

Memorial Day Services Clayton, NY

Last Monday in May

Dress: #1

Leave Brockville: by 7:00 am
Driving Time is 50 minutes — without traffic.
Tune-Up: 8:30 am
Clayton Memorial Service: . . . 9:00 am

Driving Directions to Clayton

Take Hwy 401 to **Ivy Lea Bridge**. Cross the Bridge and continue briefly on Interstate 81.
Take **Exit 50** onto **Route 12** South-West toward Clayton. Turn right from Route 12 onto **Webb Street** (first traffic light) or onto **James Street** (second traffic light). Proceed to **American Legion Hall** on Riverside Drive (there is usually parking space available on Riverside Dr. or John St.).





Memorial Day Program in Clayton

Members of the **American Legion Post 821 Clayton** hold memorial services at a number of area cemeteries commencing at 6:00 am. Normally, a piper from Brockville Pipes & Drums accompanies them and plays at each service.

A memorial service is held in Clayton at the Cenotaph at 9:00 am. The Brockville Pipes & Drums parades to the Cenotaph – a very short parade. This means arriving at the Clayton Legion Post around 8:00 am (coffee and donuts usually available there) with tune-up at 8:30 am.

A short time later (~10:00 am), a tour boat leaves for Grindstone Island with Legion members, Band members and others. This boat is normally laden with Bloody Mary's and several coolers of beer.

Upon landing on Grindstone Island, people and coolers are driven by many local vehicles to the Thurso cemetery where a memorial service is held. Then people and coolers are driven to the Civil War cemetery where another memorial service is held.

Then everybody has lunch at Dodge Canter, the civic center on the Island, accompanied by yet another attack on the beer coolers. After lunch there is normally an impromptu pipe band concert and a final attack on the coolers. Then it is back to the boat for the return to Clayton. There may still be some beer in the coolers. Return to Clayton is usually between 2 and 3 pm.

Pipers and drummers from other bands are welcome to join the members of the Brockville Pipes & Drums for the parades and memorial services.



Clayton & Grindstone Island Memorial Services



Locations

- 1 - Departure Dock - Clayton
- 2 - Arrival Dock - Grindstone
- 3 - One Room Schoolhouse
- 4 - Thurso Cemetery
- 5 - Dodge Center
- 6 - Civil War Cemetery

