

Pamela D. Panzenbeck
Mayor



Phone: (516) 676-2000
Fax: (516) 676-0108
www.glencoveny.gov

CITY OF GLEN COVE

City Hall
9 Glen Street
Glen Cove, NY 11542-4106

PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Glen Cove Announces 2026 Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade

GLEN COVE, NY — The City of Glen Cove will host its annual Memorial Day observances on Sunday, May 24, and Monday, May 25, 2026, continuing a longstanding tradition of honoring the men and women of the United States military who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. All events are rain or shine.

This year, the City will honor the life and sacrifice of **John “Jack” Niles McCarthy, Specialist Four, U.S. Army Infantry**, who was killed in action on May 24, 1969, during the Vietnam War at just 20 years old.

A Glen Cove resident, McCarthy served as an Infantry Indirect Fire Crewman with A Company, 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry, 196th Light Infantry Brigade. He entered the Army voluntarily in February 1969. He was killed in Quang Tin Province, South Vietnam, by hostile small-arms fire. For his service, he was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He is remembered for his courage, sacrifice, and dedication to his country and community.

“Memorial Day is a time for our community to come together and remember those who gave everything for our freedom,” said Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck. “We honor their sacrifice, we stand with their families, and we remain deeply grateful for the courage of all who have served.”

The City is proud to announce that **Major Fred R. Nielsen, USMC (Ret.)**, will serve as **Grand Marshal** of the 2026 Memorial Day Parade, in recognition of his distinguished military service and continued dedication to veterans.

Sunday, May 24, 2026

11:30 PM — Military Banner Ceremony & Wreath Laying

Location: Morgan Park Parking Lot

The observances will begin with the Military Banner Ceremony, followed by wreath-laying at the following locations:

- Morgan Park (WWII Monument)
- Doughboy Monument (Glen Cove Library)
- Ford Street Monument

Pamela D. Panzenbeck
Mayor



Phone: (516) 676-2000
Fax: (516) 676-0108
www.glencoveny.gov

- Elm Avenue Monument
- St. Rocco's Monument
- Calgary AME Cemetery

Monday, May 25, 2026

11:00 AM — Memorial Day Ceremony

Location: Monument Park (in front of First Presbyterian Church)

12:00 PM — Memorial Day Parade

Route: Begins at Cottage Row and Forest Avenue and proceeds through downtown Glen Cove

The City invites veterans, active military, family members of service members, and local nonprofit organizations to participate in this year's parade. A special family honor section will once again be included, providing an opportunity for loved ones to walk in remembrance.

Families and organizations interested in participating can respond here:

<https://forms.gle/NmrBzGSzxXbA6pHp9>

For questions, please email: GCMemorialDayParade@gmail.com.

The City extends its appreciation to the Glen Cove Memorial Day Committee for its continued dedication to honoring our nation's heroes and helping organize these meaningful events.

Residents are encouraged to attend and stand together as a community to honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation.

For more information, please contact:

Roni Jenkins
Public Relations Officer
City of Glen Cove
Roni.Jenkins@glencoveny.gov