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It is Monday as I write this comment, and I have just returned from Ocean View Cemetery, where the Humboldt Harmonaires sang The Star Spangled Banner, our National Anthem, and God Bless America for the annual Memorial Day Service. The chairs were almost all taken, but two who were not in attendance were Herb Wall, with his original WWII navy uniform, and Mac Gardner, a fellow Harmonaire and Korean War veteran, both of whom passed away recently. Mac was a Boy Scout executive, and a tireless worker for whatever he was involved in at the time. It was a little chilly, but a very moving ceremony, with Father Cloney giving the invocation and Roddy Ross playing the bagpipes, and a Military Honor Guard who presented the Flags and closed the ceremony with a rifle salute and a gentleman playing Taps to honor the deceased who gave their lives, and those still living who served our country. One of our Harmonaires can't attend Memorials, as they bring back too much stuff that he saw in Viet Nam, and he just can't deal with it. I've said this before, and I'll say it again, many of those who return from the horrors of war, even if they are not physically wounded, still bear emotional wounds from what they experienced, and both the physically wounded and emotionally scarred veterans need our support and government assistance, often for the rest of their lives. The Memorial Day Address was given by Captain Arthur Snyder, Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay, who recounted the incidents in which local Coast Guardsmen lost their lives. The ceremony was dedicated to Coast Guard Search and Rescue.* There was a fly-over by a Coast Guard Helicopter. Our Coast Guard contingent

is very important to our community; ^{IN WHAT THEY ADD TO OUR ECONOMY AND} ~~both~~ in the rescue work that they do and the work that they do in helping local fishermen (and women) in maintaining their observances of laws and inspections of vessels. I had a butcher shop near the Coast Guard housing in Myrtle town, and I taught many young wives how to cook meat, and made several dear friends in the process. Getting back to the Memorial Day ceremony, I want to thank Dean Glaser, a member of the Honor Guard, for helping me with my wheel chair and pushing me up to the ceremony area. My wife was under the weather and couldn't come to the ceremony, but even then would have problems pushing me that far uphill.//I need to say goodbye to my good friend Bob Micheli, who passed away recently. He and his wife Pearl have sponsored the Eureka Chamber Music Series since its onset twenty five or so years ago, and the concerts are held at our Church, Calvary Lutheran. A memorial Service will be held in the Fall around the time the concerts start their Fall season.// One last Memorial Day comment- I want to thank Don McCombs and the staff at Ocean View Cemetery for sponsoring this Memorial Day observance, and giving the Harmoniares the opportunity to participate.

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