

39th ANNUAL FLORAL HAVEN MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

OBSERVANCE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

Volunteers from American Legion Post #308 place small flags on Veteran's Gravesites throughout cemetery.

Friday, May 27, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

The Raising Of The Avenue Of Flags At Floral Haven

The 2851 Casket Flags of Veterans donated in years past will be raised by Cadets from the area Public Schools JROTC Programs, Family Members and Floral Haven Staff.

Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 10:00 AM - Just west of the Funeral Home Building

Ceremonies to Raise the Newly Donated Veterans' Casket Flags for the First Time

The Casket Flags donated during the past 12 months will be raised with special ceremonies as part of a special program.

Saturday, May 28, 2011 - Monday, May 30, 2011

"Honoring Our Heroes" - Creating Personal Messages for Our Troops Serving in the War Zones

Everyone is invited to write a personal message of support to our troops on a special banner that will be given to the Oklahoma National Guard to be sent for display in Iraq and Afghanistan. This banner is located near the site of the re-enactment of the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns, just west of the Funeral Home

Saturday, May 28, 2011 - Monday, May 30, 2011 - Funeral Home and Information Tents

Collection of Items for Freedom Boxes for our Troops Serving in Afghanistan and Iraq

The Broken Arrow Blue Star Mothers Chapter 5 are sponsoring a collection for Freedom Boxes, which are sent to our military troops overseas. These items should be travel and individual sized toiletries, EZ-Mac & Cheese packets, instant oatmeal, **pop-topped ready to eat pasta, pop topped ready to eat soup, tuna pouches, chicken pouches, salmon pouches, pop-topped canned/Dried fruit, beef jerky, Slim Jims, breakfast bars & pop tarts, granola bars, crackers, sunflower seeds or trail mix, coffee/tea bags, hot chocolate, powder drink mixes, spiced apple cider, candy, creamer/sugar packets, unscented baby wipes, foot powder, eye Drops, hand sanitizer, Chap Stick, dental floss, mouthwash, toothpaste, disposable razors, acetaminophen, ibuprofen, Aleve, socks, AA batteries, hand warmers, puzzle books, pens or mechanical pencils** (The urgently needed items are in bold-faced print.)

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The Changing of the Guard at The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier

Members of the Starbase Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will reenact the "Changing of the Guard" at the replica of the Tomb of the Unknowns west of Floral Haven Funeral Home. They will be performing this solemn ceremony 24 hours a day (every half hour during the daytime and every hour at night) beginning at 1:00 PM Saturday. Many of these cadets have undergone special training with the Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Reading Of The Honor Roll

Saturday at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM and Sunday and Monday at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM, the names of all of the Veterans buried at Floral Haven during this past year will be read over the Veterans Field Carillon Tower.

Monday, May 30, 2011 at 3:00 PM

National Moment of Remembrance

The White House Commission on Remembrance, an independent, bipartisan executive branch agency, asks that everyone in the United States observe one minute of silence at 3:00 PM on Memorial Day, in remembrance and tribute to those who have fallen, those who have served, those who are still serving and their families.

Monday, May 30, 2011 at 5:00 PM

The Retiring Of The Colors

Members of the Indian Nations Council of the Boy Scouts of America will retire the Garrison Flag and the other Flags surrounding the Veterans Field Of Honor with their own special ceremonies. The Scouts will then retire all of the Flags in the Floral Haven Avenue Of Flags for another year. You are cordially invited to attend this final ceremony of the Memorial Day Weekend.



Special Note: We have created a limited edition commemorative pin and commissioned the production of special “green” grocery tote bags, which will be available on a first come basis at our information tents, on the grounds, Saturday afternoon, Sunday and Monday. This pin will provide you a remembrance of the Avenue of Flags salute to our Veterans, while the reusable shopping tote will provide you with an environmentally friendly alternative to plastic bags used at most stores.