

Flag Placement Sarasota National Cemetery May 29, 2021

Thank you to everyone who has registered for Flag Placement! It will be so heartwarming to see all of you!

Below are Instructions for our Mission at Sarasota. Please review them prior to May 29th.

We are OVER on volunteers, so please do not bring extra people with you.

I DO however, need volunteers for Flag Removal on June 5th at 0730. Please check in with me on May 29th for details, or email/call me.

Instructions for May 29th Flag Placement are as follows:

We will place flags Rain or Shine. Dress accordingly, flip/flops are not recommended, grounds will be wet/damp.

Bring a Mask, bring your own water/beverages, and bring a 5" Phillips Screwdriver. I do have some, however not enough for everyone. I will supply the 12" paint sticks for measuring and marking.

CARPOOLING is encouraged please, most particularly with our larger groups. Parking is very limited at our cemetery, all volunteers must park at the maintenance building area.

All volunteers are to arrive and be parked by 0730. Enter at the furthest East entrance and following our traffic attendants' instructions with regard to parking.

Once, parked, report directly to your assigned Section. Your Section Captain and his/her assistants will be waiting for you. Once your group is assembled, you will receive instructions from the Section Captain on the correct placement of flags. Please follow those directions. If you do not have an assigned section, please find me immediately and I will place you where most needed.

Family will have first opportunity to place their loved one's flag at 7:45am. Volunteers will begin mass placement at 7:55am.

Please conform with the National Cemetery Directives - masks are still required, and social distancing is required, even as of today, May 14, 2021. Remember, we are Guests on Federal Grounds and we must comply with their Directives and Policies.

Each volunteer will be responsible for correct placement of approximately 40 flags. If you want to "partner" with someone, that is fine by me. Maintain Social Distancing as much as possible.

Please assist the Section Captains by maintaining the section you are placing in, and assuring that the FRONT of every Monument has a flag properly placed.

The Memorial Day Service will be Virtual again this year and will be posted on YouTube and Social Media.

Once again, I am looking forward to this year's Mission and am so very appreciative of the support from all of you and our community in assisting with Remembering and Honoring all of our Veterans at our National Cemetery.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 941-448-6299. Avoid calling or emailing Bob Fussner please. He has his hands full with placement at other National Cemeteries. We love you Bob, however we know you are needed in other places.

Thank you again and see you May 29th!

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