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Abraham Lincoln's GETTYSBURG ADDRESS



Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, upon this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met here on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of it as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here, but can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they have, thus far, so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address (Concluding Statement)

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan – to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves, and with all nations.

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Games, entertainment, exhibitors, contests and fun for the entire family in Webb Park begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.
- 18 **VIP Reception**
Elected officials, participants, drivers and Freedom Club members meet and mingle before the parade.
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Live music begins at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks display at 9:00 p.m.
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In Recognition of our Military Heroes



SPIRIT OF THE FOURTH PRESIDENT

Dave Brooks

This program is produced annually by the Spirit of the Fourth, Inc. a 501(c)3 organization, to support Rancho Bernardo's Independence Day celebrations.

Spirit of the Fourth Mission Statement

To provide for Rancho Bernardo and surrounding communities patriotic, historical, and educational activities which commemorate the declaration of our nation's independence; to foster true patriotism and appreciation of our American heritage; and to demonstrate openly the principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.

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Spirit of the Fourth Past Presidents: Mike Stelman, Larry McIntyre, Steve DeMatteo, Bryan Brigham, Dave Brooks



Preamble to The U.S. Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

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A Message from the Spirit of the Fourth President

BY DAVE BROOKS

I would like to thank you for attending Spirit of the Fourth, our celebration of the independence of our great nation. This is our 50th Anniversary! For those of you who are joining us for the first time, we welcome you with open arms to Rancho Bernardo. We hope that you will enjoy the warmth, charm and patriotism of our wonderful community. For all that have visited our celebration in the past, welcome back! I am pleased you have decided to join us again for this year's celebration. I hope that our events live up to your expectations.

Our mission is to provide a celebration that reflects the spirit of our Founding Fathers and relays the excitement of our nation's independence. Through a full day's activities, we bring our community together to honor the liberties that we enjoy daily as Americans. Our community-supported event has grown into the oldest and largest Independence Day celebration in San Diego County, and we are grateful for your support and attendance.

We continue to be on sound financial ground. We greatly appreciate the donations from the community, especially those who support us by joining the Freedom Club. They will attend a reception for our parade VIPs, which will be held at Windermere Homes & Estates again this year. We also thank our principle sponsors Silvergate Rancho Bernardo and Perspecta, and the City and County of San Diego, as well as the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation, for the grants we have received. We have achieved our goal: maintain our reserve and never return to the deficit we had in 2015. We will do this because of your help.

The Spirit of the Fourth celebration is the culmination of a full year's worth of detailed planning by a committee of volunteers representing the citizens and businesses of Rancho Bernardo and the surrounding area. If you have a chance, please approach one of these dedicated volunteers and thank them for their hard work in putting together another impressive celebration. If you would like to help with next year's event, or if you have comments about things you liked or something that needs improvement, please contact me via email at president@spiritofthefourth.org.

Thank you again for attending this celebration of our country's independence. We look forward to seeing you in the years to come.

The US Band



"The US Band" consists of Bob Viele on keyboards and Richard Eveland on drums and lead vocals plus other friends who are all professional musicians. Bob grew up and continues to live in Rancho Bernardo (Westwood), Richard grew up and continues to live in Poway and they have been close friends since High School. Richard has been playing the drums since his teens and has performed with many local bands over the years, like "Ground Zero" & "Horizon." Karl Drews plays Bass Guitar and grew up in Rancho Penasquitos, playing in bands even when attending Poway High School like "Clement Forest," "Illlicit Behavior" and "Full Circle." The Guitarists are Mark Hanley and John Ingram who have also played together for many years. Mark attended the Music Institute in Hollywood during his early 20s and has played guitar in many successful bands. He currently plays guitar in Jerry's Kids a Grateful Dead Tribute and JM's Gang a Doors Tribute, both of which branched off from The US Band. John played guitar in the local band Rockola. The newest member of the band is Libby Cantrell and she provides lead female vocals for the band. Libby has been singing in bands for 15 years to include the San Diego Gulls and the Kansas City Royals. The US Band plays "Classic Rock" from the 60's, 70's and 80's from bands as diverse as Neil Young, The Beatles, Pink Floyd, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Led Zeppelin, Badfinger, The Rolling Stones, The Doors, and much more. They have played at the RB Alive Street Fair and the Rancho Bernardo Fireworks show for the past few years. Please see The US Band Website for more details. Click on <https://theusband.com/>

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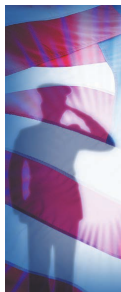
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 RB Star

RB Star

The winners of the 2019 RB Star, a fundraiser for the Spirit of the Fourth festivities, will be guests at the VIP Reception, march in the parade, and sing their winning pieces for the Spirit of the Fourth concert preceding the fireworks.

First prize winner, Laney Norberg, an 8th grader at St. Michael's School, sang "Better When I'm Dancin'", by Meghan Trainor. Her prize, worth \$750, was a Studio West recording session and resultant CD. She was also the recipient of the People's Choice Award, which earned her a pair of Shure headphones, also compliments of Studio West.



Laney Norberg

Second prize winner, Amalea Rose Ribeiro, an 8th grader at Marshall Middle School, received a \$200 cash prize donated by the YPO (Youth Philharmonic Orchestra) for her performance of "That Will Be Enough", from the musical, Hamilton.



Amalea Rose Ribeiro

Third prize winner, Olive Benito, a 9th grader at The San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, received a \$100 cash prize donated by RB Chorale for her rendition of "I Miss the Mountains", from the musical, Next To Normal.



Olive Benito

Emcee was Todd Hunsaker, Admissions Director at Studio West. Judges were professionals, Peter Nagy, Mary Letner, and Sean Zangarelli. Sound was provided by Mario Eguia of the City Heights Music School. RB Star co-chairs were Nancy Canfield, Alyze Dreiling, Victoria Eicher and Tracy Garza.

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The Spirit of the Fourth EVENTS

Webb Park Events
9:00 A.M.
RB Honorary Mayor Tracy Garza will officially open the Community Fair at 9:00 a.m. in Webb Park.
9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
The Larry Himmel Patriotic Pet Contest, hosted by the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Main Stage in Webb Park. This year's judge is Jeff Zevely from Channel 8 news.
10:45 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Veterans Memorial Service
11:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Entertainment
11:45 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
TJ's Magic Show
12:30 P.M.
Gymnasy Kids
1:30 P.M.
RBBA Bob Wells Rubber Ducky Race
2:00 P.M.
Spirit of the Fourth Raffle Drawing (immediately following the Rubber Ducky race)
Ongoing Entertainment in the Park
 Wheels of Freedom Motor Show (Poway Cruisers)
 Games & activities for the kids
 Variety of Food, Ice Cream, Soft Drinks, and Candy available.
 Exhibitors, Quilts of Valor Quilt Show, Community Service Project (Food Drive)

VIP Reception
1:30-3:00 P.M.
Windermere Homes & Estates
The Parade
3:30 – 5:00 P.M.
Parade Announcers
 Bernardo Center Drive - Gary and Didi Saks
 Arena/Hierba – Steve Dreyer and Ralph Hage
 Rancho Bernardo Road – Dr. Gianne (Gigi) Brintwood,
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Entertainment and Fireworks*
6:00 P.M.
The US Band
6:20 P.M.
Star Spangled Banner by Laney Norberg,
 1st place RB Star Winner
6:30 – 7:40 P.M.
The US Band
7:40 – 8:00 P.M.
Singing performances Laney Norberg, Amalea Rose
 Ribeiro & Olive Benito RB Star Winners
8:00 – 9:00 P.M.
The US Band
9:00 P.M.
Fireworks Show
 *A donation of \$10 per person or \$20 for a family is requested at the entrance of the event to support the Fireworks Show.

4TH OF JULY'S WHEELS ON PARADE CONTEST

Decorate your bike, trike, skateboard, wagon, big wheels, roller skates, wheelchair, or stroller in the theme of the Fourth of July and receive a 50th Anniversary Medallion. There is no cost and no age limit.

All entries should be decorated to reflect a patriotic theme and all entrants should wear appropriately decorated attire as well as helmets, pads, etc. Entries will be judged at 3 p.m. in the Rancho Bernardo Plaza next to Round Table Pizza. For further information, call Stephanie Wiesenfarth at 858-485-5384.



THE MOTOR SHOW



The Fifteenth Annual Motor Show, Wheels of Freedom Motor Show starts its engines at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday July 4th, in a large parking lot just off Bernardo Center Drive in downtown Rancho Bernardo. The exhibit concludes at 2:00 p.m. The show includes vintage, exotic, classic and custom cars as well as showroom-new models. Cars dating back to the 1970s are expected to be on display and it is likely cars and motorcycles will represent each of the past decades of vehicle manufacturing. Car buffs are invited to enter vehicles in the exhibit provided they fit the criteria of "vintage, exotic, classic or custom" and must pre-register. Exhibitors will be eligible for one of 26 People's Choice and 50th Anniversary Medallion Awards. Check-in for exhibitors will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Exhibitors may also apply to enter the Spirit of the Fourth Parade, which begins at 3:30 p.m.

For exhibitors, the Motor Show can be reached from Interstate 15 by taking the Rancho Bernardo exit. Drive east on Rancho Bernardo Road, turn right on Bernardo Center Drive, and turn right into the parking lot immediately before 16776 Bernardo Center Drive (The Professional Building). The parking lot entrance is about 0.7 miles from Rancho Bernardo Road. Spectators can follow the same directions and find a parking space close to the entrance of the Motor Show and walk in. The show is free to both exhibitors and spectators.



9th Annual Patriotic Pet Contest



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This event will be held July 4th on the stage at Webb Park. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Judging begins promptly at 9:30 a.m. Any pet can participate - dogs, cats, birds, reptiles, rabbits, hamsters, etc. Get creative with costumes and pet patriotism for the holiday! Prizes will be awarded in each animal category. Each pet must be properly restrained at all times. Retractable leashes are not allowed.

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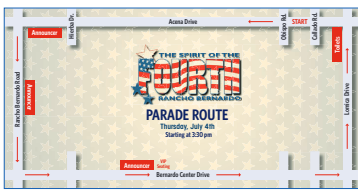
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2019 SPIRIT OF THE FOURTH PARADE

With a troop of Boy Scouts leading the way, backed up by five high school bands, beauty queens, clowns, jugglers, and a swirl of dignitaries, RB's 50th Spirit of the Fourth parade will step off smartly at 3:30 p.m. on July 4th. Unicyclists, drum majorettes, flag twirlers, military marching bands, and kids on wheels offer fun for the entire family.

The parade will begin at the Rancho Bernardo Post Office in the Plaza, proceeds north on Acena Road, turns west onto Rancho Bernardo Road, turns south onto Bernardo Center Drive, turns east onto Lomica Drive and ends at the Post Office. Announcers are stationed in 3 locations this year: in front of the Bank of America building on Bernardo Center Drive; behind the Remington Club on Acena Drive and midway on Rancho Bernardo Road.

County Supervisor Kristin Gaspar and City Councilmember Mark Kersey will be among the elected officials riding in the parade. California Senate President pro Tem Toni Atkins will also be riding in the parade again. Congressman Scott Peters will not be able to participate in Rancho Bernardo's 4th of July parade this year because he has been asked to visit troops at U.S. military installations abroad that week to thank them for their service. Assembly Member Brian Maienschein will be out of town on July 4th this year, but plans on participating again next year.





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4TH OF JULY

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BOOTHS AT WEBB PARK

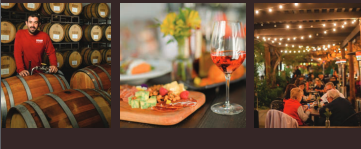
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Celebrating Our Golden Year Annual Community Service Project

Support the Food Bank by bringing cans or boxes of non-perishable food and receive a free American flag to wave during the parade. Please bring items to the Spirit of the Fourth booth.

At 1:30 pm the 8th Annual Bob Wells Memorial Rubber Duck Race presented by the Rancho Bernardo Business Association. Purchase your rubber ducky for \$5 for a chance to win \$500. Spirit of the Fourth information booth will have great raffle prizes, t-shirts & hats. Come celebrate with us!



CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN YEAR

The 2019 Spirit of the Fourth Grand Marshals

Mike Steiman - Spirit of the Fourth Past President 1987

Mike Steiman was president of Spirit of the Fourth in 1987 and has served the Rancho Bernardo community for over 40 years as a Real Estate Broker specializing in Management, Marketing and Training. He is currently retired and devotes considerable time to Rotary International, serving the needs of the less fortunate. He has served San Diego in numerous leadership positions including the Boards of the Palomar Pomerado Hospital Foundation, the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation, the Rancho Bernardo Business Association, the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society, the Holiday Bowl and the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board.

Larry McIntyre - Spirit of the Fourth Past President 1995

Larry McIntyre has lent his creative talents to the following local organizations: Blue Sky, Campus Life, Los Rancheros Kiwanis, North County Philanthropy Group, Rancho Bernardo Business Association, Rancho Bernardo Chamber of Commerce, Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation, Rancho Bernardo High School Foundation, Rancho Bernardo Historical Society, Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth, Rancho Bernardo Business Association.

May 19, 2017 was declared Larry McIntyre Day with proclamations from the City of San Diego, the county of San Diego, the state of California as well as the 52nd Congressional District of California.

Larry McIntyre and his family came to Rancho Bernardo in 1977. He also opened his advertising agency (McIntyre

Advertising, Inc.) here at the same time.

In 1996, he sold his agency and semi-retired, opening a small design firm, Legend Editions. He and his wife Joyce have produced the local RB Phone book for 37 years. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Steve DeMatteo - Spirit of the Fourth Past President 2010-2013

Steve is a founding partner of Torrey Pines Wealth Management, a UBS Signature Team. Together with his team, Steve designs comprehensive wealth management solutions - including strategic asset allocation portfolios, business exit-planning strategies and wealth preservation solutions- for a select group of business owners, executives and high net worth families.

Steve has earned an M.B.A. in Advanced Finance from the University of South Florida and a B.A. in International Relations from Tulane University, where he studied abroad at the University of Cambridge, England. Prior to his career in the Marine Corps where he was decorated for performance in peacetime, humanitarian and combat operations. Steve recently retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after twenty-three rewarding years of active duty and reserve service.

Steve and his wife Kristine have two sons, Nicholas and Dylan, and reside in Rancho Bernardo. Steve enjoys giving back to his community and is an inductee into the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame in recognition of his leadership and community service. In his leisure time, Steve enjoys open-water swimming, playing tennis, traveling with his family and listening to live music.

Bryan Brigham - Spirit of the Fourth Past President 2014-2015

Bryan and his wife, Margie are native San Diegans. They have been married for 29 years and lived in Rancho Bernardo for 25 years while raising their children Chris and Katie. Bryan spent 3 years on the Spirit of the Fourth committee and during that time he was President for 2 years. During his children's youth Bryan was involved in youth sports in Rancho Bernardo for over 27 years as a Coach for Soccer (Chris), Baseball (Chris) and Softball (Katie) as well as Rancho Bernardo Pop Warner as a Field Manager and proud Cheer Father (Katie). Bryan also served on the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Council for 8 years and was the President for 3 years of his tenure.

Bryan and Margie currently live in Ramona and are checking things off their "Bucket List". They are fortunate to have their family living nearby in Poway and Ramona. Bryan enjoys spending his free time being with his family and watching his Grandsons play baseball and soccer and most importantly being a proud "GrandPop" to Wyatt, 9 and Blake, 6.

Dave Brooks - Spirit of the Fourth Past President 2016-2019

Dave Brooks is an engineer who has lived in the San Diego area for 29 years. He worked for Hewlett-Packard in the environmental field for most of that time and is now retired. He has been a part of Spirit of the Fourth since 2002 and he has been president since 2016. He is also a member of the Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club and the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation. He was inducted into the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame in 2016. Dave enjoys biking, running, reading, traveling and working around the house.

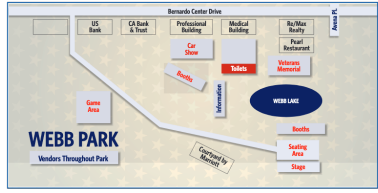
THE COMMUNITY FAIR

This fun and exciting Community Fair will officially be opened at 9:00 a.m. by RB Honorary Mayor Tracy Garza. The fair includes great vendors and exhibitors offering an array of food, drinks, handicrafts, and other items, including children's games and activities.

A 45-minute memorial service will be held at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial behind the Pearl Restaurant in honor of the men and women who fought for our country.

Patriotic Pet Contest - Dress your pet in their favorite red, white & blue ensemble and enter them in the annual Patriotic Pet Contest, sponsored by the Rancho Bernardo Community Council. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. with your pet in costume. The event will take place on the stage from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in each category. All pets must be properly restrained at all times. No retractable leashes allowed.

Other highlights include a Quilt Exhibit at the Courtyard Marriott by local quilters supporting "Quilts of Valor", a program to provide comforting quilts to wounded warriors. And don't forget to stay for the Parade at 3:30 p.m.



DAVID EPSTEIN TRIBUTE



Dave Epstein was a valued member of the Spirit of the Fourth committee who passed away last April. Dave was responsible for controlling traffic on the parade route, working with the San Diego Police Department and 40 traffic control officers and volunteers. This team insures the safety of the thousands of people who attend the parade each year.

Colonel David G. Epstein, USA (Ret.) was commissioned as a Regular Army Military Police Lieutenant upon graduation from Michigan State University in 1959. He served on active duty for over nine years, including service in Germany and Vietnam. Upon leaving active duty, he entered the Army Reserves serving an additional 21 years, retiring as a full Colonel. He continued his education at Michigan State receiving two Master's degrees and a PhD. He also graduated from the U.S. Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

His civilian career was centered on law enforcement and included service as Chief of Police in Savannah, Georgia, Assistant Director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Brunswick, Georgia, and 13 years as Chief of the Training Division, Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State in Washington DC. In this capacity, he served in Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Tunisia, Qatar, Bahrain, Greece, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Peru, among other places.

He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Officers Association of America, Military Order of the World Wars, Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Spirit of the Fourth greatly appreciates his service. We will miss him.

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A festive tradition in Rancho Bernardo is the annual VIP Reception, which offers an opportunity for residents to socialize with elected officials, leaders of service organizations, leaders in the business community, and guests in the military.

It is open to all residents who become members of the Freedom Club, and is usually attended by local celebrities, parade dignitaries, and city, county, and state officials, and our Congressional representatives.

More than 200 persons are expected to attend the reception, which will be held at the Windermere Home & Estates office at 16783 Bernardo Center Drive from 1:30 p.m. to

3 p.m. on July 4. Enjoy a variety of appetizers and desserts supplied by Barons Market, Denny's, The Remington Club, Elements Cafe, Floating Lotus Catering, Brandy's Custom Cakes, Cowboy Chicken, Ponce's Mexican Restaurant, and Round Table Pizza. Beverages are being provided by Albertsons, Bernardo Winery and the Spirit of the Fourth committee.

If interested in joining the Freedom Club, complete the membership application in this program and bring with your payment to the Spirit of the Fourth Information Booth at the Community Fair.

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Our excellent food and beverage vendors will have items for purchase at the event.

Look for children's entertainment and fun activities this year.



SPRIT OF THE 4TH COMMITTEE

For 50 years, residents of Greater RB have worked together to provide an elaborate, day-long celebration of our nation's Independence Day. The committee meets year-round to prepare for this event, some returning year after year to perform essential tasks that make the day a success. The following committees and individuals played key roles for the Spirit of the Fourth Committee.

PRESIDENT
DAVE BROOKS
Dave Brooks is an engineer who has lived in the San Diego area for 29 years. He worked for Hewlett-Packard in the environmental field for most of that time and is now retired. He has been a part of Spirit of the Fourth since 2002 and he has been president since 2016. He is also a member of the Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club and the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation. He was inducted into the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame in 2016. Dave enjoys hiking, running, reading, traveling and working around the house.

TREASURER
RESA COOPAT
This year Resa continues on the board as Treasurer, after serving 3 years as Secretary. Resa participates in all the Spirit of the Fourth fundraisers and is responsible for overseeing the preparation of the program. Resa has been a resident of Rancho Bernardo for 33 years.

WEBMASTER
CDR TOM LITTLETON, USN (RET)
Tom is a member of the Climate Reality Project Leadership Corps and makes presentations on Global Warming and Climate Change. Tom has a background in information systems

technology and The Internet. In addition to maintaining the Spirit of the Fourth website, he maintains several other web sites for non-profit organizations in San Diego, including RB Hall of Fame, RB Hats Off to Volunteers, The Ed Brown Center, RB Dog Park, RB Community Park, RB Community Council, Abraham J. Baum WWF Post 7166, The Military Order of the World Wars (General J. P. Holland Chapter), RB Veterans Memorial Association, Quilts of Valor San Diego North County and American Therapy Pets. Tom is the Immediate Past President of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association which conducts patriotic ceremonies at the RBVMA site at Webb Lake Park on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day each year. Tom is the past Team Leader of the Rancho Bernardo Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and contributes to the CERT Auxiliary Radio Service. He is an avid Amateur Extra Class Radio Operator (HAM). Tom is a member of the Rancho Bernardo Community Council and serves with the Council's Government Relations and Public Safety committees. He is also a member of the RB Planning Board and serves on the Board's Regional Issues and Traffic Committees. Tom stays fit by riding his bicycle 100 miles each week. He is a League Cycling Instructor for the League of American Bicyclists and a former member of the Board of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. Tom retired from the US Navy after 26 years of service and has been a resident of RB since 1973.

COMMUNITY FAIR
MARLA CRUZ
Marla is serving her 11th year as the Director of the Community Fair. She is currently working as the Life Enrichment Liaison at Seacrest Village at Rancho Bernardo, and is serving her 5th term as Secretary for the Rancho Bernardo Community Council and a member of the Board of the Public Safety Committee. She is proud to serve her community and believes Rancho Bernardo is the best neighborhood in San Diego! When she is not working or spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren, she enjoys ushering at Humphreys Concerts by the Bay.

WHEELS OF FREEDOM MOTOR SHOW
POWAY CRUISERS CAR CLUB
The Poway Cruisers Car Club is responsible for organizing the Wheels of Freedom Motor Show. The show features over one hundred vehicles and is recognized as the leading Independence Day classic car show in North County. It is open to all makes and model years, open to the public and admission is free. Contact George Cowman at George.Cowman@PowayCruisers.com for more information.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT & PARADE DIRECTOR
MYRNA DE LA PENA
Myrna participated for 3 years driving her Pontiac Solstice in the Spirit of the Fourth Parade. This will be her 5th year as Parade Director. Myrna has lived and worked in Rancho Bernardo for over 20 years.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
ROBIN KAUFMAN
Robin Kaufman has been an active volunteer in the community for 45 years. Some of the volunteer positions Robin has held as an adult in our community include President of the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, Chair of the Rancho Bernardo Planning Board, President of the Rancho Bernardo Recreation Advisory Board, President of the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame, Leader of the Rancho Bernardo Community Emergency Response Team, Assistant Director of Neighborhood Watch, Honorary Mayor in 2010, Chair of the Friends of Fire Station #83 Renovation and Enhancement committee, President of her pet therapy chapter for 10 years and President of 4 Paws of Love pet therapy. Robin has also done standard poolside rescue work for the past 20 years and runs a large standard poolside social organization.

Robin's involvement with the Spirit of the Fourth Committee has included being instrumental in obtaining large financial sponsors, the coordinator of the Poodles On Parade fundraiser, coordinator for the Patriotic Pet contest which is hosted by the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, coordinator of the VIP parade participants and coordinator of the VIP Reception.

EVENING EVENTS/FIREWORKS
LYNN EWING
Lynn is excited about serving on the committee as the new Evening Events Director in charge of entertainment and the fireworks for our evening celebration. Lynn looks forward to ensuring that the committee and community continue celebrating July 4th far into the future. Lynn has lived in the community for 30 years.

FREEDOM CLUB
EARL ASBURY
Earl has been on the board for 11 years, the first 4 years running the Wheels of Freedom Car Show before taking over the Freedom Club. Earl is a resident of Poway and on the board of the Poway Cruisers Car Club as well.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
STEPHANIE WIESENFARTH
Stephanie is a longstanding member of the committee and is instrumental in arranging many aspects of our celebrations - from the bike entries in the parade to the Girls Scouts who serve as volunteers.

INFORMATION BOOTH
HUGH ROTHMAN
Hugh has been manning the Spirit of the Fourth Information Booth for the past 4 years. He is employed as a software engineer and has lived in Rancho Bernardo for 7 years. Hugh is currently a member of the Rancho Bernardo Community Council, having previously served as its Treasurer and Chair of the Government Relations Subcommittee. Hugh is also a member of Rancho Bernardo's Planning Board and Recreation Advisory Board, as well as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR
DON GLOVER
Don is a member of the board and is instrumental in recruiting and organizing our day volunteers. He is a semi-retired small businessman, Past President of Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club, currently Assistant Governor of Rotary District 5340 and on the Board of Directors for the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation.

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
July 4, 1776
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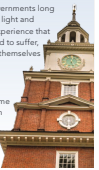
When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience that is shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.



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The Master of Ceremonies for this year's Independence Day Ceremony is Thomas F. Lettington, a former President of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial. As in years past, the upcoming Independence Day observance at the Memorial constitutes our community's participation in the National Bell Ringing Ceremony that takes place across the United States. At 2:00 p.m. on July 4, 1776, the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the adoption of which marked the birth of our country as a free and independent Nation. In 1963, an act of the U.S. Congress authorized the annual "Let Freedom Ring National Bell Ringing Ceremony" that occurs every Independence Day at 2:00 p.m. EDT. On that date and time, bell ringing institutions across the Nation simultaneously ring bells 13 times in honor of the original colonies and in observance of our country's Independence. At 11:00 a.m. local time during the Memorial Association's Independence Day Ceremony, local Korean War Veteran Mervin Adams will ring an antique bell provided by the Bernardo Winery, joining tens of thousands of bell ringers across the Nation. Congressman Mike Levin (D-CA 49th District) will serve as the Keynote Speaker.

The origins and continued vibrancy of the Rancho

Bernardo Veterans Memorial is a justified source of community pride. In 1994, the Memorial was established primarily through the hard work and dedication of two local veterans groups: the Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and, the General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. The membership of these two groups formed the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association which is an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(19) nonprofit veterans organization responsible for maintaining the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial. However, the members of these veterans' organizations did not accomplish the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial alone as the steadfast support of countless local citizens and supporters ensured success.

On Independence Day, July 4, 1994, the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial was dedicated with much fanfare. Since then the Memorial served as the site for well over 70 public ceremonies and observances. The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association hosts three annual ceremonies at the Memorial along with Major Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the General Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars — Memorial Day; Independence Day; and, Veterans Day. Previous Keynote Speakers include members of the United States Congress and the federal judiciary, local political leaders, General and Flag Officers of the United States Armed Forces, as well as local notable figures. Equally important is that Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial ceremonies include youth volunteers and participants from local Scouts groups, High School Choirs, youth soloists, and cadets of High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

The ceremonies at the Memorial often coincide with events organized and hosted by other prominent civic groups like the Rancho Bernardo Historic Society's Annual Memorial Day Pancake Festival as well as the Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth's many Independence Day

festivities, to include the Community Fair. The Memorial's 25th Anniversary this Independence Day coincides with the Spirit of the Fourth's 50th Anniversary.

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial ceremonies generate local media reporting and attendance regularly includes several hundred people. Among the many residents of Rancho Bernardo and the greater San Diego area who attend are surviving family members of U.S. military personnel that were prisoners of war, missing in action, or killed in action. While the Memorial Day Observance is more solemn than the festive Independence Day Ceremony or the Veterans Day Ceremony, all the ceremonies are family events with a children friendly atmosphere.

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is offering a new opportunity for memorializing your veterans — a "Patriot Walk" around the perimeter of the Veterans Memorial with plaques installed in the sidewalk. These plaques are to honor veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in any war or during peacetime. Information about the Patriot Walk will soon be included on the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial website. The preservation of the Memorial and the ceremonies are funded totally by public donations. All gifts are gratefully accepted. See their website, WWW.RBVMA.ORG, for details.

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial is much more than a tranquil place to remember and honor veterans as well as their respective loved ones and supporters. It is also honors current military personnel and their respective family members who serve alongside them. The Memorial is a place for every citizen to include those with no military experience and no direct family relations with veterans. The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial is a place for everyone to visit and for the community to gather because the Memorial represents and celebrates the values, beliefs, and common bonds shared by all Americans.

SPRIT OF THE FOURTH PAST PRESIDENTS & GRAND MARSHALS

Year	President	Grand Marshal	Year	President	Grand Marshal
1970	Darrell V. Daniels		1996	Mel Mehlhoff	Barbara Warden
1971	Zen C. Joseph	Assemblyman John Stull	1997	Gene Clingman	Legion of Valor
1972	Roy Rosenberg	State Senator Clair Burgener	1998	Bob Wells	Jack Mitchell
1973	William E. Buchelt	LCMDR Theodore Triebel, POW Hanoi	1999	Roy Houz	Bill Cole & Pat Bean
1974	John J. Brandt	Congressman Clair Burgener	2000	Jim Reading	Charlene Zettel & Pam Slater
1975	Col. David B. Willets	Mayor Pete Wilson	2001	Tom Richards	San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy
1976	Douglas McCoy	Assemblyman William Craven	2002	Tom Richards	Law Enforcement & Firemen, Medal of Honor Recipients, Pearl Harbor Survivors
1977	A. HR. Bruemmer	KCB Chicken	2003	Brian Habib	Brian Maerschein, SD Councilmember
1978	Bill Collins	Stan Chambers, AVCO PR Director	2004	Akram M. Attie	Nicholas Chambers and Archana Balasubrahmanian
1979	Earl Mahaney	Bill Kolender, SD Chief of Police	2005	Tom Richards	Veterans of the Second Gulf War
1980	Don Large	Joan Embery, San Diego Zoo	2006	Tom Richards	
1981	Alex Sirpis	CMR Lloyd Bucher	2007	Tom Richards	San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders
1982	Frank Theyken	Lawrence Welk	2008	Tom Richards	County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price
1983	John Murphy	Rolf Benirschke	2009	Tom Richards	
1984	Ed Letscher	Mayor Roger Hedgecock	2010	Steven DeMatteo	Purple Heart Veterans
1985	Jim Doty	Bill Mitchell, SD Councilmember	2011	Steven DeMatteo	Dr. John Collins, PUSD Superintendent
1986	Ken Hanning	Col. W.J. (Bill) Davis	2012	Steven DeMatteo	Commander John Love, USN, and his family
1987	Mike Stelman	Representative Duncan Hunter	2013	Steven DeMatteo	Nail Black, Co-Commander, Legion of Valor Chapter
1988	Otis Clever	Dr. Robert L. Reeves, PUSD Superintendent	2014	Bryan Brigham	Capt. Christopher B. Churchill
1989	Dolores Doty	Representative Bill Lowery			Sgt. Christopher Brigham
1990	Gene Clingman	Bob Burgeen, SD Police Chief			Sgt. 1st Class Kristoffer B. Domej
1991	Pete Moore	Salute to Our Troops	2015	Bryan Brigham	LTCol. Thomas A. Richards (in memoriam)
1992	Bob Wells	John Dlotch, SD Fire Chief	2016	Dave Brooks	Capt. Vicki Nemmer, USAF, Retired
1993	Bob Wells	US Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham	2017	Dave Brooks	Sgt. Matthew George, USMC, Retired
1994	Jaye Mehlhoff	Harry L. Summers	2018	Dave Brooks	LTCol. Harry Hodges, US Army, Retired
1995	Larry McIntyre	Jerry G. Bishop			Capt. Royce Williams, US Navy, Retired

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Distinguished Service Cross
For extraordinary heroism in Vietnam on 27 May 1969. While commanding his company on a search and destroy mission southwest of Landing Zone Mary Lou, Captain Wandke distinguished himself by exceptional valorous actions. When one of the rifle squads surprised 7 enemy soldiers and opened fire, he deployed the remainder of the unit to assist. Hostile reinforcements arrived in huge numbers to place tremendous fire power on the company's perimeter. Captain Wandke directed every man who was able to withdraw from the area to establish a landing zone for evacuating the wounded. Although wounded himself, Captain Wandke alone stayed behind to protect the wounded. For three hours he directed anti-air fire, preventing the enemy from overrunning his position. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by Captain Wandke are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

ARTHUR N. BLACK, U.S.A.F.

Air Force Cross
For extraordinary heroism while serving as a Rifleman of Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division in action against Japanese forces on Okinawa on 11 May 1945. When his

43 helicopter over North Vietnam on 20 Sept. 1995. On that date, Airman Black participated in an extremely hazardous attempted recovery of a downed pilot. This mission required a flight of over 80 miles, mostly over hostile controlled territory. Evaluation of the environment in which the downed pilot was located indicated that maximum performance would be demanded from each crew member if successful recovery was to be effected. Though exposed to intensive hostile ground fire, Airman Black, with complete disregard for his own safety, performed with courage and professional precision in a desperate effort to rescue a fallen comrade. Airman Black's courageous action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the American fighting soldier.

RICHARD N. BLASONGAME, U.S.M.C.

Navy Cross
Private First Class Richard F. Blasongame, United States Marine Corps Reserve, received the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism on the night of 15-16 September 1951 while serving with Weapons Company, Second Battalion, First Marine Division in Bear Heunggi, Korea. He exhibited unusual courage, leadership, and initiative as his gun section repelled a series of determined attacks. He maintained perfect fire control, hurled grenades, rendered first aid, supervised the evacuation of wounded, and rallied his men to repulse each ensuing attack. When ammunition and grenades became critically short, he left his foothold and exposed himself to a hail of hostile fire to notify the company commander of the situation. Discovering that the supporting troops on his flank had been either killed or wounded, he refused to withdraw his section and continued to hold the position. Wounded by a grenade, he continued to fire. Two hundred and eighty seven enemy dead were counted in front of his position.

COLONEL JACKSEL M. BROUGHTON

Air Force Cross
For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force in Southeast Asia on 5 February 1967. On that date, Colonel Broughton was Mission Commander of a flight of two wing F-105 Thunderchief strike forces which attacked a heavily defended target in North Vietnam. Despite serious aircraft malfunctions, marginal weather, and grave damage to his aircraft from an exploding surface-to-air missile, he placed his ammunition directly on target, scattering fire and debris which illuminated the target for easy acquisition by the following strike force. Disregarding the crippled condition of his aircraft, which minimized his chances for recovery to friendly territory, Colonel Broughton then willfully acted as a decoy to divert hostile aircraft approaching the strike force. Through his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, Colonel Broughton reflected the highest credit upon himself.

STAFF SERGEANT LEON R. BURNS, NAVY CROSS

(2005)

COL. JOHN D. CUNNINGHAM, NAVY CROSS (2005)

RANDALL H. CONNELLMAN, NAVY CROSS (2005)

LT. ARTHUR G. ELDER

Navy Cross
As CD of a Navy search Liberator attached to PatBomRon 117 during action against Japanese forces at Saigon Harbor, French Indochina on 23 March 1945. Lt. Elder showed extraordinary heroism. In spite of terrific anti-aircraft fire from armed merchant vessels and warships, he dove relentlessly on his assigned targets, dropped his bombs and made strafing runs at a perilously low altitude. He destroyed three large merchant vessels and damaged two destroyer escorts and 20 other merchant vessels. When he was jumped by an intercepting enemy aircraft during the engagement, he promptly maneuvered to strike, and with deadly accurate fire, he succeeded in blasting it from the sky in flames. By his superb airmanship, indomitable fighting spirit and dauntless perseverance in the face of tremendous odds he contributed materially to the costly damage of Japanese surface and air forces.

LANCE CORPORAL ERNESTO GOMEZ, NAVY CROSS

(2005)

LT. COL. LEONARD A. GONZALES, AIR FORCE CROSS

(2005)

KEITH J. HARRER

Navy Cross
For extraordinary heroism while serving as a Rifleman of Company K, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division in action against Japanese forces on Okinawa on 11 May 1945. When his

company came under intense rifle and grenade fire from the front and by machine-gun fire from the flank, Pvt. Harrer courageously exposed himself to the murderous enemy fire to man an automatic rifle whose operator had been wounded. Although himself wounded by a barrage of automatic fire and further endangered by a constant shower of grenades, he attacked and silenced the hostile machine gun. Steadfastly refusing to leave his post for evacuation, he continued to man his gun and, after twice repulsing enemy attempts to put the machine gun back in operation, finally succeeded in destroying the crew as well as the gun itself. By his unflinching courage and determination under fire, Pvt. Class Harrer reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps.

ROBERT W. JOHNSMILLER

Navy Cross
Robert W. Johnsmliler, Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps, received the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism while serving as Squad Leader of Company 1, Third Battalion, Second Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, on 20 November 1943. Leading his men over the fire swept sea wall bordering the beach, Corporal Johnsmliler sustained a serious eye wound and, undaunted by the severe pain, led his squad, despite heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, in carrying out an aggressive attack against the enemy and in destroying several hostile pillboxes continuing his efforts until persuaded to withdraw for medical treatment. By his indomitable fighting spirit, Corporal Johnsmliler contributed materially to the success of our operations against this heavily fortified Japanese stronghold, and his devotion to duty throughout reflects the highest credit upon himself and the United States.

CAPTAIN JOHN J. MCGINTY III

Navy Cross
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Acting Platoon Leader, First Platoon, Company K, Third Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam on July 18, 1966. Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) McGinty's platoon, which was providing rear security to protect the withdrawal of the battalion from a position which had been under attack for three days, came under heavy small arms, automatic weapons and mortar fire from an estimated enemy regiment. With such successive human wave which assaulted his 32-man platoon during the four hour battle, Second Lieutenant McGinty rallied his men to beat off the enemy.

E. JOE MARQUEZ

Navy Cross
For extraordinary heroism against enemy Japanese forces on Peleliu, Palau Islands, on 13 October 1944. Although severely wounded in both legs during an action in which his company was subjected to intense hostile fire, Joe Marquez courageously dugged himself over extremely rough and difficult terrain to aid seven of his wounded comrades, and although unable to walk, treated each of the casualties in turn, remaining with them and refusing treatment for himself until they were evacuated. His valiant devotion to duty and grave concern for the welfare of others were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

ROBERT J. MITCHELL, JR.

Navy Cross
Robert J. Mitchell, Jr., Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps received with the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism while serving as Squad Leader, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Regimental Combat Team 1, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in Iraq on 13 November 2004. Completely disregarding his own safety, Corporal Mitchell courageously charged through enemy AK-47 fire and hand grenades to rescue five wounded Marines. Ignoring his own wounds, he began first aid treatment for a Marine. While running across the impact zone, a second time, he was hit in the leg with a ricochet off of his weapon and with grenades strapped to the legs and face. Demonstrating great presence of mind, he then coordinated the casualty evacuation. Limping from his own wounds, Corporal Mitchell assisted in the evacuation of the last casualty through the impact zone under enemy fire, ultimately saving the lives of multiple Marines.

COLONEL ROBERT J. MODRZEJEWSKI, MEDAL OF HONOR (2005)

SCOTT C. MONTOYA

Navy Cross
For extraordinary heroism while serving as a Scout Sniper, Scout Sniper Platoon, 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines, 1st Marine Division in Iraq on 8 April 2003. Sgt. Montoya's sniper team came under heavy

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small arms fire and he immediately encouraged Marines to deploy and return fire. Noticing a disable civilian vehicle on the road in the line of fire and with complete disregard for his own life, he rushed forward in a hail of gunfire and dragged a wounded Iraq civilian to safety. He spotted a wounded Marine struggling to get off the same fire swept street, he risked his life to lead the Marine to safety. He then spotted a wounded Marine lying in the street. Ignoring the hailstorm of bullets, he rushed in and carried him to safety. Sgt. Montoya returned a fourth time to evacuate an unconscious Marine. Returning to the front again, he dashed into the contested street and assisted a Marine to safety who had been dazed by an explosion. Sergeant Montoya ensured medical attention was administered and verified that evacuations were ongoing.

JOHN F. PAUK
Navy Cross

John F. Pauk, Pharmacist's Mate Second Class, U.S. Navy (Reserve), received the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and conspicuous devotion to duty while serving as a Medical Carpenter with the Sixth Marine Division, in action against enemy Japanese forces at Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands, on 5 June 1945. By his courage and efforts in behalf of others at great risk to his own life, Pharmacist's Mate Second Class Pauk undeniably saved many lives, and his steadfast devotion to duty throughout was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

LANCE CPL JOSEPH B. PEREZ, NAVY CROSS (2005)

LT. COL. THOMAS A. RICHARDS
Navy Cross

For extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on 5 and 6 June 1969. When his platoon initiated contact with a company-sized force and were subjected to a heavy volume of fire, Cpl. Richards regrouped his platoon and counter attacked, enabling them to establish a defensive perimeter. Throughout the night, he assisted in countering enemy attacks and in moving casualties to relative safety. Although wounded by an enemy grenade, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated and remained with his men to continue the fight. He made several trips across the fire-swept zone to obtain ammunition. When his machine gun crew sustained wounds, he took over the gun position and concentrated heavy fire on the hostile troops and repulsed it. Through his superb leadership, courage, initiative, and inspiring dedication, he contributed significantly to the defeat of the enemy and reflected great credit upon himself and the Service.

CAPT. ROBERT E. THOMAS
Navy Cross

For distinguished service in line of his profession, exceptional courage, coolness, devotion to duty during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, by Japanese forces on December 7, 1941. Despite heavy enemy bombing, strafing and torpedo attacks, Ensign Thomas, battery officer on the 5th antiaircraft battery of the USS Nevada, although seriously wounded and handicapped by heavy casualties to the personnel of the battery, maintained a highly effective fire from his battery to help defend against a superior enemy force. The extraordinary courage and selflessness displayed by Captain Thomas are in the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the Service.

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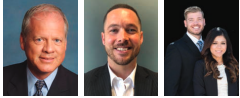
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