

HISTORIC SPRING GROVE CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM

2018 Memorial Day Weekend Activities



For generations **Historic Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum** has honored those who have passed before us. Each Memorial Day thousands of guests visit to do the same. The Spring Grove Family has several events to celebrate our pride in our country and those who serve to protect.

This year we kickoff our wonderful Memorial Day Weekend activities with an outdoor concert in our beautiful Rose Garden gazebo. We welcome the **Ohio Military Band on Thursday, May 24th** for a concert.

Cincinnati Beard Barons have created tributes to honor all of the veterans buried in our Veteran Sections - Sections 60 / 131 and 139. Be sure to stop by and see them on your visit. Veteran Sections are marked on our Visitor's Map.

Once again Spring Grove is honored to present our **Veterans Tribute**. Again this year the tribute will be on display in the picturesque **Norman Chapel**. Be sure to stop by and see the hundreds of photos and mementos of generations of soldiers who have served. Our program continues to grow each year. Any member of our Family Service team will be able to assist you with enrolling your loved one in this tribute.

FRIDAY, May 25 and SATURDAY, May 26

1P • Karen Weis and Dale Hoyt, two of Spring Grove's expert Docents, will be available to give tours of the Norman Chapel as you visit the Veterans Tribute

The Spring Grove Family will once again be collecting worn, torn, faded or badly soiled American flags at all locations, beginning Memorial Day through the end of June. A public ceremony to decommission retired and worn flags will be held at the Historic Civil War Section of Spring Grove on **Tuesday, June 26, 2018.**

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THURSDAY, May 24

430P • Spring Grove welcomes back Cub Scouts from Pack 708, Villa Hills, KY to place 999 American flags on the graves of our Civil War soldiers.

730P • CONCERT - Rose Garden Gazebo Concert by the Ohio Military Band. Founded in 1904, The Ohio Military Band is the oldest community band in the Cincinnati area and has been in continuous existence since 1904, with roots tracing back to the 1854. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this patriotic themed outdoor concert.

FRIDAY, May 25 - MONDAY, May 28

10A - 3P • For the 13th year, Spring Grove is proud to pay tribute to our veterans. Our moving veterans photo tribute display will be open to the public in the **picturesque Norman Chapel**. Over 300 families of veterans have shared photos and stories of their loved ones who so bravely served our country. American flags will guide you to the Chapel.

SUNDAY, May 27

10:45A American Legion Post 372 Ceremony. Civil War Section 21. Public is welcome.

1P **Historical Walking Tour** / 'Pioneers and Patriots' Spring Grove docent, Heather Amos, leads a tour about Spring Grove's Revolutionary soldiers and their connection to Spring Grove. **Tour departs from Civil War Section 21 - look for the large white tent.**

MONDAY, May 28

11A Sons of Union Veterans Memorial Ceremony (joined by the 6th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a progressive living history & Civil War reenactment group). Following the ceremony, the audience will help cover the graves of the soldiers with rose petals. *Event will take place in the Historic Civil War Section 21. Some seating will be provided.* This is a family event and NEW for this year we will awarding a Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Gardens family membership to a family in attendance. Children 12 and under eligible. Drawing to take place following the ceremony - must be in attendance to win.

11:45A RETURNING this year we are presenting a **Civil War Music concert** following the 11A ceremony. Steve Ball Civil War Music - Steve Ball is a musician from Columbus Ohio specializing in the music of the American Civil War, and the music and life of Stephen Foster

12:30P Meet Mr. Lincoln/LIVING HISTORY EXPERIENCE presentation and speech. You will be taken back in time as you listen to Mr. Lincoln talk about his early childhood and political career. We are honored to welcome back renowned Lincoln historian, Stan Wernz. *Event will take place following the Civil War Music Concert.*

1:15P Historical Walking Tour / 'Spring Grove's Civil War History', led by docent, Mark Lager. Tour will depart following the Meet Mr. Lincoln experience.