



Showing their respect to the American flag is the beginning of many of the area's Memorial Day programs. Veterans belonging to the Raymond Baker Legion Post #209 kept with tradition as they salute the flag at the beginning of the program held on Monday at the Raymond American Legion Hall.

Redfield - a past state commander with the Legion and currently a vice chairman of the National Americanism Commission. He also chairs the newly formed Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program committee. Shown at attention behind Price in the foreground are Post Commander Bill Luke, at the podium and Post Chaplain Larry Waterfall.

Larry Price is the Memorial Day speaker at Raymond

"Let our veterans love for their country be an inspiration for us all. We need to preserve the dreams they died for," advised Larry Price of Redfield, former state commander of the American Legion and present chairman of the newly formed Youth Cadet Law Enforcement program committee.

The former Master Sgt who retired in 1999 with 30 years of service was the speaker this year at the Raymond Baker Legion Post #209 Memorial Day program on Monday.

Also vice chairman of the National Americanism Commission, Price began by showing his appreciation to the many young people in the crowd. "It's good to see the kids here," he complimented. "We're honoring our veterans today. They died so these young people can grow up in a free country."

"Look up to the flag and be proud to be an American. Our forefathers had dreams of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, freedom, equality and having a choice."

"We must continue to accept the responsibilities and give of ourselves. We need to make sure our children get a good education and ensure a patriotic atmosphere. It's a way of honoring our veterans."

"We must never forget or let the passage of time erode their sacrifices."

Price continued in recalling that at this time in the year 2001, "We were at peace."

He was in Washington, D.C. with a delegation of Legionnaires on Sept. 11, 2001, the day that changed that status of peace.

"We were asked to leave the national building and go out into the street. We didn't know why at the

time. We heard people screaming in the street about the towers in New York being attacked.

"Then we looked down the street after hearing a loud boom and could see the Pentagon going up in flames."

Larry Price
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Ryan Eggleston - Official Weather Observer			
	HI	LO	PR
May 23	51	39	.06
May 24	60	40	0
May 25	65	48	0
May 26	68	47	0
May 27	69	46	tr
May 28	70	43	.29
May 29	60	42	tr
2017 precipitation to date	4.11		
2016 precipitation to date	6.61		



Tavie Guzman was the 2017 Clark American Legion Memorial Day speaker. She spoke about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and how it hit close to home, affecting her uncle who was in the Marine Corps. Behind Guzman is Cagley-Smith Post #60 chaplain Bob Schlueter. Dave Adam, not pictured, was the master

Remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving our country

Memorial Day is a special holiday and as the headline says "Remembering those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving our country" is what Memorial Day is all about.

At the Clark American Legion Hall, junior to be at Clark High School, Tavie Guzman was the program speaker, talking PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder). She used her FCCLA speech to talk about how PTSD hit 'close to home'. Tavie is the daughter of Mario

and Jackie Guzman and Mario's brother Javier suffered from PTSD, taking his own life in 2013. Staff Sergeant Javier Guzman served from 1999 until the time he died and from 2009-2013 he completed several combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

In her program speech, Tavie talked about her uncle Javier and PTSD. Guzman defined PTSD as a men-

tal health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat. She spoke of the warning signs and also of ways to help.

Guzman's speech was titled "Haunted by Combat".

Dave Adam emceed the Clark Memorial Day program and one of the highlights of the program was Bruce Brekke recognizing two Clark County servicemen who died in battle.

After 35 years Jerry Jacobsen is retiring

Trevor Forest is the new business producer at Clark Insurance Agency

Long time Clark businessman and insurance agency owner Jerry Jacobsen is retiring. It's been an emotional decision and transition for Jacobsen, but the sale to Western Agency, Inc. of Minot, N.D. took place on the first of this month.

Trevor Forest will be the business producer at Clark Insurance Agency. "Trevor will be training this summer, working with new policy holders as well as taking care of the existing clients," said Jacobsen. Jacobsen who turns 66 this summer will be staying on for about a year.

"When Jerry called about this opportunity, it seemed like the perfect fit," Forest stated. He is a 2006 Clark High School graduate and a 2011 South Dakota State University grad in landscape architecture.

"It seemed like the right thing to do. I'll be back around family and friends," Forest commented and then the conversation turned to it's always nice to live where one is comfortable and has roots and he said he's looking forward to once again calling Clark 'home'.

Jacobsen said he is looking forward to retirement and also that he feels good about selling his insurance agency and feels good about who he sold it to.

"I wanted to keep this office building occupied by an independent insurance agency. I desired the purchaser to be down to earth, people "persons" to continue the relationship building which our office has always attempted to do," said Jacobsen.

He continued, "I wanted to help the Western Agency recruit a young, Clark area native to move



The Clark Insurance Agency is transitioning. Owner Jerry Jacobsen is retiring and Trevor Forest, right, will be the new business producer at Clark Insurance Agency. Business Associate LeAnn Warren, seated, will remain in the office. Clark Insurance Agency is located at 107 N. Commercial Street in Clark.

back to Clark to be the insurance producer. Also, the purchaser absolutely had to be someone LeAnn (Warren) was comfortable with. She has been my rock for over 21 years and we have had a marvelous relationship over all of those years. Without her at my side, I most likely would have looked for a partnership several years ago."

Jacobsen closed the interview saying he was convinced that he will enjoy retirement. "There definitely are some things Cindy (Jerry's wife) and I want to do. No longer owning the agency we can do that now. It will be fun to enjoy our family - our kids and grandkids."

As May comes to an end, row crops have been planted

Within the last few weeks in the area, the corn was a little slow to come up this spring.

"The corn looks better now this last week than the week before," noted David Karki, SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist. "Its appearance wasn't as good due

to the cooler temperatures at first. Corn and soybeans are both warm season crops. The corn is looking better recently."

Most all of the corn has been planted in the county and at the time of this printing nearly all of the soybeans should be in as well

continued Karki on area fields. "The west end of the county is a little dry it seems. They missed some of the earlier rains that the eastern edge of the county received."

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of ceremonies for the Memorial Day program. Remembering those who died is why Clark American Legion member Bernd Scheller places the wreath on the War Memorial at Flat Iron Park on Memorial Day.

Brekke explained the Gold Star Burial flag of Selmer Waxdahl who died in WW II. The flag was given to the Clark American Legion by Selmer's brother, Alvin Waxdahl. The Legion felt it should be retired and showcased. Clark resident and veteran Bill Luke made the flag box and Brekke read a bit of history that was done as a Spearfish class history project in 2000 as part of a booklet the school made. The other individual Brekke talked about was Clarence Seefeldt, WW II. Seefeldt also has a Gold Star flag that has been flown at the cemeteries for the past several years. Some of Selmer Waxdahl's extended family were present. His sister-in-law, Mary Waxdahl and her family, Karen Waxdahl, Gayle Scheller and Robert Waxdahl, were present as were nephews, Bruce Lien and Glen Warkentien. Patriotic songs were sung, poem and essay winners were recognized and the Color Guard led the procession to begin and at the end led the group to Flat Iron Park for the gun salute ceremony. Wreath ceremonies followed at St. Boniface and Rose Hill Cemeteries. Lunch was then served by the Legion Auxiliary at the Legion Hall.