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**Serving Veterans, Veteran Supporters
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Westlake Veterans Club**

President’s Message – National Military Appreciation Month

As we observe National Military Appreciation Month, the Westlake Veterans Club pauses to honor the men and women who have worn our nation’s uniform with courage, dignity, and unwavering commitment. This month reminds us that service is not defined by a single moment, but by a lifetime of sacrifice—by our veterans, our active-duty personnel, and the families who stand beside them.

May we continue to uphold our mission: to remember, to support, and to stand united in gratitude for all who serve and have served. Your involvement in the WVC strengthens that purpose every day, and together we ensure their legacy is never forgotten.

Spotlight: The Significance and Origins of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is one of our nation’s most solemn observances—a promise that we will remember those who gave their lives in service to the United States. Its roots trace back to the Civil War, when communities held “Decoration Day” ceremonies to honor the fallen. In 1868, General John A. Logan formalized May 30 as a National Day of Remembrance.

As America faced new wars, the tradition grew into Memorial Day, honoring all who have died in service from the Revolutionary War to today. Congress established the modern holiday in 1971.

For the Westlake Veterans Club, Memorial Day is a time to reflect on sacrifice, honor the families who bear the loss, and preserve the memory of every fallen hero. Their legacy endures through our ceremonies, our stories, and our commitment to service.

May Event Reminder List

May 1 – Memorial Bow Distribution
Meet at 40 Spyglass Drive at 9:30 AM

May 4 – Veterans Benefits & Health Sessions
(Palmer Room) 10:00 AM – Ocean County
Veterans Service Bureau Information and at
1:00 PM – Deborah Hospital – Heart Health
Information Session

May 7 – Monthly Meeting 7:00 PM
Palmer Room

**May 15 – Jackson Senior Center – “Honoring
Our Heros’s” - Memorial Day Ceremony &
Luncheon – 11 am**

May 16- Flag Entrance Decorating
Meet at the Portico at 9:00 AM

May 25 – Memorial Day Ceremony
11:00 AM – Ballroom