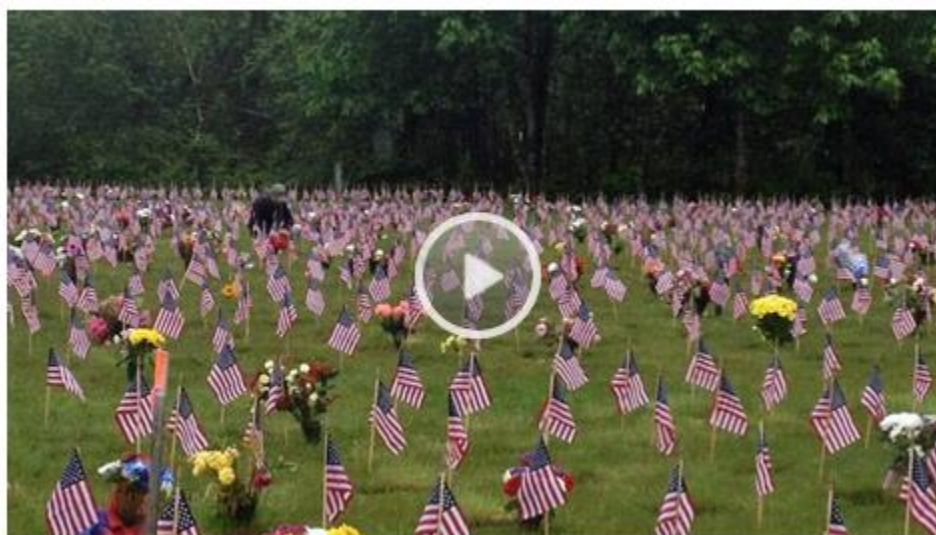




Guide to Seattle-area Memorial Day events

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From patriotic concerts to memorial visits to museum presentations, there is no shortage of Memorial Day activities in the Seattle area. Here are some ways to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the United States military.

Benaroya Hall Garden of Remembrance: A ceremony at Benaroya Hall will honor Washington residents who lost their lives in Afghanistan. The presentation will start at 10 a.m. on the corner of 2nd Avenue and University St.

Seattle Mariners - Moment of Remembrance: Prior to the game against the Los Angeles Angels, nearly 30 Western Washington veterans from various branches of the military will be introduced and the ceremonial first pitch will be thrown out by Major Harold Wanamaker. At 3 p.m. the game will be halted to observe a Moment of Remembrance.

Taps for Taps in Ravenna: A group called "Taps for Taps" will hold a public fundraiser to recognize veterans. The event kicks off with a motorcycle fun run at 10 a.m. at the Ravenna Alehouse, 2258 NE 65th St, in Seattle.

Veterans Heritage Museum: A display honoring local veterans will open at 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Everett.

Evergreen Washelli: For nearly nine decades, Evergreen Washelli has hosted a Memorial Day Commemorative Service. Starting at 7 a.m. volunteers will place 5,000 flags on the white marble upright markers in the veterans section. The day events include a concert at 1:30 p.m. and guided tour of the cemetery to hear about the lives of Medal of Honor recipients -- a \$5 donation is requested.

Acacia Memorial Park: A gathering to honor active and previous members of the military service will start at 11 a.m. 14951 NE Bothell Way, Seattle, 98155.

Museum of Flight: Between noon and 3:30 p.m. The Museum of Flight will honor military service with patriotic music and ceremonies. Veterans and active U.S. Military personnel with identification will receive free admission.

American Legion: West Seattle American Legion Post 160 and Unit 160 Auxiliary will continue the tradition of offering poppies, the memorial flower for the American war dead. The money goes towards veterans-related programs of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary.

Veterans Park in Lynnwood: The program is scheduled for 11 a.m. and features a wreath presentation, rifle salute and bagpipes performance by Northwest Junior Pipe Band. The park is located at Veterans Way - 194th Street SW - and 44th Avenue W.

Hillside Cemetery in Issaquah: At 10 a.m. Hillside Cemetery will host a Memorial Day ceremony that features Cmdr. Dave Waggoner. Liberty High School Junior Naval ROTC will do the honor guard and color guard duties. If it rains, the event will be moved to the Issaquah Senior Center, 75 N.E. Creek Way.

Edmonds Memorial Cemetery: Edmonds Memorial Cemetery will host the 32nd annual observance at 11 a.m. and a new Veterans Plaza will be dedicated outside the city's Public Safety Complex at 1 p.m.

TankFest Northwest: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., visitors will be able to get a close look at restored tanks, military vehicles and artillery weapons. The event will feature driving and firing demonstrations and a Puget Sound Military Vehicle Collectors club parade.

Mountain View Memorial Park: Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council and Mountain View Memorial Park will present a service at 2 p.m. to honor five fallen soldiers whose graves have been unmarked since the 1920s. For the first time, markers for these heroes will be on display.

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