

Patriots Walk



The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is offering a new opportunity for memorializing the service of veterans — a “Patriots 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, conflict, or during peacetime.

Please contact the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association at the following email address if you are interested in obtaining a Patriots Walk plaque:

ranchobernardopatriotswalk@gmail.com

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is an IRC 501c(19) nonprofit organization that: maintains the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial; hosts annual Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial; as well as, encourage youth to participate in civic events, embrace lifelong responsible citizenship, and value public service.

Please support our efforts with a donation. Visit WWW.RBVMA.ORG to donate. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies. Thank you.

2022 Independence Day and National Bell Ringing Ceremony

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial

Presented by

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association

through the combined efforts of

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and the

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Arnold Dale Blankenship
U.S Marine Corps Reserve (Retired)
Iraq War Veteran
Afghanistan War Veteran



Dale enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve upon completing high school. During his early career in the Marine Corps Reserve, Dale served in the infantry with Company L, 3d Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, and attained the rank of Corporal. During the same period, Dale earned a Bachelor of Arts at the Ohio State University, followed by a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Akron School of Law. Prior to completing law school, Dale completed Marine Corps Officer Candidates School — earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant in 1991.

In 1993, Dale completed law school and soon thereafter began a period of active-duty military service as a Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps until 2000. Dale served in a variety of legal billets in the operating forces including a tour as a defense counsel with fifteen contested trials and later he served in a military justice leadership assignment at the Pentagon. In 2000, Dale voluntarily returned to the Marine Corps Reserve while working as a state prosecutor in Ohio, prosecuting a wide variety of felony offenses and taking many cases to trial. In 2003, Dale opened his own law practice while also serving as the Executive Officer, Co. L, 3d Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment, the same Company he served in as an enlisted Marine.

From 2003 to 2005, Dale volunteered for Mobilization Orders, serving as the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. During this mobilization, Dale deployed to Iraq to serve as the Chief, Plans and Future Operations, Office of Staff Judge Advocate, Combined Joint Task Force-7, where he advised the Coalition Forces Commanding General on matters of international law, the Geneva Conventions, and the law of war/law of armed conflict.

In 2005, Dale joined the General Crimes Section of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California. While in General Crimes, Dale: conducted numerous and varied investigations in the areas of worksite enforcement, drugs, alien smuggling; regularly litigated in jury trials; wrote numerous appellate briefs; and, argued three times before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

From 2010 to 2011, Dale deployed to the Helmand Province of Afghanistan as the Judge Advocate, Regimental Combat Team 1, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). Dale was the senior special staff officer providing legal advice and support to the Commanding Officer. Dale led a team that provided legal command advice and legal services support on operational law matters concerning: the law of war/law of armed conflict; targeting; detainee operations; investigations; rule of law; fiscal law during combat operations; and, other duties relative to counterinsurgency operations.

In 2012, Dale joined the Criminal Enterprise Section where he led complex wiretap investigations. From 2014 - 2017, Dale was a Deputy Chief in the Intake Section and continued working complex wiretap investigations while supervising thirteen attorneys. In 2018, Dale joined the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Section and continued working complex wiretap investigations. Dale is currently serving as a Deputy Chief in the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force Section.

Dale's public service resulted in formal recognition numerous times to include military awards earned during his two combat tours as well as civilian awards like the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award from his law school alma mater.

INDEPENDENCE DAY
2022

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Janetta Nuttall

U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Senior Vice Commander, the Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Invocation

Bill Hanson

Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy (Retired); South Dakota Highway Patrol (Retired)

Presentation of the Colors

Scouts of Troop 685

Pledge of Allegiance

Scouts of Troop 685

National Anthem

Miss Sarah Andersen

Rancho Bernardo High School Alumna; Class of 2022

Retire the Colors

Scouts of Troop 685

National Bell Ringing Ceremony

Donald Schmidt, U.S. Navy Veteran
with the Scouts of Troop 685

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Arnold Dale Blankenship

Benediction

Bill Hanson

Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy (Retired); South Dakota Highway Patrol (Retired)