



**VA MEDICAL CENTER  
ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA**

**Monday, May 25, 2009**

**Parade: 10:30 a.m.**

**Ceremony: 11:00 a.m.**

**Parade and Ceremony Arrangements by  
ST. CLOUD  
METROPOLITAN VETERANS COUNCIL**

# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

May 25, 2009

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**Parade Passes In Review (Please Stand)**

**National Anthem**

**American Flag Ceremony**

Ken Johnstone  
Sergeant At Arms, Metrovets

**Invocation**

Chaplain David Pettis

**Pledge Of Allegiance**

Metrovets

**Medical Center Welcome**

Meri Hauge, MS, RN  
Associate Director, Patient Care Services/Nurse Executive

**Music**

St. Cloud Municipal Band

**Flander's Field**

Dickie Voth  
Women In The Military, CMU

**Remembrance Ceremony**

Members Of Metrovets

*In tribute to those of all conflicts whose gift of life remains anonymous, a wreath is placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In tribute to the Navy dead, the Navy Mother casts a wreath upon the waters of the Sauk River. In tribute to the honored dead of all conflicts, wreaths are placed at the foot of the crosses of Flander's Field.*

**Introduction of Guests and Remarks**

Ray Theis  
President, Metrovets

**Keynote Speaker**

Lt. Colonel James Fischer, U.S. Army

**Music: *God Bless The USA***

St. Cloud Municipal Band

**Benediction**

Chaplain David Pettis

**God Bless America (all sing)**

God Bless America, land that I love.  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night, with a light from above.  
From the mountains, to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with foam.  
God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home.  
God Bless America, My Home Sweet Home.

**Amazing Grace**

Joe Linneman  
Ben Richason

**Firing Squad Salute**

Marine Corps League

**Taps And Echo**

St. Cloud Municipal Band

**Parade Passes In Review** Each marching unit is a mark of special recognition to the memory of all the men and women who have died in service to our country.

**THANK YOU**

Through your attendance you have personally joined with millions of Americans in expressing honor and respect for the men and women who were called upon for the supreme sacrifice. They gave their lives on behalf of all of us who cherish the virtues of the United States of America. We are most appreciative of your presence with us.

We are also grateful to the many individuals, units, organizations, firms and municipalities whose generous assistance contributed so much to the parade and ceremony. To each of those we extend a sincere *"Thank You"*.

A salute to our Flag is a personal commitment to the highest ideals of this nation. Our Freedoms yet live because of the commitment of those who have gone before us. Let us further perfect these ideals and let us carry this commitment forward to those whose hands stretch out to us from the future. Let us, each one, Salute Our Flag when it is brought before us.

The St. Cloud Area Metropolitan Veterans Council (Metrovets) is a unified approach to many of the worthy causes that have been born out of the veterans' dedication to the highest ideals of our democracy. The units participating in the Metrovets are:

American Ex-Prisoners of War  
American Legion Post 323, Clearwater  
American Legion Post 621, St. Augusta  
American Legion Post 254, Sauk Rapids  
American Legion Auxiliary 254, Sauk Rapids  
American Legion Post 76, St. Cloud  
American Legion Auxiliary 76, St. Cloud  
American Legion Post 428, Waite Park  
American Legion Auxiliary 428, Waite Park  
AMVETS Post 11, St. Cloud  
Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 9, St. Cloud  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Chapter 9, St. Cloud  
Forty and Eight Voiture 415, St. Cloud  
Forty and Eight Cabane 415, St. Cloud  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 428, St. Cloud  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 428, St. Cloud  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6992, Sauk Rapids  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 6992, Sauk Rapids  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4847, E. St. Cloud  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4847, E. St. Cloud  
Marine Corps League, Valhalla Detachment 171, St. Cloud  
Military Order of Cooties, Pup Tent 13, St. Cloud  
Military Order of Cooties, Pup Tent 62, St. Cloud  
Military Order of Cooties Auxiliary, Pup Tent 62, St. Cloud  
Women in the Military, Central MN Unit, St. Cloud  
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 290, St. Cloud

#### **METROVETS OFFICERS**

**Ray Theis, President**

**Diane Voth, Senior Vice President**

**Veronica Fernlund, Jr. Vice President**

**Tom Fernlund, Treasurer**

**Laverne Johnson, Secretary**

**Phil Landwehr, Chaplain**

**Ken Johnstone, Sergeant at Arms**