



Bay Area celebrates Memorial Day with services, parades

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SAN FRANCISCO —

Bay Area residents are celebrating Memorial Day with services and parades being held around the region Monday to honor the nation's veterans.

Among the events was a 10:30 a.m. parade in San Francisco's Presidio, followed by a program at the National Cemetery with speakers including Mayor Ed Lee and state Sen. Mark Leno.

Marin County held its Memorial Day service earlier in the day with a keynote address by ret. Lt. Cmdr. Ted Robinson, 94, who helped rescue John F. Kennedy after his boat was destroyed during World War II.

Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland held its 93rd annual Memorial Day commemoration with a speech by Capt. Thomas Crabbs, chief of operations for the U.S. Coast Guard's Pacific Area.

A Memorial Day service took place at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward with a keynote address by Pearl Harbor survivor Mickey Ganitch.

At 3 p.m., Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority buses and light-rail vehicles stopped for one minute to observe a moment of silence in honor of the nation's veterans.

At 7 p.m., people will gather for a vigil at the Crosses of Lafayette, a war memorial set up on a hill near the Lafayette BART station to honor those who lost their lives in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Most city and county offices and services in the Bay Area are closed Monday, while BART is running on a Sunday schedule, which included an 8 a.m. start of service and trains running less often.

Caltrain and SamTrans are also operating on Sunday schedules Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.

Caltrain is operating 32 trains between San Francisco and San Jose, including four weekend Baby Bullets.

Post-game special trains will run following the San Francisco Giants' 1:05 p.m. baseball game. The last southbound train of the day will leave San Francisco at 9:15 p.m.

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