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Ocoee to hold Memorial Day and Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony on May 28

OCOEE, FLORIDA – The City of Ocoee will honor fallen troops at its annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Friday, May 28 at 11:00 a.m. The event will be held at the Starke Lake Gazebo, 125 North Lakeshore Drive, next to City Hall.

In a special tribute to the men and women who gave their lives for freedom, a Peace Pole Dedication will be held during the ceremony. The New Covenant Church of the Brethren donated the Peace Pole to the City. The Peace Pole is recognized as an international symbol and monument to peace. It is estimated that there are more than 200,000 Peace Poles that have been dedicated across the world.



The keynote speaker for the Memorial Day and Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony will be Lt. Colonel Sharon A. Branch. Colonel Branch served 26 years on active duty as an information management and personnel officer in various command and staff positions in Europe and the United States. In 2002, she began working for Orange County Public Schools as an Aerospace Science Instructor at Dr. Phillips High School. Colonel Branch teaches second

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through fourth year cadets about leadership, science of flight and exploration of space. She also sponsors after school Air Force JROTC clubs and activities.

The public is invited to attend the Memorial Day and Peace Pole Dedication Ceremony. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please call Joy P. Wright at (407) 905-3100, x9-1530.

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