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PLEASANTON CELEBRATES MEMORIAL DAY

Ceremony at Senior Center

PLEASANTON, *Calif.* — The City of Pleasanton is pleased to be celebrating its annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2016, which will be held at the Pleasanton Senior Center, 5353 Sunol Boulevard and begins at 11 a.m.

Memorial Day remembers those who have died while serving our nation in the Armed Forces. The practice of honoring our fallen began as Decoration Day after the Civil War when families of both Union and Confederate forces began to decorate the graves of the fallen. Decoration Day eventually became Memorial Day in the early part of the 20th century in an effort to remember all who died in service to our nation.

Primary speakers will be US Army veteran Mayor Jerry Thorne and US Army Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Jones, Garrison Commander of Camp Parks in Dublin. The renowned Pleasanton Community Band, under the direction of Bob Williams, will perform a variety of patriotic music.

As in past years, the Pleasanton Memorial Day event will be organized and hosted by American Legion Post 237, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6298 and the William F. Dean Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. This year, American Legion Post Commander Buddy Loggins will serve as the emcee.

Currently these organizations are working with the City of Pleasanton to fund and build a Veterans Memorial at Pioneer Cemetery. Dedication of the new memorial is planned for November 2016. For more information, go to: <http://www.pleasantonveteransmemorial.com/index.html>

About American Legion Post 237—American Legion Post 237 of Pleasanton, California is one of the oldest American Legion posts in existence. Founded in 1920, the post continues to serve the needs of local veterans and their families.

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