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## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND CEREMONY HARRY KALAS TO BE HONORED BY SON**

**MEDIA, Pa.**—The annual Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, Monday, May 25, will pay tribute to all fallen service men and women. While the true meaning of this day has often been overlooked as little more than the unofficial start of summer, it remains an integral part of the nation’s recognition of military service and sacrifice for more than 100 years.

The parade, organized by the Veterans Legacy Project, will begin at 10 a.m. at State and Edgmont streets and take the traditional route west on State Street to Orange Street, onto Front Street and end with a ceremony at the courthouse expected to conclude by 11 a.m. Military units, civic organizations and youth groups will be included in the parade line-up.

The event will also serve as an occasion on which to honor veteran, resident, Baseball Hall of Fame announcer and favorite son, Harry Kalas. Kane Kalas, one of Harry’s sons, will sing “America, the Beautiful” and read a poem written by Harry which honors all veterans. The Kalas family has graciously offered to present the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum with the flag which draped Kalas’s casket following his untimely death in April.

Harry Kalas, who served with in the U.S. Army, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, was a staple of Media Borough’s Veterans Day Parade, emceeding the ceremony in front of Delaware County Courthouse each year. He also often lent his unique voice to various entertaining occasions and, as a resident of neighboring Upper Providence, was considered one of Media’s own.

The Pennsylvania Veterans Museum, 12 E. State St., will have a special Monday opening 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Visitors can tour the many exhibits and speak with Museum volunteers. Children will have a coloring activity. Regular Museum hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. For more on the museum, visit [www.paveteransmuseum.org](http://www.paveteransmuseum.org).

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