30th Annual Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria 2025

**Saturday, May 24, 2025 (Rain Date – Sun. May 25th)**

The **Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria Committee** and the **National Park Service**, invite volunteers to work together each year on Memorial Day Weekend, to honor the 15,300 soldiers who were laid to rest in the Fredericksburg National Cemetery. Prior to that weekend, SOME 17,000 BAGS (including those that line the walkways) MUST BE CUFFED TWICE ALONG THE TOP, so they will stand open during the event. Please contact one of the individuals listed below to receive bundles of 250 or 500 bags for cuffing, and return them ASAP to these individuals. (When picking up bags, you will be informed of the turn-in deadline.)

Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg Area -Jack & Kim Walmer – jkwalmer@aol.com

Stafford Area – Jennifer Bell – cajnbell4@verizon.net or Lauren Bass – ltbass65@gmail.com

The following are the dates, times, and locations of all the activities that need to be completed:

**Sat. April 5th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm – SANDBAGGING – National Park Offices at 602-604 Lee Drive -** From I-95, take Rt. 3

 East, pass under Rt. 1, make a right at the 2nd light on to Lafayette Blvd., take the roundabout and exit on to Lee Drive, make the second right, then look for individuals directing traffic for parking and drop off.

**(Whether it is for one hour or five, any help is greatly appreciated. Bring water bottles and snacks/lunch. Be sure to dress comfortably.) *FOR ALL AGE LEVELS – All Youth MUST be accompanied by an Adult or Group Leaders***

**Sat. May 24th, 8:30 am until completed – BAG LAYOUT** – **National Cemetery – Meet in the center of the National Cemetery**

**at the Humphreys Monument.** **Please use the UMW parking lot at the corner of William St & Sunken Rd.** From I-95, take Rt. 3 East, pass under Rt. 1, make a left at the 1st light on to William St., pass College Ave., and there will be parking at the UMW lot on the right, at the corner of William St. and Sunken Rd. Walk from the parking lot along Sunken Rd. towards Hanover St. Cross Hanover and pass the Innis House on your left. Proceed down Sunken Rd., then right through the Main Gate and up the hill. (**Bring wagons, full water bottles, snacks and dress comfortably.) *FOR ALL AGE LEVELS – All Youth MUST be accompanied by an Adult or Group Leaders***

 **6:30 pm ASSEMBLE / 7:00 pm - LUMINARIA LIGHTING – Meet in the center of the National Cemetery at**

 **the Humphreys Monument -** Park in the UMW lot on William St. and proceed through the Main Gate up the

 hill (see above). There will be transportation available from this parking lot to the Visitors’ Center from 7:30 p.m.

 until 11:00 p.m. **(Bring your own lighters and water bottles. (DRESS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION’S** **OFFICIAL UNIFORM.) Due to the use of lighters, this activity is *FOR OLDER YOUTH (11YRS OLD &***  ***OLDER) AND ADULTS ONLY, PLEASE!!- All Youth MUST be accompanied by an Adult or Group Leaders***

 **8:00 pm – 11:00 pm LUMINARIA EVENT – National Cemetery**

 FREE TO THE PUBLIC – Parking at UMW lot on William St. (see above). Handicapped parking available at the

 National Park Visitor’s Center. **The National Park DOES NOT ALLOW PETS in the cemetery.**

**CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF THIS EVENT IS DETERMINED BY THE NPS UP TO THE TIME OF LIGHTING**

**Sun. May 25th, 8:30 am until completed - BAG CLEAN UP – National Cemetery – (Bring water bottles, snacks and dress**

 **comfortably.) *FOR ALL AGE LEVELS – All Youth MUST be accompanied by an Adult or Group Leaders***

***\*PLEASE REGISTER FOR THESE ACTIVITIES BY CONTACTING Jack & Kim Walmer –*** jkwalmer@aol.com ***with which activity(ies), Unit/Troop #, number of adults attending, and number of youth attending.\****

**\*This event is funded entirely by donations. You can help by making your check out to Troop 3510, indicating “Fredericksburg National Cemetery Luminaria” in the memo line, and mailing it to the address below.**

 ***Memorial Day Weekend***, Patches can be ordered by completing the following, and mailing form and check to:

Tammy Schoenhardt, 3 Eugene Ct., Fredericksburg, VA 22407, - scoutfamily4mom@aol.com ***CHECKS PAYABLE to Troop 3510***. Allow 8 weeks after the Luminaria for patches to be delivered.

Leader’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Primary Round Patches @ $4.00 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Number of Year Rockers @ $2.00: 2025 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2024 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2023 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2022 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2021+\_\_\_\_\_ 2020+ \_\_\_\_\_\_

2019^ \_\_\_\_\_ 2018^\_\_\_\_\_ 2017 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2016 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2015 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2014 \_\_\_\_\_\_

 Rockers from previous years (1996-2013) can be purchased upon request

 Total of order $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ +COVID cancellation ^event cancelled after bag layout \*rain out prior to bag layout