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HISTORIC CEMETERY & ARBORETUM



Honoring Veterans at Woodland Cemetery

Veterans Day is observed annually in the United States on November 11th. Originally (and in some places still) known as 'Armistice Day', the holiday was established in 1919 to commemorate the date when the Armistice with Germany went into effect; signaling the end of World War I. At the urging of WWII veteran Raymond Weeks (of Birmingham, Alabama) and a coalition of veterans' organizations, the holiday was expanded to celebrate all veterans, not just the casualties of WWI, in 1954.



Above: Woodland's Civil War Lot. Photo published by the Dayton Daily News, 5/30/1913 p. 1

On November 11, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message to his countrymen on the first Armistice Day, in which he expressed what he felt the day meant to Americans:

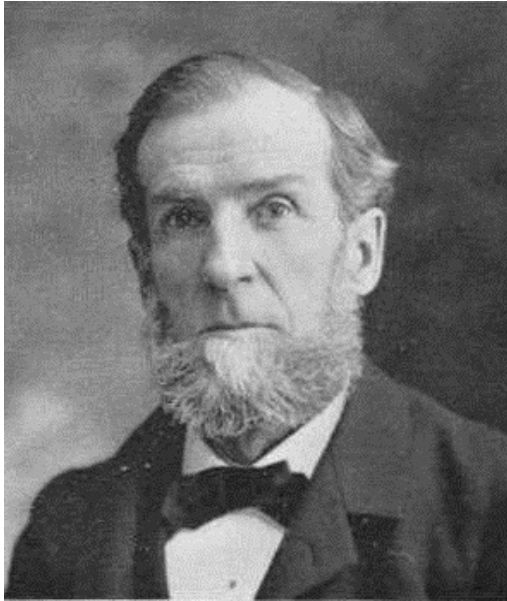
"A year ago today our enemies laid down their arms in accordance with an armistice which rendered them impotent to renew hostilities, and gave to the world an assured opportunity to reconstruct its shattered order and to work out in peace a new and more just set of international relations. The soldiers and people of the European Allies had fought and endured for more than four years to uphold the barrier of civilization against the aggressions of armed force. We ourselves had been in the conflict something more than a year and a half.

With splendid forgetfulness of mere personal concerns, we remodeled our industries, concentrated our financial resources, increased our agricultural output, and assembled a great army, so that at the last our power was a decisive factor in the victory. We were able to bring the vast resources, material and moral, of a great and free people to the assistance of our associates in Europe who had suffered and sacrificed without limit in the cause for which we fought.

Out of this victory there arose new possibilities of political freedom and economic concert. The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of

those who died in the country's service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations."



Lewis B. Gunckel



Col. Fred Mills Crawford

Woodland Cemetery is honored to be the final resting place for veterans of all major American conflicts, from the American Revolution to modern day. Click the name of each Veteran to learn more about these fascinating individuals!



Lt. Frank Stuart Patterson



Lt. Guinn W. Mattern

Upcoming Events!



Street Names of Dayton:

If you've ever driven through Woodland Cemetery you may have noticed that many of the monuments have the names of many of the streets in Dayton.

On this tour, we'll introduce you to the men and women whose streets bear their name and how they contributed to the history of Dayton.

Meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery. Parking is available both inside and outside the gates.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle if needed. Tours will launch rain or shine, except in the event of thunder or lightning.

Upcoming Tours:

11/16 @ 11 am

Click [here](#) to register!



Fall Bird Walk:

We'll finish our bird walks for the year looking for year-round residents, and winter birds like White-throated Sparrow and Brown Creeper.

Bring your binoculars and dress for the weather. The walk is slow-paced, and mostly stays on the road surface, but sometimes does venture "off-trail" into the grass. All ages welcome.

The tour will meet at the Eichelberger Plaza at the main gates of the cemetery.

Your nature guide will be Amanda Lawson, an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist.

Upcoming Tours:

11/16 @ 9 am

Click [here](#) to register!

Support Woodland:

Woodland is proud to remain an active part of the Dayton community as a popular place to walk, relax and enjoy.

We invite you to contribute to the Woodland Arboretum Foundation to ensure that what's meaningful to you today, continues tomorrow! Your gift makes an immediate impact on the horticulture, arboriculture, and restoration efforts needed to maintain one of Dayton's most historic and beautiful outdoor museums.

Thank you for your generous support of Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum.

DONATE ONLINE!

Come Visit Us!



Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

If you need help finding where someone is buried, need directions to a particular area, or have questions about pre-planning or funeral services, Woodland's Staff is here to assist you!

Volunteer opportunities

Woodland is seeking volunteers to give presentations to community groups on subjects such as local history, notable biographies, and trees.

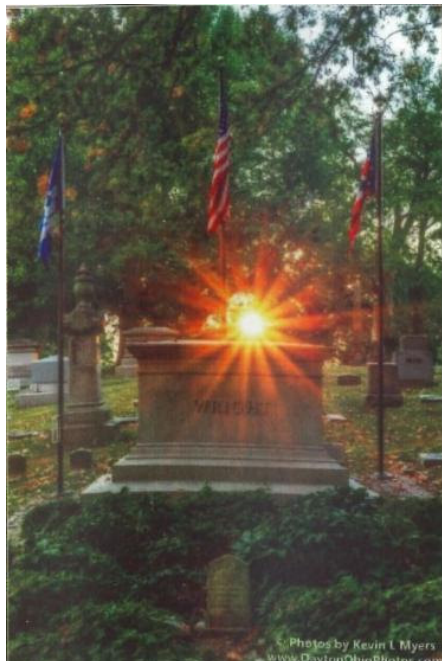
Not into public speaking? Consider getting involved with our horticulture team, or assisting with special events & research projects.

*If there is something you'd like to see here at Woodland please reach out to us & suggest it!

Tours & More:

We welcome walkers, runners, and wanderers -- leashed dogs & school groups.

Register for a guided tour: visit the Woodland Cemetery website! Learn about fascinating Daytonians resting peacefully in one of America's oldest rural garden cemeteries! Or check out our [virtual tours](#)! (if you really don't want to go outside)



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For information call 937-228-3221 or e-mail info@woodlandcemetery.org

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