

Glendale Memorial Day Parade 2008 Begins at 9:30am

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The Village of Glendale's annual Memorial Day Parade will again be held on Monday, May 26th. Each year Glendale honors and pays respect to the men and women everywhere who have served in the Armed Forces. Participants, including the Princeton Marching Band, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, residents, the Color Guard, the Glendale Fire Department and Police Department, Glendale Garden Clubs, Churches, Glendale Youth Sports, Council, the Mayor, will meet at 9:00 on Erie and Congress Avenues and begin at 9:30am, marching south of Congress to E. Fountain, down E. Fountain to Woodbine, to Elk, to Greenville, to the Village Square to Willow to E. Sharon and up E. Sharon to the Glendale War Memorial at 80 E. Sharon Avenue.

Mayor Joseph Hubbard will officiate and has chosen Tom Thacker, a Viet Nam Veteran, to be the 2008 Grand Marshal. Rev. Michelle James, the minister of the Glendale Presbyterian Church, will give the opening prayer. Memorial Day Remarks will be made by Joe Witt, a WWII USN Veteran who served in combat with Mayor Hubbard's father who was killed in action.



Glendale resident (Retired) Col. Thomas Ratliff Jr. seated at the Glendale War Memorial, Memorial Day 2006

What to expect;

At approximately 10:15am or shortly thereafter, the ceremonies will begin in front of the Glendale War Memorial with Erin DePeel trumpeting "To The Colors", followed by the Star Spangled Banner sung by Paula Cordes. Mayor Hubbard will then give his opening remarks, followed by the Memorial Day prayer from Rev. Michelle James. The Princeton Glendale Elementary Essay Contest winners will be announced by Ellen Bockenstette and the winner will be given an opportunity to read their essay. Remarks by WWII Veteran Joe Witt will be made, followed by "God Bless America" sung by Paula Cordes. Michael Fasoldt will then read the Glendale war dead, followed by a moment of silence and a 21 gun salute by the Honor Guard. Erin DePeel will then perform taps to conclude the event. Refreshments will be available at the Glendale Fire Department across the street. This year the coordination of the parade was performed by Glendale resident and volunteer Bett Kooris.