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Join Us as We Remember Our Veterans on Memorial Day

The Orange County Cemetery District is proud to host annual Memorial Day programs at each of our three cemeteries. Please plan to attend one of our programs to remember and honor our brave veterans who have given all to the cause of liberty and freedom.

Memorial Day Programs – Monday, May 27th

Anaheim Cemetery

1400 E. Sycamore, Anaheim

11:00 a.m. * In front of the Community Mausoleum

Santa Ana Cemetery

1919 E. Santa Clara Ave., Santa Ana

10:00 a.m. * At the Soldier's Monument near the Santa Clara Ave. gate

El Toro Memorial Park

25751 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest

11:00 a.m. * In Old Section at the rear of the park



Mission Viejo Mayor and retired USMC Colonel, Greg Rath will be the Keynote Speaker at El Toro Memorial Park's program.

The observances feature keynote speakers, special readings, and stirring performances of patriotic musical selections. There are color guards, beautiful wreath presentations and Honor Rifle Salutes.

In year's past, Santa Ana's program has also included a Parade of Flags, Cannon Fire Salutes, an Honor Roll of the Fallen for the past year, and a P.O.W. and M.I.A. Vacant Chair Dedication. Observances of Decoration Day/Memorial Day have taken place at Santa Ana Cemetery since 1881.

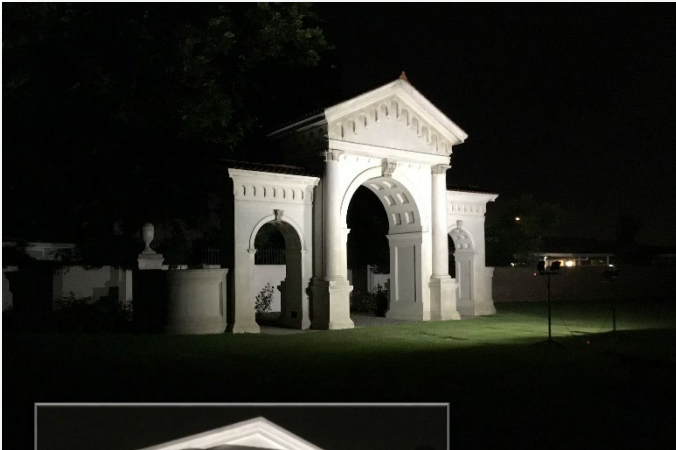
Mission Viejo Mayor, Greg Rath will be the Keynote Speaker at El Toro Memorial Park. Mayor Rath served in the United States Marine Corps and was a decorated combat fighter pilot of Operations Desert

Storm, Southern Watch, and Restore Hope. He commanded a F/A-18 Hornet Fighter Squadron aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. He retired at the rank of Colonel after 30 years of honorable service. This will be the 30th Annual Memorial Day Program for El Toro Memorial Park.

The Orange County Cemetery District wishes to thank the numerous volunteers from a variety of veterans and civic organizations who work so hard to organize and coordinate these programs.

Attendance is usually high at these events, so come early to ensure a good seat. Admission is free and the programs will take place rain or shine, so please be prepared for the weather.

Nighttime Historical Tour Coming July 26th at Anaheim Cemetery



The first nighttime historical tour at Anaheim Cemetery was held in July 2017 with over 400 people in attendance. Pictured above are the historic archway and the Schumacher Family Mausoleum bathed in light during this inaugural tour.

Come and see Anaheim Cemetery like you have never seen it before. On Friday evening, July 26th from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., the cemetery will be hosting free historical tours of the grounds.

During the tour, docents will lead groups to several different stops where costumed actors will portray scenes from the lives of notable people interred nearby. The private mausoleums, the historic archway and the rare grove of Dawn Redwoods will be beautifully illuminated as you make your way throughout the park.

Learn about the early pioneers and the original members of the Los Angeles Vineyard Society who formed the foundation of what is now the City of Anaheim. Listen to a noted politician who fought to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voters' Rights Act of 1965. Meet veterans of the Civil War, The Spanish American War, and World War II. Discover life in Anaheim's bustling Chinatown and meet a Chinese immigrant who longs for his earthly remains to be returned to his beloved homeland. Step inside the oldest public mausoleum on the West Coast. The marble lined Community Mausoleum was built in 1914 at a cost of \$50,000 and holds 300 vaults.

If you love history and connecting with the past, you won't want to miss this exciting event. The tour will take place rain or shine, so please dress for the weather and flashlights are recommended.

Dog Lovers Welcome on the Grounds, But Please Be Pet Friendly

We understand how important pets can be. They share our lives and often provide tremendous comfort during times of loss and grief. Please help us to ensure that our cemeteries will always be a place where all visitors are welcome – including our four-legged friends. If you are a pet owner, you can help us keep our grounds pet friendly by doing the following:

- ☑ **ALWAYS** keep your pet on a leash. You may have the friendliest, most well-behaved animal in Orange County, but our leash law still applies to your pet. Please respect other visitors who may be nervous or afraid of an animal that is not on a leash. Everyone should be able to visit gravesites without worrying about what a loose animal may or may not do.
- ☑ **CLEAN UP** after your pet. Please be prepared to clean up after your pet and do not allow your pet to urinate on gravestones. It's disrespectful.
- ☑ **REMOVE YOUR PET** from the cemetery if the animal is barking loudly or behaving aggressively, even if your pet is on a leash.
- ☑ **DO NOT** give your pet water to drink from the faucets on the lawns. This is recycled waste water and is not potable for human or animal consumption.

We appreciate your cooperation, so everyone can enjoy the grounds.



Please remember – dogs must be on a leash at all times.

El Toro Garden of Innocence Service – May 11th at 10:00 a.m.

The Garden of Innocence (GOI) is a non-profit organization providing dignified interments for unidentified and abandoned children. Our District has partnered with GOI and dedicated a small portion of the Infant Section at El Toro Memorial Park as a final resting place for these children from Orange County.

On Saturday, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. the public is encouraged to attend a service for a little boy that GOI has named Lincoln. If you have never been to a GOI

Service, it is a very moving experience. The programs usually include a processional with the urn by the Knights of Columbus, special music, and poetic readings. Before the urn is placed in the grave, all those attending form a circle of love and the urn is passed from person to person, giving each a moment to say goodbye to a precious child gone too soon.

To learn more about the Garden of Innocence please visit their website at www.gardenofinnocence.org.

Gypsum Canyon Land Officially Transferred to the District

On Tuesday, April 2nd, the Orange County Cemetery District General Manager, Tim Deutsch, met with the County of Orange Real Estate Office and executed a land transfer deed of 283.3 acres of land for the purposes of new cemetery development. The land is located in Anaheim Hills off of Gypsum Canyon Road near the 241 Toll Road and the 91 Freeway.

This majestic property is bare land that was previously managed by Orange County Parks. The land transfer deed requires that a cemetery must be in operation within ten years and that at least fifty-percent of the developable acreage must be set aside for the potential development of a State Veterans Cemetery. The District's General Manager has been working with land development professionals to assess this land to determine its maximum potential.

The District has been looking for new cemetery land for the last 20 years so Orange County residents will continue to have affordable interment options. Based on

current sales projections, inventory of available full casket space will be completely sold by sometime in 2033. When this new cemetery is developed, it will allow for burial needs for another 100-150 years.



Orange County Supervisor, Andrew Do (left), and Orange County Cemetery District General Manager, Tim Deutsch (right) tour the land at Gypsum Canyon on April 5th.

Construction Update: Santa Ana Cemetery Restroom Complete

Renovations to the restroom facilities at Santa Ana Cemetery are now complete. This means visitors can enjoy access to an indoor restroom, even when the office is closed on the weekends. The project also included the installation of a new sewage storage tank and the creation of a new staff restroom.

Construction Moves Forward Slowly at El Toro Memorial Park

With doors and windows now in place, interior work is progressing on the new public restroom. However, due to a wet winter and unforeseen material procurement delays, we do not expect completion of the project until sometime this summer. We appreciate your continued patience.



ORANGE COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT

May/June Board Meetings

The Trustees for the Orange County Cemetery District hold regular meetings the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the District Office 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 May and June, meetings will be held as follows:

- **Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, June 4th at 10:00 a.m.**

For additional information please contact the District Secretary, Mary Funk at (949) 951-9102 ext. 110.

CEMETERY VISITATION HOURS

All District cemeteries are open for visitation seven days a week, year-round.

Anaheim & Santa Ana Cemeteries are open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

El Toro Memorial Park in Lake Forest is open during the Fall and Winter months from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

El Toro Memorial Park – Extended Hours

When Daylight Saving Time begins on March 10th El Toro Memorial Park will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

When Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 3rd the park will close at 5:00 p.m.

Offices are closed on the weekends, and will also be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day

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 or decorations on Tuesday night; you can then place the flowers back on the space on Wednesday afternoon. Please remember that the District policy only allows for two items to be placed on gravesites. This includes the in-ground flower vase and one other item. If gravesites exceed the number of allowed items, staff may remove and discard the excess items. Please do not leave items of great monetary or sentimental value on gravesites as the District cannot prevent theft.

The District allows two items of flowers and/or decorations to be left on gravesites during holidays 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 and decorations be left on the space. Please 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 Mothers’ Day, flowers may be placed on Thursday, May 2nd until Tuesday, May 21st. In honor of Memorial Day, flowers may be placed on gravesites on Thursday, May 23rd until Tuesday, June 4th. In honor of Fathers’ Day, flowers may be placed on Thursday, June 6th and should be removed by Tuesday, June 25th.

A complete listing of the District’s extended holiday flower schedule for 2019 is available on our website at www.occemeterydistrict.com. Click on the tab for Flowers, Markers and Rules for more information.

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 Orange County Cemetery District is committed to the following values:

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

