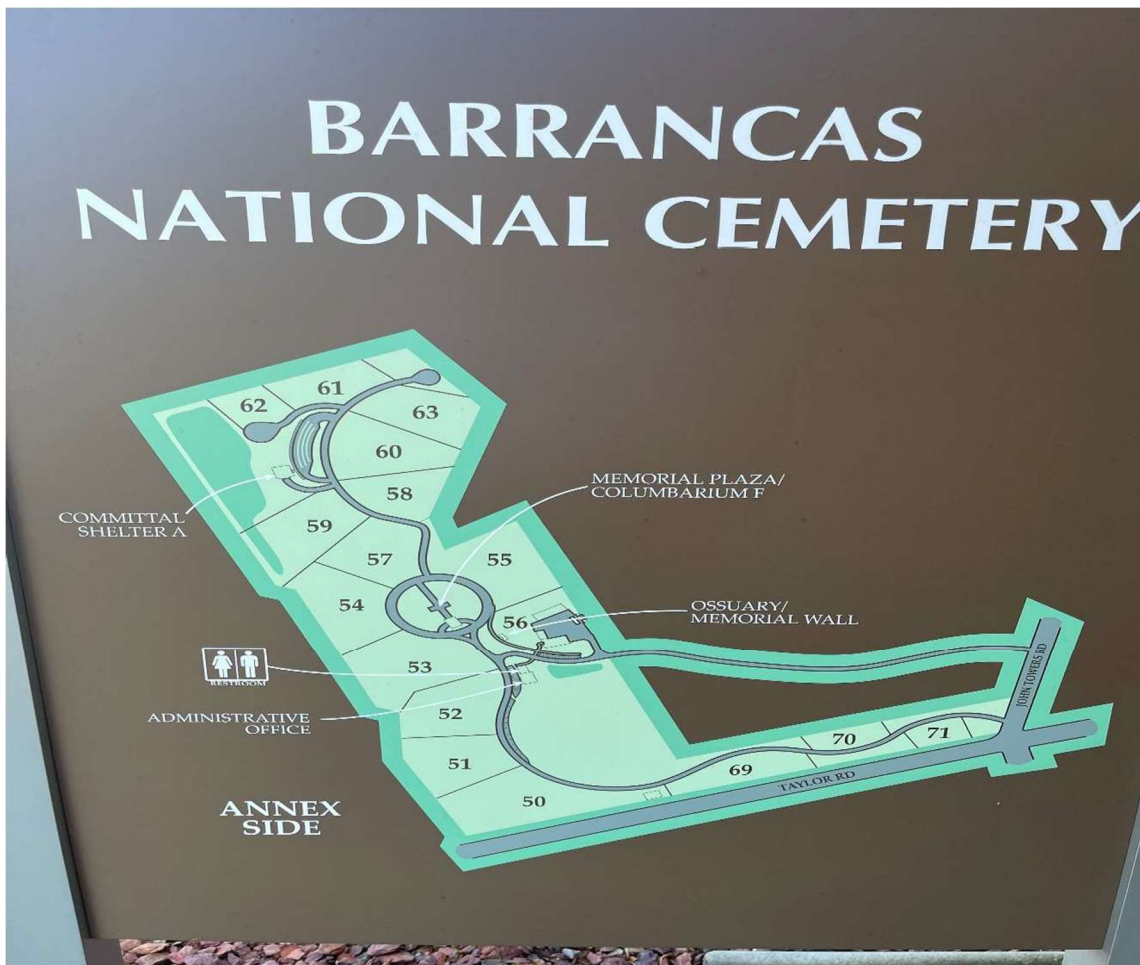


**MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLACEMENT
FOR 2025
AT THE NEW SECTION OF THE CEMETERY**



What: 2025 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 Annex Side).

When: On Saturday May 24, 2025 at 0730 (7:30 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 26, 2025, and **the Flags must be in place by Saturday, May 24, 2025.**

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 need to complete the SECNAV 5512 form attached unless being escorted by a DOD card holder. Submitted to Craig LaChance, Director of Barrancas National Cemetery at craig.lachance3@va.gov by 3:00 p.m. May 21, 2025.
- b. 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.
- c. Proceed South on Duncan Avenue.
- d. Proceed West on Taylor Road;
- e. Then proceed to Barrancas National Cemetery, Barrancas National Cemetery Annex on the North (right) side of the road to The Memorial Plaza.
- f. **Each person and car coming onto the Base or aboard the Base are subject to search at any time.** There are no weapons (pocket knives), explosives, fireworks or anything like those items allowed aboard the Base.

IMPORTATNT 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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