



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Senator Nozzolio Announces His Participation in Memorial Day Ceremonies

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Honoring our Nation's greatest heroes as well as our region's historic significance as the birthplace of Memorial Day, State Senator Mike Nozzolio will be participating in Memorial Day events throughout his Senate District between Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

"We have no greater obligation than to honor and thank our veterans for their service to our nation, whether in times of peace or in times of war," said Senator Nozzolio. "Just as our veterans recognized their duty to honor and serve their Country, we too must recognize our duty as Americans to honor the profound sacrifices they made so that we could live our lives in freedom."

### **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Phelps-** Senator Nozzolio will participate in the annual Memorial Day event at the Midlakes Primary School, where he will join with students as they celebrate this important day with a ceremony to recognize our country's veterans as well as our soldiers still serving overseas.

### **Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Waterloo-** Senator Nozzolio will speak at a special reception hosted by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society to honor the late LaVerne Sessler, Sr. with the Henry C. Welles Award. LaVern Sessler, who passed away in 2005, was a Waterloo native, businessman and civic leader whose tireless commitment to historic preservation was instrumental in restoring a number of Waterloo's local landmarks. The Henry C. Welles award is named for one of the founders of Memorial Day. Henry C. Welles was a Waterloo resident who conceived and helped to organize the first ever observance of Memorial Day in May of 1866. The event begins at 5:00 PM and tickets are available at the Library.

### **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Waterloo-** Senator Nozzolio will be a part of the Village of Waterloo's celebration as the Nationally-recognized birthplace of Memorial Day by participating in the annual Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day parade. The parade kicks off at 11:00 AM and is a part of the annual Celebrate Commemorate weekend of special events. For more information on the Celebrate Commemorate Memorial Day weekend, visit [www.waterloony.com](http://www.waterloony.com).

### **Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Macedon-** Senator Nozzolio will honor the individuals who fought to defend our freedom at the Annual Memorial Day parade coordinated by the American Legion of Macedon, Post 494. The ceremonies will begin at 11:00 AM at the Macedon Center Historical Society Academy building on Route 31F (Macedon Center Road).

**Romulus-** Senator Nozzolio will participate in a Veterans' Memorial march at the Sampson Veterans Cemetery, culminating in a military salute with honors and TAPS to recognize those individuals who gave their lives throughout history to protect our Nation. The Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery was

officially dedicated last July after more than 15 years of hard work and planning. The cemetery is located at the site of the former Sampson Naval and Air Force base where over a million sailors and airmen were trained in preparation for battle. The Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery sits on hallowed ground and serves as a world-class monument to our Nation's veterans for their courage, commitment and service. The ceremony begins at 3:00 PM.

"Memorial Day is a powerful reminder that the freedom we enjoy as Americans is not free, but paid for with the courage, valor and sadly, the lives of thousands of our fellow Americans. I look forward to joining veterans throughout our region as we commemorate the sacrifices of our Nation's greatest heroes," said Senator Nozzolio.

"On Memorial Day, we remember those heroes who never returned and are grateful for those that did," Senator Nozzolio concluded. "We honor and thank all of our veterans and our soldiers currently serving our Country for their dedication and service to our great nation."

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