

A Memorial Day Concert

Featuring members of the
Columbia Community Concert Band, Roger Simpson, Conductor
Lexington Community Band, John Immerso, Conductor
New Horizons Armed Forces Veterans Band, Paul Northen, Conductor

May 25, 2026

3:00 PM

Icehouse Amphitheater, Lexington, SC

The Star-Spangled Banner arr. John Philip Sousa, Walter Damrosch, and Keith Brion
Conducted by Paul Northen

Military Escort Harold Bennett, arr. Frederick Fennell
Conducted by Paul Northen

American Salute Morton Gould, arr. Douglas Wagner
Conducted by Paul Northen

In Heaven's Air Samuel Hazo
Conducted by John Immerso

God Bless the USA Lee Greenwood, arr. Roger Holmes
Jeff Leong, Vocalist
Conducted by Roger Simpson

The Free Lance March John Philip Sousa, arr. William Revelli
Conducted by John Immerso

America, the Beautiful arr. Samuel Augustus Ward, arr. Carmen Dragon
Conducted by Roger Simpson

Armed Forces Salute arr. Bob Lowden and Chandler Miller
Conducted by Roger Simpson

The Washington Post John Philip Sousa /arr. Frederick Fennell
Conducted by John Immerso

Today, we pause with purpose. Not for celebration, but for remembrance. Not for the noise of everyday life, but for the quiet debt we can never fully repay. On Memorial Day, we honor the men and women who laid down their lives in service to the United States. They were sons and daughters, friends and loved ones, dreamers and doers. They carried hopes for the future, yet chose to protect ours instead. Their courage was not abstract. It was lived—on battlefields far from home, in moments of fear met with resolve, in acts of sacrifice that echo long after the guns fell silent. We remember them because their stories shape the freedoms we live with every day. We honor them because their absence is felt in the hearts of families and communities across the nation. We speak their names because a grateful country should never let their memory fade. May we live in a way that reflects the values they defended—liberty, unity, and the belief that some things are worth standing for.

Today, we bow our heads. We place our hands over our hearts. And we say, with sincerity and reverence: Thank you. We remember. We will not forget.