadescenter, www.twitter.com/palisadescntr, or www.instagram.com/palisadescntr.

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About Mount Moor Cemetery

Mount Moor Cemetery is the resting place for many Buffalo Soldiers, a label given to members of the African American cavalry regiments of the United States Army who served in the western United States from 1867 to 1896, noted for their courage and discipline. Today, there are numerous chapters throughout the United States, including the Rockland Buffalo Soldiers based out of Spring Valley, New York. The Mount Moor Cemetery is listed on the National Park Service's register of Historic Places and preserved by the Historical Society of Rockland County.