



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

James A. Dain

City Center Offices

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

City Website

www.lindoncity.org

Lindon City's Memorial Day Observation

Lindon City and her citizens have always displayed a rich tradition of patriotism. This is evidenced by the overwhelming turnout for the past two Memorial Days as the City and the Police Department have joined with you as citizens to honor veterans of military service who have called Lindon home. Many people see Memorial Day as a time to start off summer and head to Lake Powell, the desert or the mountains. Over 500 of you, for the past two years have stayed home to honor those who have given years of their lives to our service and in some case have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Memorial Day, which was originally called Decoration Day, is officially a day of remembrance, and should be observed in remembrance of those who have died serving our country. This year's Memorial Day observation will be very special, one which may never be repeated in our lifetimes. In addition to honoring all Lindon veteran's living or dead, the Community of Lindon will be dedicating the Lindon City "Monument to Freedom" and will be entering into a "Community Covenant" with the U.S. Military and our service members. Over the past six months, through the hard work and dedication of a team of people, and made possible by the generous contributions of some amazing individuals, the Lindon City "Monument to Freedom" has taken shape.

Located in the Lindon City Cemetery, the monument is made of spectacular gray granite, in the shape of a five point star, facing skyward. Weighing in at 18 tons of solid granite and standing over 15 feet tall with its crowning statue, the monument is an impressive tribute to those who have served our city, state and country. Each point of the star is dedicated to a branch of the U.S. Military and bears the bronze seal of that service. Much of the work on the monument, from the concrete work to the creation of the bronze sculpture was done by Lindon City residents or natives in an awe inspiring display of community spirit. Everyone wanted to be involved!

Following an exhaustive three year collection effort, the names of all known Lindon Veterans are engraved on their service branch star point. In addition the names of all Utah Law Enforcement Officers killed in the line of duty while serving our state occupy one side of the star point dedicated to the Coast Guard. I apologize in advance if the name of your loved one is misspelled, is on the wrong service branch or as we have found in one instance, entered twice by mistake! With over 600 names included, it has been a huge project to collect and verify all of the names and service branches which we were given. Please understand the effort if a mistake is discovered. Future veterans and those who may have been missed can have their names added at a later date at a very nominal cost as we wish to see this monument grow to display the patriotism and to honor the sacrifice of those who have served us with honor.

In addition to the monument, Lindon City representatives and citizens will be invited to participate in signing a "Community Covenant" designed to bring cities and citizens together to form a collaborative group which will support the needs of the families of our service members as their loved one is away supporting our nation. I am honored that the Police Department and I were given the opportunity to organize and conduct the first official Memorial Day ceremony and ever held at the Lindon City Cemetery in 2009. It has been my honor to work to help make this monument a reality and I hope to see you all there on Memorial Day morning as we pay tribute to those warriors who have served and protected our lives and freedoms. The event will be held from 8:00 to 9:00 am at the Cemetery, which is located at 550 North 200 East in Lindon.

Chief Cody Cullimore, Lindon City Police Department

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