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# MEMORIAL DAY & JUNETEENTH

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# CELEBRATION

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Visitors gather to commemorate the nation's fallen at the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, Newtown Square, PA.

**DCVMA/Taylor-Made Vets  
Commemorate Our Fallen  
Heroes & Juneteenth :** *by*  
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*On this most hallowed day, at this most troubling time.  
Imagine if you would a whispering and precious  
moment.*

*A moment between our greatest fear, amidst our  
mightiest resolve.*

*Imagine a requiem of weariness and will. A realm of  
loss as well as gain. A pool of trust and doubt; the  
dwelling of sacrifice where our memories dwell on this  
most hallowed day.*

*This precious moment where our honor and dignity as  
a nation lives boldly; without regret but with a troubled  
heart.*

*I shall not speculate on any notion of failure of the  
past save for one. A failure to re-visit this most  
hallowed day, as oft as we should in our hearts.*

*A remembrance that is the warming hearth which  
nurtures our better angels. The angels of our heart that  
guide us as we remember them well. The avenging  
angels that gave all and spared no cost for the freedom  
that we so often spill. The angels that guide our  
nation's conscious out of doubt which breeds despair.*

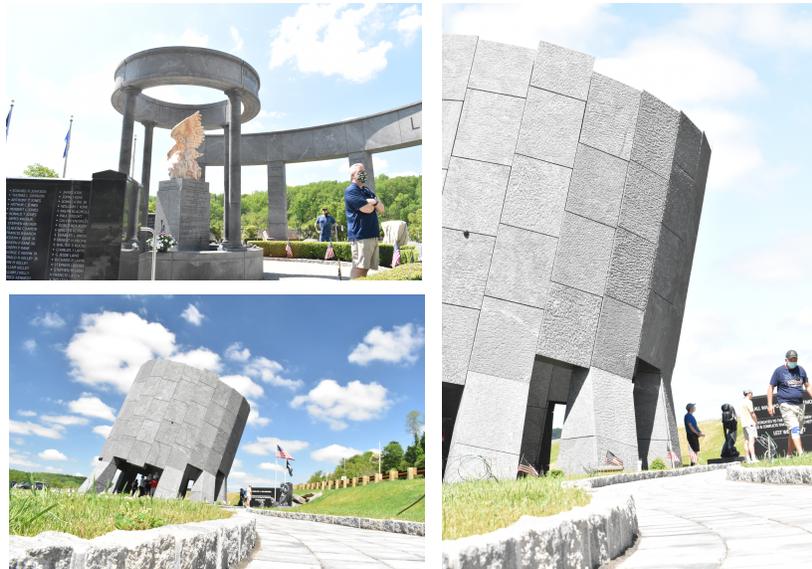
*Out from the platonic cave of uncertainty, rattling with  
Godspeed towards a nation that strives for its identity*

*that is often forgotten but now remembered.*

**RICHARD BLYE, CHAIRMAN OF J.A.C.E.**



**Photos by photojournalist Jeremiah Mills**





# J.A.C.E./TMV HOST The 1st Annual Delco Juneteenth Celebration

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*The Inaugural Delaware County Juneteenth Celebration was held at Delaware County Veterans Memorial on June 19. Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of African-American's from slavery and symbolizes a positive step towards understanding, accepting and appreciating African-American culture. Rich Blye, chairman of the Juneteenth Artistic Collaborative Experience, said the goal of the celebration included remembering the day, memorializing ancestors, education and celebrating black history in America. Blye's opening words for the ceremony summarize it best: "On this hallowed moment, let us be reminded of our sacred memoriam Juneteenth, our freedom's bedrock on which we stand as fellow citizens."*

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The importance of Memorial Day cannot be overstated. Every citizen of this country owes a certain level of respect, reverence and gratitude towards the more than 2.8 million Americans who have laid down their lives in armed combat across this country's history.

Memorial Day is a celebration of all colors and ethnicities, with more than 16,000 minorities sacrificing their lives since the Korean War. It is a celebration that carries a personal weight amongst almost every American home and family. In Delaware County alone, more than 1,200 armed service members have died in combat since the first World War.

While the exact origin of Memorial Day is unclear, it's establishment is mostly contributed to Union General and Illinois State Senator John Logan. Although, it is also largely believed that he simply carried on the idea of memorializing American fallen soldiers from the Ladies Memorial Association of Columbus in Georgia.

Regardless of where, when or how it was established, Memorial Day is an important event for any and every American, no matter their race or political affiliation.

All statistics were pulled directly from the U.S. National Archives.