

Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11, 2022



**Celebration Held At The
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial**
Webb Lake Park, 11666 Avena Place, San Diego, CA 92128

Hosted by the
**Rancho Bernardo 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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Pete Murray, U.S. Navy Veteran

Pete is currently the Chief Trial Counsel for the law firm of Cage & Miles in San Diego and Riverside. Pete grew up in the metropolitan NYC area hailing from Long Island, N.Y., and then northern N.J. – even 45 years after having departed the area, he still considers himself a “Jersey Boy.” Pete is a graduate of Duke University where he attended under a full Naval ROTC scholarship.

He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy upon his graduation from Duke and two weeks later, he commenced flight school in Pensacola, Fla. He received his Navy Wings of Gold exactly one year later and proudly is an “Unrestricted” Naval Aviator having qualified in both fixed- and rotary-wing aircraft. In his eight years as a Navy Pilot, Pete was stationed around the country (Fla., Hawaii, San Diego, Norfolk, and even Newport, R.I.); he was also deployed to various parts of the world including the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, and Northern Europe. His various tours had him flying-off of small surface ships conducting anti-submarine/anti-surface ship warfare and intelligence-gathering; flying in company with several aircraft carrier battlegroups including the USS Midway; serving as one of the initial Instructor Pilots for the introduction of the SH-60 Seahawk into the Navy; and flying the “last of the single-engine Huey Gunships” in support of Naval Special Warfare/SEALs.

Pete left the Navy to attend Duke University School of Law where he graduated cum laude in 1990. Pete has now been a California attorney for 31 years, having started-out in San Diego with a major international law firm. For most of his career (22+ years), he has been a Criminal Trial Prosecutor, serving as a Deputy District Attorney in San Diego for 12 years and as a California Deputy Attorney General for over 10-and-a-half years. In between his two positions as a public prosecutor, Pete started and ran his own private law practice where, amongst a broad array of work, he represented small businesses and individuals, with a significant focus on the representation of law enforcement personnel and other first responders. Pete is an exceptionally experienced trial lawyer having handled countless cases in multiple areas of law with hundreds of criminal prosecutions under his belt for everything from major Healthcare Fraud and Elder Abuse to Murder, Sexual Assault, and Drug Trafficking. Pete has tried over seventy-five cases to jury verdict.

Pete has been heavily involved as a Community Volunteer over the years and is most proud of his incredible family: three fabulous “kids” (now adults) and one brilliant and Beautiful wife!

History of Veterans Day

On November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding presided over the interment ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery of an unidentified American servicemember from World War I. The site of the interment, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, DC. With the addition of unknown fallen from World War II and the Korean War, this hallowed site became the Tomb of the Unknowns and remains the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

The United Kingdom and France had similar ceremonies for their own respective unknown soldiers from World War I. In the United Kingdom, the burial site is Westminster Abbey. In France, the burial site is the Arc de Triomphe. These memorial gestures both took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11:00 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. After WWII, many Americans, like WWII veteran Raymond Weeks from Alabama, supported expanding Armistice Day to recognize the contributions of all veterans, not just those veterans who served in WWI. In 1954, the U.S. Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower established November 11, as Veterans Day and a Federal Holiday. Veterans Day celebrates and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. Memorial Day in May of each year, is a U.S. Federal Holiday to remember and honor military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

A Federal 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 of November 11.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11, at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, followed by other events that are intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

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."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

We are very grateful to the following groups for their support: The Rancho Bernardo Swim and Tennis Club; and, the volunteers of the Northrop Grumman VERITAS Community Services (Veterans, Employees, Reservists, Inspired To Act and Serve).

VETERANS DAY 2022

09:15 AM

Patriotic Musical Prelude

09:30 AM

Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Janetta Nuttall

U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Invocation

Rev. Babs M. Meairs

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Presentation of the Colors

Westview High School NJROTC Color Guard

Posting of Service Flags

Members of Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and, Members of the General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars

Pledge of Allegiance

Scouts from Troop 685

National Anthem

Soloist, Leah Jabbour

Rancho Bernardo High School Class of 2022

Retire the Colors

Westview High School NJROTC Color Guard

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Pete Murray

U.S. Navy Veteran

Awards Presentation

Paul K. Lebidine

Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps Retired

The Honorable Todd Gloria

Mayor of the City of San Diego

Benediction

Rev. Babs M. Meairs

U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is an IRC 501c(19) nonprofit organization that: maintains the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial; annually host Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial; as well as, encourage youth to participate in civic events, embrace lifelong responsible citizenship, and value public service. Please visit WWW.RBVMA.ORG for donation information. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies.