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Edmonds Memorial Cemetery Announces 2017 Memorial Day Observance Program

Please join us for the 35th annual ceremony, Monday May 29, 2016, 11 AM

Members of the Edmonds Cemetery Board cordially invite the public to attend the 35th Annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 29th, 2017 at 11am. Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium is located at 100th Ave. W and 15th St. SW, one block north of the Westgate QFC. The event will take place rain or shine and is approximately one hour long.

Street parking is available along 100th Avenue West and 15th Avenue. Parking within the cemetery is limited to those with disabled parking permits only. Limited seating is available. Guests are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs. Refreshments, including cookies provided by the Lynnwood Emblem Club #366 and coffee provided by Walnut Street Coffee will be served after the program. Visitors are also invited to stroll the cemetery grounds and take a self-guided tour using one of the cemetery's walking maps.

The Edmonds Memorial Cemetery was placed on the Washington State Register of Historic Places in 1972 and has 625 veterans interred. In honor of Memorial Day graves of all veterans will be marked with a white cross and a miniature US flag.

Cemetery Board Member, Jerry Janacek, is Master of Ceremonies. This year's theme is a 'Welcome Home' for Vietnam Veterans. Other program highlights include the Presentation of Colors, songs and music by the Kinetic Community Singers, the Edmonds-Woodway High School Brass Quintet, and Mike Barber, piper. The program will continue with Olivia Olson, Junior, Edmonds-Woodway High School reading her award winning VFW essay and remarks by Edmonds Mayor Dave Earling. The program ends with a rifle salute by the Washington National Honor Guard - Camp Murray and Taps by 1st Sgt. Chris Edwards.

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