

Memorial Day Celebration At Plainfield Township West Bangor Veteran's Memorial



By Michael Ortoski

WEST BANGOR - The rain held off enough for West Bangor to hold their annual Memorial Day celebration at their park for residents of the local community.

A stoic reminder of the sacrifices made by our West Bangor Plainfield Township residents. The Veteran's Memorial is located on a solemn patch of land on E. Second Street.

For many Americans, Memorial Day is more than a long weekend and an unofficial start to the summer season. The real meaning of the holiday is meant to honor all U.S. soldiers who have died serving their country.

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day's history goes back to the Civil War. It was declared a national holiday by Congress in 1971, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Although Veterans Day in November also honors military service members, Memorial Day differs by honoring all military members

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Legislation Supporting our Veterans



Pictured above is our state's Korean American Vietnam Veterans chapter. Sung-Bok Nam, a constituent, is the President of the Korean American Vietnam War Veterans association. He is pictured to the right of me in the above photo.

By Senator Rosemary Brown

MONROE COUNTY - Senate Bill 973 would provide Korean Americans who served in the Vietnam War with the same state veterans benefits as their U.S. counterparts. There are more than 3,000 naturalized Korean American citizens who served in the Vietnam War as a part of the Korean Armed Forces, including hundreds who now call Pennsylvania home.

Additionally, Senate Bill 1139 would help grieving families of deceased U.S. military veterans access their federal Department of Veterans Affairs burial benefits. Funeral directors, funeral parlors or cemetery companies would be required to notify the director of the county veterans assistance office when a veteran living in the county passes. They would also have to provide the deceased veteran's family with contact information for the county director.

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