

History of Veterans Day:

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as Armistice Day.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action.

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. On June 1, 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11th, a combined color guard representing all military services executes Present Arms at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays taps.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The pledge should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform and veterans of military service should remain covered and silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

Veterans Day

November 11, 2015



Ceremonies Held At The Site Of The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial

(Located in Webb Park)

Arranged by the

R.B. Veterans Memorial Association

Through the combined Efforts of

The Military Order of the World Wars

General J.P. Holland Chapter

And the

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766



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Robert S. Brewer
Trustee, Mt. Soledad Memorial Assn.

After graduating from high school in Ithaca, NY, Bob attended St. Lawrence University, where he was Student Government President and Battalion Commander of the school's ROTC unit. Upon his college graduation, he was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army, successfully completing Ranger and Airborne training. At the age of 24, he became a Company Commander, in the 8th Infantry Division, in Mainz, Germany for one year. He then served in Viet Nam for 15 months as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Airborne Division, in combat in both Cambodia and South Viet Nam, and an Operations Officer with MACSOG. For his combat service in Viet Nam he was awarded the Silver Star, 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Air Medals (one for Valor), the Joint Service Commendation Medal and various Vietnamese medals for valor.

After his military service, Bob graduated from the University of San Diego Law School in 1975 where he received a coveted Advocacy Award and spent his summers during law school clerking at the San Diego DA's Office, the San Diego City Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles DA's Office.

Upon completion of law school, Bob was a prosecutor in Los Angeles for seven years, serving as a Deputy District Attorney and as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, Assistant Chief of the Criminal Division – prosecuting multiple, various felony level cases.

Moving back to San Diego in 1982, he entered private law. He co-founded the San Diego law firm of Chapin & Brewer in 1987, served as the Managing Partner of the San Diego office of McKenna & Cuneo from 1991-2008, and most recently was the Partner in Charge of the San Diego office of the international law firm Jones Day. He has been recognized in several categories by Best Lawyers in America continuously since 1996.

Bob has been an active member of the San Diego community. He served on the Board of the SD Humane Society for 7 years, has been a Red Cross volunteer and a member of the Partnership Council of the SD American Cancer Society. He is a Trustee of the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial Association.



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Schedule of Events



- 10:45 AM** **Patriotic Musical Prelude**
- 11:00 AM** **MEMORIAL PROGRAM Introduction**
 — **Master of Ceremonies** —
Marty Judge,
Member RB Hall of Fame
- Invocation** Major Dave Korinek, CA Mil Res Chaplain Corps
- Presentation of the Colors** Westview High School JROTC Color Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance** Col David Epstein, (Ret)
 Past Comdr, Maj. Abraham J. Baum VFW Post 7766
 Past Cmdr., Gen J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW
- National Anthem** Recorded music and sung by audience
- Retire the Colors** Westview High School JROTC Color Guard
- Posting of Service Flags** Members of VFW Post 7766 and
 General J.P. Holland Chapter, MOWW
- Introduction of Key Speaker** Master of Ceremonies, Marty Judge
- Principal Speaker** Robert S. Brewer, Mt Soledad Memorial Assn.
- Benediction** Major Dave Korinek
- Close of Ceremony** Patriotic Music

The community and the R.B. Veterans' Memorial Association sincerely appreciate the contributions to this ceremony by members of the VFW and the MOWW and Westview H.S. JROTC. We also thank Boy Scout Troop 685 for their service in setting up the equipment and distributing these programs at our ceremony. We also thank The Pearl restaurant for their considerate cooperation and use of their patio.



A limited number of 4" by 6" bronze plaques for recognition of individual veterans are available for installation at the Veterans Memorial site. Donations to the Veterans Memorial are tax deductible. Call David Olivet for further information at (858) 735-6121 or (760) 317-5775.