

PRESS RELEASE

FAIR OAKS CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY AND AVENUE OF FLAGS CEREMONY HONORING THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

The Eleventh Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 23th at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks, with formal ceremonies starting at 10 AM. Vice Chairman of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District, Thomas Askins will be the Master of Ceremonies. The musical program will be provided by the Fair Oaks Village Singers, Ed Silver, Director, American Veterans Band, conducted by Warren “Bud” Turner, and Bagpiper Donald Duncan.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery District and the Memorial Day Ceremony Committee have finalized plans for one of the most popular and inspiring Memorial Day ceremonies in the area. This year’s theme is to honor “The United States Coast Guard”. The cemetery will be decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as “The Avenue of Flags.” We have also added thirty five more names to the Veterans Memorial Wall.

Honored Speaker, Captain J.J. O’Connor, will speak on the mission of the U.S. Coast Guard. Keynote Speaker, Congressman Dan Lundgren, Other Guest speakers include Senator Dave Cox, 1st District.

Congressman Dan Lundgren has provided a flag that has flown over the nation’s capitol. This flag will fly over the Veterans Memorial for one year in honor of all Veterans of the U.S. Coast Guard. The flag honoring All Veterans of the Armed Services, which was flown over the memorial this past year, will be retired and formally presented to Bob Clouse, Board Chairman Fair Oaks Cemetery District.

A formal Color Guard and Rifle Salute Team from VFW District 17 will provide military honors and assist the Commanders of the local VFW, American Legion and the VFW Auxiliary to the laying of the wreath at the memorial in honor of over thirteen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery.

Covered seating will be available for veterans and visitors. Dedicated seating will be available for veterans of World War II and their wives. The Fair Oaks Historical Society and the Orangevale/Fair Oaks Grange will provide complimentary refreshments after the ceremony.

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