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**WOODLAND DEDICATES FLAG RETIREMENT SITE**

**Dayton, OH** – On June 14, Flag Day, officials at Woodland Cemetery and Arboretum hosted a Dedication Ceremony and inaugural flag burning at its new Flag Retirement Facility. Over the past six months, Woodland has placed a permanent underground chamber in its Civil War section, rearranged the placement of its Civil War Memorial and placed a permanent granite podium which will be engraved with the dates and numbers of flags “retired” each Flag Day and Veterans Day. 321 flags were retired following the Dedication Ceremony.

Woodland received assistance from the following “Co-Sponsors” of the event:

- Schumacher Crane
- Snyder Brick & Block
- Gregory Stone Co. Inc.
- Mini Mix
- Ernst Concrete
- American Legion 675
- Coate Vault Co.

Co-Sponsors also serve as flag collection points. When flags get so tattered or worn that they are no longer appropriate for display, drop them off at Woodland or any of the above Co-Sponsor locations for appropriate and respectful retirement.

Flags and flag poles for the service branches, the American Legion and the VFW are still needed to be sponsored. Organizations wishing to be Co-Sponsors should contact Jack Harris at Woodland: 937-228-3221

The Dedication Program and participants was as follows:

Welcome	Dave FitzSimmons, President/ CEO Woodland Cemetery
Opening Comments	Jack Harris, Project Coordinator Woodland Cemetery
“I am the Flag” Reading	Hank Williamson, WWII Vet
History of the Flag	Master Sgt. Tim Boxus, Honor Guard Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Flag Retirement Ceremony	Alton Womack, Major UD ROTC Program
Prayer of Dedication	Rev. Mark Wilcox, Pastor West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene
Chair of Honor	
Honor Guard	American Legion 675
Pledge of Allegiance	
Folding of the Flag	WPAFB Honor Guard
“God Bless America”	Rachel Wilcox, Soloist West Carrollton Church of the Nazarene
Closing	Major Womack

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Pictures Attached

