



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 Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 27<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."

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

**Waterloo-** Senator Nozzolio will speak at a special reception hosted by the Waterloo Library and Historical Society to honor longtime Waterloo resident and U.S. Army veteran, Jim Lewis Jr. with the Henry C. Welles Award, as well as a special New York State Resolution that was prepared and enacted by Senator Nozzolio to honor Mr. Lewis for his service and sacrifice to our Nation, as well as his tireless efforts on behalf of our local veterans and community. 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 Henry C. Welles award is named in his honor. The event begins at 5:00 PM and tickets are available at the Waterloo Library.

### **Saturday, May 25<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 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Gorham-** Senator Nozzolio will participate in the annual Gorham Memorial Day Parade. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM at the intersection of South Street and Rt. 245. Senator Nozzolio will deliver the Memorial Day address at the Gorham Fire House at the conclusion of the parade.

**Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery-** Senator Nozzolio will participate in a Veterans' Memorial march at the Sampson Veterans Memorial 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 in July of 2011 after more than a decade 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 2:45 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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