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## Day of Service At Leavenworth National Cemetery

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Leavenworth, KS - Tree industry professionals are donating a full day's work at Leavenworth National Cemetery, Wednesday, Sept. 19 to honor America's military service men and women. Saluting Branches: Arborists United for Veteran Remembrance, a nonprofit organization, marks its fourth-annual day of service with the largest volunteer event in the tree care industry.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Randy Reeves will welcome and thank the volunteers during the opening ceremonies starting at 7:30 a.m. Local participating organizations providing arboricultural services include: Ryan Lawn and Tree, Rainbow Treecare, The Davey Tree Expert Company, the city of Leawood and others.

*"Our ability to contribute to the upkeep and beauty of these sites is a small token of appreciation for which I am deeply touched and honored to be a part of." said volunteer Matt B. Another Saluting Branches volunteer, Luke J., said "I am forever in debt to these brave men and women! It's the least we can do."*

Rainbow Treecare, located in Minnetonka, MN, created the Saluting Branches Day of Service in 2015. Since its inception, thousands in the industry have joined together to donate an estimated \$4.5 million in services at veterans' properties across the U.S. This year over 2,700 tree industry professionals at 51 VA national and state veterans cemeteries will participate in the 2018 event. Saluting Branches is supported by industry leaders including Rainbow Treecare, ACRT, Inc., The Davey Tree Expert Company, STIHL®, Petzl®, SavATree, and others.

"We developed Saluting Branches as a green industry project to honor veterans and improve the environment through the science of tree care," said Deb Peterson, Saluting Branches coordinator. "This is an important event for the arborist community and allows us to give back to those who have served us."

*Visit [www.salutingbranches.org](http://www.salutingbranches.org) to get involved with Saluting Branches. There are volunteer, donor and partner opportunities available for both industry and non-industry supporters.*



### About Rainbow Treecare

Rainbow Treecare is an employee-owned tree service from the Twin Cities, Minnesota. Since 1976, the company has focused on tree healthcare and preservation of the urban forest through research and advancing the science of arboriculture.

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