

Program:

- 1) Welcome by Bill Fenton of the Friends of Liberty Cemetery who will review the program
- 2) Invocation by Col. Steve Eddy, US Army, and Chaplain at Hinds Hospice, whose words will include those spoken by Fr. Keating in 1921 at the burial of Sgt. E L Anderson whose remains were retrieved from Belgium where he was Killed in Action in 1918.
- 3) Presentation and posting of the Colors by the Cadet Corps of Design Science High School, Fresno.
- 4) Pledge of allegiance led by Cadet Captain Ryan J. Yang, Civil Air Patrol, U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, Fresno Composite Squadron 112.
- 5) Music: "The Star-Spangled Banner" performed by Rebekah Castañon, Edison High School class of 2013.
- 6) Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln as portrayed by Major Wayne Scott, U. S. Army.
- 7) Reading by Ron Vaughan, San Joaquin Valley Civil War Round Table, of Major General John A. Logan's Order No. 11 establishing the First nationwide observance of Memorial Day on May 30, 1868. Ron will be costumed as an officer in the Union Army during the Civil War.
- 8) Reading by Cadet Tatiana Zendejas, Army Junior ROTC, Fresno High School, of the speech given by James E Burns, commander of Post 92 of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the 1919 Memorial Day services.
- 9) Music: "Battle Hymn of the Republic" performed by the audience

"Mine eyes have seen the coming of the Lord;
"he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
"he hath loosed the fateful lightning of his Terrible swift sword;
"His truth is marching on.

"Glory, glory, hallelujah!
"Glory, glory, hallelujah!
"His soul is marching on."

10a) Reading by Cadet Julia Kisbye, Civil Air Patrol, U. S. Air Force Auxiliary, Fresno Composite Squadron 112, of part 1 of James Ingersoll's Oration in 1882 on Memorial Day at Dresden, New York.

10b) Reading by Cadet Jordan Shepard, CAP/USAF Auxiliary, Fresno Composite Squadron 112 of part 2 of James Ingersoll's Oration in 1882 on Memorial Day at Dresden, New York,.

11) Music: "America the Beautiful" performed by the audience
"Oh, beautiful, for spacious skies
"For amber waves of grain
"For purple mountains majesty
"Above the fruited plain
"America, America, God shed thy grace on thee,
"Crown they good with brotherhood,
"From sea to shining sea

12) Recitation by Dr Susan Pappas regarding her-g-grandfather Thomas Cosgrove who served in the Philippines during the War Against Spain.

13) Reading by David Davenport of the sketch of the idea for Liberty Cemetery by Mayor William Toomey as compiled from various issues of the *Fresno Republican* from March to May of 1918

- 14) Reading by Erik Vaughan on the significance of the First World War and recognition of those who served. Erik will be costumed as a First World War soldier.
- 15) Music: "My Country Tis of thee" performed by the audience
"My country, tis of thee
"Sweet land of Liberty
"Of thee I sing
"Land where my fathers died
"Land of the pilgrim's pride
"From every mountain side
"Let freedom ring
- 16) Unveiling of the Monument commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Liberty Cemetery by E Clampus Vitus, James Savage Chapter 1852.
- 17) Reading by David Davenport of M. G. Gallaher's Memorial Day Oration on Memorial Day 1918 as published in the *Fresno Morning Republican* of May 31, 1918.
- 18) Playing of Taps by American Legion Post 509, Manuel Hernandez, bugler, with honor guard of 4-6 rifles.
- 19) Volley fire in memory of fallen comrades by VFW Post 3225
- 20) Closing comment: Liberty Cemetery is now full. We pray that the sacrifices of these veterans and their loved ones will never be forgotten.
- 21) Retiring of the Colors by the JROTC Cadet Corps of Design Science High School. -
- 22) Benediction by Col. Eddy - "Cherish the Veterans" by Rev. Wm. Stearns of Eastport, Maine

The One and Only Centennial Commemoration of the founding of Liberty Cemetery* on May 30 (Memorial Day) of 1918

Held at Liberty Cemetery for Veterans at 6 pm on May 30, 2018 and organized by the Friends of Liberty Cemetery, featuring a "legion" of patriotic Americans who wish to honor the memory of our fallen heroes, their loved ones, and the people who created Liberty Cemetery as a final resting place for Fresno area men and women who came to the aid of a grateful nation in time of need from 1861 to the present. May they all rest in peace.

*On the south side of Belmont Avenue in Fresno, CA, west of Highway 99 and east of Hughes Avenue.