

**MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
MAY 25, 2009**

**Selections by Rocky River High School Band
led by Band Director Kirk Taylor**

Opening Program

**James Kilbane, Master of Ceremonies
“Special Tribute to Our Fallen Comrades and Families”**

**Invocation to Fallen Comrades: Reverend Robert Kelly,
St. Gregory the Theologian Byzantine
Catholic Church of Lakewood, US Marine**

**“The National Anthem:” Rocky River High School Band
led by Band Director Kirk Taylor**

**“Pledge of Allegiance:” Officer of the Day, Mike Fitzgerald, Past Commander of
VFW Post #387, and member of Rocky River &
Lakewood Joint Veterans Council**

**General Order #11: Russ Tubbs, Commander Joint Veterans
Council of Lakewood-Rocky River**

**Welcome & Remarks: James Kilbane introduces Mayor Pamela Bobst
Rocky River
“ “ “ Mayor Edward FitzGerald,
Lakewood**

Introduction of Speaker: James Kilbane, Master of Ceremonies

**Speaker of the Day: Colonel James F. Riley
US Army Officer (Retired)**

**“America the Beautiful:” Rocky River High School Band
led by Band Director Kirk Taylor**

Memorial Service

Commemoration: Russ Tubbs, Commander of Joint Veterans Council

Battlefield Cross: Russ Tubbs, Commander of Joint Veterans Council

Presentation of Solemn Tributes

Wreath: Patrick McAllister, member of VFW Post #387 & Joint Veterans Council

White Flower: Lee Anne Christner, President of Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post #387

Red Flower: John Maline, Commander of VFW Post #387 & member Joint Veterans Council

Blue Flower: Peggy Fitzgerald, Past Auxiliary President, VFW Post #387

American Flag: Russ Tubbs, Commander of DAV Chapter #108 & Joint Veteran Council

“Battle Hymn of the Republic:” Final Edition, James Riley, Frank Koenig, Bob Crane and Jack Flanagan

Divine Blessing: Reverend Robert Kelly

Final 21 Gun Salute: 1st Lieutenant Mark Williams, Officer in Charge, First Platoon, Head Quarters Company, 5th Military Police Brigade, Ohio Military Reserves

“Echo Taps”: Buglers Matt Wirfel & Patrick Rajnicek

“God Bless America:” Rocky River High School Band led by Band Director, Kirk Taylor

Conclusion of Memorial Service

James Kilbane, Master of Ceremonies

“May They Rest In Peace”

Special Acknowledgements

The Joint Veterans Council of Lakewood and Rocky River wishes to thank everyone who made this Memorial Day such a rewarding experience, to include all participants in our program and those who helped organize, contribute, and placed flags on hundreds of veteran’s graves.

Especially today we want to remember and honor our men and women in uniform around the world who are helping in protecting this great country.

****For more information concerning our men and women who lost their lives in service to our country, go to www.lkwdpl.org/mtn/, www.clevelandvetmemorial.org/GCVM_History & <http://thewall-usa.com/>**

James F. Riley

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Colonel James Riley was commissioned in the U.S. Army from Kent State University in 1972.

His active duty and reserve assignments have been in Air Defense, Artillery, Military Intelligence, and in Psychological Operations.

In 2001, he was recalled to active duty to serve in Bosnia as the Inspector General for NATO based in Sarajevo.

He worked as a military contractor in Kuwait for two years where he trained foreign military troops in security and intelligence matters. Now he works conducting anti-terrorism training at U.S. Army bases in Korea, Germany, Italy and the U.S.

Colonel Riley is a graduate of the Army Command and General Staff College and the Military Intelligence Officer Advance Course. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the NATO medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

His is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, and the American Legion and serves on the Joint Veterans Honor Guard.

He is married to his wife for 39 years and has four grown children and six grand children.

**Richard Healy
Memorial Day Chairman**