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Memorial Day Ceremony to be Held on May 26



Army First Sergeant (ret.) Daniel Kalagian
Keynote speaker for Ocoee's Memorial Day Ceremony

OCOEE, Fla. – The City of Ocoee will commemorate Memorial Day with a ceremony on Friday, May 26 at 11 a.m. The event will take place at the Ocoee Lakeshore Center, 125 North Lakeshore Drive. The public is invited to attend.

Army First Sergeant (ret.) Daniel Kalagian, an Ocoee resident, will be the keynote speaker at the ceremony. Kalagian (pronounced Kuh-lay-jenn) was born and raised in Bridgeport, Connecticut where he dreamed of being a soldier and police officer. He was able to do both. Kalagian was on active duty in the 1980s and later started his 23 year career with the Bridgeport Police Department as an officer and detective. During his military career, he served in Iraq and in Guantanamo Bay after Sept. 11, 2001. Kalagian now serves as the new commander of the West Orange VFW Post 4305 in Winter Garden. He also leads a service platoon with The Mission Continues, a veteran-led non-profit that helps veterans transform their drive to serve from the military to the civic community.

The Memorial Day ceremony will include a processional to the Ocoee Memorial Wall where a wreath will be set in place. The Memorial Wall is inscribed with the names of Ocoee residents who gave their lives for freedom. Allyson Bellochi, a senior at Ocoee High School, will sing the National Anthem and [Charisma Tran, Miss Young Preteen Earth United States](#), will sing patriotic songs. Ely Martinez, a junior at Ocoee High School, will play Taps to honor fallen soldiers. In addition, there will be ceremonial flag presentations by the Ocoee Police and Fire Department Honor Guards.

After the ceremony, refreshments will be served. For more information, please call 407-905-3100.

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