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Memorial Day 1987

Memorial day activities in Siletz this year will be hosted by the Sacred Lands Preservation Committee and the Cultural Committee.

Schedule; 10:00 am ceremony at the cemetary hosted by the Sacred Lands Preservation Committee immediately following this will be the unveiling and dedication of the Veterans Memorial Marker by Tribal Council.

The dinner is scheduled to begin at 12:00 noon at the Tribal Community Center. Anyone that is willing to assist with the dinner contact Cindy Viles or Bud Lane at 444-2532.

Paul Washington Cemetery History

Located on a knoll known as "Government Hill" overlooking the city of Siletz Paul Washington Cemetary has long served the Indian reidents of the area.

Formerly known as the "Siletz Cemetary" the burial ground was renamed to honor Paul Washington after he was killed in France during World War I. Pfc. Washington, son of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Washington, died September 28, 1918. A double funeral was held May 24, 1919 for Paul and his brother Andrew after the latter died of tuberculosis in Denver, Colorado as he was returning from the war.

Reported in the May 30, 1919 Lincoln County Leader as "the largest funeral ever held in Siletz,"the memorial for the two members of the Klamath tribe included a firing squad under the command of Corp. Edwin P. Chalcraft consisting of Earnest Bryant, Roy Grinstead, Davon Watts, Herb Kyniston, Harry Johnson, Abe Logan, Jr., Charles Goodell and Bert Down.

Pallbearers listed in the newspaper account included several unnamed soldiers and the following local men: Gail Slocum, Robert Downing, James F. Roberts, Henry Goodell, Louis Towner and Ralph Spencer.

Just three months later the first hearse ever to be used at the cemetery carried First Class Seaman Spencer's casket to it's final resting place on Government Hill. The hearse was owned by Ray Chandler, early Siletz mortician.

(At Rest in Lincoln County, compiled by Evelyn Parry)

Arthur Bensell, pictured with plaque presented to him by Delbert Bell at Awards Ceremony in Lawrence, Kansas. Article on page 7.

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Easter Coloring Contest Winners

Judging for the winners this year were, Kelly Strickler, Tribal member, Rosemary Leas, Head Start Director, Sharon Roser, Siletz Community representative.

COLORING CONTEST:

3 Yrs. & Under:
1st, Marcus Butler, Lincoln City
2nd, Chrystal Williams, Siletz
3rd, Tiffany Stuart, Kansas City, KS

4-5 Years Old
1st, Christopher Cavendar, Newberg
2nd, Trinity Hall, Dallas
3rd, Jason Butler, Lincoln City

6-8 Years Old
1st, Kimmy Rilatos, Waldport
2nd, Alissa Lane, Siletz
3rd, Jeremy Whitehead, Newport

9-18 Years Old
1st, Melissa Butler, Siletz
2nd, Sharon Tribble, Siletz
3rd, Rachel Williams, Philomath