

Patriots Walk



The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is offering the 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 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. Please visit **WWW.RBVMA.ORG** to donate. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies. Thank you.

2026 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

with support from Members of

**The Military Order
of the World Wars
Brigadier General J.P. Holland Chapter**

**and the
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Dave Brooks has been a Spirit of the Fourth (SOTF) contributor since 2001. During that time, he has organized the Community Fair and the Parade. He became SOTF President in 2015.

Dave earned a BS in Chemical Engineering from Case Institute of Technology. During his professional career he managed multiple projects while working for DuPont, Kaiser Engineers, and Hewlett-Packard. He is a Past President and current member of the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo and a Trustee of the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation. Dave also supports the Poway Symphony Orchestra Foundation as a Board Member. He was inducted into the Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame in 2016.

Dave Brooks's many years of steadfast support for the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is greatly appreciated.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2026

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Lisa Friedrichs

Veterans of Foreign Wars,
California High School Teacher of the Year 2019-2020

Invocation

Reverend Babs Meairs

U.S. Marine Veteran

Presentation of the Colors

Scouts of Troop 685

National Anthem

Miss Ava Wang

Miss Rancho Bernardo 2025,
Mt. Carmel High School Class of 2028

Pledge of Allegiance

Scouts of Troop 685

Retire the Colors

Scouts of Troop 685

National Bell Ringing Ceremony

Don Hershberger

U.S. Navy Veteran

with the

Scouts of Troop 685

Remarks by:

Mr. Dave Brooks

President, Spirit of the Fourth Committee
Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Benediction

Reverend Babs Meairs

U.S. Marine Veteran