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### **Passaic Vicinage Commemorates National Military Appreciation Month**

The Passaic Vicinage, in collaboration with the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Office of the Passaic County Clerk, the Passaic County Bar Association and the Passaic County Office on Veteran Affairs will observe National Military Appreciation Month during the month of May.

On Monday, May 4, an interfaith service will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Freeholders Meeting Room on the second floor of 401 Grand St., Paterson. Religious leaders from throughout Passaic County will be present to honor our nation's military.

On Saturday, May 9, a veteran's resource fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Passaic County Community College, One College Blvd., Paterson. More than 40 organizations will be represented, including the New Jersey VA Healthcare System, Passaic County Community College, Catholic Charities, Veterans Home Care, VA Care Givers Coordinator and Volunteer Lawyers for Justice. There will be an opportunity for veterans to sign up for Passaic County ID cards. Free parking is available. Refreshments will be served.

On Friday, May 22, a Memorial Day ceremony will be held at noon on the steps of the Historic Courthouse Building, 71 Hamilton St., Paterson. Superior Court Judge Richard M. Freid will serve as master of ceremonies. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the rotunda area of the Historic Courthouse. The ceremony will include a laying of wreaths to honor fallen soldiers.

On Thursday, May 28, a medal ceremony will be conducted at 6 p.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse Building. Veterans from throughout Passaic County will be presented with medals for their service in the armed forces.

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution in 1999 designating May as National Military Appreciation Month. The month gives our nation a time to honor current and former members of the armed forces, including those who have died in service to their country.

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