

FLAGS FOR FALLEN VETS
Houston National Cemetery
Memorial Day 2021 – FLAG PLACEMENT
SUNDAY – MAY 30th – 9:00 am – RAIN or SHINE

Volunteer Instructions

2021 COVID Safety Protocols – per the V.A.:

- **MASKS Required**
 - **Maintain a SOCIAL Distance**
 - **NO pre-placement Ceremony** – Be in your Assigned SECTIONS – by 9:00am
 - **WATER** – will **NOT** be provided (to reduce contact) – Please **bring your own water**
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PARKING:

- You may park in the cemetery, or on side streets – **Do not block ANY roads**

BRING:

- **Ruler** – to measure 12" from the headstones (**Paint stir sticks** work well, too :)
- **Screw Driver** – for pilot holes to sink flags 5" into the ground – (**mark them for 5"**)
 - **Or something sturdy** – marked for 5"

9:00 am – AT YOUR SECTION:

- **LEADERS** hand out Flags (**2 bundles** = 40 Flags) Please **DO NOT** help Yourself
 - **No starting before 9:00 am**
- **FIRST** – People with a **Loved One** in that section **ALWAYS** receive Flags first
- **NEXT** – Volunteers registered for that section receive Flags
- **THEN** – All others may receive flags

HOW to PLACE each FLAG:

- Place **FLAGS 12"** from headstones – **CENTERED** – and **SINK 5"** in ground
 - **Do NOT PUSH down on the TOP of Flags – they WILL BREAK**
 - **FLAGS – ONLY** in **FRONT** of headstones. **NEVER** behind, even if there is a name
 - **COLUMBARIUMS** – 1 **FLAG** in front of each column, **in the edge of the GRASS**
 - **NEVER MOVE** anything at a grave. Place your **FLAG** next to any objects
 - **SAY EACH VETERANS NAME** as you place a flag – **THANK THEM** for their service
 - **Please** – When your area is done, **help other areas** until cemetery is complete
 - **RETURN** all **Unused FLAGS / Rubber bands** – We recycle & reuse all **Flags**
 - **RUBBER BANDS** – put in one tote
 - **GOOD, Unused FLAGS** – put in another tote
 - **DAMAGED FLAGS** – put these in a 3rd tote
 - **Pick up all TRASH** – we leave the cemetery in **PRISTINE** condition
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FLAG REMOVAL is Saturday, June 5th 9:00 am
PLEASE COME out to HELP (and bring 187 of your closest friends!)
Watch for instructions and info – coming soon

THANK YOU for helping us HONOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS
WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT and PATRIOTISM