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FAIR OAKS CEMETERY DISTRICT

PRESS RELEASE

April 2015: The Fair Oaks Cemetery District and the Memorial Day Ceremony Committee are finalizing plans for one of the most popular and inspiring Memorial Day ceremonies in the area.

The Seventeenth Annual Memorial Day and Avenue of Flags Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 23, at the Fair Oaks Cemetery, located at 7780 Olive Street, Fair Oaks. The formal ceremonies start at 10 AM. This year's theme is to honor the "150th Anniversary of the Civil War's End", and with special emphasis on our Civil War Veterans. One Union Soldier of the Civil War is buried in the Fair Oaks Cemetery. He has gone unrecognized for years. Having no immediate family at the time of his death, a headstone was not placed to identify his final resting place.

Chairman of the Fair Oaks Cemetery District Memorial Day Committee, Tom Askins will be the Master of Ceremonies. The main speaker(s) will focus on the Civil War and the processes of restoring national unity.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery will be decorated with hundreds of flags lining its roadways as "The Avenue of Flags." We will also be adding more names to the Veterans Memorial Wall.

The laying of the wreath at the memorial in honor of over seventeen hundred veterans who are buried in the cemetery, will be done by VFW Post 6158 and American Legion Post 383.

The musical program will consist of Pipers, a Drummer and Recorded Music by a local Disc Jockey. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony by the Orangevale/ Fair Oaks Grange & Fair Oaks Historical Society.

The Fair Oaks Cemetery's Memorial Day Ceremony is a fine example of how we, the community, remembers loved ones and says thank you to our veterans and their families for their sacrifices.