

## Fort Drum's Historic Cemeteries open for Memorial Day

Memorial Day is the one time during the year that cemetery visits do not need to be coordinated with the installation's Range Control branch and Cultural Resources. This open period will last from:

Noon – 5pm on Memorial Day.

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If you wish to access these cemeteries during the rest of the year please contact the Cultural Resources Section of the Environmental Division, Department of Public Works, and we will help you coordinate with the Range Control Branch.

As you may be aware, some of these cemeteries are located deep within the training areas and are not always easy to locate. Although the map should help you orient yourself, geographic coordinates for each cemetery have been included here for those of you with automotive GPS capabilities.

<b><u>Cemetery</u></b> (see directions for additional names)	<b><u>Latitude</u></b>	<b><u>Longitude</u></b>
Alexandria Road Cemetery:	44°5'11.1427"N	75°39'3.4013"W
Cooper Cemetery:	44°3'21.9956"N	75°48'56.9547"W
Fuller Road Cemetery:	44°12'56.9216"N	75°32'35.969"W
Gates Cemetery:	44°5'31.0734"N	75°41'45.6742"W
Lake School Road Cemetery:	44°3'34.4965"N	75°36'27.0722"W
LeRay Mansion Gravesite:	44°2'56.1675"N	75°45'51.5843"W
Lewisburg Cemetery:	44°6'19.2858"N	75°31'11.4509"W
Pierce Cemetery:	44°2'43.4576"N	75°34'30.5495"W
POW / WWII Cemetery:	44°3'11.0386"N	75°45'6.3888"W
Quaker Cemetery:	44°2'58.196"N	75°46'22.6567"W
Savage – Varley Cemetery:	44°6'0.8064"N	75°41'20.6624"W
Sheepfold Cemetery:	44°3'11.0386"N	75°45'6.3888"W
Woods Mill Cemetery:	44°7'20.3688"N	75°34'28.3336"W

In addition, below are some quick tips for easier access. We recommend using these tips in tandem with the GPS, as some of the roads in the GPS maps may have changed.

### **Alexandria Road Cemetery:**

From Rte 26 turn north into the training areas at the entrance located across from the Oneida / Gas Alley Gate (northwest of the airfield). Follow this gravel road past the vehicle wash facility, until it Ts. Take a right and follow that road and take the next left (before the Forward Operating Base). Follow this road across an intersecting (paved) road. Continue past the Gates / Gormly Road Cemetery on your right. This road eventually intersects another road, with Savage – Varley Cemetery Located adjacent. Turn Right here and follow the road into Historic Sterlingsville (wooden structures still stand at the crossroads). Take the next right (at the crossroads). Follow

this road (Reedville Road), across the bridge and take a right where it splits. Pass Doolins Road on your left and veer right / strait on Alexandria Road. Cross another bridge and the cemetery will be located down the road (roughly 1 Mile) on your right.

**Cooper Cemetery:**

Enter the cantonment via the Main Gate and head straight. Take the first left (a gravel road) after the gas station. If you've reached Mount Belvedere Blvd, you've gone too far.

**Fuller Road Cemetery (a.k.a. Freeman / Bacon):**

Note that this cemetery is very difficult to reach and we highly recommend accessing it through the use of a 4x4 or AWD vehicle with a good deal of ground clearance and coordinating a Range Control escort (315-772-7152), or parking part way and walking the remainder. Take Rt 11 to Antwerp and turn down the Main Street toward the Business District. Cross the bridge, stay strait, and you will enter the gravel roads of the training areas. Take the first left (250 yds), and an immediate left (heading parallel to the entry road. Follow this road (Carr Road) for roughly 3 ¼ Miles, past ranges 41a, b, and c. Turn right towards ranges 42 and 43. Follow this dirt road until it dead-ends in range 43 (roughly ½ mile). Continue strait across the range parking area and over the small hill. This leads to a dirt access road that leads down the range for roughly another ½ mile. This access road comes to a T, and it is here that we recommend parking your non-4x4 or AWD vehicle. From this point you will head to the right for another ½ mile, through a small stream, and over a narrow culvert (where you will need the Range Control escort, while driving). This road also skirts the impact area. So, for your safety, please stay on the road and be wary of possible unexploded ordinances (although finding one here would be an extreme rarity). This road eventually curves to the right, and the entrance to the cemetery. Just park your vehicle (if you drove) follow the trail for a short distance from here.

**Gates Cemetery (a.k.a. Plank Road / Sterlingville):**

From Rte 26 turn north into the training areas at the entrance located across from the Oneida / Gas Alley Gate (northwest of the airfield). Follow this gravel road past the vehicle wash facility, until it Ts. Take a right and follow that road and take the next left (before the Forward Operating Base). Follow this road across an intersecting (paved) road, and you will see the cemetery located to your left (with parking located on the right)

**Lake School Road Cemetery (a.k.a. Gormly Road):**

Just west of the Rte 3A / Rte 3 intersection at Fargo, take the road heading North past the restaurant. Follow this road a short distance, staying to the left. It will turn to gravel and pass into the training areas. Take the first left (before Pierce Cemetery) and drive roughly 2 miles. The cemetery will be located on your left.

**LeRay Mansion Gravesite:**

Enter the cantonment through the Oneida / Gas Alley gate and turn right down LeRay Drive. Park at the LeRay Mansion, and proceed southwest (to the left of the gazebo and toward the pond). To the right of the pond, signs will guide you the rest of the way.

**Lewisburg Cemetery:**

Heading west on Rte 3 from Natural Bridge, pass the Sand Hill / Natural Bridge Cemetery on your left and take the next right (250 yds) into the training areas. Stay straight for roughly 2 ¼ Miles. You will head through an open gate and the cemetery will be located on your left.

**Pierce Cemetery:**

Just west of the Rte 3A / Rte 3 intersection at Fargo, take the road heading North past the restaurant. Follow this road a short distance, staying to the left. It will turn to gravel and pass into the training areas. Pass the first left (less than ½ miles) and the cemetery will be located immediately to the left.

**POW Cemetery (a.k.a. World War II):**

Located on Rte 26, between Evans Mills and the Oneida / Gas Alley Gate (next to Sheepfold Cemetery).

**Quaker Cemetery (a.k.a. Slocum-Child / Rappell – Tower / LeRaysville):**

Enter the Oneida / Gas Alley Gate and head straight. Turn right at the first light, toward the Magrath Gym. Turn right toward the Remington Pond recreation area. Immediately on the left, a dirt road will lead up a steep incline toward the cemetery. We recommend parking at the base of this road and walking the remainder of the way.

**Savage – Varley Cemetery (a.k.a Sterlingville Catholic / St. – Mary):**

From Rte 26 turn north into the training areas at the entrance located across from the Oneida / Gas Alley Gate (northwest of the airfield). Follow this gravel road past the vehicle wash facility, until it Ts. Take a right and follow that road and take the next left (before the Forward Operating Base). Follow this road across an intersecting (paved) road. Continue past the Gates / Gormly Road Cemetery on your right. This road eventually intersects another road, and the cemetery will be located across from this intersection (with Historic Sterlingville located down the road to the right)

**Sheepfold Cemetery (a.k.a. / Pine – Plains / LeRaysville):**

Located between Evans Mills and the Oneida / Gas Alley Gate on Rte 26

**Woods Mill Cemetery:**

Take Rte 11 to Antwerp and turn down the Main Street toward the Business District. Cross the bridge, stay straight, and you will enter the gravel roads of the training areas. Stay straight on the US Military Highway for roughly 5 miles. On your left, you will pass Range 37, Dixon Road, Range 33, and Range 31. Take the next left, down Nauvoo School Road. Stay straight on this road (for roughly 2 ¼ miles) and it will lead you through the gates, down the hill, and across the bridge into Woods Mill and cemetery parking.

There are 13 [cemeteries on Fort Drum](#). Access to a cemetery varies depending on its location. Some of these cemeteries are located deep within the training areas and are not always easy to locate. Although the map should help you orient

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Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day, and if you have any questions or information to share regarding Fort Drum's Historic Cemeteries, please contact the Cultural Resources Section of the Environmental Division (Department of Public Works): (315)772-4165 or (315)772-2150.