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Dear North Port Community

As you may or may not be aware, the American Legion was founded on Four Pillars: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. While Post 254 is active in all four Pillars, it is Pillar I, Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, that drives us the most. Taking care of our aging and disabled veterans must take a priority.

It is therefore with a heavy heart that I must announce that, under our current COVID19 Pandemic situation, we are cancelling our annual Memorial Day Service. Last year we had over 1200 veterans, their families, and guests attend the ceremony. The average age of those attendees was in the low to mid-60s. As this is the high risk group for COVID 19, our Post cannot in clear conscience take the chance of exposing them to this hazard.

I hope you all understand and on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th you pause for a moment to give thanks to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and are still in harms way.

For God and Country

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel M. Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Samuel M. Taylor
Commander