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## Tree Care Industry Honors Veterans

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More than 2,700 green industry professionals are donating a full day's work 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.

Millions of Americans pay their respects each year at national and state veterans' cemeteries and properties. Saluting Branches brings together arborist experts to improve the beauty and safety of the trees located in these hallowed sites. With support by industry leaders; including Rainbow Treecare, ACRT, Inc., The Davey Tree Expert Company, STIHL®, SavATree, Petzl®, and others, Saluting Branches will be caring for thousands of trees at 51 VA national and state veterans cemeteries across the country this year.

*"I'm a fourth-generation veteran and am honored to participate and say thank you to our country's finest by providing them the beautiful resting places they deserve," said volunteer Will B. Another Saluting Branches volunteer, Stephen D., feels it's "...important to show our respect and support for America's heroes by giving back in this very tangible way."*

Rainbow Treecare, located in Minnetonka, Minn., 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.

"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."

### Cemeteries Participating in the 2018 Day of Service:

Arkansas State Veteran's Cemetery, Little Rock, AR  
National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ  
Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, CA  
Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO  
Veteran's Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado, CO  
Middletown Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, CT  
Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL

Biloxi National Cemetery, Biloxi, MS  
Fort Harrison State Veterans Cemetery, Helena, MT  
Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, NC  
New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, NH  
Beverly National Cemetery, Beverly, NJ  
Gerald B H Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery,  
Schuylerville, NY

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South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL  
Andersonville National Cemetery, Andersonville, GA  
Iowa Veterans Cemetery, Adel, IA  
Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL  
Rock Island National Cemetery, Rock Island, IL  
Danville National Cemetery, Danville, IL  
Indiana Veteran's Home Cemetery, West Lafayette, IN  
Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, KS  
Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY  
Zachary Taylor National Cemetery, Windy Hills, KY  
Alexandria National Cemetery, Pineville, LA  
Port Hudson National Cemetery, Zachary, LA  
Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, MA  
Baltimore National Cemetery, Baltimore, MD  
Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery, Flintstone, MD  
Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI  
Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, MN  
Jefferson-Barracks Cemetery, Jefferson, MO  
Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield, MO

Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, OH  
Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, OH  
Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR  
National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA  
Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter, RI  
Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN  
Nashville National Cemetery, Nashville, TN  
Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, TX  
Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX  
Utah Veterans Cemetery & Memorial Park, Bluffdale, UT  
Hampton National Cemetery, Hampton, VA, 23669  
Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA  
Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Randolph Center, VT  
Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA  
Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, WI  
Wood National Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI  
Mount Pisgah Cemetery, Gillette, WY  
Mexico City National Cemetery, San Rafael, Mexico

*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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