

Woodlawn's Memorial Day Flagging is On!

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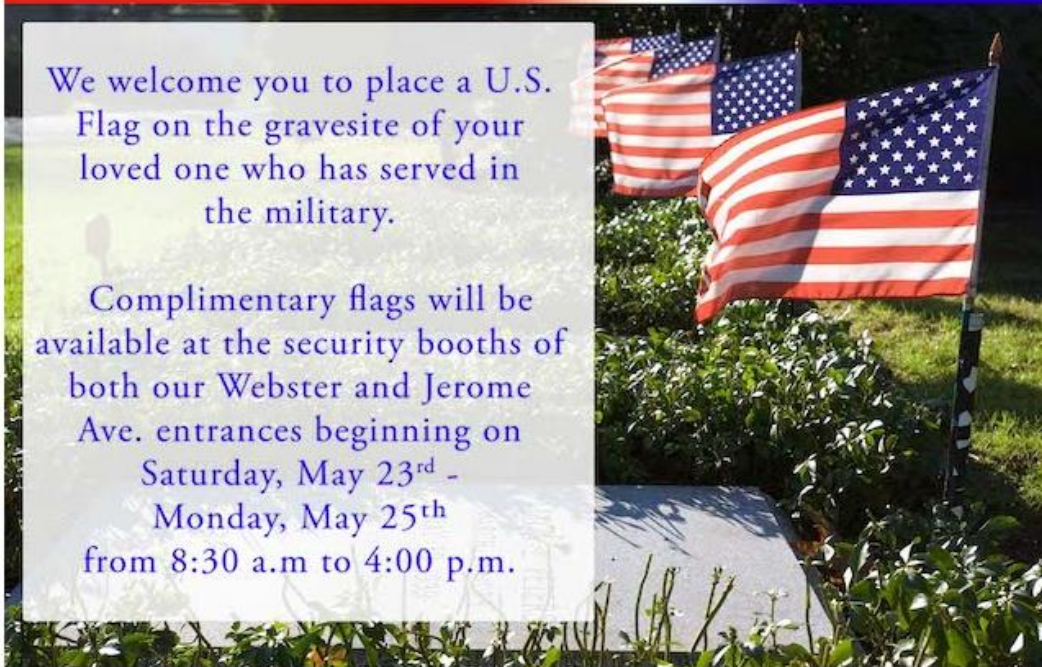
Nine year-old Girl Scout Emma Mahoney places an American flag at the gravesite of a veteran during the 2019 Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Flagging event. (photo: thisistheBronX)

Despite the stay-at-home pandemic, the annual flagging of veterans' graves at [Woodlawn Cemetery](#) is set to continue through the Memorial Day weekend. But this year in deference to safety concerns of the many volunteers that engaged in this event in the past, with individual private expressions of respect. Woodlawn will be open to visitors and for those families of military heroes who want to place a flag on a loved one's grave.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGGING

We welcome you to place a U.S. Flag on the gravesite of your loved one who has served in the military.

Complimentary flags will be available at the security booths of both our Webster and Jerome Ave. entrances beginning on Saturday, May 23rd - Monday, May 25th from 8:30 a.m to 4:00 p.m.



For many years Woodlawn has honored veterans by gathering volunteers and scout troops from the local communities to make sure veteran's are remembered by putting flags on their graves. Before the coronavirus, the tribute was a public event and hundreds of volunteers would join the place American flags.

Flags may be placed on loved one's graves and complimentary flags are available for pick up at both the Jerome and Webster Avenue security booths from 8:30am-4:00pm on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday of Memorial Day weekend.

On the 400-acre site of Woodlawn Cemetery, volunteers have identified 8,200 veteran graves. Some notable soldiers include: newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer, Bronx native Sergeant Natale Greco who's plane was shot down over Germany in WWII, and Sergeant Abraham Lincoln Colon-Perez, who is a Purple Heart recipient and was killed in South Vietnam.

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