

# Memorial Day at Forest Lawn

At Forest Lawn, we are honored to care for tens of thousands of United States veterans who bravely served our nation and defended our freedom in every major military conflict, and now rest within our gates. Each year on Memorial Day, we proudly salute these heroes as we host the annual Erie County American Legion Memorial Day ceremony and decorate the graves of our beloved veterans.



Unfortunately, this year, New York State and Erie County social distancing mandates remain in effect. Although NYS Governor Cuomo did announce on May 19 that public gatherings for Memorial Day are permitted, they must be limited to no more than 10 people, which means that the traditional Memorial Day events and activities that happen here and across WNY cannot take place this year as they have in the past. As a result please note:

- **The Erie County American Legion has CANCELLED its annual Memorial Day ceremony at Forest Lawn.**
- **The traditional placement of U.S. flags on the tens of thousands of veterans graves in the veterans sections of Forest Lawn will NOT be possible this year.** (If you are the family member of deceased veteran, you are of course welcome to make your personal tribute to your loved one by decorating his/her grave.)

## ***We cannot let Memorial Day pass without honoring our beloved veterans...***

While we recognize that it is everyone's responsibility do our part to stop the spread of the Coronavirus by complying with the law, we remain committed to honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us, so the Forest Lawn Group has made arrangements with the Erie County American Legion and WBEN Radio (930 AM) to present two very special broadcasts:

### **Share Your Tributes to Our Beloved Veterans**

Friday, May 22  
9:00 am — Noon  
WBEN Radio 930

Medal of Honor recipient David Bellavia will host this special commercial free show where you can call in and share your tributes and memories of your beloved late veterans. Call 716-803-0930.

### **The Erie County American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony**

Monday, May 25  
11:45 am and 5:45 pm  
WBEN Radio 930

On Memorial Day, WBEN will air the pre-recorded official annual Erie County American Legion Memorial Day service.

**Like all other WNY cemeteries, Forest Lawn's offices will be closed Sunday & Monday of Memorial Day weekend, and our Interment and Perpetual Care team will be off.**