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Remembering the fallen

For most New Mexicans and people in Gallup, the annual Memorial Day starts early. It may begin with early mass services at the three Catholic churches in town or with just a few words of private prayer in memory of those who have passed on.

At Hillcrest Cemetery, the local organization Veterans Helping Veterans will begin a Wreath presentation in the area marked for veterans on top of the hill, starting at 10 am. Formation for the parade from the cemetery to the Courthouse Square at the McKinley County Courthouse will begin at 10:30 am, enabling all those participants to gather by approximately 11 am.

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Hiroshi “Hershey” Miyamura is the Grand Marshall this year for the parade. The Korean War veteran, and Gallup’s only recipient of the congressional Medal of Honor, spent many months as a Prisoner of War in North Korea following a fierce firefight to protect the retreat of many of his fellow soldiers.

Veterans Helping Veterans will also present the colors at the Courthouse Square, immediately following the parade.

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