

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OPENING CEREMONIES

Main Event Stage (*Across from Chapel*)

- 12:00 p.m. **Opening Announcements & Acknowledgements**
Joseph P. Dispenza, President, The Forest Lawn Group
- Proclamation** Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown
- Proclamation** NYS Senator Antoine M. Thompson
- Proclamation** NYS Assemblymember Sam Hoyt
- Remarks** Jeffrey W. Foley, Brigadier General, US Army, Chief of Signal
Commanding General, US Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon
- Dedication of Plaque** honoring 14 African American Civil War veterans buried in the Grand Army of the Republic section of the Erie County American Legion's Veterans Section at Forest Lawn (Section 14) (plaque will be on display all day at the Main Event Stage). Plaque being presented by Walter Cole of the Bennett Wells American Legion Post.
- Dedication of Plaque** recognizing Elmira Brockenborough, the First Recorded & Identified African American Interment at Forest Lawn (Section H) (plaque will be on display all day at the Main Event Stage). Plaque presented by a representative of the Afro-American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier.
- Remarks** Dean H. Jewett, Chair, The Forest Lawn Group
- 12:28 p.m. **Closing Announcements** Joseph P. Dispenza

PARADE MARCH

Main Event Stage (*Across from Chapel*)

NOTE: For those visitors not wishing to accompany the parade, there will be Signal Corps and living history demonstrations, as well as entertainment, in the gazebo, meadow and chapel.

- 12:30 p.m. **Cannon shot start**
Parade participants include Union and Confederate Color Guards led by troop commander Rich Rosche; Union Fife and Drum, commanded by Jim Pace, West Seneca, NY; North American Iroquois Veterans Association Color Guard; Civil War re-enactors and more. The public is welcome to join the 1.5 mile, 1 hour, 45-minute march, which includes these stops:
- 12:45 p.m.** Gravesite of Benedict Maryniak (Section F) The tribute to this late local historian and Civil War expert by Tom Grace, Ph.D. also includes a musket salute, sounding of *Taps*, dedication of a Sons of Union Veterans marker, and a performance by Fear Not Choir, led by Karen Nitschke.
- 1:15 p.m.** Walden/Myer Mausoleum (Section X) The tribute to Brigadier General Albert James Myer, founder of the U.S. Signal Corps., the U.S. Weather Bureau and co-founder of World Meteorological Organization by Brigadier General Foley also includes unveiling of a plaque honoring Myer, a musket salute, brief comments by Army veteran and historian, Bob Gilbert, and unveiling of plaque honoring General Myer's father-in-law, Ebenezer Walden, former Buffalo mayor.
NOTE: 2010 marks the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Signal Corps.
- 1:45 p.m.** Civil War soldiers' graves (Section O) The tribute to 13 union Civil War soldiers includes unveiling of markers, reading of names by Richard Rosche, musket salute, sounding of *Taps* and *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*, sung by Joe Head and accompanied by the Union Fife and Drum.
- NOTE: There are 2,000+ Civil War veterans interred at Forest Lawn, including 7 Medal of Honor recipients and 10 Generals.*



EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

2:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Schedule subject to change)

THE MEADOW AT FOREST LAWN

(located next to the Chapel)

Living history interpreters will be present in military camps throughout the afternoon, displaying and explaining camp life in both the Union and Confederate Armies. The following special demonstrations and lectures will be held every half hour, as signaled by artillery and infantry firing:

- Infantry Camp Life: Drill & Firing Demonstrations
- Artillery Camp: Artillery Drill, Firing Demonstrations
- Medical Tent: Demonstration of Civil War medical instruments and techniques
- Signal Corps Tent: Demonstration of Civil War communications methods involving the telegraph, moving flags and lights

MAIN EVENT STAGE

(located across from the Chapel entrance)

Ongoing activities include the readings of a collection of unpublished letters written by soldiers' wives, including letters from Kate Walden, wife of General Albert Myer.

4:00 p.m. Performance by the Buffalo Creek Dancers

GAZEBO IN THE MEADOW AT FOREST LAWN

- 1:00 p.m. Performance by the Irish Volunteer Civil War Band
- 2:15 p.m. Col. Richard Rosche will take us back to November 19th, 1863 on the Gettysburg Battlefield, where President Abraham Lincoln took part in the dedication of the National Cemetery less than five months after the great Union victory that marked the turning point in the Civil War. President Lincoln, accompanied by Mary Todd Lincoln, will deliver his Gettysburg Address.
- 2:30 p.m. Native American Ely S. Parker (portrayed by Al Parker, a Buffalo resident and direct descendent of Ely S. Parker), who penned the surrender document at Appomattox in 1865 marking the end of the Civil War, will speak.
- 3:00 p.m. Period music performed by local musician and singer, Joe Head
- 5:30 p.m. Abraham Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address

THE CHAPEL

Carved statues of Walden and Myer will be on display at the chapel entrance, courtesy of Carvings For A Cause (Ebenezer Walden's statue is carved from a Forest Lawn tree).

Maria Love will be on hand to talk about her brother, Colonel George Maltby Love, a Civil War Medal of Honor recipient buried at Forest Lawn.

Displays include (but are not limited to):

- 7 Civil War Medal of Honor recipients buried at Forest Lawn
- Mourning jewelry and traditions from Civil War era
- 13 Civil War soldiers being honored today
- Civil War memorabilia from the Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society
- General Daniel Bidwell
- Indian artifacts from the Civil War era
- General Ely S. Parker
- General Albert James Myer

Encampment Ends

6:00 p.m. *Taps* will be played by Ray Ball to signal the end of the Muster



MUSTER IN THE MEADOW



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