



# Springfield May 25, 2020 Memorial Day



## Memorial Day Ceremony Public Announcement

Each year, the Springfield community, led by the American Legion Post 227, traditionally conducts a remembrance to honor and remember those from our township, and all our countrymen who have fallen.

***Due to COVID-19, Springfield will not host a parade. Instead, a remembrance ceremony will be conducted on Monday, May 25, 2020 and live streamed at 10:15 AM on both community channels (Comcast Ch. 5, Verizon Ch. 30) and on Facebook (@AmericanLegionPost227).***

The Live-Streamed Memorial will include a prayer for all Springfield residents who gave their lives in service to our country, the ringing of a bell as each name is called, a rifle volley salute with taps played, and special recognition to **Private First Class George P. Talbot, United States Army.**

***PFC George P. Talbot*** was killed in action World War Two on March 12, 1945 in the service of his country, near the town of Fechingen, Germany, while serving with the 63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division. He was a 1944 graduate of Springfield High School. A young man who had just turned 19.

**Please Note: Starting at 10 AM, the Citizens of Springfield can respectfully view the Memorial Service by slowly driving by in your vehicle throughout the event.** Waving of American flags and displaying signs of support is encouraged...

**(Enter into Springfield Township Building Parking lot from Powell Road and exit onto Fairview Road.)**

Please be respectful of the Memorial Service by not blowing horns or making loud noise

All of the Memorial Service participants will adhere to the Social Distancing requirements and when in close proximity (6 feet or less), wearing facemasks as directed by State Officials.

For the most current information, check on the Springfield American Legion Facebook link ([AmericanLegionPost227](#)), the township's website ([SpringfieldDelco.org](#)) or the Springfield Police Department website ([Springfieldpd.com](#)).

Special thanks to the Springfield Township Commissioners and Officials, the Springfield Police Department, the Springfield Fire Department and Springfield Ambulance Corp for their participation and support of this event. Without their assistance, the event would not have been possible.

**Richard Debany  
Post Commander  
Springfield American Legion Post 227  
([AmericanLegionPost227.org](#))**



# P.F.C. George P. Talbot



## United States Army

**Killed In Action**

**Fechingen, Germany  
March 12, 1945**

**Company E  
253<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Regt.  
63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry  
Division**



**Born:  
November 18, 1926**

**Springfield  
High School 1944**

**Family:  
Parents John &  
Marie; Brothers  
John, Albert, Sister:  
Marie Reich**

**Springfield  
Pennsylvania**



**63<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div**



**63<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div Crest**



On March 12, 1945, while acting as a rifleman with Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 253<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment, 63<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, on a platoon raid in the vicinity of the town of Fechingen, Germany, (South of Saarbrucken, Germany) PFC George P. Talbot was reported "missing in action". He was one of three soldiers who were presumed killed that morning. Their bodies were left behind when the American unit withdrew to their original positions. These three were thought to have been buried by the Germans where the action occurred. It took four years before the remains of PFC Talbot were found, verified and returned to the United States for burial in Calvary Cemetery, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.