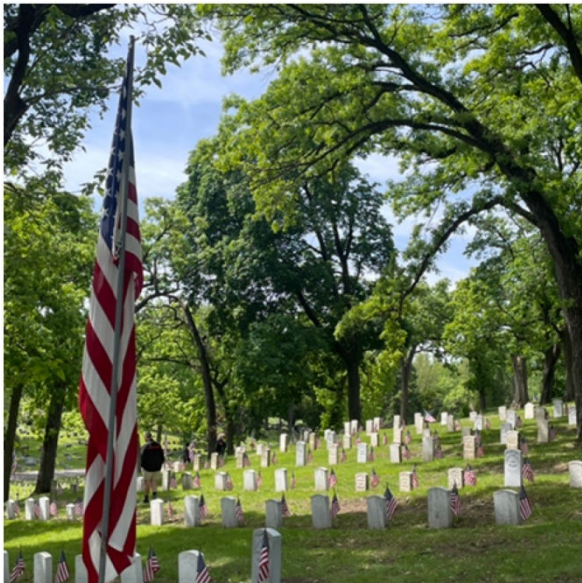




## Bluff City Cemetery - City of Elgin Memorial Day 2025

This year the City of Elgin hosts the 157th annual Memorial Day Ceremonies through out the city. Organized by the Elgin Patriotic Memorial Association, the various ceremonies recognize those who have died serving in our country's military.



The event at Bluff City Cemetery this year pays tribute to the 75th anniversary of the Korean War. With former Commander of the American Legion Craig Essick as the Master of Ceremonies, Marine Corps League member Diane Ahrens reflects on the "forgotten war", while Young Marines recite General Logan's Orders and the Gettysburg Address.

Representing our Elgin Elks Lodge, Rich and Diana Ankenbrandt presented a wreath, at Bluff City Cemetery.



Knowing the lodge and some members helped fund his flag, they also included a picture of Norm Burbury's flag on the Avenue of Flags. Diana and Rich just wanted to share this special tribute with our members.

Musical selections from the Elgin Master Chorale and the Larkin High School Band. Solemn floral tributes, rifle salute, and taps weighs heavy on the true meaning behind Memorial Day.