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FREE PICNIC

Don't miss the free picnic at Tualatin Community Park from 11:30 to 1:30 brought to you by VFW Auxiliary. Business sponsor donations paid for food; Dalton's Northwest Catering donated food preparation, tableware and service.



Memorial Day

PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2017

WINONA CEMETERY
TUALATIN, OREGON

SPONSORED BY

VFW Auxiliary 3452
Winona Cemetery Board
City of Tualatin
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Featuring

U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

Honored Vet

Jerry Larsen, Vietnam War Veteran

FREE PICNIC 11:30-1:30pm

JERRY LARSEN



Jerry Larsen had a significant role in the first major US joint military offensive action in the Vietnam War. Called Operation Starlite by US forces, it was known in Vietnam as the Battle of Van Tuong. The Operation was conducted about a year after the two Gulf of Tonkin incidents which started the war. During that time, US military forces increased from 800 in advisory capacities to 88,000. A Naval Academy graduate, Jerry was the Communications Officer aboard the flagship, USS Bayfield, for an amphibious warfare squadron of 11 ships.

Army intelligence learned of an attack being planned by the Viet Cong on Chu Lai, an important military base that had an airfield, large Marine base and a powerful communications tower, making it a prime target. The US decided to do a pre-emptive strike with utmost secrecy in two days of planning. Jerry put together the Navy Communications Plan and oversaw its operation. There were 5500 Marines involved in the coordinated assault: coming from land; air, using "vertical envelopment" with helicopters from land bases and the Landing Platform Helicopter ship, two Jima; and sea with naval gunfire support from a Cruiser and several Destroyers. F-8, F-4 and A-4 jet aircraft dropped bombs and strafed the beach, along with shore based artillery, to soften up the beach ahead of an amphibious landing. Starlite was a complete success.

CONGRESSWOMAN SUZANNE BONAMICI

U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici represents the First Congressional District of Oregon, which comprises the Northwest portion of the state. Strengthening public education is one of her top priorities. A member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce in Congress, she works to give educators and students the resources they need to succeed. Suzanne served a lead role in the passage of the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaces No Child Left Behind and creates new K-12 education policies. She is also focused on making college more affordable and closing the skills gap. Suzanne is the founder and co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional STEAM Caucus, which aims to encourage innovation and creative thinking by integrating arts and design with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math education.



The top Democratic member on the Subcommittee on the Environment, where she is working on the causes and risks of global climate change, and to ensure that policy decisions are based on science, she is also on the Committee of Science, Space and Technology. She worked her way through college in Eugene, first at Lane Community College, and then at the University of Oregon, where she earned her bachelor's degree and law degree. Suzanne and her husband Michael have been married for more than thirty years. They have two grown children and a cocker spaniel named Charley.

PROGRAM

Opening of Ceremony 10:45 am

Emcee: Dale Potts, Vietnam War Veteran

Missing Man Maneuver Flyover

Narrator: Norb Murray, Vietnam War Veteran

National Anthem and Posting of Colors

Crimsonnairs and the Tualatin Police Honor Guard

Opening Prayer

George Bowlsby of United Methodist Church

America the Beautiful

Tualatin High School Crimsonnairs

Pledge of Allegiance

George Hagar, Navy WWII

Welcome

Mike Hannegan, Winona Cemetery Board President

Remarks

Lou Ogden, Mayor of Tualatin

Remarks

U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

Remarks

State Representative Julie Parrish

Remarks

State Senator Richard Devlin

Honored Veteran

Jerry Larsen, Vietnam War Veteran

Poem, "In Flanders Fields"

Kathy Walsh, Winona Cemetery Board

Remarks

Phyllis Houston, Tualatin VFW Auxilliary 3452

Order Arms/Taps

- Tualatin Police Honor Guard: Wes Girardi and Jack Rose
- Bugler: Martin Murrell

— Moment of Silence —