



**Colonel Carl F. Huenefeld** was born in Arkansas, raised in Massachusetts, and enlisted in the Marine Corps in June of 1971, graduating from Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, and Infantry Training Regiment at Camp Lejeune, NC. He initially served as an Artillery Fire Controlman, deploying off the coast of Vietnam with Battalion Landing Team, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. Returning to the United States in 1973, his early career included the following tours of duty: 10<sup>th</sup> Marines; Sergeant of the Guard at Naval Prison Portsmouth, NH; the Marine Security Guard Detachment in

Karachi, Pakistan, with a follow-on assignment in Canberra, Australia; First Field Artillery Group, Twentynine Palms, CA; and, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA. He completed a Baccalaureate Degree during his off-duty time and in 1980, while serving as a staff noncommissioned officer, he was competitively selected for Officer training – commissioned in August 1980.

As a commissioned officer, then Lieutenant Huenefeld completed the Basic Artillery Officer Course and follow-on Nuclear Weapons Assembly Officer training at Fort Sill, OK. His command tours include: Headquarters Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines; Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; 11th Marines Regimental Headquarters Battery, which he led through the Gulf War and the liberation of Kuwait; Marine Corps Recruiting Station, San Diego, CA; Battalion Inspector/Instructor for 1st Battalion, 14th Marines at Alameda, CA; and, 8th Marine Corps District.

Key staff and leadership tours include: I Marine Expeditionary Force, G-7, Fire Support Officer; I Marine Expeditionary Force, Fires Coordinator; Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Inspector, and, Headquarters & Service Battalion Executive Officer; the III Marine Expeditionary Force, Force Fires Coordinator and the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3; and, Chief of Staff for Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He is a graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, VA, and the National War College in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Huenefeld formally retired from the United States Marine Corps on 31 June 2011 with 40 years and 1 day of active duty. Afterward, he served ten years as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense, serving as the Community Liaison for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. He currently serves in leadership positions with nonprofits and civic groups in San Diego, California, to include being President of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego Museum Foundation.

Colonel Huenefeld is married to the former Judith Ann Lohse of Blue Island, IL, and they have three married children, Brett, Kristen, and John (a Marine Corps Field Grade Officer) and six grandchildren.

# Memorial Day - 2025



## Ceremony Held At The Site Of **Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial**

Located in Webb Park, San Diego, California

## **Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association**

through the combined efforts of

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

members of the

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**

and

**Scouts BSA Troop 685**



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The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is an IRC 501c(19) nonprofit organization that: maintains the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial; annually hosts Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial; enables youth to participate in patriotic civic events; and, promotes lifelong responsible citizenship, public service, and patriotism.

Please visit [WWW.RBVMA.ORG](http://WWW.RBVMA.ORG) for donation information. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies. Thank you.



## 2025 Memorial Day Ceremony

**11:00 A.M. Patriotic Musical Prelude**

Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals Choir

**11:15 A.M. Memorial Day Ceremony Begins**

**Master of Ceremonies**

Lisa A. Friedrichs (2019-20 Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
State of California High School Teacher of the Year)

**Invocation**

William "Bill" Hanson, U.S. Navy (Retired)

**Presentation of Colors**

**and**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Scouts of BSA Troop 685

**National Anthem**

Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals Choir

**Retire the Colors**

**Keynote Speaker**

Colonel Carl F. "Rick" Huenefeld, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

**Presentation of Wreath**

Marty Judge, U.S. Army Veteran,  
Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

**Musical Performance: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigal Choir

**Benediction**

William "Bill" Hanson, U.S. Navy (Retired)