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As spring slowly but surely takes hold, it is time once again to begin planning for the Memorial Day Observance at Andersonville National Cemetery. The Memorial Day holiday is the largest event sponsored each year in the park. The success of the weekend depends on groups of scouts, students, and individual volunteers. We welcome your group to join us as participants in this event.

Flag Placement on Saturday morning is merely one part of a weekend-long series of events to honor our nation's veterans. Over the four days of the holiday weekend (Saturday through Tuesday, May 24-27), we need assistance in the following four tasks: placing flags at graves Saturday morning, assistance with the annual program on Sunday, Cemetery Wardens to monitor and straighten flags during the weekend, and pickup of the flags on Tuesday.

Placement of a flag at each of the headstones in the National Cemetery Saturday morning takes approximately two hours and will be limited to no more than 300 participants. For the ceremony on Sunday, we have needs for parking assistance (25 people), program distribution (5 people), and staffing a refreshment tent serving ice water (10 people). Troops may also serve as Cemetery Wardens to straighten flags Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Tuesday morning flag pickup should take one to two hours and will require up to 100 volunteers.

The tasks and times needed over the weekend are:

Saturday 24 May 2014 Flag Placement	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Sunday 25 May 2014 Event Assistance	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (multiple tasks)
Tuesday 27 May 2014 Flag Pickup	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

In order to adequately plan and coordinate the weekend, we need to hear from you about how you would like to participate and an estimate of the numbers of participants in your group.



Enclosed is a form which needs to be completed and returned before April 25, 2014. It can be mailed, faxed (fax number: 229-924-1086), or e-mailed to the address shown on the form. Courtesy of the park's cooperating association, Eastern National, *a special patch will be made available to registered participants only*, as a measure of our thanks for your assistance. Additional information can also be found at:

<http://go.nps.gov/memorialdayandersonville>

Limited primitive camping for scouting groups is available first-come, first-serve on the park grounds which must be reserved using the online form at: [http://www.nps.gov/ande/forkids/scouting\\_activities.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ande/forkids/scouting_activities.htm) before Monday, April 28, 2014.

For the third year, the Dixie Crows of Warner-Robins, a long-time flag placement participant, will provide a hot dog lunch for all flag placement participants.

In addition, the Cemetery Warden program is another opportunity for groups of all kinds to participate and assist in maintaining the proper appearance of the cemetery. The Cemetery Wardens would staff a tent at the entrance to the cemetery, greet visitors, and monitor and straighten flags throughout the weekend. Each participating group is asked to serve a three or four hour shift. Please contact park ranger Stephanie Steinhorst at [stephanie\\_steinhorst@nps.gov](mailto:stephanie_steinhorst@nps.gov) if your group is interested in this opportunity.

Following the registration deadline, you will receive a confirmation letter with additional details. We are looking forward to seeing you and your group in May. It is always a moving experience to watch both adults and children performing a patriotic service for Andersonville National Cemetery, our veterans, and our country.

Sincerely,



Eric Leonard  
Chief of Interpretation and Education

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