

# MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT FOR 2024 AT THE NEW SECTION OF THE CEMETERY



**What: 2024 Memorial Day Flag Placement at Barrancas National Cemetery (Annex Side at the Memorial Plaza/Columbarium F- the newest section of the Cemetery on the (North) Right side of Taylor Road-see map above). There will be a brief ceremony at the Memorial Plaza (The Rain location will be Committal Shelter A on the Anex Side).**

**When: On Saturday May 25, 2024** at 0700 (7:00 a.m.) **RAIN OR SHINE:** this event will occur, regardless of weather (Unless the Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola Orders otherwise due to any weather or other intervening circumstance), as Memorial Day will be Monday May 27, 2024 and **the Flags must be in place by Saturday, May 25, 2024.**

**Who:** Your Troop, Your Pack plus parents, friends and family.

**Where: Barrancas National Cemetery (Annex Side) at Memorial Plaza/Columbarium F. This is the newest section of the Cemetery on the (North) Right side of Taylor Road).**

**How:** Due to security concerns of the Base, the Commanding Officer of NAS Pensacola has directed the following protocols for visitors participating in the Flag Placement:

## Protocols:

- a. Visitors must enter NASP via the Main Gate and show a government issued identification card (Driver's License, Military I.D. Card etc.) to the Naval Security Force (NSF) sentry for access.
- b. Proceed South on Duncan Avenue.
- c. Proceed West on Taylor Road;
- d. Then proceed to Barrancas National Cemetery, Barrancas National Cemetery Annex on the North (right) side of the road to The Memorial Plaza.
- e. **Each person and car coming onto the Base or aboard the Base are subject to search at any time.** There are no weapons, explosives, fireworks on anything like those items allowed aboard the Base.

**More:** Each participant must sign a “**By Name**” roster that is available on the Gulf Coast Council Web site for registration. **This list will be provided to the Naval Air Station Security by May 24, 2024.** The “**By Name**” must have the individual participant’s following information:

- 1) Full Name;
- 2) Date of Birth;
- 3) Country of Citizenship;
- 4) Cell Phone Number;
- 5) Unit and Number;
- 6) The desired location either the Original Cemetery or the New Addition; and,
- 7) Email Address of the participant.

If the participant is a child who does not have a cell phone or email address, please notate that in the provided space and use the parent’s information.

## **IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE:**

**Both Sides of the Cemetery need flags. After the Ceremony on the Annex Side, Scouts and Families can move to the old cemetery on the South side of Taylor Road by car only. Crossing Taylor Road on foot is not allowed as the road is dangerous. Scouts must be in vehicles driven by licensed adults, secured safely and driven across the Road to be allowed to place flags.**

**It will be hot. Therefore, hydrate with water the night before, wear appropriate clothing and head protection, wear sunscreen, have water and follow all common-sense rules for being outdoors in Florida heat.**

**How to Place the Flags:** Flags are to be placed 12 inches (one foot) in front of the headstones and markers. The front of the headstone is marked with the religious emblems along with the name of the decedent. The back of the headstone has the section and grave number.

**Bring:** Gloves, PVC Ts (to help push in the flags), **water**, sun-screen, snacks (must clean up after yourself, i.e., leave no trace), and **rain gear**.

**Cemetery Etiquette:** Do not walk, stand or sit on Headstones and Grave Markers. Remember, Barrancas National Cemetery is the final resting

place for our military members and their family members. **This is hallowed ground.**

**Areas for flag placement will be directed by the VA staff and there are no assigned areas for troops/packs at this time.**

**IMPORTANT:** if you have a loved one who is buried or interred at the cemetery, you may place the flag at their location and then return to join your unit.

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