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Memorial Day Observance to Honor Fallen Fort Mackinac Soldiers at Post Cemetery

MACKINAC ISLAND - Mackinac State Historic Parks will hold a brief and informal Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30 at 8:30 a.m. beginning behind Fort Mackinac at the Avenue of Flags.

“We are pleased to continue the tradition of Decoration Day at Fort Mackinac as the soldiers would have done historically,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director. “We encourage all to attend this simple and solemn commemoration with us.”

Costumed interpreters will lead attendees from Fort Mackinac to the Post Cemetery and perform a short ceremony and salute, following in the footsteps of what the soldiers stationed at Fort Mackinac in the 1880s would have done. Brisson will speak at the ceremony while interpreters lay a wreath on Captain Edwin Sellers’ grave. Soldiers will then fire a rifle salute. Afterwards, the procession will march back to Fort Mackinac.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan’s Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard & Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, American Fur Co. Store & Dr. Beaumont Museum, McGulpin House, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895

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