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The Memorial Day Parade crosses into Lewiston from Auburn, left, on Monday morning in this three-photo composite image.

Twin Cities honor the fallen

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AUBURN — People greeted veterans, shook their hands and thanked them for their service during Memorial Day festivities in the Twin Cities on Monday.

“It’s been a very emotional day for me,” said Normand Cote, treasurer of the L/A Veterans Council, which sponsored the parade for both cities and the ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston. “When they talk about all the people that died — I was in Korea. I was a Navy diver. We came upon a ship that was hit by artillery shore batteries. We were the first ones to get there, and you don’t forget that.”

“It’s wonderful!” Ron Beedy of Turner, a U.S. Ar-



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U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, left, and others pause while taps is played during Monday’s Memorial Day ceremonies at Veterans Memorial Park in Lewiston.

my veteran who served in the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam, said as he watched

the parade. “It’s important for us veterans but for everybody, too. It’s all too easy

with the lifestyle we enjoy to

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