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Anaheim Cemetery Candlelight Historical Tour – July 9th A Rare Chance to Meet People Who Shaped Orange County History

The public is invited to commemorate Anaheim Cemetery's 150th anniversary of service to the community at a free Candlelight Historical Tour set for Sunday, July 9 at 8:00 PM. The event will feature several stops in the cemetery where attendees will see and hear docents and actors in period costumes relate interesting and colorful stories about the people and families interred in the cemetery who contributed to the history of Anaheim, Orange County, and America. Included will be early community leaders, War of 1812 and Civil War veterans, German and Chinese immigrants and a U. S. Senator.

Important landmarks are also on the tour, including the oldest mausoleum on the west coast, a grove of very rare redwood trees that grow on the property, and the Gateway Arch that was built in horse-and-buggy days as the entrance to the cemetery. At the tour's close, attendees will be treated to songs by internationally-known mariachi singer Sean Oliu. An Anaheim native, Sean is a direct descendant of Petra Ontiveros Langenberger and her infant son, the cemetery's first interments in 1867.

Tours will depart from the east gate of the cemetery, at 1400 East Sycamore Street in Anaheim, every 10-15 minutes beginning at 8:00 PM. The final tour will depart at 9:30 PM. Each tour will last about 30 minutes and, while supplies last, will include a 150th Anniversary commemorative gift and a souvenir program for each attendee. Although conducted at night, this is not a scary event and both children and adults will enjoy seeing the actors and hearing their stories.



Sean Oliu, an Anaheim native and gifted mariachi musician, will serenade visitors attending the Anaheim Cemetery Candlelight Historical Tour on July 9th. Sean is also the founder "Kids Giving Back" a nonprofit that has raised thousands of dollars to support orchestra programs in Anaheim schools.

Most attendees will walk the tour, although seniors and those with disabilities may choose to drive through the cemetery instead. Anyone wishing to walk with the aid of a wheelchair or a scooter is welcome to do so.

The Candlelight Historical Tour is one of several events occurring at the cemetery during 2017 that will commemorate the 150th anniversary of Anaheim Cemetery's service to the community. Although established in 1866, the first interment on the property occurred in 1867.

Memorial Day Highlights: Thank You to Our Veterans!

Orange County residents came out in the hundreds on Memorial Day to honor all those who have served in our Armed Forces.

SANTA ANA CEMETERY

The 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I set the theme for the 136th annual Tri-City Memorial Day Observance at Santa Ana Cemetery. Since 1881, veteran organizations from Santa Ana, Orange and Tustin have gathered at the Cemetery to observe Decoration Day / Memorial Day. This year's service featured keynote speaker Hugh Crooks, Past National Commander of the American Legion, paying tribute to those who served in "The Great War," known to most as World War I. Congressman Lou Correa was the day's other featured speaker.

A large, colorful group of historic figures in period costumes paraded flags and presented wreaths during the service. General George Washington, General Robert E. Lee and his wife, and a doughboy were among those representing veterans of the Revolution, the Mexican War, both sides of the Civil War, and World War I. Union and Confederate Civil War re-enactors offered cannon salutes to the Fallen, to POWs and MIAs, and to the Unknown Dead.



Lake Forest Mayor Scott Voigts presents Keynote Speaker, Fred Whitaker with a Certificate of Recognition at El Toro Memorial Park. Also pictured is U.S. Rep. Mimi Walters.

EL TORO MEMORIAL PARK

At El Toro Memorial Park, the Keynote Speaker was Mr. Fred Whitaker - a World War II Rifleman and participant in the Battle of the Bulge. He shared vivid memories from combat reminding all present about the realities of war. U.S. Representative Mimi Walters spoke about the importance of Memorial Day and our responsibility as a nation to care for our veterans. Darrell Rivers of the Huntington Beach Historical Society also presented "General Logan's Order." **Continued on page 3.**



The Canon Salute at Santa Ana Cemetery

The Orange High School Chamber Singers offered an array of musical selections including "Over There", "Dixie" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," as well as a medley of the songs from each branch of the armed services.

Organizers of the event said that attendance this year was among the largest of any year in the history of the event. A barbecue for all attendees followed the service and was sponsored by American Legion Post 132 in Orange.



Orange County Cemetery District Trustee, Cynthia Ward addresses the audience at Anaheim Cemetery.

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Mayors and Council Members from the cities of Lake Forest, Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, and Mission Viejo also provided beautiful floral tributes during the wreath laying ceremony. The Master Chorale of Saddleback Valley performed several patriotic selections and bagpipers, Tucker Fleming and Dean Johnson broke the Moment of Silence with the poignant strains of “Amazing Grace”. Gregory Kaput with Bugles Across America closed the program with “Taps” and local guitarist Gene Smith provided prelude and postlude music.

ANAHEIM CEMETERY

Congressman Lou Correa, and Anaheim Mayor Tom Tait served as the guest speakers at the Anaheim Cemetery Memorial Day Program. Orange County Cemetery District Trustee Cynthia Ward also spoke about the history of Anaheim Cemetery and its role in serving those who have served our nation.

The program featured several inspirational readings including: “Flanders Field” by The VFW Auxiliary President; “A Mothers Pain” by Legion Commander Paul Deis; and “Freedom is Not Free” by the Legion Auxiliary President Kim Thompson. American Legion Posts 72 and 277 formed the Honor Guard providing the Rifle Volley Salute.

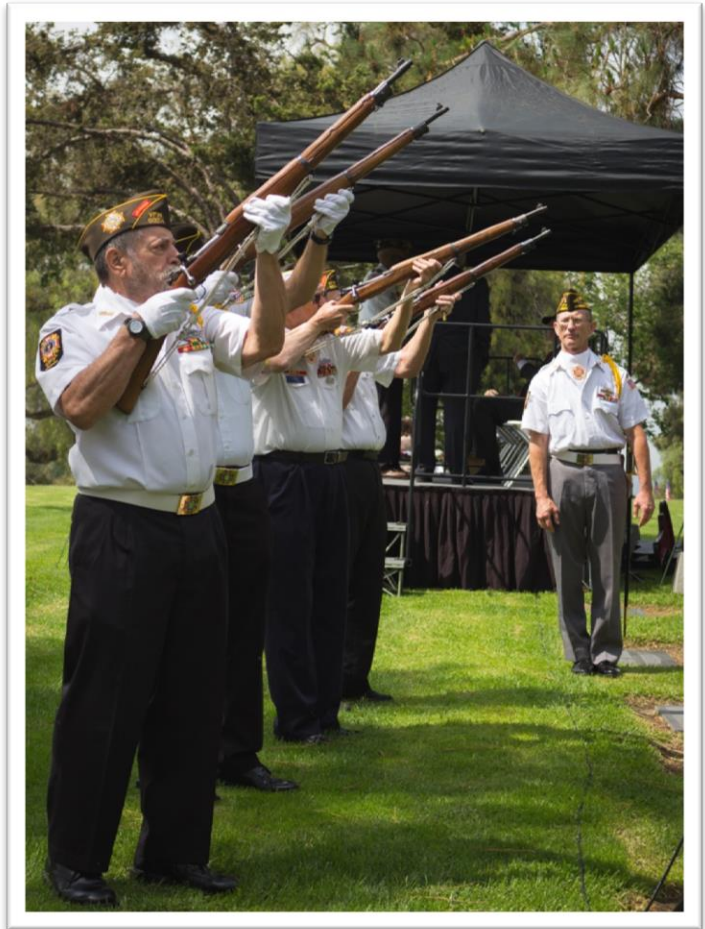
The Orange County Cemetery District would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the numerous veteran and civic organizations who have worked so tirelessly to plan and organize these Memorial Day programs for our communities. Thank you to all who came out to attend these events so that

The 2017-18 Orange County Cemetery District Budget

Each spring District staff prepares a proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The budget is an important document as it presents projections for revenue and expenditures and provides a spending plan for the Orange County Cemetery District. The budget is also a key accountability tool and policy document for management.

Highlights of the 2017-18 budget include: administrative staff changes; equipment purchases of approximately \$100,000 for two new mowers, a golf cart, a dirt trailer, a blower, and a sprayer; and work on capital improvement projects and maintenance projects at all three cemeteries.

The capital improvement projects include: the completion of new niche features at Santa Ana Cemetery and Anaheim Cemetery; district wide upgrades to all the restroom facilities (including reconfiguring both the Anaheim and Santa Ana Cemetery offices so the restrooms in those buildings are



Members of VFW Post 6024 provide an Honor Guard Firing Salute at El Toro Memorial Park.

our veterans know how much they are appreciated. Please join us for our Veterans Day program at El Toro Memorial Park on Saturday, Nov. 11th at 11:00 a.m.

accessible to the public from the outside; the creation of new interment space at Santa Ana Cemetery through additional road closures; and a new niche feature at El Toro Memorial Park.

The Finance and Investment Committee will meet on July 5th to review the proposed budget and then it will be presented to the full Board of Trustees at the July 11th regular Board Meeting for approval.

At the same time, the Committee will also consider any adjustments that may need to be made to the District's Master Fee Schedule. Any recommended changes to interment space fees, interment service fees, or other charges will also be presented to the full Board for approval on July 11th. Approved rate changes will be posted at all locations and new rates will go into effect on Friday, August, 11, 2017.

ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT

July/August Board Meetings

The Board of Trustees for the Orange County Cemetery District holds regular meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 11:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest, CA 92630. The public is welcome to attend.

Agendas are available at least 72 hours prior to each meeting and are also posted on our website at www.occemeterydistrict.com. In July and August, meetings will be held as follows:

- ❖ **Tuesday, July 11th at 11:00 a.m.**
(Postponed one week due to 4th of July)
- ❖ **Tuesday, August 1st at 11:00 a.m.**

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the District Secretary, Mary Funk at (949) 951-9102 ext. 110.

Flower Removal and Holiday Schedule

Every Wednesday, groundskeepers remove flowers throughout all three cemeteries. Living plants in approved containers or planter dishes and other non-perishable items placed on graves will be taken to the pick-up locations near the maintenance yards at each cemetery and held for a reasonable amount of time. Unless claimed, they will be disposed of.

Families are encouraged to remove their flowers or decorations on Tuesday night; you can then place the flowers back on the space on Wednesday afternoon.

The District does allow for flowers and decorations to be left on the spaces during holidays/events or for special occasions, such as anniversaries, birthdays and for new interments. Please come to the cemetery office and let us know that you have a special occasion and request that the flowers or decorations be left on the space. We do ask that you empty the vase and place fresh water in the container every four to five days to eliminate mosquito breeding sources, which can cause serious health issues. Your cooperation in this regard is greatly appreciated.

In honor of Independence Day, flowers may be placed on graves beginning Thursday, June 29th until Tuesday, July 11th.



A complete listing of the District's extended holiday flower schedule for 2017 can be viewed on our District website at www.occemeterydistrict.com, Click on the tab for Flowers, Markers and Rules, and then click Flower Removal Schedule.

In Observance of



**The offices at
Anaheim Cemetery
Santa Ana Cemetery, and
El Toro Memorial Park
will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4th.**

Our Mission Statement and Core Values

The Orange County Cemetery District manages and maintains Orange County's public cemeteries in a manner that preserves their beauty, dignity, historical and cultural values, and offers affordable interment service for County residents.

The Trustees and staff of the Orange County Cemetery District are committed to the following values:

- Integrity ■ Respect ■ Accountability
- Responsiveness ■ Empathy ■ Transparency
- Appreciation for Diverse Needs

