



*Thank you for your
attendance honoring
our men and women
who did not return
from all wars.*

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Memorial Day Program

May 25, 2026

11:00 a.m.

LEVEE PARK

*A Commemorative Occasion
dedicated to those valiant men and women
of Hastings who did not return
but will always be remembered.*

Program

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mark Gelhar

9:30AM – Veterans Home

DEDICATION Pastor Paris Pasch
VFW Honor Guard followed by Taps

10:00 AM – Roadside Park

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WREATH LAYING..... Mark Gelhar & Neil Hoadley
VFW Honor Guard followed by Taps

10:30AM – Soldiers and Sailors Cemetery

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WREATH LAYING . . Children in White-Neil Hoadley & Robin Horkey
VFW Honor Guard followed by Taps

11:00AM – Main Ceremony at the Veterans Levee Pavillion Downtown

MC/WELCOME..... VFW Commander Mark Gelhar
CANNON SHOT Captain Williams Home Guard
INVOCATION Paris Pasch
FLAG CEREMONY..... VFW Memorial Squad
NATIONAL ANTHEM Finley Jones
WREATH CEREMONY Mark Gelhar/Mary Pierson
MAYOR FASBENDER Greeting
PATRIOT PEN AUTHOR..... Shia Tischleder
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY AUTHOR Lorilei Hartman
MEMORIAL DAY ADDRESS Spencer Johnson
BENEDICTION Paris Pasch
CANNON SHOT Captain Williams Home Guard
MILITARY HONORS VFW Honor Guard
ECHO TAPS..... Hastings High School Music
CONCLUSION..... Mark Gelhar

2:00PM – Hawks Baseball Present Colors . . . VFW Honor Guard

2:45PM – Fleet Farm Taps Across America

VFW Honor Guard Present Colors

Taps by Taps Across America

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

— WILLIAM TYLER PAGE.



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