

At Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum, Memorial Day Weekend is a time when soldiers can be remembered and honored through our many events. These events took place in the Civil War section at Spring Grove. In this section, 999 Civil War soldiers are resting; the Cub Scouts place flags at each of the Civil War soldiers' graves.

The Ohio Military Band kicks off Memorial Day weekend activities with a concert in the Rose Garden Gazebo on Thursday evening. Guests enjoyed listening to armed services salutes and hymns while snacking on popcorn and enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Rose Garden.

All weekend long our Veterans Tribute in the Norman Chapel was on display. This tribute showcases the men and women who have served our country and have chosen their final resting place at Spring Grove. While one strolls through the historic Norman Chapel, images of soldiers line the aisles. Visitors gazed at war memorabilia, articles, poems, and flags while showing their truest respect.

Retired flags are brought to Spring Grove throughout the weekend. The flags are ceremoniously retired at our Annual Flag Decommissioning Ceremony. The Flag Decommissioning Ceremony is held at the end of June in the Historic Civil War Section of the cemetery, and is conducted by a local scout troop.

On Sunday, the American Legion Post 372 held a ceremony with music to honor fallen soldiers. A walking tour took place which highlighted the Patriots and Pioneers of Cincinnati.

Memorial Day Monday was filled with historic ceremonies, music, and guest speakers. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and The Sisters Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary #10 started off the day with rituals, music, and gun salutes dating back to 1868. Visitors took part in spreading rose petals over the graves of union soldiers.

Steve Ball, a renowned devoted musician studying the Civil War era, performed several historic ensembles. A reenactor, President Abe Lincoln, made a presentation which highlighted Lincoln's famous speeches and ideologies. A walking tour showcasing the Civil War history at Spring Grove ended the weekend.

Memorial Day Weekend is a time when Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum is visited by well over 7,000 guests. Information tents are placed in strategic areas to allow visitors to connect with our staff and receive guidance. Beautiful Spring Grove was embellished with American flags that lined the streets and arches. Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum is known as a place for the community to come together and cherish loved ones, especially on Memorial Day.















