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Passaic Vicinage Commemorates National Military Appreciation Month

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

On Monday, May 6, an outdoor concert was held at noon on the steps of the Historic Courthouse, 71 Hamilton St., Paterson. The choir from Passaic County Technical Institute performed patriotic songs to celebrate our nation's military.

On Friday, May 24, a Memorial Day ceremony will be held at noon on the steps of the Historic Courthouse. 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 laying of wreaths to honor fallen soldiers.

On Wednesday, May 29, a medal ceremony will be conducted at 5:30 p.m. in the ceremonial courtroom on the second floor of the Historic Courthouse. Veterans from throughout Passaic County will be presented with medals for their service in the U.S. 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 military personnel, including those who have died in service to their country.