

Events set for Memorial Day observance

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Deceased Chillicothe Veteran Affairs Medical Center patients will be remembered Monday along with other U.S. veterans nationally.

About 90 former VA patients will be remembered in commemoration of Memorial Day, which is observed nationally Monday.

It is a time of remembering members of the armed forces killed in war and is observed annually the last Monday in May. It is also called Decoration Day.

The local VA service will be 10:15 a.m. Monday in the J.E. Quinlan All Faiths Memorial Chapel.

A candlelight ceremony during which the names of all veterans who have died at the hospital the past year will be read, said Troy Gray, executive assistant of external affairs.

There will also be a wreath-laying

ceremony for all veterans who have served this country, he said.

But for some families, Monday will be a time of remembering loved ones in general, not just veterans.

"I just lost a grandfather in February and my other grandparents have been gone for a few years," Kim Patrick, a 23-year-old Chillicothe resident, said. "We like to remember them."

She and her family honor memories of their loved ones by placing flowers on graves and coming together for a family gathering such as a picnic.

In addition to the VA service and others throughout Ross County, the City of Chillicothe will conduct a Memorial Day Service 6:45 p.m. Sunday at the Veterans Memorial in Yoctangee Park.

It is being conducted as part of the 14th annual Feast of the Flowering Moon and has been set later in the day

to lessen the problem of getting feast-goers quiet enough to listen to the ceremony, according to Cindy Stevens, feast chairwoman.

Jack Clark, commander of the American Legion for Ohio's 7th District, will be the guest speaker.

Other Sunday Memorial Day observances include:

■ The Laurelville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8657 will have services at the following cemeteries:

10:30 a.m.: Stump Cemetery, Pickaway County.

Noon: Covered dish dinner at Pleasant Hill Church on Ohio 327.

1 p.m.: Services at Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery.

2:30 p.m.: Services at Green Summit Cemetery near Adelphi.

■ The Adelphi Community Band will assist at Pleasant Hill and Green Summit cemeteries.