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THAT YOU APPRECIATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PARADE.**



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*Thank you to all of the dedicated  
people who helped plan and work  
to make this parade possible.*

## MEMORIAL DAY 2025



“The legacy of brave  
men and women who  
have fought and died  
for their country is the  
freedom we enjoy as  
Americans.”

- Lucian Adams



# Tecumseh Memorial Day Remembrance

**Schedule of Events**  
**Monday, May 26, 2025**

## City Hall

9:40 a.m..... VFW & American Legion Auxiliaries  
Wreath placement at City Hall  
Legion Prayer ..... American Legion Chaplain  
10:00 a.m. .... Parade Starts

## Services at Cemetery

“God Bless America” ..... **Wade Ondrovick**  
Welcome ..... **Brian Radant**  
*Tecumseh City Mayor*  
Invocation ..... **Tom Hawkins**  
*Former Pastor of New Song Church*  
“National Anthem” ..... **Wade Ondrovick**  
Pledge of Allegiance ..... **Dan Swallow**  
*Tecumseh City Manager*  
“To the Colors” ..... **Mr. Tim Scheurer**  
*Placing of Wreaths*  
Speaker ..... **Major Adam Betz**  
*Michigan National Guard*  
Historian ..... **Robert Elliot**  
Ceremony Dedication to ..... **Steve Meredith**  
**Douglas P. Wilcox**  
Dedication of Flags ..... **Brian Radant**  
*Tecumseh City Mayor*  
**Gary Naugle**  
*Parade Marshal*  
Benediction ..... **Pastor Tom Hawkins**  
21 Gun Salute ..... **VFW – American Legion**  
**Ritual Detail**  
“Taps” ..... **VFW - American Legion**  
“Amazing Grace” ..... **Wade Ondrovick**  
**Tom Kennedy and Richard Burton on Bagpipes**

**“May we never forget, freedom isn’t free”**  
author unknown



**Steve Meredith**



Steve Meredith was born in Hudson, Michigan in 1949. He entered the Army in May 1969. He trained at Fort Lewis, Washington before being sent to Vietnam. He served in Battery A, 2nd Battalion, 11th Artillery of the 101st Airborne Division and the 4th Infantry Division. Meredith was promoted to Sergeant in February of 1970. He was in Vietnam from 1970 and returned in April of 1971. Meredith was our VFW Commander from 2009 to 2012. He was also the Department of Michigan VFW District & All State Commander from 2012 to 2013, Department of Michigan VFW Poppy Director from 2010 to 2013, Department of Michigan VFW Legislative Director 2014 to 2015, national VFW Aid-De Camp 2009 to 2010 and again from 2013 to 2014.

**“Veterans are a symbol  
of what makes our nation  
great, and we must never  
forget all they have done  
to ensure our Freedom” -  
Rodney Frelinghuysen**



**Douglas P. Wilcox**



Douglas P. Wilcox was born in Tecumseh, Michigan in 1947. He entered the US Army in August of 1967. He did his training at Fort Lewis, Washington before being sent to Vietnam. He served in Company D, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. The 31st Infantry served until October 1971 and was one of the last units to leave Vietnam. Wilcox served two tours in Vietnam. He earned the National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign and Army Commendation Medals. He also earned the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was honorably discharged in August of 1973.

A very special thank you to everyone who took part in the parade. Most of all thanks to all the men and women who have and continue to serve our country so that we can all enjoy the freedom we have today. We honor all those who died; so that their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

*Gary Naugle*  
**Parade Marshal**

