**DAYTON NATIONAL CEMETERY**

 GRAVE DECORATING CEREMONY

 

 FOR

 MEMORIAL DAY

 SATURDAY
 MAY 25, 2019

 9:30 A.M.

 The Flag of the United States, popularly called the American flag is the official national flag of the United States. It consists of thirteen horizontal stripes, 7 red alternating with 6 white, and in the upper corner near the staff, a rectangular blue field, or canton, containing 50 five-pointed white stars. The stripes symbolize the thirteen colonies that originally constituted the United States of America. The stars represent the 50 states of the Union. In the language of the Continental Congress, which defined the symbolic meanings of the colors red, white, and blue, as used in the flag. “White signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; and Blue, Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice.” Because of its stars, stripes, and colors, the American flag is frequently called the Star-Spangled Banner, the Stars and Stripes, or the Red, White, and Blue. Another popular, patriotic designation, Old Glory, is of uncertain origin.



**Saturday May 25, 2019**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE OHIO AMERICAN**

**LEGION FOR ANNUALLY SPONSORING THE GRAVE**

**DECORATING PROGRAM AT THE DAYTON**

**NATIONAL CEMETERY**

**Dayton National Cemetery gratefully acknowledges the participants in this Memorial Day Program. It is a special**

**HONOR to salute the Nation’s men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country:**

* **THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AUXILIARY**
* **BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA, MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL**
* **GIRL SCOUTS of WESTERN OHIO**
* **CHAPLAIN SERVICES, DAYTON VA MEDICAL CENTER**
* **AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF OHIO**

**The Grave Decorating Pin is awarded by the American Legion**

**to each participating scout as a THANK YOU and a symbol**

**of a job well done.**

 ***PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE SOLDIER’S MONUMENT***



**Welcome Douglas Ledbetter, Director**

 **Dayton National Cemetery**

**Invocation Kenneth D. Boyd**

 **VA Chaplain’s Services**

**Pledge of Allegiance Douglas Ledbetter**

**Introduction of Melissa Fowle,**

**Dignitaries Asst Sgt-At-Arms**

 **Ohio American Legion**

**Address Robert Schmitt**

 **State Commander,**

 **Ohio American Legion**

**Remarks Kathy Heichel, President American Legion Auxiliary**

**Remarks Bernie Kessler, State**

 **Commander, Sons of the American Legion**

 **Presentation of Robert Schmitt**

**Grave Decorating**

**Pins**

**Benediction Chaplain Kenneth D. Boyd**

**Memorial Salute/Taps Dayton National Cemetery**

 **Honor Squad**

**Instruction and Grave Douglas Ledbetter**

**Decorating**