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Guardians of the Nation's Capital



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The Old Guard to Honor America's Fallen **Flags-In 2020 at Arlington National Cemetery**

FORT LESLEY J. MCNAIR, D.C. – The 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. The Old Guard, designated as the Army's official ceremonial unit in 1948, has conducted this mission prior to Memorial Day for more than 50 years.

This year's Flags-In is scheduled for **Thursday, May 21 beginning at 2 p.m.**

Within four hours, about a thousand Old Guard Soldiers will place a small American flag centered one foot in front of more than 240,000 headstones and at the bottom of approximately 7,000 niche rows in the cemetery's Columbarium Courts and the Niche Wall to honor every individual laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

This event is not open to the public, nor family pass holders. Arlington National Cemetery is currently closed to the public but remains open to family pass holders to visit their loved ones' gravesites. Access to popular cemetery sites is not permitted. As a reminder, all visitors not having face coverings in their possession at cemetery entry points will not be granted access to the cemetery.

Because of the current closure of Arlington National Cemetery, media representatives will NOT be accommodated. Public affairs personnel will publish photos and videos for public use throughout the event. Media outlets and the general public may access these products at:
https://www.flickr.com/photos/mdw_events/ and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/arlingtonnat/>.

EDITOR'S NOTES: The 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment, traditionally known as "The Old Guard," is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving our nation since 1784. The Old Guard is charged with the unique mission of providing security for the nation's capital, serving as the U.S. Army's official ceremonial unit and performing tactical infantry missions.

Soldiers of the 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment also maintain a faithful 24-hour vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They provide casket teams, firing parties and marching platoons for funerals in Arlington National Cemetery, and participate in parades, festivals and ceremonies throughout the country showcasing the U.S. Army.

For more information about 3d U.S. Infantry Regiment, visit the Old Guard's website at <https://www.oldguard.mdw.army.mil/regiment>.

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

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