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# LAKE CHARLES PARK CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

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## Lake Charles Park Cemetery & Mausoleum

7775 St. Charles Rock Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63114

*Garden of Valor*



## Military Order of the Purple Heart Fallen Heroes Memorial Ceremony

Monument Dedication to All Veterans of All Wars

November 16, 2009  
10:30 am - Musical Prelude  
11:00 am - Dedication

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"FREEDOM IS NOT FREE" WRITTEN BY KELLY STRONG

I watched the flag pass by one day,  
It fluttered in the breeze;  
A young Marine saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform,  
So young, so tall, so proud;  
With hair cut square and eyes alert,  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought ... how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years?  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down  
How many died at sea  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves  
No, Freedom is not Free.

I heard the sound of Taps one night,  
When everything was still;  
I listened to the bugler play,  
And felt a sudden chill;

I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant "Amen"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend;

I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons and husbands.  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea,  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.  
No. Freedom is not Free!

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PRELUDE	Normandy High School Band
POST COLORS	Jefferson Barracks Color Guard Leonard DeBello, Commander, MOPH
"SCOTLAND THE BRAVE"	The John Ford Highland Pipe Band
WELCOME	Sandra Jackson, Lake Charles Park Cemetery
INTRODUCTION	Sydney Staton, Adjutant, MOPH
"NATIONAL ANTHEM"	Normandy High School Band
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Commander Leonard DeBello
INVOCATION	Andy Day Jr., Vice Commander, MOPH; Chapter 125
MEANING OF THE MONUMENT	Adjutant Sydney Staton
MONUMENT UNVEILING	Williford Johnson, Finance Officer, Military MOPH
LAYING OF THE WREATH	Kohlbecker Family, Todd, Amy and Luke
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS	Adjutant Sydney Staton
THE MONUMENT MEANS TO ME	Commander Leonard DeBello
PRIDE	Dennis Fetter, Americanism Officer, MOPH
CALL OF TAPS	Adjutant Sydney Staton
"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"	Normandy High School Band Normandy High School Chorale
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Congressman William Lacy Clay, Missouri's First District
HONOR GUARD/GUN SALUTE	Marine Corps League, South St. Louis Detachment 183
TAPS	Normandy High School Band
SALUTE THE FLAG	Commander Leonard DeBello
BENEDICTION	Vice Commander Andy Day Jr.
RETIRE COLORS	Commander Leonard DeBello Jefferson Barracks Color Guard
"AMAZING GRACE"	The John Ford Highland Pipe Band
CLOSING	Adjutant Sydney Staton and Sandra Jackson
POSTLUDE	Normandy High School Band

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