

## CHS Alumni Association Events

### **Annual Memorial Day Observance**

The Memorial Day Observance is a jointly sponsored activity between the Cleveland High School Alumni Association and the Cleveland High School administration, faculty, and Senior Class.

This event represents one of two officially sponsored annual treks to the Memorial Forest – “seniors in the spring” and “frosh in the fall.” For the seniors this represents their last official visit before becoming alumnus. For the freshman class, this represents their first introduction and visit to the Cleveland Memorial Forest.

This event is held on the preceding Friday of the nationally observed Memorial Day holiday set for the last Monday in May of each year.

The Memorial Day program normally begins at 11:00 am and concludes around 1:30 pm.

The event is open to all alumnus, CHS administrators, teachers, and students, generally the senior class.

According to past practice, the alumni association covers the costs of providing bus transportation between the school and the Memorial Forest for the students, administrators, and teachers who participates. Since parking at the Memorial Forest is limited, alumnus may ride with the students. Buses normally leave is sufficient time from the school to arrive by 11:00 am.

The general program is held in the parking lot of the Memorial Forest and includes the following elements:

- ✓ Call to Order
- ✓ Color Guard or Bugler’s call
- ✓ Raising and lowering of the Flag to half-staff
- ✓ Program emceed by veteran CHS alumni
- ✓ Introductions of special guests
- ✓ Recognition of veterans in the audience
- ✓ Musical presentation by the CHS band to include singing by students
- ✓ Student readings by the Ms. Beattie’s Drama class
- ✓ Guest speakers, if any
- ✓ Recovering the colors
- ✓ Annual trek to the “rock”
- ✓ Reading of the “fallen eagles”
- ✓ Planting of the Senior class tree
- ✓ Refreshments
- ✓ Closing activities - cleanup