



MEMORIAL DAY VETERANS' REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026
11:00 AM**

**HISTORIC CRYSTAL
MEMORIAL GARDENS
CEMETERY**

9640 W Garden Street
Crystal River, FL 34429



presented by

FRIENDS OF CRYSTAL MEMORIAL GARDENS INC

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BEVERLY HILLS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW)



MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, and it was a response to the Civil War's high death toll. Soldiers would decorate the graves of fallen comrades with flowers, wreaths, and flags to honor them.

The red poppy is Memorial Day's unofficial symbol, which comes from the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant John McCrae.

May 30 was chosen as the day to observe Memorial Day because flowers are in bloom.

Memorial Day became a national holiday in 1971.

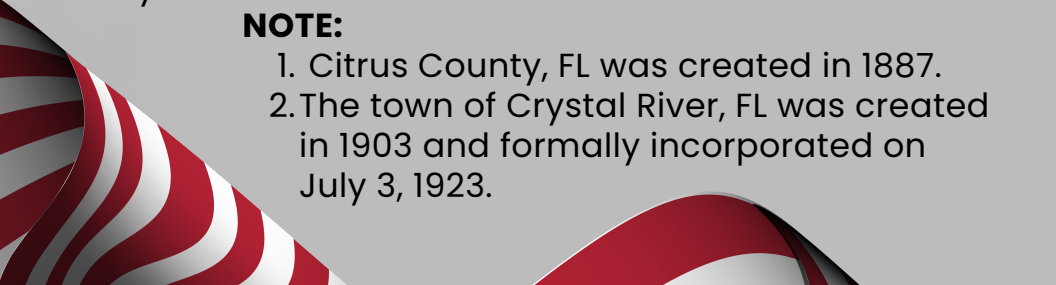
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Crystal Memorial Gardens is a historic cemetery and was formerly known as Crystal River African-American Memorial Gardens. Because of the practice of segregation, the act of separating people on the basis of race, cemeteries were also divided racially.

Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery originally belonged to Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, which was founded on October 4, 1884.

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church deeded the Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery to the "Community" in 1976. A community based Board of Directors was created to operate the cemetery that is still in place today.

NOTE:

1. Citrus County, FL was created in 1887.
 2. The town of Crystal River, FL was created in 1903 and formally incorporated on July 3, 1923.
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MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

at Historic Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Presentation of Colors

Citrus County All Veterans Honor Guard

Prayer

National Anthem

Ryan Lenaghan

Pledge of Allegiance

Arlena Broadbent

Vice Commander

Hernando VFW Post 4252

Welcome and Opening Remarks

George Ann Jackson

President, Board of Directors

Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Everlasting Roll Call

Vicki Sawyer-Lindo

Treasurer, Board of Directors

Friends of Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Memorial & Presentations

Bill Merryman

Beverly Hills Veterans of Foreign Wars

Taps and Gun Salute

Citrus County All Veterans Honor Guard

Wrap Up and Thank You

Andrea McCray

President, Board of Directors

Friends of Crystal Mem Gardens Cemetery

Selection

"America" by Sparky Seymour

Lunch Served on Premises

Veterans Interred at Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery



★ Carl Henry Joyner Vietnam War Gold Star Veteran

Birthplace: Crystal River, Florida

Birth Date: 13 January 1943

Casualty Date: 24 March 1966

War: Vietnam War

Service Branch: Army Rank: Sergeant

Specialty: Light Weapons Infantry Unit/Group: 1st Infantry

Division, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, A Company

Casualty Type: Died through hostile action small arms fire

Location: South Vietnam, Quang Ngai province

Notable Awards: ★ Purple Heart

Carl is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington DC. Name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 06e, Line 44.

#	Last Name	First Name	Birth - Death Date	Notes
1	BELL	Elisha Jr.	19 Nov 1934 - 2 Mar 2006	US Army
2	BROOKS	Claude	15 Apr 1917 - 25 Nov 1987	CPL US Army WW 2
3	BROOKS	Clarence	9 Aug 1916 - 27 Jan 2002	Army WW2
4	BROOKS	Richard	27 Jun 1944 – 6 Jun 1971	FL AIC US Air Force Vietnam
5	BROOKS	Thaddeus O.	5 May 1965 – 3 Oct 1994	US Air Force
6	BROTH	Eward	15 April 1890 - 11 Jan 1972	Georgia PVT US Army WW 1
7	BROWN	Jesse	22 Oct 1928 - Unknown	FL Pvt 510 Engrs
8	BROWN	Joe	5 Jun 1893 - 10 Sep 1959	Florida Cook 5 Co. 157 Depo Brg. WW 1
9	BUNCH	Elijah	29 Dec 1919 – 9 Aug 1973	FL PFC Army Air Force WW 2
10	CAMPBELL	Joseph	16 Nov 1919 – 6 Feb 1970	FL PFC COM 368 Inf. WW 2



Veterans Interred at Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery

11	CANLEY	Junior	09 Sep 1933 – 4 Jul 2001	
12	COLEMAN	Herman	13 Jul 1927 – 27 Oct 1995	AIC US Air Force Korea
13	COOKS	Leon Parker	21 Dec 1948 - 19 Jun 2009	US Army
14	COOPER	Johnny	1899-1978	
15	CUSBERT	Reuben	18 Mar 1910 - 24 Apr 1998	US Navy WW2
16	DEVAUGHN	George Jr.	12 Sep 1947 – 09 Feb 2020	
17	DOCK	W	1848 - 1928	ACE 80
18	EDWARDS	Ronnie	19 Oct 1949 – 19 Dec 2018	
19	ELLIOTT	Frank	1915 – 1974	SGT US Army
20	ELLIS	Joseph	13 Dec 1928 – 28 May 1993	
21	FALANA	George Peter	1895 – 1978	PVT US Army WW 1
22	FLOYD	Amos	30 Nov 1924 - 25 Jul 2002	STM 2 US Navy WW2
23	FLOYD	Julius	22 Jul 1927 - 3 Jun 2002	SR US Navy Korea
24	GAULMAN	Johnnie	14 Feb 1890 – 22 Feb 1966	FL PVT Co WW 1
25	HALL	Horace E.	1929 – 1982	US Army WW 2
26	HALL	Moody	15 Jul 1926 – 16 Jul 1991	CPL USA Korea
27	HOPKINS	Oscar	11 Mar 1921 – 23 Apr 2004	US Army WW2
28	JENKINS	Alvin	05 Sep 1947 – 05 Mar 1999	

"The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude". – Jeff Miller

29	JENKINS	Daniel	27 Jun 1913 – 23 Feb 1994	SC3 US Navy WW 2
30	JENKINS	James Yancey	8 Apr 1947 - 10 Jan 1998	
31	JENKINS	Nehemiah	27 Dec 1934 – 6 Oct 1987	Sgt.
32	JENKINS	Oather	21 Jan 1939 – 12 Nov 1991	
33	JONES	Nathaniel	20 May 1942 - 29 Oct 1992	CPL US Marine Corps Vietnam
34	JOYNER	Carl H.	13 Jan 1943 – 24 Mar 1966	Fl Sgt. CO A 26 1st Inf Div. Vietnam
35	JOYNER	Fred	1894 – 1956	FL PVT USA WW 1
36	JOYNER	Henry Jr.	19 May 1916 – 6 Apr 1952	FL CPL 3684 QM Truck Co. WW 2
37	KIRBY	Buster	14 Sep 1915 - 13 Sep 1976	Pvt US Army WW2
38	LEWIS	Joseph	30 Jan 1904 - 25 Jan 1959	WW 2
39	LOCKLEY	Robert James	05 Jan 1971 – 25 Jun 2005	
40	LOCKLEY	Robert Lee	7 May 1923 – 13 Sep 1994	US Army WW 2
41	MC COY	Rogers	24 Mar 1890 - 2 Apr 1967	Florida PVT US Army WW 1
42	MC KINNON	Obrary Sr.	11 Dec 1931 – 18 Oct 2015	
43	MC KINNON	Orbary Jr.	29 Apr 1957 - 28 Apr 2008	PVT US Army
44	MILTON	Luke	17 Sep 1916 – 7 Jan 2007	PVT US Army
45	MIZELL	James C.	17 May 1896 – 20 Jan 1994	PVT US Army WW 1
46	MOORE	Richard	Jan 23, 1939	
47	NATTEAL	Dewayne Antonio	15 Mar 1969 – 2 Apr 1992	HM2 US Navy Persian Gulf
48	NATTEAL	Richard	27 July 1946 - 27 Jan 2000	US Army

49	NATTEAL	Strother J. Jr.	1913 – 1994	PVT US Army WW 2
50	NIXON	Willie	8 Sep 1911 – 15 Mar 1964	
51	OLIPHANT	Devosia	22 Apr 1919 – 11 Mar 1970	FL SGT 3123 Engrs
52	PARKER	Stephon	16 Feb 1967 – 6 Oct 2023	US Navy
53	RAYSOR	Shep	1 Mar 1888 – 25 Jan 1965	PVT US Army WW 1 South Carolina
54	RICHARDSON	Eugene	13 Feb 1945 – 8 Jan 2019	Vietnam Veteran
55	RICHARDSON	Louie	1920 – 1987	CPL US Army WW 2
56	RICHBURG	Lemach	31 Dec 1949 – 16 Mar 1993	US Army
57	SCRIVEN	Louis	1917 – 1988	USA WW 2
58	SKYLARK	William	10 Jun 1912 - 13 July 1999	WW2
59	SMITH	Emanuel	28 Jul 1932 – 10 Nov 1990	SP3 USA Korea
60	SMITH	Eugene	4 Dec 1920 - 3 Mar 1962	Florida PFC 364 Infantry WW 2
61	STANFORD	Smith	3 Oct 1930 - 19 Feb 2008	
62	TYSON	Ed L.	1910 – 1986	US Navy WW 2
63	WASHINGTON	Carlton	1911 – 1978	CPL US Army WW 2
64	WATKINS	William Jr.	26 Jun 1914 – 17 Nov 1971	FL PVT 3179 Ord. AMMO Co WW 2
65	WATKINS	Winzalo Sr.	17 Nov 1931 – 9 May 2015	
66	WAYSE	Charles	1836 -1921	Abbie

67	WHALEY	Willard	11 Aug 1949 – 1 Jul 2008	
68	WILSON	Ellie H.	28 Mar 1913 – 25 Dec 1946	GA PVT COC 5 BN 1 Regt WW 2
69	WILSON	Elijah	28 Nov 1925 - 31 Mar 2000	SGT US Army WW2
70	WILSON-NEAL	Patricia	21 Aug 1959 - 15 Mar 2017	US Army
71	WILSON	Wade	22 June 1922 - 26 Jan 19__	Georgia PFC US Army WWII
72	WOODROW	Dennis	2 Nov 1943 – 15 Aug 1986	SP4 US Army Vietnam

Upcoming Events

May 25, 2026
12 noon

Memorial Day Service

Beverly Hills VFW
2170 W Vet Lane, Beverly Hills

Jan 30, 2027
6:00 pm

4th Annual Citrus County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Gala

Citrus Springs Community Center
1570 W Citrus Springs Blvd
Citrus Springs, FL

Partnerships

Beverly Hills Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10087
Hernando Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4252
Citrus County All Veterans Honor Guard
Crystal River High School
Gulf Archaeological Research (GARI)
State of Florida, Division of Historical Resources
Crystal Memorial Gardens Cemetery Board

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