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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Sumner to Honor Veterans for Memorial Day

Since 1943, Sumner's VFW Post 3070 has honored Memorial Day by placing flags on the markers of veterans in the Sumner City Cemetery. That tradition will continue for its 67<sup>th</sup> year in preparation for Sumner's Memorial Day service on May 31 at 10 am. Now, citizens, including the Boy Scouts, assist the VFW with this tradition.

#### SUMNER'S MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

**WHERE** Sumner City Cemetery, 12324 Valley Avenue East, Puyallup, WA 98372

**WHEN** Monday, May 31, 10 am

**WHO** Members of the public are encouraged to come and celebrate the traditional meaning of Memorial Day with the citizens of Sumner.

#### IN PREPARATION

Flags will be placed at the markers of veterans on May 27. Individuals who would like to help the VFW should call the Sumner City Cemetery for time information at 253-299-5510.

Flags will be placed by markers that are designated as veterans. If someone has a loved one at the Sumner City Cemetery who also served in the military but is not noted on the marker, they can get a flag from the cemetery office to place by the marker.

#### OF INTEREST

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the celebration officially began as Decoration Day, three years after the Civil War ended in 1868. It is believed that May 30 was chosen because flowers would be blooming and available across the country. Over time, Decoration Day became Memorial Day to remember all who have died in service to this country.

The Sumner City Cemetery began as two cemeteries: the pioneer cemetery began in 1864 and the "town" section began in 1902. Veterans at rest at the cemetery have served in America's wars from the Civil War to the present.

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