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Capitol holds Memorial Day celebration downtown

Baton Rouge – Speaker Chuck Kleckley and all members of the Louisiana House of Representatives will recognize fallen members of the armed forces with a Memorial Day tribute on Thursday, May 23.

This year's Memorial Day celebration, led by state Representative and army veteran Nick Lorusso, R-New Orleans, will remember those who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces.

The tribute will begin with a military presentation in the House Chamber at 9 a.m. where the U.S. Marine Corps Band will play and soldiers of the Washington Artillery unit of the Louisiana Army National Guard will present the colors in vintage 1838 uniforms.

Local Veterans are invited to join members of the House for a 21-gun salute by the LSU ROTC on the capitol grounds near the statue of Huey Long.

Individuals visiting the Capitol and surrounding areas can expect to hear ceremonial cannon fire between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

This year, the Memorial Day holiday falls on Monday, May 27.