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Veterans Honored on Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery

TOLEDO, OHIO: The Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Day Association and nearly 100 volunteers will be placing close to 6,000 American Flags on veterans' graves Friday and Saturday, May 26th and 27th, in preparation for Memorial Day and to honor the veterans' service to our country. Veterans will be remembered at a ceremony at Historic Woodlawn Cemetery on Monday, May 29th at 10:00am

Uniformed Veterans will begin the honor ceremony with a march to the ceremony stage. A 21-gun salute, military music, taps, and a memorial wreath offers this ceremony an appropriate memorial to our Veterans. Marking the 90th year a tradition remembering that through the sacrifices of the men and women of our armed services that we are able to enjoy and preserve our rights and freedoms. Woodlawn's many historic features such as the Lucas County Civil War Memorial, adds a fitting backdrop for the wonderful family event. The ceremony is open to the public and free of charge on Monday, May 29th at 10:00am.

Guest speaker for the event is Lieutenant Haraz N. Ghanbari, Public Affairs Officer, Navy Office of Community Outreach. He currently serves as the Director of Military and Veteran Affairs for The University of Toledo. LT. Ghanbari, will speak on the importance of Memorial Day, stories of local veterans as well as support programs available. Ghanbari earned his Bachelor of Science in Visual Journalism from Kent State University, graduating Cum Laude in December 2004. In 2016, Ghanbari graduated with distinction from the United States Naval War College's Command and Staff Program and earned his Joint Professional Military Education Level One certification. Prior to joining UT, he was a staff photojournalist for The Associated Press based in Washington where his assignments included travelling nationally and internationally as a member of the White House and Pentagon press corps. From December 2010 through July 2011, Ghanbari was forward deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Volunteering for deployment, he was attached to the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) where he served as Officer In Charge of Imagery for ISAF Regional Command (South) Public Affairs.

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Arboretum is a National Historic Site. With more than 160 acres of scenic and rolling hills, Woodlawn, a private, non-profit cemetery, has over 40 acres of burial space available. A public mausoleum, crematory, cremation niches as well as traditional burial plots are open to people of all spiritual beliefs and ethnicities. Public programs, tours and field trips continue the rural cemetery origin to share the beauty, natural beauty, and architectural significance. For more information about Woodlawn, please call 419-472-2186 or visit www.historic-woodlawn.com

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