**4th ANNUAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY - SATURDAY, 25 MAY 2019**

**Sidney, NY-** Chief Petty Officer R. S. “Dick” Germond, USN (Ret) and President, Sidney Veterans Memorial Park Association, announced the 4th Annual Installation Ceremony to be held this coming Memorial Day Weekend at 11:00 AM, Saturday, 25 May 2019. All veterans and the general public is cordially invited and encouraged to mark their calendars to attend this brief and impressive patriotic event honoring our veterans.

The single most important thing every American military veteran has in common is that each trained in varying capacities and served as one of our nations’ war-fighters. The Sidney Veterans Memorial Park was designed to not only recognize and honor their service but to also shine a light on ‘how’ these men and women served. A newcomer’s visit to the park is often described as having been beautiful, interesting, and educational, both from a local, national, and historical perspective - especially so for visitors with no or limited knowledge of our military and naval heritage. From the park elements located at the stunning Flag House entrance housing the Sidney Central School Alumni Associations’ Alumni Memorial Wall & Monument, to the service specific risers flanking the walkway to the majestic eagle adorned Main Monument, Flag Court and Victory Walls displaying the hundreds of individual veteran granite plaques – all in the words, pictures, and regalia of our nations’ war-fighters – we think you’ll find a visit, simply inspirational.

Located at the intersection of NYS Route 8 and River Street in Sidney, visitors may disembark at the parks’ Flag House Entrance; however, there will be no parking at the park. Parking will be at and compliments of the Sidney Elks Lodge on River Street, a very short walk to the park. The Elks Lodge will be open to the public for use of the restroom, as well as, for light refreshment in the bar area at the conclusion of the ceremony. Covered seating will be provided for approximately 150 persons on a first come basis. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn seating in the event provided/covered seating is filled to capacity.

**Nameplate & Plaque Applications must be received no later than 15 April 2019** for design, engraving, shipping and installation prior to the Installation Ceremony. For application(s): call Dick Germond at (607) 643-8318 or any SVMPA member; pick-up at the park; or, download the application from the associations’ website at [www.SidneyVeteransMemorialPark.org](http://www.SidneyVeteransMemorialPark.org).