

Atchison Co vets to honor comrades Monday

**(KAIR)--Flags will fly at half-staff across Kansas Monday in recognition of Memorial Day.**

**The directive was made Friday, through an executive order of Kansas Governor Laura Kelly, which directs flags to be flown in the formation from sunup until 12 noon Monday.**

**Kelly, in a release from her office, says "the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedoms represent the best of Kansas and our nation," adding that "on Memorial Day and every day, we owe them our deepest gratitude for their service."**

**Atchison County-area military service veterans will be honored with traditional Memorial Day services planned for Monday morning.**

**According to a release, the Fleming-Jackson-Seever American Legion Post 6 and Lt. Jared Fox Jackson VFW Post 1175 will "honor their comrades" by visiting all Atchison-area cemeteries where services will be held by the Atchison military veterans' organizations, including a flag presentation with 21 gun salute by a firing squad, followed by the playing of Taps by a bugler, at each cemetery.**

**The VFW presentations will begin Monday morning at 8:50, at Oak Hill Cemetery, followed by Mt. Vernon Cemetery at 9:10, St. Patrick's Cemetery at 9:35, then Sugar Creek Cemetery, in Rushville, Missouri, at 10:35.**

**The American Legion presentations will begin Memorial Day morning at 9:00, at the Lancaster Cemetery, followed by Effingham's Evergreen Cemetery at 9:25, and Effingham's St. Ann's Church Cemetery, at 9:40. Then, they travel to Atchison for a 10:20 presentation at Sunset Memory Gardens, and will conclude the commemorations at 10:35 at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.**

**Both organizations, at 11:00 Monday morning, will join together at Veteran's Park, located at the Atchison Riverfront, for the morning's final presentation near the USS Arizona Memorial.**

**The release notes that those who wish to attend the ceremonies should arrive at their cemetery of choice about 20 minutes prior to the scheduled times, due to all times being approximate because of travel.**

