



# City of Edmonds Media Release

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

700 Main Street, Edmonds, WA 98020

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 7, 2018***

To: Media

Contact: Melissa Johnson, Edmonds Cemetery Board Vice-Chair, Edmonds Memorial Cemetery & Columbarium, [missyinedmonds@outlook.com](mailto:missyinedmonds@outlook.com), 425-672-1272

## **Edmonds Memorial Cemetery Announces 2018 Memorial Day Observance Program**

Members of the Edmonds Cemetery and Columbarium Board cordially invite the public to attend the 36th Annual Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 28th, 2018 at 11am. Edmonds Memorial Cemetery and Columbarium is located at 100<sup>th</sup> Ave. W and 15<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> Avenue West and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Parking within the cemetery is limited to those with handicap-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 the Dedication of the Veteran's Monument and Remembering the Veterans of Iraq/Afghanistan. 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, Senior, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Chris Edwards.

For questions please contact Dale Hoggins, at 425-776-1543

###