

The 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, 2017



Celebration Held At The

**Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial
(in Webb Lake 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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The Honorable William V. Gallo
Federal Magistrate Judge, Colonel, U.S.M.C.R. (Ret.)



Judge William V. Gallo was appointed a U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of California on October 15, 2009. Before taking the bench, Judge Gallo served as a state or federal prosecutor for twenty-three years in the County Attorney's Office in Yuma, Arizona from 1986 to 1989, the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Illinois (Chicago) from 1989-1991, and most recently from 1991-2009 in the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of California (San Diego).

Judge Gallo, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, received his undergraduate degree at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in 1976, and his law degree from the Loyola University School of Law in Chicago, Illinois in 1979. While attending law school, Judge Gallo earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant and served in the United States Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve from 1978 to 2005, retiring at the rank of Colonel. Judge Gallo returned to law school in 2013 to earn a LLM (Master of Laws) in Intellectual Property from the University of San Diego, School of Law.

While serving in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1986 to 2005, Judge Gallo held a variety of assignments. Most notably, in January 2003, Judge Gallo was called to active duty as a Reservist in response to a Presidential call up in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and reported to Camp Pendleton, California. From January to October, 2003, Judge Gallo served as the Commanding Officer of the First Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group. Thereafter, from October 2003 to April 2005, he served as the Staff Judge Advocate, that is, the senior legal advisor, to the Commanding General of the First Marine Expeditionary Force.

After returning to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Judge Gallo was offered the position of Director, Law and Order Task Force in Iraq working directly for General David Petraeus, the Commander of all troops in Iraq at the time. Judge Gallo held this position from January to October 2008.

Judge Gallo is married to Melissa Wilhelmy and they have two adult children, Joseph and Mary Christina.

Judge Gallo's chamber is in San Diego.



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PROGRAM



10:45 AM	Patriotic Musical Prelude
11:00 AM	MEMORIAL PROGRAM Introduction — Master of Ceremonies — Lt. Commander Nick Herbka, U.S.N. (Ret.) Commander, Gen. J. P. Holland Chapter, M.O.W.W. RBVMA Board Member
Invocation	Lt.Col. Rick Blank, Deputy Command Chaplain CA State Mil Reserve, Chaplain Corps
Presentation of the Colors	Westview High School NJROTC Color Guard
Posting of Service Flags	Members of VFW Post 7766 and General J.P. Holland Chapter, M.O.W.W.
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Colonel Paul Atterbury, U.S.M.C. (Lt.Col., Ret.) RBVMA Board Member
National Anthem	Clara Kelly Cantor, San Rafael Catholic Parish
Retire the Colors	Westview High School NJROTC Color Guard
Introduction of Key Speaker	Nick Herbka
Principal Speaker	The Honorable William V. Gallo
Benediction	Chaplain Rick Blank
Close of Ceremony	Pre-recorded 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. NJROTC under the command of Captain Thomas Adams, USN. 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 the use of their patio and suggest you give them a try.



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