

MEMORIAL DAY

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Memorial Day Ceremonies were held on Monday, May 28. It was a calm, cloudy day, so quiet that it seemed fitting for the ceremonies that were to be held.

Dignity and pride of life filled the air as the procession started from Siletz Area Central Office to the Veterans Memorial located at the entrance of Paul Washington Cemetery led by flag bearers Walt Klamath, Janice Metcalf and Ronald Butler.

The Drummers began with the steady beat that fills your being and the ceremony commenced. Tribal Chairman, Delores Pigsley did the welcoming address followed by Tribal Members who have served in the armed forces. These included: William Depoe; Gilbert Towner; General Manager, Phil Rilatos; Frank Simmons and William Towner speaking about their participation in the wars our country has known with one continuing theme... if they had life to do over, they would fight again. Three volleys were fired in salute to those who have served their country during war and peace by Honor Guards Jerry Marzan, Bobby Simmons, and Delbert Bell with Frank Simmons in Command.

Wreaths were presented from each area office and placed at the base of the Veterans Memorial by young ladies of the Tribe.

Pauline Ricks made a presentation of flowers from the Bell Family to the bereaved families of Tribal members who have left us this year.

Taps was played by Jimmie Stam in honor of our Veterans.

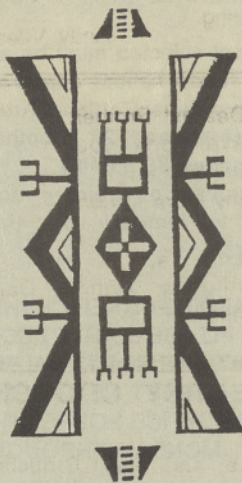
The Memorial Day Celebration ended with a salmon bake and pot luck sponsored by the Pow Wow Committee.

The hours of work and preparation that individuals spend to prepare Paul Washington Cemetery for Memorial Day each year were as much in evidence as ever. Handcrafted flowers in all the colors of the rainbow were arranged as uniquely as was the life of each individual for whose memory they were prepared different from all the rest. Snoballs, rhododendrons, and cut flowers of all kinds were used to adorn the graves. The hopes, dreams, hardships

endured and lives lived to the fullest were lovingly remembered this Memorial Day of those who have gone before and set the example for the wonderful memorial displayed at Paul Washington Cemetery each year.



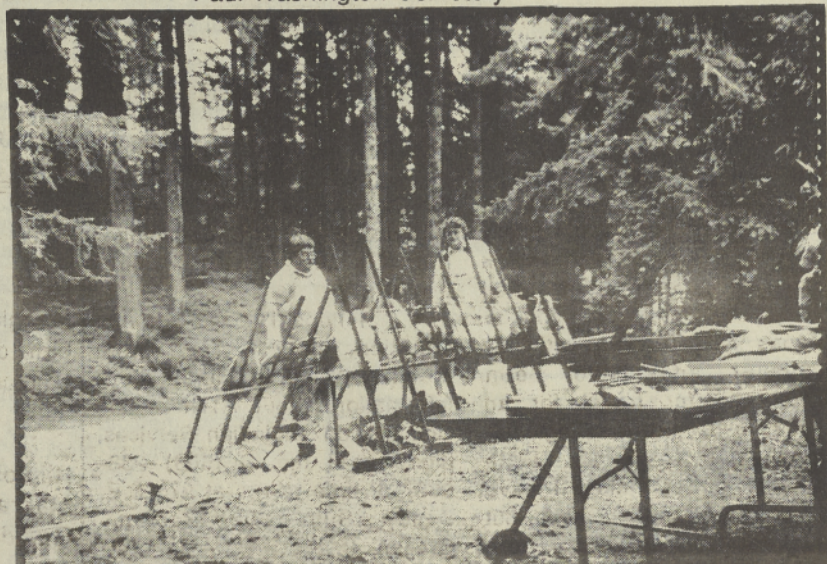
Memorial Day Procession



The Veterans Memorial at the entrance to Paul Washington Cemetery.



Frank Simmons, Jerry Marzan, Bobby Simmons, Delbert Bell and William Depoe.



Baking the Salmon on Memorial Day, Ray Fleming and Connie Hartt.