



Memorial Day Observance, Save the Date!

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The City of Oakley will hold its fourth Annual Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on Saturday, May 23rd, 2015 at the Civic Center Park, 3231 Main Street beginning at 10:30 am.

Oakley's program will include the Presentation of Colors, performance from the Freedom High School Choir, a student decoration of the memorial wreath, 3-volley salute, taps, and more! The event's Memorial Day address will be delivered by Oakley resident, U.S. Air force Senior Airman and Vietnam combat veteran, John Amie. Mr. Amie served in the U.S. Air Force from 1964 to 1968, one year of which while serving in the 37th Air Rescue & Recovery Squadron at Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam (RVN).

Now in its fourth year, the City of Oakley invites the public to join together as a community to commemorate the American soldiers who have died while serving our nation. Although Oakley does not have a cemetery of soldiers' graves to decorate, Oakley residents and their families have borne the cost of our freedom. Accordingly, we will honor our fallen heroes' devotion by presenting a memorial wreath to the symbolic Soldiers Battle Cross, representative of not one particular person, but all. The cross made up of a soldier's rifle with bayonet attached stuck into the ground, helmet on top, dog tags hanging and boots aside, are typically laid out in respect in the field. The gesture is a means for the still living veterans to mourn the loss of their soldiers in arms.

At the conclusion of the event, we invite everyone to walk over to the Veterans Memorial to appreciate the recent addition of nearly a hundred Veterans Memorial bricks incorporated since the Memorial unveiling back in November.