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Passaic Vicinage Commemorates National Military Appreciation Month

Passaic Vicinage will observe National Military Appreciation Month with a series of May events at the Historic Courthouse, 71 Hamilton St., Paterson.

The vicinage will host the events 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 Veterans Affairs.

The first event, an outdoor concert on the courthouse steps, will be held Tuesday, May 2 from noon to 1 p.m. The choirs from Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) and Rosa Parks School of Performing Arts will perform patriotic songs to celebrate our nation's military. Students from Rosa Parks will read poems with a patriotic theme. The color guard from PCTI will open the concert. 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 Monday, May 8, a medal ceremony will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. in the Ceremonial Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Veterans from throughout Passaic County will receive medals for their service in the armed forces.

On Thursday, May 25, a Memorial Day ceremony will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on the courthouse steps. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place in the rotunda area of the courthouse. The ceremony will include laying of wreaths to honor fallen soldiers.

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

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