

LOS ANGELES HARBOR AREA CEMETERY DISTRICT  
Subcommittee Memorial Day Event 2022

**Subcommittee Meeting Agenda**  
**(updated) 05/12/2022 disregard any previous agenda**

Friday, May 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.  
605 E. O St. Wilmington, CA. 90744

**Committee**

Sergio Carrillo   
Loraine F. Geluz   
Tony Fernandez   
Carol Maldonado   
Veronica Leaea   
Olivia Fernandez

Sonia Espinosa BGCLAH (Boys Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor)   
Eduardo Garcia BGCLAH (Boys Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor)   
Jasmine Gudino BGCLAH (Boys Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor)   
Martin Chacon VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)   
Miguel Uribe VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars)

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**AGENDA**

In attendance Loraine F. Geluz, Tony Fernandez, Carol Maldonado, Olivia Fernandez, Eduardo Garcia BGCLAH, Jasmine Gudino BGCLAH, Martin Chacon VFW

Going over what has been established, committed, or still needs to be addressed for the event from previous meeting if you were here previous meeting 05/06/2022 most of this had been covered but may be new or updated information on the topic.

1. Sonia Espinosa from BGCLAH Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor on board Adopt a Solider work in process children will create a marker to identify civil war soldiers in the cemetery they given a date of completion of Wednesday 05/25/2022. BGCLAH Staff and 18-20 Banning High School Students will be on cemetery site 10:00 am Saturday May 28, 2022, to setup.
2. 20' x 25' Canopy, Podium, and 200 Wooden Chairs confirmed from Supervisor Hahn Office to be delivered to the cemetery Friday 05/27/2022 before Memorial Day. Setup to begin Saturday 10:00 am 05/28/2022 since we will have volunteers on cemetery site. Chairs to be stored in garage. Request to have garage cleaned out week of Monday 05/23/2022
3. Tony Fernandez email sent to Banning High School Band Director Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Rudy Mendoza April 21, 2022, Mr. Ortiz responded this past weekend Saturday/Sunday May 05/07-08/2022 and students will not be available. No response from Principal Mr. Mendoza.
4. Confirmed my Martin Chacon will have Ceremonial Bugle that plays TAPS at the event.
5. April 15, 2022, Tara Fansler from Drumm Barracks responded to participation. So far one volunteer will participate he will be dressed as a Union Zouave soldier and to read the list of civil war veterans. She is working on getting commitments from more volunteers, but there are several ceremonies that day and most of our volunteers have prior engagements.
6. Olivia Fernandez completed the list of civil war veteran's soldiers for the 250 programs (see attach).
7. Three Banners have been received through David Cordova Aquariusone Design (see attach) for the event. One is placed near the cemetery " O " Street and Eubank and two are at Banning High School fence corners of Avalon Blvd. and Pacific Coast Highway and " Q " Street and Avalon Blvd. for promotion.

8. Flagpole project, possible placement of new flagpole site is far middle of the cemetery near ICE container where there are 3 stationary yellow cautionary poles are located, there are ongoing several quotes being requested. Ongoing conversation has started with Sergio and the Office Supervisor Hahn for assistance. Tony Fernandez email sent to Department of Building Service and Department of Public Works for the process on permit has come to light a permit maybe required. Sergio Carrillo had tried to get information with Department of Building and Safety San Pedro in person but needed to make an appointment. Tony Fernandez had a Google Meet Tuesday 05/10/2022 with Fernando Navarrete Field Deputy for CD15. Fernando will provide the language for the Board to confirm and have on file but in short if we repair/replace it ourselves since its private property there is no need for permit. If we hire or have someone install it, then it needs a permit and other documents. Request to have this item be added to an agenda at a regular schedule meeting for further discussion.
9. Noise and traffic control there has a been a response from ICE container they will not be in operation on Memorial Day still awaiting from response from BSNF railroad.
10. Time for event has been set from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
11. DJ Pekas will provide power, music, audio, and mics for the event confirmed my Lori Geluz. Request a meeting with DJ Pekas on the music selection and what should be played appropriately for the event and go over the program.
12. POW MIA White Chair and Cover purchased and donated by A Needy Wilmington community for event.
13. Juan Torres, GAP and supervised by Lori Geluz on project removing, resurfacing old paint, and repainting from metal name marquee and fencing entrance of the cemetery.
14. Rick Rodriguez and his company General Tree Service started on cutting overgrowth of trees and other areas on the cemetery property.
15. Dalton Grady and Eagle scouts and their parents started trimming, cleaning up and picking up trash around cemetery and mapping markers areas Saturday 4/9/2022.
16. Received email from Sergio April 28, 2022, on responses from invitations sent to dignitaries for Memorial Day program. Patricia Camacho District Director for Congresswoman Barragan said yes will attend and Supervisor Hahn will not be able to attend. Possibly Erika Velasquez may attend in the Supervisor Hahn place if available.
17. Website has been updated and event is posted as well as Facebook (see attach) with many interests in attending.
18. Items need still need to be addressed, confirmed to be entered in program. (see attach there have been many updates)
19. Tony Fernandez spoke with Janice Bowman Department Manager, Veterans West at Battleship IOWA after extending invitation Friday 05/06/2022 gave overview and verbal DRAFT program via phone. Will try to collaborate and see how we can be included in fleet week. Time is short but will see what can be done for this event but be included for next year. Will keep updating.
20. Tony Fernandez reached out to Terrelle Jerricks from the Random Lengths and Hunter Lee from the Daily Breeze on request to be included on calendar to promote Wilmington Cemetery Memorial Day Event. Media Information sent will keep updating.
21. Tara Fansler from Drumm Barracks waiting for names for possible 3 volunteers to recite through the naming of the civil war soldiers to move the program. So far, we have 1 volunteer due to holiday and other commitments unlikely will have others. We need to finalize this on how to proceed this into the program.
22. Any status from Lori Geluz Station 38 Wilmington for participation and use of ladder or engine vehicle to hang large American flag for a backdrop to see if this possible and feasible. We need to finalize this on how to proceed this into the program or omitted it.

23. Any **status** from **Martin Chacon** on participation from Willhall Seniors in the program.
24. Any **status** from **Martin Chacon** on individual(s) who will recite Logan's Order. Last meeting suggestion on possibly two individuals due to length of reading to move program along.

Status of the following participation in the program (*need to reconfirm the names for the program to be confirmed*):

### **Wreath Presentation**

**Wilmington Historical Society** – *Olivia Fernandez to talk to Simi*

**Harbor Lights Seniors** – *Martin Chacon to find out if participating*

**Sunshine Seniors Club** – *Rufina Hernandez confirmed by Tony Fernandez*

**American Merchant Marine China Coasters** – *Martin Chacon to find out if participating*

**VFW Auxiliary 2967** – *Martin Chacon to find out who will be participating*

**VFW Post 2967** – *Martin Chacon to find out who will be participating*

**Benediction:** *Pastor Louie Harbor Christian Church confirmed by Tony Fernandez 05/12/2022*

**21 Gun Salute:** *VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard Martin Chacon*

### **Ceremonies**

**Emcee:** *Commander Roland Flores*

**Reciting Logan's Order:** *Martin Chacon*

### **Assembly**

**Officer of the day escort:** *Miguel Uribe and/or George Chavez (need confirmation)*

**Escort guest speaker:** *Eagle Scout Grady Dalton*

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

**POW/MIA chair and cover, Prayer, Invocation:** *Pastor Louie Trevino Harbor Christian Center*

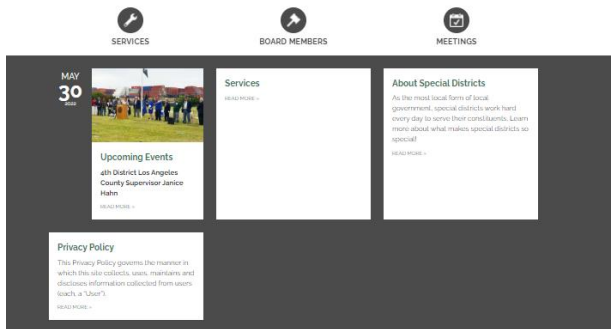
**Pledge of Allegiance:** *John Nuhi-Yandall*

**Star Spangled Banner sung by:** *John Nuhi-Yandall*

**Next meeting for 10:00 am May 20, 2022, at Wilmington Historic Cemetery**



Los Angeles Harbor Area Cemetery District



Historic Wilmington Cemetery updated his profile picture. April 27 at 10:49 AM

You're invited to attend the annual Wilmington Historical Cemetery Memorial Day Event, an annual event for the community.

This annual event is remembered and honors those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we can have the freedom we experience every day. It will be held on Monday May 30, 2022, at the Wilmington Historical Cemetery from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

This year's Memorial Day Event with the Veteran of Foreign Wars, The Drum Barracks and others (TBD to be determined, p... See more



Research is on-going to identify Civil War and other veterans that may be buried in the cemetery. Many grave sites have an illegible marker, no marker or a marker that does not identify them as a veteran. The long range plan is to find a way to show their service to our country.

Do you know a veteran buried in the cemetery, and who is not recognized as a veteran? Help by providing us with relevant information.

Furthermore, we continue to research and to find veterans buried in this cemetery:

- Native American Wars (1)
- Mexican-American War (1)
- Spanish-American War (21)
- World War I (55)
- World War II (136)
- Korean War (30)
- Vietnam War (14)

and ....

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Wilmington veterans in other cemeteries.

Headstones, markers, and medallions are available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. Requests are granted upon appropriate verification. Information is available at:

<http://www.cem.va.gov>  
(See Burial Benefits)

In appreciation for past and present research to the following:

- Margaret Alley, UDC
- Tara Fansler, Drum Barracks
- Susan Ogle, Drum Barracks
- Don McDowell, The Beat of the Drum Questing Heirs
- Warren Weimer, Find A Grave & T. Moss (Eagle Scout) Find A Grave
- Wilmington, Arcadia Publishing
- Wilmington Cemetery Staff/Trustees:  
Veronica Leaea
- C. Maldonado & O. Fernandez
- Wilmington Historical Society

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Chris Cooper, Eagle Scout

May 2022



## HISTORIC WILMINGTON CEMETERY

Established 1857

Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument No. 414

## Civil War Veterans

605 E. "O" STREET  
WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA 90744  
P. O. BOX 385  
WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA 90748  
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The 10-acre Historic Wilmington Cemetery is the oldest in the Harbor Area and the second oldest in the City of Los Angeles.

It was established by General Phineas Banning as a family cemetery. The earliest headstone in the cemetery is that of his daughter Fanny Banning, who died in 1857 at the age of twenty-five months.

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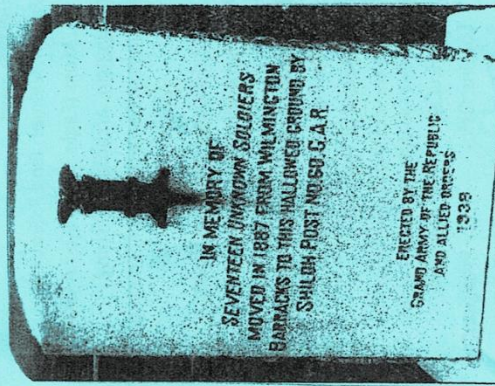
Although the Civil War took place mainly in the South, Wilmington's Drum Barracks played an important role. Its troops provided the supplies and equipment for the forts and outposts in present-day Arizona and New Mexico.

Records show that twenty-nine soldiers died at or near the Drum Barracks, but only Lieutenant Matthew Henry Ward, 2nd U.S. Artillery who died July 3, 1867, was buried in the Wilmington Cemetery.

A few soldiers buried in an early Drum Barracks cemetery near Fries Avenue and Ross Place had wooden grave markers that disappeared with time. Others were later interned at a post cemetery located at McFarland Avenue and Denni Street.



In 1887, the Grand Army of the Republic (an organization of Union servicemen) moved thirty-one soldiers to the Woodlawn Cemetery in Compton. Fourteen graves are individually marked with headstones and seventeen unknown soldiers are honored with a granite monument.



(Courtesy of Don McDowell)

From 1854 -1859, prior to the Civil War, William Oman served in the Native American Wars (Company E, 6<sup>th</sup> U. S. Infantry).

and ..... four companies of Spanish-speaking soldiers served at the Drum Barracks. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion of Native California Cavalry consisted of Company A – San Jose; Company B – San Francisco; Company C – Santa Barbara; and Company D – Los Angeles.

Forty-two soldiers who served in the Civil War, are buried in the Wilmington Cemetery.

They are:

Allen, David H.  
Arey, Edwin A.  
Banning, William Lober  
Bennett, Andrew G.  
Bonsall, Frank Bedford Mowery  
Brown, James G.  
Chapman, Henry Bascomb  
Coate, Hiram Marshall  
Deaver, JM  
Eddy, James Lyman  
Haskell, Francis E.  
Hayes, Thomas B.  
Hinds, George  
Howe, William Charles  
Laubersheimer, Anton  
Mendelsohn, William  
Mindrup, Monne  
Moore, Isaac Sheridan  
Munrow, William Hail  
Newell, Jonathan Perry  
Osgood, Lucius Daniel  
O'Mann, William F.  
Phillips, William Baker  
Reaves, James Buchanan  
Russell, Samuel Thomas  
Schwartz, Peter H.  
Taber, George R.  
Tibbetts, Wilmot Frank  
Tracy, Albert S.  
Traub, Peter Christian  
Van Valkenburg, Henry  
Vaness, George W.  
Walker, William  
Ward, Matthew Henry  
Watts, Joshua Howe  
Weldt, William  
Weston, Benjamin S.  
Wirtz, Mathias  
Yager, Charles Louis