



Dear Friends of Veterans,

The Mercer Memorial Day 500 invites you to be present at Citizens Cemetery Monday, May 31st for a historical event to residents of Mercer County. The Mercer County Liberty Tree will be dedicated between noon and one o'clock.

The 500 is dedicating a live Black Gum tree (in balled form), native to Pennsylvania, donated by Kraynaks, and on display at Citizens Cemetery. It will be called the Mercer County Liberty Tree and will stand to honor all Countians who have shed blood to keep us free from tyranny.

The first Liberty Tree was planted in the 1600's and prompted Thomas Jefferson's famous quote below.

This tree will then be permanently planted in June at the Mercer County Court House for all to enjoy and remember for the next hundred years.

The ceremony at Citizens Cemetery, foot of South Pitt Street, will include portrayals of soldiers of America's past wars who will water the tree with symbolic red water. It will be decorated by widows of county veterans.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be present at something historically significant and we ask that you take advantage of it to create a lasting memory with your families.

Come ready to show your patriotism giving honor to the many who serve and have served us well. Please share this message with everyone.

For more information concerning our four hour-seven program event log on to www.mercermemorialday500.org. It provides every detail of the day.

**The TREE OF LIBERTY must be
nourished from time to time with
the blood of patriots and
tyrants.....Thomas Jefferson**

