

Media Advisory

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Flags-In at Arlington National Cemetery

WHO & WHAT: 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will honor our nation's fallen military heroes with "Flags-In" on the hallowed grounds of Arlington National Cemetery. This tradition has been conducted annually since The Old Guard was designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948.

Within four hours, more than a thousand Old Guard Soldiers will place a small American flag one foot in front of and centered at more than 284,540 grave markers, to honor every individual buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Old Guard Soldier's will also place an American flag at the foot of each Columbarium to account for the more than 400,000 interred.

A Tomb Sentinel will conduct a ceremony at noon to place American flags at each of the four crypts to honor all our nations' fallen.

WHEN: Thursday, May 25 at 1 p.m.

WHERE: Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

REGISTRATION: Media interested in covering this event must register by **3 p.m., Wednesday, May 24**. To be placed on the credentialed list, send an email to usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil with the following information: **your full name, media organization, assignment, contact phone number, email address.**

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EDITOR'S NOTE:

- To schedule an interview with an Old Guard Soldier, contact Maj. Russell Fox, Old Guard Public Affairs Officer, at russell.h.fox.mil@mail.mil or 703-696-5210.
- The cemetery will remain open for media to capture b-roll and still photos until the cemetery closes at 7 p.m.

For more information about Arlington National Cemetery visit the cemetery's website at www.arlingtoncemetery.mil.

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