



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## Best Wishes for a Safe & Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

PATTY RITCHIE May 23, 2020



Dear Friend,

It's hard to believe Memorial Day Weekend is already here. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the holiday will look a little different, but there are still ways you can honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice:

***Tune into the National Memorial Day Concert:*** Every year, PBS pays tribute to fallen heroes with a "National Memorial Day Concert." Tune into this year's event at 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 24th. [More information can be found here.](#)

***Honor a fallen soldier:*** Even though traditional Memorial Day events are limited this year, we can still honor those who have given their life in the name of protecting our freedom. Make a special social media post or place flowers at the grave of a local fallen soldier—just don't forget to practice social distancing and safety guidelines when doing so.

***Visit the online “Veterans Legacy Memorial:”*** [The Veterans Legacy Memorial](#) is an online memorial space managed by the National Cemetery Administration. [Click here](#) to search the digital memorial page, which is dedicated to the memory of 3.7 million veterans who are interred in VA national cemeteries.

***Watch a local Memorial Day ceremony from the comfort of your home:*** A number of local events paying tribute to fallen soldiers will be live-streamed or recorded and posted online afterwards. This includes a Fort Drum Memorial Day ceremony that will be recorded and shared on the [10th Mountain Division Facebook page](#).

This weekend, as you continue to take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe, I hope you will pause to remember the valor, dedication and courage of those who have given their lives to protect our freedom.

Sincerely,

Senator Patty Ritchie