



What: 2021 Memorial Day Flag Placement at Barrancas National Cemetery on Saturday May 29, 2021. **LIMITED AT THIS TIME DUE TO COVID-19. There will be no organized ceremony this year. (Hopefully, there will be one next year).**

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

The Department of Veterans' Affairs limits the participation of the Flag Placement at Barrancas National Cemetery to 100 people at any given time, limited to 50-participants at the original cemetery and 50-participants at the new addition to the cemetery across the street. To allow for

more participation, there will be four shifts of 100 people:

Saturday May 29, 2021:

- 1. 0800 to 1000 (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.);**
- 2. 1000 to 1200 (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.);**
- 3. 1200 to 1400 (12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.);**
- 4. 1400 to 1600 (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.).**

Each participant must sign up for a time, with a “**By Name**” roster that will be available on the Gulf Coast Council Web site for registration. **This list will be provided to the Naval Air Station Security by May 19, 2021.** The “**By Name**” must have the individual participant’s following information:

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

COVID-19 Protocols for the VA Cemetery include:

- 1) Wearing a mask, even outdoors;**
- 2) Maintaining Social Distancing;**
- 3) Having and using Hand Sanitizer;**
- 4) Not attending if you are sick; and**

5) Following all Directions given by VA/NAS Pensacola personnel.

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.

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 for 2021:

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 Ave; a NSF traffic control sentry will direct the visitors to turn West onto Taylor Road.
- c. Proceed West on Taylor Road; a NSF Traffic Control sentry will direct the visitors either north (go South to Committal Shelter B) or south on John H. Towers Road.
- d. Barricades will be posted at the entrance of the Barrancas National Cemetery, Building 3561 and the Barrancas National Cemetery Annex direction vehicular traffic.
- e. The NSF traffic control sentries will remain in place during the event and until the visitor exit the way they enter the installation.
- f. The NSF Watch Commander will ensure all visitors are off the installation prior to securing the NSF traffic control sentries.

How: 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 and is hallowed ground.



Areas for participants will be directed by the VA staff and will be based on COVID-19 Social Distancing Protocols.

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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