

Memorial Day

May 26, 2025

0900 - "Lost at Sea" memorial at the **Don Persson Senior Center, 211 Burnett Ave N.** This is American Legion Post 19's ceremony at the memorial. They conduct the program, but like to have Post Commander and Auxiliary President, or their representatives, there to throw a wreath into the river, along with the American Legion officers, to remember and commemorate those veterans lost at sea.

0930 - Then we drive to **Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 100 Blaine Ave NE**, which is halfway up the hill toward Greenwood Cemetery. The American Legion assembles at the Fred Hancock gravesite (their namesake) for a brief ceremony. Then down the hill to Frank R Vaise's gravesite (our namesake) where Post Commander, Aux. President, Post Sr. Vice, Jr. Vice, Officer of the Day and our Honor Guard conduct this program. Adjutant Darrell will read a brief sentence, and the officers will place a flower, on Frank R Vaise's grave prior to shooting 3 volleys.

1000 - 1015 or so, we travel up to **Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery, 350 Monroe Ave NE**, for the **annual 11:00am Memorial Day** program. Commander Kevin Rose, American Legion Post 19, will be the MC this year with Darrell Pilat assisting. The American Legion have been asked to supply the Honor Guard. Hoping to have Jr. ROTC students from Liberty HS to present colors for the Pledge of Allegiance (may have to grab some VFW members if they can't). Steve Strand, Commander VFW Post 2713 is the guest speaker. This is a community celebration with a bagpiper, and choir.

1300 hrs (1:00 PM) - **Renton Veteran's Memorial Park ceremony, 523 S. 3rd St.**, corner of Main and Houser streets, next to the Museum. Parking across from the Museum at 200 Mill Ave S. is available. The Mayor will introduce Council Members, Darrell Pilat is the MC and is asking Post/Aux members to bring in the colors and help with placing the branch of service wreaths. The Post Honor Guard will be needed. At the conclusion, we'll need help to take the wreaths to the Post to display at the potluck. The Post and Auxiliary will host the **potluck, serving to begin 1500 (3pm)**. The Post is providing hamburgers and brats.

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