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## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF VETERAN'S BALL PARK

Lehi to honor Vet's Park and last surviving member of the committee who built it

Lehi, Utah | May 29, 2013 – Lehi City will be hosting a ceremony to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Veteran's Ball Park on Monday, June 3 at 5:15 PM at Veteran's park, 850 West Main Street. The ceremony will kick off the city baseball tournaments with the Mustang League of third and fourth graders playing immediately following the conclusion.

The ceremony will consist of the Miss Lehi first attendant singing the national anthem, a history of the park being given by Mayor Wilson, and an award being presented to Dean Kirkham who is the only surviving member of the Veteran's committee who built the park. After the ceremony, Dean along with Lehi City councilmembers will throw out an inaugural first pitch on each of the five fields at Veteran's park. The Lehi City Historian will host a booth for the remainder of the night to give information about the park and its history.



Current View of Veteran's Park



Lehi First Baseball Team – 1880's

In 1951, the Utah County Commission gathered a fund to erect county-wide memorials to honor veterans of World War II and Veteran's Memorial Ball Park ultimately became the chosen project. While the veterans provided much of the funding, and a considerable portion of the manpower, the project ultimately succeeded because of the united efforts of the American Legion, Lehi City Corporation, the Lions Club, the Jaycees, the Lehi Civic Improvement Association, and the Utah National Guard. Actual construction of the park began in the spring of 1953. Vet's Park, as it most commonly known as, was formally dedicated on June 2, 1958 when a large bronze plaque was hung over the entrance. Today Vet's park is the

town's premier baseball area and the park has hosted thousands of American Legion, Pony League, Colt League, Little League, semi-pro fast-pitch, and LDS Church softball games.

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