

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
AND THE AVENUE OF FLAGS, INC.**

Founded March 16, 1946

2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I WOULD LIKE TO RENEW MY **PATRON MEMBERSHIP** FOR 2010 _____.
I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A **PATRON** OF THE ASSOCIATION _____.
I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A **LIFE MEMBER** OF THE ASSOCIATION _____.

PLEASE MAIL CHECK for **\$10.00 DUES** OR for **\$100.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIP** WITH FORM TO:
NMDA&AF, INC.

Susan Upchurch, Secretary/Treasurer
2442 Robinson Road, Marietta, GA 30068



MEMBERSHIP # _____

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ORGANIZATION (if applicable): _____ DUES: \$ _____

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE "SCOUT" PATCH PROGRAM: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

** Patches are given to Scouts who participate in placing flags on graves at the Marietta Cemetery on Memorial Day. 1,500 Scouts participate in placing flags on the over 18,000 graves. The Association provides the patches... as they have done for many years. Any Organization, Department, Post, Auxiliary, etc., and any Patron or individual, who contributes \$100.00 or more to the "Scout Patch Fund" will be recognized as a CO-SPONSOR of the Fund, and their name will appear on the patch card presented with the patch and the Memorial Day Program.

The National Memorial Day Association of Georgia and the Avenue of Flags, Inc., is an organization dedicated to the honor and memory of those who have served or now serve their country in the armed services. From those citizen-soldier patriots who won our freedom from England to the days of Iraq, all have contributed to the establishment and maintenance of the marvelous freedom we enjoy today.

Each Memorial Day since 1946, the Association has held a public meeting at the National Cemetery in Marietta to refresh our memory as to the debt we owe to the courage, conviction, and determination of our predecessors. A small flag is placed by Boy Scouts on each of the 18,000 graves in the cemetery, and large flags, initially used to drape the coffin of a serviceman or servicewoman, are displayed along the driveways. The program includes music by the U. S. Army Band, a speech by a well known person, and a prayer of remembrance. Representatives of the veterans, genealogical, historical, and patriotic groups that comprise the main membership Of the Association present wreaths, and the service ends with the haunting echo of Taps played by a distant bugler.