

The Memory Shall Be Ours

A Macomb Decoration Day Re-enactment

Created from locally used ceremony materials and historical information

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Music by the Macomb Community Band

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**and featuring Springfield's 114th Regiment
Civil War Re-enactors**



Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb, Illinois

Saturday, June 28, 2014

2:00 p.m.

After the Civil War, Macomb developed one of the most popular and noted Decoration Day ceremonies in western Illinois, often drawing far more participants to Oakwood Cemetery than the entire population of the town—which was over 2,000 by the late 1860s and over 3,000 by the late nineteenth century. The first local ceremony was in 1869. This annual ceremony was the largest participatory event in the community, with huge meaning for local residents. (In some other years, two bands and a choir performed.) Such a ceremony has not been enacted now in almost 100 years.