



You will find Veterans' wreaths located in boxes next to the roadways throughout the cemetery. Please open the boxes, remove the wreaths, and stack them when empty. Break down boxes and stack for easy pick up.

Proper Wreath Placement on Graves

Upright headstones - Place wreath propped against an upright headstone with the top of the wreath (bow) centered on the headstone.

Flat headstones - Place wreath flat on ground with the top of the wreath (bow) centered at the base of the headstone.

Wreath Laying Procedure

1. Receive the wreath and approach the headstone.
2. Extend the wreath outward, offering it to the Veteran.
3. Place the wreath centered at the headstone, with the bow at the top.
4. Say the Veteran's name aloud.
5. For military and cadets - render a slow salute or place a right hand over your heart.
6. Please do not remove any items already placed at headstones, such as other wreaths, flowers, and other tokens left by family or friends.

In accordance with and out of respect for Jewish custom, we ask that you do not place wreaths on the headstones of service members with a Star of David. Please take a moment to stop and say their name, but do not place a wreath. (**Important:** If you come to a headstone with a Star of David and a wreath is already placed there, please leave it as family or friends may have directly placed the wreath.) Parents, guardians, and chaperones – Please communicate these instructions to your children taking part today, to ensure they understand which gravesites should or should not receive a wreath.



With over 51,000 Veterans laid to rest at the Chattanooga National Cemetery, we could not do this without you! THANK YOU for helping us REMEMBER and HONOR each veteran.