Our Patriotic Commutanent NATIONAL CEMETERY & MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES





DBU staff member Bill Rogers with his father, Orville Rogers, a World War II veteran at the 2011 Memorial Day Service

In 1998, plans were enacted to build a national cemetery adjacent to Dallas Baptist University. That same year, Dallas Baptist University held its first annual Memorial Day Service to honor American veterans, give thanks to God for His blessing and protection of our nation, and express our commitment and appreciation for our new neighbor, known today as the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Since 1998, the Memorial Day Service has become a beloved DBU tradition and continues to provide a special time for area veterans and families of veterans, both living and deceased, to praise God for His blessings on our country. The event also serves as a time to remember and honor those who continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedom.



Decorated veteran Bob E. Collier and U.S. Congressman Kenny Marchant at the DBU Memorial Day Service in 2005



Former Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, DBU Trustee Laura Leppert, and their son Ryan (a DBU student), attend the 2011 Memorial Day Service at DBU





DBU's recent military-friendly recognitions:

Top Schools for Vets (Military Advanced Education, 2015)

Best for Vets: Colleges 2015 (Military Times)

Best Online Programs for Veterans (U.S. News & World Report, 2014)

Best for Vets: Business Schools 2014 (Military Times)

The 2014 Guide to Military Friendly Schools®

Each year, the event features guest speakers from the area who have a special interest in veterans and veteran affairs. Previous speakers have included congressmen, senators, and local Dallas governmental officials.

Previous Keynote Speakers

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2014	Texas Representative Ron Simmons	2005	Congressman Kenny Marchant
2013	Congressman Roger Williams	2004	DFW National Cemetery Chairman
2012	Professor Jekabs Bikis		Cloyde C. Pinson, Sr.
2011	Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert	2003	Congressman Martin Frost
2010	Texas Senator Royce West	2002	Councilman Mark Housewright
2009	Professor Juan Baldor	2001	Congressman Pete Sessions
2008	Congressman Jeb Hensarling	2000	Congressman Martin Frost
2007	Councilman Dave Neumann	1999	Congressman Sam Johnson
2006	Commissioner Ken Mayfield	1998	Congressman Dick Armey



Former U.S. Congressman Dick Armey with Colonel Clayton E. Day (retired U.S. Army) participate in the 1998 Memorial Day Service at DBU



U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson speaks at the DBU Memorial Day Service in