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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Menifee to host Memorial Day ceremony, picnic at Wheatfield Park

MENIFEE --- The city of Menifee is hosting a Memorial Day ceremony honoring members of the United States Armed Forces, followed by a picnic in the park.

The hour-long ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 27 at 11am, at the Veterans Memorial in Wheatfield Park at the corner of La Piedra and Menifee roads. The picnic in the park will immediately follow and continue until 4pm. Military families and the entire Menifee community are invited.

The Memorial Day ceremony will include the posting of colors by the United States Marine Corps Honor Guard from Camp Pendleton. The local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1956 will have a rededication ceremony, followed by keynote speaker Suzanne Procter from VFW Post 1956.

Menifee Mayor, retired Lieutenant Commander Scott Mann, will lead a wreath ceremony with traditional Taps music and a 21-gun salute, followed by a bagpipe rendition of Amazing Grace. The ceremony will conclude with the distribution of roses for attendees to set around the wreath and veterans memorial.

After the Memorial Day ceremony, attendees are invited to stay for a picnic in the park with family games, camouflage face painting and kids' activities. Large humvees and other military equipment will be on display, along with war documentaries, military memorabilia, and the traditional fallen soldiers' table with a reserved seat for deceased veterans, provided by VFW Post 1956.

Military members (and their families) with identification will receive a free hot dog lunch. Food will not be available for purchase for civilians, so please bring your own picnic lunch.

The picnic also will include the Military Challenge, a five-event competition between city of Menifee employees and 163 Reconnaissance Wing (163<sup>rd</sup> RW). The teams will compete in events including softball, volleyball, basketball, tug-of-war and jumper jousting.

For more information about the Memorial Day celebration, contact Michael Anderson at [manderson@cityofmenifee.us](mailto:manderson@cityofmenifee.us) or (951) 672-6777.

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**ABOUT MENIFEE:** *Situated in the heart of southern Riverside County along Interstate 215, Menifee is a vibrant, new city of more than 80,000 residents who enjoy a pleasant year-round climate, abundant recreational offerings, reasonably priced housing and convenient proximity to some of Southern California's premiere attractions and employment centers. Within its 50 square miles, Menifee's business, retail and entertainment outlets are starting to shape the community's character and this growing economic base is also contributing favorably to the city's strong financial position. Menifee's growing family-oriented population values the city's ongoing commitment to public safety, community events and smart growth for the future. All of these elements are working together to support the city's strategic vision to make Menifee one of the state's most promising new cities.*