



NATIONAL CEMETERY OF THE ALLEGHENIES – REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

2024 Volunteer Flag Raising Schedule

As we have done in past years, the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Pittsburgh Post will be requesting volunteers at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies (NCOTA) in Bridgeville, PA in preparation for Memorial Day activities through the calendar year of 2024. The Cemetery requires Volunteers to assist with raising and lowering Flags before and after the four recognized Holidays shown in the table below, and at the tentative dates and times shown. The schedule is subject to modification depending on the weather and is typically confirmed approximately one week ahead of the scheduled Volunteer time.

There are 100 American Flags along the Avenue of Heroes and depending upon the specific number of Volunteers, the Flags typically take between 60 to 90 minutes to raise or lower. The Flags are donated by the families of our Fallen Heroes; each has draped the coffin of a Veteran interred at the Cemetery. The work may be moderately strenuous, and volunteers are exposed to the elements and whims of mother nature. However, the efforts are casually organized, and we welcome volunteers to work at their own pace. Volunteers need not bring any special tools or equipment; just be prepared for the weather. Also, one need not be a member of SAME to volunteer. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are invited, and the assistance is greatly appreciated by both the Cemetery and the Pittsburgh Post of SAME!

Holiday	Flag Raising	Flag Lowering
Memorial Day	Thursday, May 23 rd . 1230-2:00+/-	Tuesday, May 28 th . 1230-2:00+/-
July 4 th	Wednesday, July 3 rd . 1230-2:00+/-	Monday, July 8 th . 1230-2:00+/-
9/11 Remembrance	Monday, September 9 th . 1230-2:00+/-	Friday, September 13 th . 1230-2:00+/-
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 7 th . 1230-2:00+/-	Tuesday, November 12 th . 1230-2:00+/-

Volunteer activities are planned in accordance with the schedule above. If interested, **please contact Rob Yauger at ryauger@gfnet.com or 412-480-5251 along with your contact information** such that we can provide you with any additional instruction and contact you due to unexpected change of plans (the schedule date/time may be adjusted based in the event of a severe weather forecast). Volunteers should plan to meet at Shelter No. 1 (see attached map) where the Volunteers will be organized and initiate activities.

