

* Picnic serves up a memorable Memorial Day

The occasion for the three-day weekend was celebrated in grand style Monday at Broomfield County Commons when the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum held its fifth annual Memorial Day Picnic.

The picnic in the park drew about 400 people — the number of which dwindled when the strong wind gusts arrived late in the afternoon — to hear patriotic music by the Colorado National Guard 101st Army Band and the Broom-

field Civic Chorus, enjoy a lunch they packed or bought from the food stand run by the Lions Club, dig into some free ice cream from Higgy's Ice Cream Shoppe and see historic recreations and vintage military vehicles. But most impor-

tantly, the crowd was there to pay tribute to the cause for the holiday — the men and women of the armed forces who died while serving their country.

Children were treated to free American flags handed out by the Broomfield Police Honor Guard and veterans were honored as the hymns from each branch of the armed forces were played. See more photos of the festivities at www.BroomfieldEnterprise.com.



▲ **SHOWING HER HOLIDAY SPIRIT:** Lauren Johnson, 5½, visiting from Scottsbluff, Neb., carries an American flag at the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic.



▲ **STANDING ON CEREMONY:** Paul Murphy, a World War II veteran and survivor of the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, and stepdaughter, Tammy Brown, stand as the Broomfield Police Honor Guard posts the colors Monday during the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic at Broomfield County Commons.

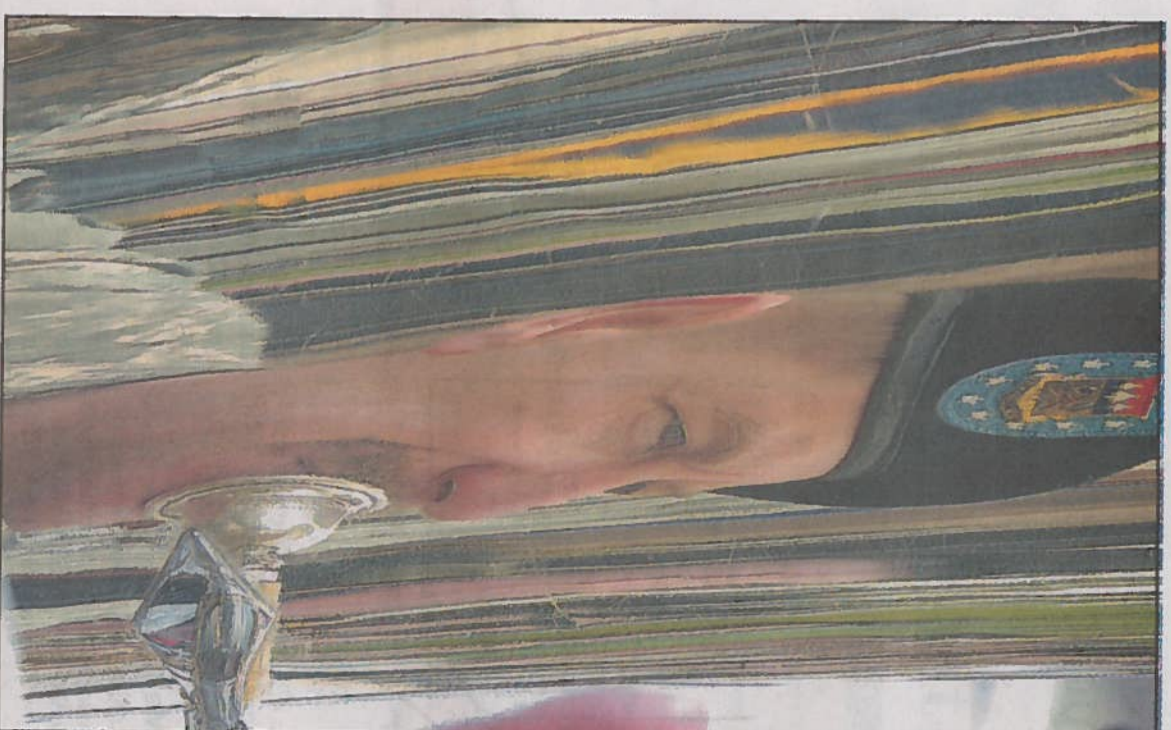


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▲ **SALUTE FOR SACRIFICE:** Dave Ortega, a Korean War veteran from Lafayette, salutes while the national anthem is played Monday during the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic at Broomfield County Commons.



▲ **SWEET TREAT:** Lew Ludwig, of the Crew 42 re-enactment group, eats an ice cream cone Monday during the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic at Broomfield County Commons.



▲ **REFLECTING ON THE OCCASION:** Tom Seidl's reflection is seen in his tuba while he plays with the Colorado National Guard 101st Army Band at the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic.



▲ **GLIMPSE OF THE PAST:** Kiersten Wangsvick and daughter Janae, 4, check out a 1944 Studebaker "Weasel" World War II transport vehicle at the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic.



▲ **SOUNDS PATRIOTIC:** The Colorado National Guard 101st Army Band performs at the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic.



▲ **LETTING HIS FLAG FLY:** Luk Honer stands during the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum Memorial Day Picnic.

