

HONOR DAYS: May 28 - 29, 2011

It isn't every day Civil War cannons fire in Honor and Victorian fashions fill the streets. But during Memorial Weekend, history will come alive in celebration of Honor Days.

The event opens Saturday, May 28th with the dedication of the American Indian Veterans Memorial. Located on the grounds of Birdland Indian Art, ¼ mile west of the Cherry Bowl Drive-In, the memorial pays tribute to Native American warriors from the Revolutionary War through the present. Immediately following is a series of old fashion contests from Honor's early days as a lumber town: marbles, checkers, and horseshoe tournaments are planned in Maley Park. Gentlemen are encouraged to enter the contests for best "lumberjack whiskers" with categories such as longest beard and handlebar mustache.

Also on May 28th, a Victorian fashion show and tea will be held at the Gathering Place, located in the Honor Plaza. Traditional pies, pickles, and quilts both antique and contemporary will compete for a blue ribbon top prize. Entries are needed in all categories. Costumed volunteers are also encouraged to showcase their Victorian flair and participate in the fashion show.

Sunday, May 29th offers a solemn nod to Honor's historic ties to Civil War veterans. Reenactors from Battery D, a Civil War artillery reenactment group, will conduct a commemoration at Champion Hill Cemetery. A roster of all soldiers, sailors, and Marines buried at the cemetery will be read, followed by a cannon shot salute and Taps.

Afterwards, join Battery D in Maley Park for a living history presentation, including a cannon firing demonstration. A community pig roast will follow, served up by local chef Walter Landrille for a nominal fee. Old time bluegrass will be played live under the shade of the trees.