

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn our brothers from the Major Abraham J. Baum Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766 and the General J.P. Holland Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars who have left us, or of whose passing we have been notified, this year to join the Chapter or Post Eternal. These fine men have gallantly served our country in time of need. Their service is worthy of honor and respect as we set aside a moment devoted to their memory on this Memorial Day.

S. Sgt. Bernard Kurs - USA - 3 May 2014

Lt. Col. Thomas Richards - USMC - 28 June 2014

Col. Joe Butler - USA - 1 August 2014

Norman A. Sokay - USA - 26 August 2014

Cpl. Robert Parker - USMC - 13 March 2015

Lt. Cdr. John D. Duncan - USN - 27 March 2015

The flag flown over today's ceremony was donated by Tylene Williford in memory of her father and his military service.

Memorial Day

May 25, 2015



Ceremony Held At The Site Of

Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial

Located in Webb Lake Park

Through the Combined Efforts of:

The Military Order Of the World Wars

and the

Veterans of Foreign Wars



Gen. J.P. Holland Chapter
MOWW



Maj. Abraham J. Baum
Post 7766
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Brig. Gen. David Brahms, USMC (ret.)



General Brahms was born in New York City and grew up in Newton, Mass. He graduated from Harvard College with a B.A. in Psychology (cum laude) in 1959 and from Harvard Law School with a LLB in 1962. He received his basic training in military law at the Naval Justice School, Newport, R.I.

He served as a trial counsel, a defense counsel, legal assistance officer, and a review officer during the period November 1963 to June 1965 at Camp Lejeune, N.C. In April 1964 he was sent to the Dominican Republic, where he served as the deputy staff legal of finer to the Marine forces deployed to respond to the "Dominican Crisis."

He enrolled as a student in the Army Judge Advocate General's School career course. In May 1969, he was designated the distinguished graduate in his class.

In July 1969, he reported to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, then located in Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam as the deputy staff judge advocate.

During July 1972, he reported to the Office of the Director, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps Washington, D.C., to assume duties as the Head, Research and Policy Branch, and later as the Special Assistant to the Director and OIC Marine Corps Special Court-Martial Judiciary.

From July 1976 to August 1977, he attended the National Law Center, George Washington University, in Washington, D.C., under the auspices of the Marine Corps Special Education Program. In September 1977, he was awarded a Master of Laws in law, psychiatry and criminology with highest honors. In July 1980, General Brahms reassumed the position of Head, Research and Policy Branch, Judge Advocate Division at Headquarters Marine Corps..

He reported to Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif., in September 1983, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff, Staff Judge Advocate until February 1985, when he was assigned duty as the Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. He was advanced to brigadier general on July 25, 1985 and assumed duty as the Director, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters Marine Corps, Washington, D.C., and Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps on Sept. 30, 1985.

His personal decorations include: the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and the Meritorious Service Medal with bronze star in lieu of a second award.

Subsequent to retirement from active service in 1988, he commenced the private practice of law concentrating in the area of military law. He continues to practice in that specialized field. Among the areas of interest are events at the Guantanamo prison, torture and various military justice cases.



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10:15 a.m. Patriotic Musical Prelude – Pre-recorded

10:45 a.m. Patriotic Musical Prelude – Rancho Bernardo High Madrigals
Director: Ms. Lisa Friedrichs

11:00 a.m. Welcome by Master of Ceremonies

Nick Herbka, Lt Cdr, USN (Ret)

Commander J.P. Holland Chapter MOWW

Moment of Silence and Invocation – Chapter Chaplain, Maj. Dave Korinek

Presentation of Colors – Color Guard, Westview H.S. NJROTC

Posting of Service Flags, POW/MIA, MOWW, and VFW Flags –

Members of VFW Post 7766 and General J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Flag Ceremony/Taps – Cdr. Tom Lettington, USN (ret)

Past President RBVMA

Pledge of Allegiance – Col. David Epstein, US Army (Ret)

Commander, Maj. Abraham J. Baum Post 7766

National Anthem – Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

Retire the Colors – Color Guard, Westview H.S. NJROTC

Speaker – Brig. Gen. David Brahms, USMC (ret.)

In Memorial – Chapter Chaplain, Maj. Dave Korinek

Presentation of Wreath – USAF veteran, Mervin Adams

RBVMA Volunteer of the Year

Benediction – Chapter Chaplain, Maj. Dave Korinek

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We very much appreciate the participation of the retired and active duty members of the US Marine Corps who have joined us today. We thank the Westview High School NJROTC for their role as Color Guard. We wish to thank the members and leaders of the Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals, and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 685. We also thank Cozy Posies Flowers and Gifts of Rancho Bernardo for providing the floral wreath and the Pearl Restaurant for the use of their patio.

