

## **DISCUSSION PAPER #2**

### **CEMETERY/COMMUNITY/VETERAN NEEDS & PROJECTS**

Friends Poulsbo Cemetery (FPC), Revised February 28, 2018

**DISCUSSION GOAL** – Prepare for the Poulsbo Municipal Cemetery Master Plan and representatives from North Kitsap Cemeteries projects and programs to recognize and honor Veterans.

#### **Proposed 2018 Cemetery & Veteran Calendar**

Saturday, May 5 - **Proposed Annual Cemetery Clean-Up Day.** *Who should sponsor, organize?*

Monday, May 28 - **Memorial Day** – Place flags on veteran graves in North Kitsap cemeteries Saturday, May 19? 26? Flags picked up on Saturday, June 2?. *Should cemetery owners, community organization or veterans organization coordinate placement of flags?*

November 9 or 10? - **Sons of Norway Veterans Appreciation Night.** *Do veteran and community organizations promote this event?*

November 11 - **Veterans Day** – Place flags Saturday November 3? 10? Pick up flags on Saturday 17? *Will VFW Post 2463 present an honor guard rifle salute at the Poulsbo city cemetery?*

December - **Veterans Month** - *Any suggestions?*

December 16 - **Wreath Day** - National Day to lay wreaths on veteran graves at Arlington National Cemetery. Some veteran organizations and community cemeteries are sponsoring wreath day; *Should veteran, community organizations and/or owners of cemeteries promote the placing of wreaths on North Kitsap veteran graves?*

**Veterans Memorial Flag Plaza** - Community organizations are invited to partner with American Legion Post 245 in selling bricks inscribed with a veterans name for a Veterans Memorial Flag Plaza at American Legion Park. The dedication date for the Veterans Memorial Flag Plaza is November, 2019. To learn more about this important community project contact Bricks Are Us at: <http://brickrus.com/order/americanlegionpark/> and/or the Commander Post 245 at: [cdr@post245.org](mailto:cdr@post245.org)

#### **Other National Event Days 2018**

February 19 – Presidents’ Day

March 10 – Military Appreciation Day – Sponsor Silverdale Chamber of Commerce

May 19 - Armed Forces Day

June 14 - Flag Day

July 4 - Independence Day

September - KAVA - Kitsap Area Veterans Alliance Stand Down (Date not confirmed)

September 1 - Labor Day

September 11 - Patriot Day

September 30 - Gold Star Mother’s Day

November 11 - Vinland Lutheran Church - Veterans Concert

December 7 - Pearl Harbor Day

## **Poulsbo Cemetery Projects**

### **Cemetery grave identification & section marking needs - Need Community Sponsor**

- Verification and marking of plots with actual burials
- Installation of plot number markers
- Installation of name markers for graves without memorial markers/grave markers
  - Installation Veteran Administration memorial headstone markers
- Install improved section markers
- Erect display map near entrance

### **Cemetery information systems initiatives needs Poulsbo cemetery. Need Community Sponsor**

- GPS mapping of all plots and graves (partially completed to date)
- Photograph grave monuments and link to GPS data - Find a Cemetery/Find a Grave
- Determine existing historical & genealogical research information (Historical Society)
- Create detailed cemetery information page on City of Poulsbo website
- Provide basic info on location, hours, and PW staff contact info
- Provide rules & suggestions for cemetery use by families
- Provide basic info on purchase of plots
- Provide short history of the cemetery and index of deceased who were interred
- Create interactive map on website (grave finder)
- Create Public Works Department staff database/map that has easier user interface than current records
  - Create historical walk brochure with assistance from Poulsbo Historical Society
  - Cell-phone app equivalent to historical walk brochure

### **Email comments or suggestions on this discussion paper to:**

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**Friends Poulsbo Cemetery** is a discussion group. Papers on a Poulsbo Municipal Cemetery Master Plan and issues and needs of North Kitsap cemeteries are circulated via email for comment and suggestions. The goal is for cemetery representatives to find consensus on what is best for North Kitsap communities and the cemeteries located in those communities.