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Passaic Vicinage to Celebrate National Military Appreciation Month

The Passaic Vicinage will celebrate National Military Appreciation Month with a series of patriotic events in May, including an outdoor concert and a medal ceremony.

The outdoor concert will be held Wednesday, May 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the steps of the Historic Courthouse, 71 Hamilton St., Paterson. The choir from Straight and Narrow, Inc., along with the Techtones from Passaic County Technical Institute, will perform patriotic songs to celebrate our nation's military. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will take place in the lobby of the Passaic County Administration Building, 401 Grand St., Paterson.

On Tuesday, May 17 a medal ceremony will be conducted at 5 p.m. in the ceremonial courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Veterans from Passaic County will be presented with medals for their service.

On Thursday, May 26 a Memorial Day ceremony will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on the courthouse steps. Superior Court Judge Richard M. Freid will serve as master of ceremonies. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the courthouse rotunda. The ceremony will include the laying of wreaths to honor fallen soldiers.

All three events are organized by the vicinage in collaboration with the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the Passaic County Clerk's Office, the Passaic County Bar Association and the Passaic County Office on Veteran Affairs.

The U.S. Senate passed a resolution in 1999 designating May as National Military Appreciation Month to honor members of the armed forces, including those who died in service to their country.

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