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Florence Elks Lodge 1858 shortened its annual event significantly and eliminated the portion of the program which allowed for vets to introduce themselves and speak of their service. The group did allow for brief speeches from lodge leaders and presented the service colors to those assembled.

The highest profile commemoration of the day took place at the Florence Veteran's Memorial Park on Bay Street.

Health-related changes replacement of the bleachers used for seating in pre-

<u>MEMORIAL from page 1A</u> dition to a shortened cer- U.S. Coast Guard Station emony.

> The warm sunny weather and the new health Chaplain Ken Henderson protocols allowed more than 200 commu- and reminded the attendnity members to attend ees that more than a dozen

Siuslaw River.

During the event, VFW for gave a brief benediction

the Memorial Day Adall branch service anthems. the event as the public ad-

"On Memorial Day, we honor and reflect upon the courage, integrity and selfless dedication of the members of our Armed Forces who have made the greatest sacrifice in service to our Nation. Whether in the waters of the Pacific, on the beachheads of Europe, in the deserts of the Middle East, or in the mountains of Afghanistan, American service members have given their lives to uphold our Constitution and to defend the safety and freedoms of our citizens. These patriots embody the best of the American spirit. They put themselves on the line for our shared values — for duty, honor, country — and they paid the ultimate price. Our Nation can never fully repay the debt we owe to our fallen heroes and their families."

– U.S. President Joseph Biden, May 31, 2021

sentation of Memorial rial Service was held. vious years with chairs that Wreaths and the laying of

This year, VFW Post

by the crowd.





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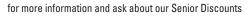
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