



HISTORY UNCOVERED



## 60 Years of Honoring America's Fallen Heroes

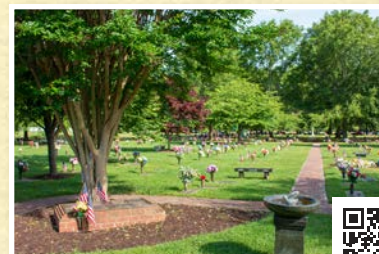
First Memorial Day Celebration, May 30, 1964

## Your Community Cemetery



Williamsburg Memorial Park is a beautiful 42-acre cemetery featuring a traditional English design reminiscent of the colonial gardens that once adorned the grand estates of the 18th century.

Unlike other memorial parks, we are not owned by a large corporation. Instead, we are a nonprofit, community cemetery operated by a small staff of dedicated professionals. That's why we're consistently one of the area's best and most affordable. Discover why thousands of families have selected us as their final resting place. Call us today at 757.565.2006 or scan the QR code below.



- Our first Annual Memorial Day Celebration was held in 1964.
- More than 6,000 people are interred here, of whom 22% are veterans.
- This year, we placed more than 1,300 American flags on veteran's graves.
- Our cemetery covers 42 acres, about half of which is developed.
- We feature 9 unique gardens, a mausoleum, and many cremation options.
- We proudly serve people of all races, religions, ethnicities, and orientations.

### Memorial Day Special

In-Stock Flower Arrangements

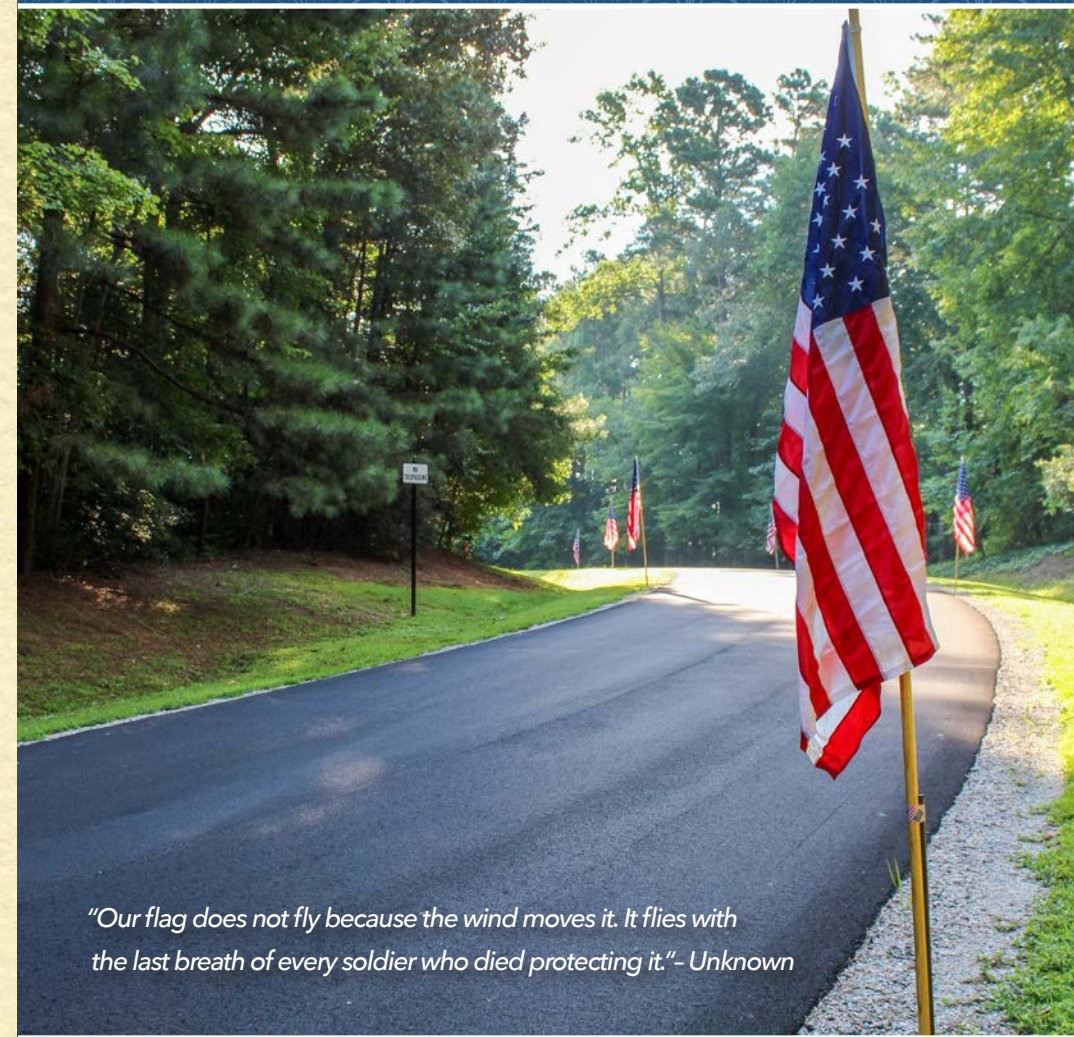
For a limited time, present this coupon at our Customer Care Center for 15% off any in-stock flower arrangement. For more information, please call 757.565.2006 or visit us today.



\*Certain restrictions apply. Container not included. This offer expires June 30, 2024.



PROUDLY PRESENTS



*"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of every soldier who died protecting it." - Unknown*

## Our Annual Memorial Day Celebration

Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM (rain or shine)





Welcome to our annual Memorial Day Celebration. This event is dedicated to the memory of the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our citizens, our values, and our freedoms.

If you've attended before, you understand our ongoing commitment to this beautiful affair. This year, it's even more special because we recently found several photo albums from the early 1960s. Each album contains a variety of historical artifacts, including photos, retro ads, our grand opening announcement, and one book dedicated to our earliest celebrations.

We also discovered a hidden truth—our first Memorial Day Celebration was not held in 1971, as originally thought, but a full seven years earlier. That means that 2024 is actually the 60th anniversary.

Plus, we now know that many of our original traditions are still practiced today. These include the 50 large American flags that line our roads and the small flags we place on every veteran's grave. And, like years past, we still celebrate this important event with all the pomp and circumstance it truly deserves. Below are a few of the historical photos we uncovered.

To learn more about the history of Memorial Day, please scan the QR code to the right. We hope you and your family enjoy today's celebration and we truly appreciate you being here.



*Jacqueline L. Martin*  
General Manager  
Williamsburg Memorial Park

# 60th Annual Memorial Day Program & Brief History

## IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN HEROES

**10:00 AM**  
**Bell Ceremony** Williamsburg A capella Singers  
Bill White, Commander,  
U.S. Navy (Retired)



## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

*Please rise and remain standing*

**Welcome & History** Jacqueline Martin and Timothy Dice,  
Williamsburg Memorial Park

**Master of Ceremonies** Mark Maggio, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Retired)

**Invocation** Reverend Francis Roettinger, St. Bebe Catholic Church (Retired)

**Special Thanks** Local Veterans Organizations, JCC Police/Fire and Rescue,  
BSA Troops 103 and 155, and Bowlero Williamsburg

**Posting of the Colors** American Legion Post 39 Honor Guard

**Pledge of Allegiance** Peg Boarman, President, VFW Post 8046 Auxiliary and  
Kathryn Bridewell, President, VFW Post 4639 Auxiliary

**The National Anthem** Williamsburg A capella Singers

**Music** "America the Beautiful" performed by Gayla Johnson

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
*Please be seated*

**Guest Speaker** Hallock "Hall" N. Mohler Jr., Captain, U.S. Navy (Retired)

## PLACEMENT OF WREATHS

*Please be seated*

**Music** "This Is My Country"  
performed by Scherry Barra

"Last Full Measure"  
performed by J. Vance Stallings

**Veterans Wreath** Ron Stottlemeyer, Commander, VFW Post 8046  
Phil Vanderberg, Commander, American Legion Post 39

**Police and Fire Wreath** James City County Police & Fire Departments

**Moment of Silence** In memory of our fallen comrades

**Music** "Amazing Grace" performed by Ray Gresham,  
1st Sergeant, US Army (Retired)



## CLOSING CEREMONY

*Please rise and remain standing until the colors are retired*

**Taps** To Be Determined

**Retiring the Colors** American Legion  
Post 39 Honor Guard

**Music** "God Bless the USA" performed  
by Ray Gresham, 1st Sergeant,  
U.S. Army (Retired)



*Pictured are Jacqueline Martin, General Manager,  
and Timothy Dice, Family Services Counselor.*

