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Daly Will Speak at Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

Anaheim veterans have asked Orange County Clerk-Recorder Tom Daly to speak at this year's annual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 31, at the historic Anaheim Cemetery, sponsored by American Legion Post 72.

"Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and pride for the sacrifices of so many," said Daly, a former mayor of Anaheim. "I'm honored to have a small part in commemorating those who fell in service to our country."

Originally called Decoration Day, Memorial Day was first observed in 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Anaheim Cemetery is the oldest of Orange County's three public graveyards. The city's German settlers established it in 1866, buying several acres for a total of \$100 so they could expand the family plots they had built on the grounds of their vineyards. The 16-acre cemetery is home to the graves of 48 Civil War veterans, from both Northern and Southern states, and many of the graves have been restored by preservation efforts.

The cemetery also is the final resting place for several local pioneers, including the Kraemers, for whom Kraemer Boulevard is named; the Langenbergers, Anaheim's first pioneer family; and Dona Vincente y Serrano Sepulveda Yorba Carillo, sister of Jose Andres Sepulveda, who owned what became the Irvine Ranch.

The Memorial Day ceremony begins at 11 a.m. The cemetery is located at 1400 E. Sycamore Street, between State College Boulevard and East Street in Anaheim. The public is invited. The annual ceremony has rotating sponsorships between American Legion Post 72 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3173

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