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Alsip Residents, Veterans & Active Military families,

This Memorial weekend will be different, like everything else in our current world, where our local commemoration honoring our military personnel's service to our country will be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as I spoke this week with Alsip VFW Post 450 Commander Keith Krull and he agreed that the VFW members do not wish to challenge the Executive Order mandating gatherings of no more than 10 people, or subject their membership to health risks.

Many national veterans organizations, Scout troops and fraternal groups have announced plans to cancel the traditional placement of flags on the graves of individual veterans in both private & public cemeteries to comply with social distancing rules in their localities.

As of 5/13/2020 Arlington National Cemetery is closed to the public and no events there have been announced. While the VA will conduct wreath-laying ceremonies at all national cemeteries, these ceremonies will not be open to the public and several will be live streamed or shared on the VA's National Cemetery Administration's Facebook & Twitter pages.

Most State and private cemeteries will be open to family members this Memorial Day, but check with the facility prior to visiting.

*"The veterans of our military services have put their lives on the line to protect the freedoms that we enjoy. They have dedicated their lives to their country and deserve to be recognized for their commitment."*

This year we ask that you please remember all of those who have served our country and may have perished, or are doing their best to overcome adversity after returning home, as we stay home and stay safe from a virus that doesn't recognize us as good people.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'John D. Ryan', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alsip Mayor John D Ryan