



## NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### EVERGREEN CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

The Museum of Art & History, the City of Santa Cruz, American Legion Post, and United Veterans Council will co-host a traditional Memorial Day Remembrance beginning at 10am at the Grand Army of the Republic plot at Evergreen Cemetery in Harvey West Park. This year marks the 144<sup>th</sup> recognition of Memorial Day, which is being dedicated to the memory of those who served in World War II. The Mayor of Santa Cruz Ryan Coonerty will be joined by guest presenters, musicians and honor guards are included in the hour-long tribute to our local war dead. The Museum of Art & History's new Executive Director, Nina Simon serves as Master of Ceremony.

Following Memorial Day observances, the Evergreen Cemetery docents will lead a half-hour tour of the Cemetery and its rich history. The American Legion Post will host a reception at the Harvey West Clubhouse. A barbecue will be served beginning at 12 noon. Cost: \$5; kids under 12 free.

Historic Evergreen Cemetery is one of the first public gravesites in California, established in the 1850s. The people buried at Evergreen Cemetery make up the rich history of Santa Cruz County. They are the pioneers, and the citizens who came from all over the world to cultivate Santa Cruz into the diverse community it is today. Today the Cemetery is maintained by The Museum of Art & History @ the McPherson Center located at 705 Front Street in downtown Santa Cruz.

**WHAT:** 144<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Remembrance

**WHERE:** Evergreen Cemetery, Evergreen Street near Harvey West Park

**WHEN:** Monday, May 30, 2011

**COST:** FREE

**HOURS:** 10:00 am

**INFO:** Call the Museum at (831) 429-1964 x20 or email [education@santacruzmah.org](mailto:education@santacruzmah.org)