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**Lakeside Cemetery and Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419
to Dedicate Field of ValorSM in Special Ceremony.**

Event to include military tributes, special guest speakers and more.

Hamburg, NY – In a special ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 29 and beginning at two o'clock p.m., representatives from Lakeside Cemetery and Hamburg Township VFW Post 1419, as well as honored guests, will dedicate the cemetery's Field of ValorSM, a distinguished area designed exclusively for veterans and their spouses. Each sacred burial space will be marked by an upright marble memorial, such as those used in Arlington National Cemetery.

"We are humbly honored to dedicate the Field of ValorSM in reverent recognition of the brave and courageous men and women who so honorably and faithfully served our country," says Joseph P. Dispenza, President of The Forest Lawn Group, which owns Lakeside Cemetery.

"As our veterans pass, this highly-visible Field of Valor provides additional homage to those who so gallantly served our country," says Jerry Welsted, U.S. Army Commander, VFW Post 1419.

Special guest speakers at the ceremony include Marlene Roll, U.S. Army VFW Patriotic Instructor for the Department of New York and Jeffrey W. Foley, Brigadier General, Commanding General, U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon.

Erie County Legislator, Lynne Dixon and Hamburg Town Supervisor, Steven Walters will present proclamations.

The full dedication ceremony agenda is attached. The event is free and open to the public.

About Lakeside Cemetery

The grounds of Lakeside Cemetery, in Hamburg, NY, were originally dedicated in 1896 as Buffalo Rural Cemetery. The current office was the Buffalo-Erie electric train railway station stop to facilitate interments from Buffalo, NY and south towns via rail. Today, Lakeside Cemetery is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian cemetery offering traditional burial options, including a beautiful mausoleum and the reverent Field of ValorSM, exclusively for veterans and their spouses. Lakeside became part of The Forest Lawn Group in 1998. For more information about Lakeside Cemetery, please visit www.forest-lawn.com. Click on About Us, Lakeside Cemetery.

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