



## **Sussex County Memorial Day Celebration on Georgetown Circle Sunday**

The traditional Sussex County Memorial Day Service will be held on the Circle in Georgetown, **Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM** sponsored by the Georgetown Kiwanis Club, Korean War Veterans Association and the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary Club.

The Keynote speech "*Field of Poppies*" along with a review of his personal background will be delivered by Korean War veteran Sergeant Major Walter R. Koopman. US Army (Ret.). "Koop" is active in the community through the CHEER center, car shows, veterans' affairs and his new Military Museum in Ellendale.

The Master of Ceremonies will be Georgetown's own State Senator, Brian G. Pettyjohn. The invocation and benediction will be offered by Reverend Maleia Rust, Grace United Methodist Church, Georgetown.

Cathy Gorman of Georgetown will return to sing the National Anthem and America the Beautiful. The audience is invited to sing along.

Memorial wreathes will be placed by local veterans' groups and service organizations in tribute to those who died in both World Wars, Korea, Viet Nam, and more recent conflicts to protect our freedoms. Assisting will be members of Troop 95, Boy Scouts of America.

The rifle salute will be executed by members of the 198<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, Delaware National Guard, stationed at the Georgetown Armory. Taps and its echo will be performed by Sussex Central Band Director Ben Ables and his son Zachary.

The program is scheduled to last about 50 minutes. Seating is provided on The Circle. Attendees are also encouraged to bring comfortable folding chairs and abide by CDC guidelines.