

MEMORIAL DAY 2013

HONORING SACRIFICE



Area residents gathered to pay their respects to veterans over Memorial Day weekend events in Columbus. Activities began Friday evening with the annual SALUTE! concert featuring the rousing music of the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic, which drew an estimated 3,000 people to the Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans.

On Memorial Day, reflections were personal during three events, starting with spectators dropping petals from the Second Street Bridge into the White River to honor veterans lost at sea, followed by graveside services at Garland Brook Cemetery. The day concluded at the Memorial for Veterans on the Courthouse Square.



Clockwise from top: A veterans memorial stands at Garland Brook Cemetery. The memorial was the site of the Veterans Remembrance Ceremony by the Bartholomew County Veterans Color Guard. Chris Clancy, a member of the Columbus Police Department/Indiana State Police Color Guard, stands between the pillars of the Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans as he waits for the flag posting ceremony May 24 at the annual SALUTE! concert. Lee Trapp waves an American flag during the playing of the hymn of the U.S. Air Force during the concert. Trapp was a member of the 339th Fighter Interceptor Squadron from 1951 until 1955. Elizabeth Bays points out a helicopter to her son Andrew Bays, 3, as it lands on May 24. The 25th Street Jazz Singers perform "Rosie the Riveter" during the concert.



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