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One of the biggest holidays in the cemetery field is Memorial Day. Our members go all out in celebrating the day that traditionally honors our military forces – from the past and current but now includes all of our loved ones. The cemeteries celebrate with beautiful, colorful flower arrangements and decorations, musical programs and speeches in which many family members and visitors come to honor those who have served, are serving, given their lives and received injuries in the line of duty – so that our freedoms are preserved and maintain a lifestyle and opportunities that are unparalleled in this world.

We wish to salute our members who work so hard in preparing our cemeteries for Memorial Day. We know its hard work and a strong dedication that make these annual events so appealing to all attending and visiting our cemeteries.

A tip of the hat to our members and all the men and women who have served our country.

We have included photos below of workers getting ready for Memorial Day at Lake View Cemetery.

















We ask that you send us photos of your own preparations and ceremonies, tell us your stories, and we will publish these in the next issue of OCA Journal.

Quote for Memorial Day:

"Memorial Day isn't just about honoring veterans, it's honoring those who lost their lives. Veterans had the fortune of coming home. For us, that's a reminder of when we come home we still have a responsibility to serve. It's a continuation of service that honors our country and those who fell defending it"-- **Pete Hegseth**.

(Hegseth is today a 36-year-old media contributor to CNN, MSNBC and FOX NEWS on military affairs. In incursions over the past decade he served as an infantry platoon leader and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. During his time in Iraq, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. A graduate of Princeton University, he is the former executive director of Vets For Freedom.)

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