

### **God Bless America**

*God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above*

*From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home*

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### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

*I pledge allegiance to my Flag and to the Republic for which it stands: one  
Nation indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.*

### **POW-MIA White Chair and Cover**

*You are not forgotten since World War I more than 91,000 soldiers are  
unaccounted for. This unoccupied seat is dedicated to the memory of those  
brave men and woman and to the sacrifices each made serving this country.  
We are all thankful God Bless You. God Bless America.*

### **The Star-Spangled Banner**

*O say, can you see  
By the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hail'd  
At the twilight's last gleaming?*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd  
Were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rocket's red glare  
The bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there*

*O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave?*



Welcome all to today's 2022 Memorial Day Program

#### Ceremonies

**Emcee:** VFW Past Post Commanders Martin Chacon & Paul Gonzalez  
**Reciting Logan's Order:** Past Post Commander Eftren Ramirez

#### Assembly

**Officer of the day escort:** Richard Davenport  
**Escort guest speaker:** Nolan Flores

**Post Colors:** VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard

**POW/MIA chair and cover:** (see insert) **Prayer, Invocation:** Pastor Louie,  
Harbor Christian Center

**Pledge of Allegiance:** (TBD) to be determined

**Star Spangled Banner sung by:** (TBD) to be determined

#### Guests

**44<sup>th</sup> District Congresswoman:** Nanette Barragan

**64<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman:** Mike Gipson

**4<sup>th</sup> District City of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:** Janice Hahn

**35<sup>th</sup> California State Senator:** Steven Bradford

**15<sup>th</sup> District City of Los Angeles Councilman:** Joe Buscaino

**Past VFW District 4/Post Commander:** Paul Gonzalez

**American Merchant Marine Coasters:** John Pitts

**AMVETS:** (TBD) to be determined

**Drum Barracks:** Tara Fansler

**Sunshine Seniors Club President:** Victoria Posada

**Harbor Lights Seniors Club President:** Michael Gutierrez

**Wilmington Historical Society:** Board of Commissioners Guest Speaker  
**Wrath Presentation:** (TBD) to be determined

General John A. Logan's  
Memorial Day Order

General Order  
No. 11

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic  
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic. If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, --the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

**Poem - unknown**

*May each of us, when our voyages, battles of life and missions are over, find a welcome in that region of the blest where there is no more storm-tossed sea nor scorching battlefield, nor dangerous skies. Let each one be so loyal to remaining marches, that he will be ready to fall out and take his place in the great review hereafter. Not in doubt but with faith that the merciful captain of our salvation will call him to that fraternity, which on each and in heaven remains unknown.*

**Participants**

*Wilmington Historical Cemetery Board of Trustees, Veterans V.F.W. Post 2967 V.F.W. Post 2967 Auxiliary, Boys and Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor, Eagle Scout Pack ???, TBD more to be determined*

**Special Recognition**

**Scout Troop 658, Rancho Palos Verdes, St. John Fisher Church  
Jon Paulson ASM, Scout Troop 234 San Pedro, Mary Star of the Sea  
Assistant Angelica Ortega, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2967, Cub  
Pack 1203 San Pedro, Holy Trinity Church Patrick Jasanis, Banning High  
School students, Volunteers who donated their time placing American  
Flags on the Veteran's graves.**

**Special thanks**

The Wilmington Historical Cemetery Board of Trustees and grounds crew



**WILMINGTON HISTORICAL CEMETERY**

605 E. "O" Street

Wilmington, CA 90744

**MEMORIAL DAY EVENT**

Monday May 30, 2022, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM



**Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2967 Wilmington, CA.**



**In Memoriam**

**Civil War Veterans interred at Wilmington Cemetery**

*E. A. Arvey, William L. Banning, Andrew G. Bonnet, Henry Chapman, H. M. Coate, Francis Haskell, Thomas B. Hayes, George Hinds, Charles How, Anton Laubersheimer, J. E. Roaves, W. H. Ward, William Mondleson, Monne Mindrup, Peter Traub, Jonathan Nowell, William B. Phillips, G. W. Vanoss, Samuel Thomas Russell, William Frank Tibbits, Peter H. Schwartz, George R. Taber, William Walker, Joshua Howe Watts, William Weidt, Mathias Witz*

**Wreath Presentations**

*Wilmington Historical Society: (TBD) to be determined*

*Harbor Lights Seniors: (TBD) to be determined*

*Sunshine Seniors Club: (TBD) to be determined*

*American Merchant Marine China Coasters: (TBD) to be determined*

*AMVETS: (TBD) to be determined*

*VFW Auxiliary 2967: Erma Cantu*

*VFW Post 2967: Ralph Mota, Manuel Quintana, Art Calderon, Frank Pagnao, and Arnold Aranda*

*Benediction: Pastor Louie VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard*

*God bless America: (All in present please sing along see insert)*

*"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

*--Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863*



By command of:  
JOHN A. LOGAN,  
Commander-in-Chief.  
N. P. CHIPMAN,  
Adjutant-General.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.