



**Rear Admiral Garry J. Bonelli, USNR  
Deputy Commander  
Naval Special Warfare Command**

Enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1968, Rear Admiral Garry Bonelli graduated from the Great Lakes Recruit Training Center, where he was a member of the first ever Underwater Demolition Team (UDT)/SEAL boot camp company. Following graduation from Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training Class #51 in Coronado, Calif., Rear Admiral Bonelli made two, ground combat deployments in Vietnam as a Navy Frogman with UDT-12. In 1974, he became

a member of the first Reserve Component unit of Naval Special Warfare.

In 1976, while completing his masters of science degree in Mass Communications, he received a direct commission in the Navy Reserve. Rear Admiral Bonelli has served as the Commanding Officer of eight Navy Reserve units.

Rear Admiral Bonelli was mobilized in 1990 in support of *Operations Desert Shield* and *Desert Storm*, and served as the Commanding Officer of SEAL Team 5. He has the distinction of being the first and only Reservist to ever command an active duty SEAL Team.

In 2001, Rear Admiral Bonelli was selected to serve as the Deputy Commander at Navy Reserve Readiness Command Southwest. In 2005, he completed a three-year collateral assignment as a member of the Secretary of the Navy's National Navy Reserve Policy Board. Recalled to active duty again in 2006, Rear Admiral Bonelli served as the Chief of Staff for Naval Special Warfare Command. This headquarters command has cognizance for seven major subordinate commands comprising a total Force of 7,500 personnel. The command develops strategy, doctrine, and tactics for Naval Special Warfare forces supporting Fleet and Joint Special Operations worldwide. Recalled again in 2007, he serves as the Deputy Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command.

Now retired from his civilian profession, Rear Admiral Bonelli was a staff director with the San Diego Association of Governments, a strategic research, planning, and transportation agency working for the 18 cities and county government in the region. He helped manage a \$14 billion public infrastructure program, and developed public policy initiatives for locally elected officials on numerous issues encompassing population growth, transportation, governance, housing, environmental management, economic development, public safety, binational coordination, and military/community relationships.



**VETERANS DAY  
Schedule of Events**



**10:30 a.m. Patriotic Musical Prelude** 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing Quintet

**11:00 a.m. MEMORIAL PROGRAM Introduction**  
— Master of Ceremonies —

**Rear Admiral Richard K. Fontaine, USN (RET)**  
**Vice President, R.B. Veterans Memorial Association**

**Invocation** Lieutenant Commander Israel Narvaez ChC, USN

**Presentation of the Colors** Color Guard, Naval Base San Diego

**Pledge of Allegiance** Major Abe Baum, DSC, AUS (Fmr)  
*President, R.B. Veterans Memorial Association*

**National Anthem** 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing Quintet

**Posting of Service Flags** Members of VFW Post 7766 and  
*General J.P. Holland Chapter, MOWW*

**Introduction of Principal Speaker**  
Commander Thomas F. Lettington, USN (Ret)  
*Adjutant, General J.P. Holland Chapter, MOWW*

**Remarks** Rear Admiral Garry J. Bonelli, USNR

**Retire the Colors** Color Guard, Naval Base San Diego

**Benediction** Lieutenant Commander Israel Narvaez ChC, USN

**Acknowledgements:**

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