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# Orange County Cemetery District

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## Remember and Honor Our Veterans on Memorial Day, May 25th

No one understands the meaning of sacrifice more than the brave men and women of the United States Armed Services. On this Memorial Day, please join us in remembering and honoring our Veterans for all they have done and continue to do to ensure that our freedom and liberty is preserved.

All three of the Orange County Cemetery District's parks will be holding free Memorial Day Services on Monday May 25th. Many Veterans attend these programs and it is a wonderful opportunity to express your gratitude to them in a personal and meaningful way. We hope you can join us at one of these programs!

**Anaheim Cemetery**  
**1400 E. Sycamore**  
**Anaheim**

**Program begins at 11:00 a.m.**

Anaheim's program takes place in front of the historic Community Mausoleum. The program is coordinated by American Legion Post 72 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3173. The event includes a flag ceremony, special guest speakers, wreath presentations, and more. Following the program, American Legion Post 72 will be hosting a lunch reception at their Post.

**El Toro Memorial Park**  
**25751 Trabuco Road**  
**Lake Forest**

**Program begins at 11:00 a.m.**

El Toro's program is located at the rear of the park in the Old Section. This year's keynote speaker is Greg Munck, a combat-promoted U.S. Marine who served in the Gulf War. The program will also feature a combined color guard, special music performed by the Saddleback Valley Master Chorale, a wreath presentation, an honor guard firing salute presented by the VFW Post 6024 Rifle Team and bagpiper, Richard Cook will perform "Amazing Grace" and bugler, Richard Chasin will perform "Taps".



**Greg Munck, U.S. Marine Corps Combat Veteran will serve as El Toro Memorial Park's keynote speaker.**

**Santa Ana Cemetery**  
**1919 E. Santa Clara Ave.**  
**Santa Ana**

**Program begins at 10:00 a.m.**

Santa Ana Cemetery will be celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America along with the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Persian Gulf war.

A reenactor for General George Washington will provide the keynote address. The SAR Orange County Chapter will provide the Color Guard. The Santa Ana High School choir will provide special music. There will also be a Parade of Flags, wreath presentations, and poetic readings.



**Cooper's Battery will once again provide the much anticipated Civil War Cannon Salutes during Santa Ana's program**

## Trustee Kelly Rivers Elected President of the California Association of Public Cemeteries



Congratulations to Trustee Kelly Rivers on her recent election to the position of President of the California Association of Public Cemeteries.

Trustee Rivers has served as a Director on the CAPC Board since 2018. This will be her fifth two-year term and she will serve as the CAPC President until this term ends in 2028.

The mission of CAPC is to promote cooperation among all those interested in the operation of public cemeteries, to stimulate improved methods and procedures in the administration of public cemeteries, and foster educational and training opportunities for staff and Trustees. CAPC also has an active legislative program which includes providing members with timely information on bills that can impact public cemetery districts.

The Association hosts an Annual Conference each spring and an Education /Area Meeting each fall. This year's conference was held in Garden Grove and provided wonderful opportunities to network with personnel from other cemetery districts, share common concerns, discuss solutions and celebrate fellow members accomplishments and achievements.

Congratulations President Rivers! We know you will do a fantastic job leading our Association's Board!



The Orange County Cemetery District would like to extend a special thank you to Orange County Supervisor Donald Wagner who graciously provided opening remarks to kick off the CAPC Annual Conference held March 20

## General Manager Tim Deutsch Receives "Cemeterian of the Year" Award

At the 68<sup>th</sup> CAPC Annual Conference held March 19-21<sup>st</sup> in Garden Grove, the Orange County Cemetery District's own General Manager, Tim Deutsch, received the Cemeterian of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding leadership in the Association and honors the recipient's high professional standards and exceptional achievements in the cemetery profession. It is the highest award CAPC bestows.

GM Deutsch has more than 38 years of experience serving communities in the public sector, with 20 years specifically dedicated to the management of public cemeteries. He has completed the Special District Leadership Academy and is a Certified Special District Manager. For many years, he has served as a mentor to other General Managers and Trustees in the Association. Congratulations GM Deutsch on this well-deserved honor!



Trustee Kelly Rivers, Cemetery Assistants Robert Hernandez and Andriana Tristan, Cemetery Manager Julio Amarillas, GM Tim Deutsch and his wife Traci, Cemetery Assistant Kim Ezell and Trustee Noel Hatch, celebrate together after GM Deutsch received the CAPC Cemeterian of the Year Award.

## Welcome New Groundskeepers Danny Munoz and Juan Ozuna



Danny Munoz was hired as a Groundskeeper at Santa Ana Cemetery on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to joining the District Mr. Munoz spent eight years working with underground dry utilities moving his way up from labor, foreman, apprentice, supervisor and quality control. He also worked for two years with Sunstate Equipment Company and one year as a groundskeeper with the Fountain Valley School District.

Mr. Munoz was born and raised in Santa Ana and stated that he and his family are very excited for this new career opportunity and the future it holds for them. In the short time he has been at Santa Ana he stated he loves feeling like he is helping his community, and his co-workers have already made him feel like part of the Santa Ana Cemetery family. Welcome Danny!



Juan Ozuna was hired on April 17<sup>th</sup> as a Groundskeeper at El Toro Memorial Park.

Mr. Ozuna brings almost five years of experience as a cemetery groundskeeper having worked previously at Park Lawn Cemetery in Commerce and Holy Sepulcher Cemetery in Orange. Prior to that he worked for almost six years for Continental Funeral Home in Los Angeles.

Juan stated that his goal in joining the District was to learn and grow in this industry that he loves so much, adding that it is very satisfying to be serving families and making a little bit of a difference in their time of need. He grew up and went to school in East Los Angeles, but moved a lot, as he comes from a military family. His father and all his siblings have served or are currently serving! Welcome Juan!!

## Trustees Approve \$153,422 AT&T Contract to Underground Lines at the Gypsum Canyon Cemetery Site

The Orange County Cemetery District has been coordinating with AT&T since 2023 on the removal of two utility poles at the entrance to the Gypsum Canyon cemetery site. The aerial lines will be relocated underground for future use and connection to the site. This will ultimately create a much more

pleasing aesthetic to the entrance of both the public cemetery and the future State Veterans Cemetery.

At the March Board meeting, the Trustees authorized \$153,422.22 with an additional 5% contingency for the work. Since this will benefit both cemetery developments, the

District is working with the County of Orange to arrange for cost sharing of this expense that will require County Board of Supervisor approval.

The start of work will commence after AT&T investigates additional trenching requirements on site.

## Eagle Scout Project Protects Majestic Oak Trees at Gypsum Canyon

Upon entering the parking area established by OC Parks at the Gypsum Canyon Memorial Park location, you will see two incredibly beautiful Oak trees that have survived naturally on the site for decades. But now that this site will soon see extensive development, the District and OC Parks wanted to ensure that these beautiful trees continue to thrive.

Boy Scout Reed Stoneburner and approximately 35 fellow scouts, friends and family installed treated wood barriers, holders and ropes around the base of the trees to prevent heavy equipment from parking on their sensitive root systems. As part of this Eagle Scout Project, Reed also oversaw the installation of two benches placed under the shade of the Oaks.

After the Scouts were done, District Staff spread a good layer of mulch donated by OC Waste and Recycling over the entire site to give it a nice finished look and to help keep weeds from growing.

Thank you to Reed Stoneburner and all the Scouts who helped. Hopefully generations to come will be able to enjoy these magnificent trees.

**ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT**

**May/June Board Meetings**

The Board of Trustees for the Orange County Cemetery District typically holds regular meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest, CA 92630. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may also join Board Meetings remotely. Instructions to join remotely are posted on the agendas.

Agendas are available at least 72 hours prior to each meeting and are also posted on our District website at: [www.occemeterydistrict.com](http://www.occemeterydistrict.com). In May and June, meetings will be held as follows:

- **Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 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 and discard flowers and decorations throughout all three cemeteries. Families are encouraged to remove their flowers and/or decorations on Tuesday night. You can then place the flowers back on the space on Thursday morning. Please remember that the District policy only allows for three items to be placed on gravesites. This includes the use of in-ground flower vases. If gravesites exceed the number of allowed items, staff may remove and discard the excess items at any time. Items should not exceed 21" in height. Items should be placed within 12" of the bottom of the marker. Please do not leave items of great monetary or sentimental value on gravesites as the District cannot prevent theft.

Throughout the year, various holidays are recognized with extended periods between full park clean-ups. During these times, we ask that you place fresh water in the vase every four to five days to eliminate mosquito breeding sources, which can cause serious health issues. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**In honor of Mother's Day flowers may be placed on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and must be removed by Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Flowers for Memorial Day may be placed on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and must be removed by Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Decorations for Father's Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July, may be placed on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and must be removed by Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

During this time, light clean-ups will still occur each Wednesday and only flowers that are obviously wilted will be removed. **During full park clean-ups everything on gravesites is discarded. Please be sure to remove items you do not want discarded before the cemetery closes on Tuesdays.**

The 2026 Cemetery Grounds Wednesday Clean-up Calendar is available on our website at [www.occemeterydistrict.com](http://www.occemeterydistrict.com). Click on the tab for Flowers, Markers and Rules for more information.

**CEMETERY VISITATION HOURS**

**Anaheim Cemetery and Santa Ana Cemetery**  
are open for visitation, seven days a week,  
from 8 am to 5 pm.

**El Toro Memorial Park**  
is open for visitation, seven days a week,  
From 8 am to 7 pm.

**Cemetery Offices are open M-F, 8 am to 5 pm.**

**All offices are closed on the weekends and on holidays.**

*The Orange County Cemetery District provides affordable interment services for County residents and taxpayers. We strive to maintain the beauty and dignity of the grounds while preserving their historical and cultural value for the benefit of all.*

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

- Integrity ■ Respect ■ Responsiveness
- Empathy ■ Transparency

