

Remember the Fallen at Events in Our Area on Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, is [Memorial Day](#) – a day set aside to honor the more than 1.1 million Americans who have died in wars that the United States entered. Please take a moment this weekend to remember the men and women who sacrificed their lives for us and for our country and consider participating in one of the Memorial Day events in our area.



- Lebanon's annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday at 9:30 a.m. The parade begins at Eighth and Cumberland streets; then heads east on Cumberland to Fourth St., north to Lehman Street and west to Eighth Street. The parade will conclude at Monument Park on Lehman Street around 11 a.m. where I will be guest speaker.



- This year, I will be walking in the Palmyra Memorial Day Parade, which begins at Palmyra Area Middle School at 10 a.m. and proceeds along Cherry, Green, Main and Locust streets.

Community Invited to Memorial Day Observance Sunday at Indiantown Gap

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Indiantown Gap National Cemetery will host its 40th annual Memorial Day program on Sunday, May 29, at 2 p.m. rain or shine. The community is encouraged to attend. Parking at Indiantown Gap will be

at the Arrowhead Community Club on Fisher Avenue with shuttle bus transportation to and from the designated parking area to the cemetery. There will be limited handicapped parking at the cemetery itself.

Supporting Our Veterans

As we pause to remember our fallen military men and women on this Memorial Day, we are also advancing policies to recognize the needs of our current veterans and service members. This week, I voted in favor of:

[House Resolution 129](#), which I co-sponsored. It would establish a Task Force on Women Veterans Health Care in Pennsylvania to study prominent issues facing female veterans, including post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, military sexual trauma, and alcohol and substance abuse.

[House Bill 2361](#), which designates June 12 as “Women Veterans Day.”

[House Bill 1972](#), which would establish an adult day-care program to be known as “Community-Based Palliative Care” within the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to assist veterans facing serious health issues, as well as loved ones who care for them.

[House Bill 1486](#), which I co-sponsored, to highlight the service of active-duty personnel by requiring the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to issue a Blue Star Family license plate to family members who request them.

[House Bill 1571](#), which I cosponsored, to create a special registration plate for recipients of the Air Medal, a military decoration awarded for single acts of heroism or meritorious achievements while participating in aerial flights, and foreign military personnel in combat.

Finally, nonprofits and veterans’ organizations are reminded of the June 1 deadline to apply for grants through DMVA’s Veterans Trust Fund. Funding is available to veteran service organizations with 501(c)(19) status and nonprofit organizations with a mission of serving Pennsylvania veterans granted 501(c)(3) status under the Internal Revenue Code. Funding priorities for applicants in this category are employment and education, behavioral health initiatives, and other programs or services that address unmet needs of veterans and their families. Additional information is available at vtf.pa.gov.



House Passes Government Transparency Bill

After the Wolf Administration denied data access to a key legislative research agency seeking to assess COVID-19 deaths in the Commonwealth, the House this week approved legislation that would clarify the agency's access to this information in the future. In late 2020, the House unanimously approved a resolution calling on the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to complete a report on COVID-19 deaths. Roadblocks put in place by Gov. Tom Wolf's administration delayed the report by more than a year. In addition to the Department of Health's false claims that the

LBFC wasn't an agency of government, the administration also said the report did not meet "research purposes." [House Bill 2441](#), which I co-sponsored, would specify that the LBFC is an agency of state government and is entitled to information necessary to complete reports as directed by the General Assembly. When state departments deny data access to agencies like the LBFC, they also block access to information important to all Pennsylvanians. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.



Learn How to Protect Your Assets, Avoid Scams

Older Pennsylvanians are often the targets of scams that steal their life savings and threaten their financial security. While seniors are particularly vulnerable to cyber criminals and phone scams, the threat is real for others as well. Next week, I will be hosting a seminar with a representative from the state Office of Attorney General, to alert you to the latest scams and how you can protect yourself.

Register now at RepFrankRyan.com and invite your family members and friends to do so as well. I look forward to seeing you there!

Representative Frank Ryan

invites you to a
Seminar for Senior Citizens:

SCAMS

and How to Prevent Them

ID Theft | Financial Planning | Living Wills | POA

There will be a representative from the Attorney General's Office.

Thursday, June 2

2 - 4 p.m.

Lebanon Senior Center

710 Maple St., 1st floor auditorium, Lebanon

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PHEAA Warns of Student Loan Scams

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is cautioning student loan borrowers to be wary of a new wave of student aid scams. Many of these scams attempt to take advantage of the confusion surrounding the suspension of federal student loan payments until Aug. 31. This is the sixth federal student loan repayment extension in the last two years. Recent reports about potential broad-based federal loan forgiveness and other changes to student loan programs are also creating opportunities for scammers to target student loan borrowers. A recent scam attempts to

convince borrowers that there are new student loan rules in place that require immediate action. Scammers typically promise unrealistic amounts of loan forgiveness, offer shortcuts to loan forgiveness, or try to get a borrower's Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID or other personal information and then rush them into paying immediately. Many times, scammers will falsely use the U.S. Department of Education's name and seal to give it legitimacy. PHEAA advises borrowers not to pay upfront fees for free programs or services or feel pressured to make quick decisions. Borrowers should never share personal information and maintain contact with their loan servicer as part of keeping track of their own loans. For more information, [click here](#).



Watch Out for Work-from-Home Scams

The Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities is warning consumers to be cautious about ads that may promise big salaries or an easy way to make money at home. Like many scams, work-from-home schemes attempt to prey on your vulnerability or emotions with the promise of something too good to be true. They may offer significant earnings with little time commitment or no experience necessary. They may ask you to pay a small fee to get started or request a copy of your driver's license, bank account numbers, or other personally identifiable information. SAFEGUARD YOUR

PERSONAL INFORMATION! These are all signs an offer may be fraudulent. Watch out for upfront expenses or equipment purchases. You should never have



to pay an employer to earn money. Scammers may send you a generous check to purchase equipment and ask you to return any leftover funds, but in doing so, you may learn too late that their check bounced, and you are left with the costs of the equipment, bank fees and any money you sent the scammer. Before accepting an offer, research the company online by typing the name of the company and the words “review” or “scam” into a web search engine to see if others have reported problems. Also, check with the Better Business Bureau for information about the company and its history. If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, contact local law enforcement. Anyone can contact the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities at **1-800-PABANKS** or **1-800-722-2657** to ask questions or file complaints about financial transactions, companies or products.

Prevent Lyme Disease: Check for Ticks

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month. As you spend time outdoors, it is important to check yourself, loved ones and pets for ticks and be aware of the symptoms of Lyme disease and other tick-related ailments. The first line of defense against Lyme is to take precautions in the outdoors by treating clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin, using insect repellent, and avoiding wooded and brushy areas with high grass or leaf litter. When you return indoors, check your clothing, gear and pets for ticks; shower as soon as possible after being outdoors; and check your body for



ticks, particularly in areas such as under the arms, in and around the ears, back of the knees and other similar areas. If bitten, an individual should monitor the area for the appearance of a bull’s eye rash, though the rash does not develop in all cases. Early symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, fatigue, headache and muscle aches. If not treated, symptoms may progress to arthritic, neurologic and cardiac symptoms. Lyme disease is caused by the bacteria transmitted by the bite of a blacklegged tick or deer tick. If you pull a tick from yourself, a loved one or your pet, [you may have it tested](#) to determine if it carries Lyme or other tick-borne diseases. Learn more about Lyme disease [symptoms, treatment and prevention here](#).

PennDOT Driver Licensing Centers Closed for Memorial Day



The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) announced that all driver license and photo centers, including the Riverfront Office Center in Harrisburg, will be closed Saturday, May 28, through Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. Customers may still obtain a variety of driver and vehicle products and services online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, through PennDOT's Driver and Vehicle Services website at dmv.pa.gov.

Fish for Free this Sunday!



On Sunday, May 29, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will host a Fish for Free day to allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on all Pennsylvania waterways. No license is required, but all other fishing regulations apply. [Find more information here.](#)

In gratitude and remembrance of those brave American service members who sacrificed all so we can live free.



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