

LLANO CEMETERY AVENUE OF FLAGS

10:00AM

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 25, 2015



Dear Golden Spread Council Scout Masters and Scouts,

The raising of the Avenue of Flags during our Memorial Day services is a very solemn and respectful time for us to honor our fallen Veterans: men and women who answered our nation's call of duty by serving in our country's armed forces. The presentation of these flags is the climax of the ceremony. Attaching the flags to the pole and raising them at the proper time and in unison is critical to achieve the maximum effect of dignity and military precision. As Scouts, you will be responsible to help the Veteran's family attach their flags to the pole and then assist them with raising it at the proper time. Once the flag and pole has been raised the Scouts should salute the flag and remain at attention while the Sons of the Confederacy present a 21-Gun Salute.

The first 80 Scouts who register will be given the privilege and honor to help raise the flags. And although only 80 Scouts will be actively participating in the Avenue of Flags presentation, each and every Scout within the Golden Spread Council is encouraged to attend our Memorial Day service. Your uniformed presence will be inspiring and appreciated by all. We also encourage the Scout's family members to attend this ceremony as a way of showing support for our Scouts and our fallen Veterans.

Hundreds of people from Amarillo will be attendance, including civic leaders, living Veterans and families of fallen Veterans. Our distinguished speaker will be Congressman Mac Thornberry, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

REHEARSAL DAY: In order to insure that all 80 of the participating Scouts are knowledgeable and comfortable with how to attach and raise the flags, we will conduct a rehearsal session at 10:00am, Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the Poppy Field, located east of our main office building. All participating Scouts should attend. A map of the cemetery is attached.

MEMORIAL DAY: All 80 participating Scouts are expected to be at the Poppy Field in Llano Cemetery no later than 9:30am, Monday, May 25, 2015. This will insure that you are properly organized and prepared to receive any last minute instructions.

The Board of Directors and the Staff at Llano Cemetery sincerely appreciates the participation of the Scouts and the Scout Masters, as well as the support and cooperation of the Scout's families. You can take pride in the fact that you are performing an important service by helping to honor our country's fallen Veterans – and their families – in a very special way and at a very special time.

Sincerely,

Mark Blankenship, Executive Director
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