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## Veterans Celebration at El Camino H. S.

### 25th Consecutive Year

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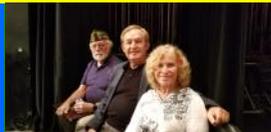


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El Camino High School conducted their 25th consecutive "Veterans Celebration" on November 9, 2018. This program was started by teachers Bob Nelson and Jim Downs in 1993. Since that time, Bob has retired and Jim has passed away. However, teachers Tom Voris and Joe Gonzales continues to produce this wonderful tribute to our Veterans. On arrival, Veterans were treated to a variety of pastries and donuts and coffee, juice, and other refreshments. Many school organizations participated in welcoming this year's veterans in the school theater. Mr. Tom Voris was the Master of Ceremony. The band played the theme songs for each of the United States Military Branches. The Color Guard, of the El Camino MCJROTC Unit carried the colors, as the school Choir sang the National Anthem. The school Dance Team also perform a terrific dance routine to entertain the veterans. One of the wonderful students read the poem "Flanders Fields" by Colonel John McCrae.



The most enjoyable part of the program started in the classroom. Teams of two veterans reported to their assigned classroom, full of eager and respectful students. The veterans would talk of his/her military service and what they had learned, besides their military specialty. Honor and respect for the "Stars and Stripes" and the pride of "Serving their Country" was a large part of the veterans words. Students asked many questions concerning the veterans military service and combat action. Diane Herbka spoke to the students about military service from the prospective of the spouse. Diane described the responsibilities she assumed, when her husband deployed overseas. She takes care of the children, runs the household, pays the bills, and stands in for "DAD" when needed. The beneficiaries of this program are both the Veterans and the Students. "Hats Off" to Principal Frazier and her staff for making this patriotic and heart-warming program such a great success.





# For the Good of the Order

## Veterans Day Celebration Pictures

### El Camino High School





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## Veterans Day Celebration

### In Flanders Fields by Col. John McCrae

#### *“In Flanders Field”*

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow*

*Between the crosses, row on row,*

*That mark our place; and in the sky*

*The larks, still bravely singing, fly*

*Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead, short days ago*

*We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,*

*Loved, and were loved, and now we lie*

*In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:*

*To you with following hands we throw*

*The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die*

*We shall not sleep. Though poppies grow*

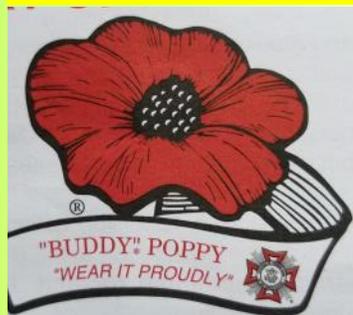
*In Flanders fields.*



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## Veterans Day Celebration

### The Story of the VFW "Buddy" Poppy



*"In Flanders Fields*

*The Poppies Grow"*

*These are the opening words of Col. John McCrae's immortal poem dedicated to the memory of the men and women who served, fought and died in France, during WWI, the Poppies of which he had wrote had become the true symbol of all those who have given their lives in our nations wars.*

*The poppy has become recognized as the memorial flower in countries throughout the world. It is distributed by veterans organizations in Europe, North America, and in most of the countries in the British Commonwealth.*

*Since 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has conducted an annual distribution of "Buddy" Poppy to raise funds for its charitable programs on behalf of the needy and disabled veterans, and surviving family members of the deceased veterans.*



# For the Good of the Order

## Commander's Corner



*Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter,*

*The 2019 MOWW Centennial National Convention will be held in Simi Valley, CA, August 5 - 10, 2019. Early registration fee is \$295. Included with registration fees is the Formal Dinner and Tour at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum and the Special Friday Evening Centennial Celebration Program. The nightly hotel costs (4 Star) is \$104. Additional Special Events are planned.*

*Our help is needed to ensure that our 2019 Centennial Convention is a resounding success. The Omar-Bradley Chapter has taken on the responsibility to organize and execute this years convention. Our support is vital to make this Historical Convention, indeed, one of the best. It is within driving distance and therefor much less expensive to attend. The OB Chapter is asking for our support to **make** this convention historical. The following list is a sample of the areas which need our support:*

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Registration</i>             | <i>Hospitality Suite</i> | <i>Reagan Library Dinner</i> | <i>Publicity</i>                 |
| <i>Merchandise Sales</i>        | <i>Tours</i>             | <i>Decorations</i>           | <i>Transportation</i>            |
| <i>Promotion Bags and items</i> | <i>Sergeant-At -Arms</i> | <i>Adjutant</i>              | <i>Welcome Banquet</i>           |
| <i>Protocol</i>                 | <i>First Aid/Medical</i> | <i>Photography</i>           | <i>Color Guards/Honor Guards</i> |

***Please let me know what you are willing to help with for the convention. Nick***

Calendar of Events	Birthdays	
<p><b><u>General Meeting Jan 5th,</u></b> John Shu - Supreme Court Confirmation History.</p> <p><b><u>Business Meeting - Jan 16th</u></b> Wednesday, 0900, IHOP RB</p> <p><b><u>General Meeting Feb 2nd,</u></b> Christine Olds - <i>Fighter Pilot; The Memoirs of a Legendary Ace Robin Olds.</i></p> <p><b><u>Business Meeting - Feb13th</u></b> Wednesday, 0900, IHOP RB</p>	<p><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p>14th Andre LeCault</p> <p>17th Ann Calvert</p> <p>27th Tom Morgan</p>	<p><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p>7th Mike Pormorski</p> <p>18th Sheila Hershberger</p> <p>20th Jim Maschman</p>
<b>Anniversaries</b>		
	<p><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p><b><u>None</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p><b><u>None</u></b></p>



# For the Good of the Order

## Veterans Day Celebration at Webb Park

### November 11, 2018

**VETERANS DAY**  
 100 YEARS  
 WHOLE COUNTRY GOES WILD WITH JOY OVER NEWS OF PEACE  
**WAR OVER**  
 The Evening World, FINAL  
 11/11/1918—11/11/2018  
 Celebration Held At The  
**Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial**  
 (Located 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  
 WWW.RBVMA.ORG

Veterans Day Ceremony at Webb Park in Rancho Bernardo was arranged by Michael Vaughn, President of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, through the combined efforts of the members of the Military Order of World Wars, BGEN John P. Holland Chapter and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766. The Master of Ceremony was LCDR Nick Herbka, USN (Ret), with Chaplain Rick Blank giving the Invocation and Benediction. The Armistice Commemoration “Bells of Peace” were rung by the Rincon del Diablo Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Colors were presented by the Westview High School NJROTC and the posting of the Service Flags by members of the VFW Post 7766 and BGEN JP Holland Chapter of the MOWW.

The Principal Speaker was Colonel Jim G. Gruny, Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Western Recruiting Region. Colonel Gruny provided a most stirring and Patriotic speech to end the Webb Park Veterans Day Ceremony.





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## Veterans Day Celebration at Webb Park

### November 11, 2018

*Posting of the Service Flags by the VFW Post 7766 and the Holland Chapter of the MOWW*



*Holland Chapter Companions Participating in the Veterans Day Celebration*





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## Veterans Day Celebration at Webb Park

November 11, 2018

*Let us not forget the prophetic words of Charles M Province,  
US Army 1970*

*It is the Soldier, not the minister.....Who has given us freedom of religion.*

*It is the Soldier, not the reporter.....Who has given us freedom of the press.*

*It is the Soldier, not the poet.....Who has given us freedom of speech.*

*It is the Soldier, not the campus organizer.....Who has given us freedom to protest.*

*It is the Soldier, not the lawyer.....Who has given us the right to a fair trial.*

*It is the Soldier, not the politician.....Who has given us the right to vote.*

*It is the Soldier who salutes the flag, Who serves beneath the flag, And whose coffin is draped by the flag.*

*May our Nation remain Semper Fidelis, Semper Peratus, Semper Invictus*

*Always Faithful, Always Prepared, Ever Victorious*



## For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker January 5, 2019

John Shu

*John Shu is an Attorney and Expert on political issues, Constitutional Law, and the Courts.*



*He is a regular columnist and media analyst and commentator. He served both President George H.W. Bush and President George W. Bush. He also served Judge Paul Roney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and Presiding Judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review; and Judge Stanley Sporkin, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, who was CIA General Counsel. Mr. Shu also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary. He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Foreign Policy Association, and the National Committee on U. S. – China Relations.*

*Mr. Shu will talk about the history of the Supreme Court nomination process, and will discuss cases that he was involved in over the last 25 years.*



## For the Good of the Order

### Guest Speaker February 2, 2019

### Christina Olds



In 2010, Christina Olds published a memoir of her father's life titled ***Fighter Pilot; The Memoirs of a Legendary Ace Robin Olds***. The book became a national bestseller, heralded by reviewers and readers as an exceptionally literary and lyrical biography. Christina has begun work on a screenplay for FIGHTER PILOT, and is working on a second book, the story of her grandfather, Maj. Gen. Robert Olds, an instrumental leader in the development of early air power and the U.S. Air Force. A Vassar College graduate with a degree in creative writing, Christina is a sought-after speaker at Air Force and NATO bases, aviation museums and air shows, both nationally and abroad, and is dedicated to furthering her father's legacy to

inspire today's active duty fighter pilots around the world. She lives in Sacramento, CA and is the mother of a beautiful daughter, Jennifer Olds Newman, a costume designer in Los Angeles.

*“Christina Olds is one of the most dynamic, charismatic, powerful presenters we have asked to speak at any Warhawk Air Museum event. Her articulate, emotional, truthful, loving presentation of her father's life brings him into the room and gives everyone listening a very personal feeling toward a true American hero. Christina's public speaking is a true gift which she generously shares all over the world.”* Sue Paul, Executive Director, Warhawk Air Museum, Nampa, ID



## For the Good of the Order

### Guest Speaker March 2, 2019

### Professor Bill Weeks

**William E. Weeks** has been teaching American History at San Diego State University since 1984. He received his PhD in 1986 in American History from UCSD, where he studied under Armin Rappaport. He specializes in antebellum US American Foreign Relations. His publications include *John Quincy Adams and American Global Empire* (1992) and *Dimensions of the Early American Empire, 1754-1865* (2013). His current professional focus involves developing writing seminars for Iraq and Afghan war veterans.

#### Education

**Ph.D., American History, University of California, San Diego, December 1986**

**M.A., American History, University of California, San Diego, June 1982**

**BA, History, University of California, San Diego, June 1980**

#### **From the Shanghai Communique to a New Cold War: 50 Years (Nearly) of Sino-American Relations**

Vice President Mike Pence's recent address to the Hudson Institute was widely seen as a de facto declaration of a new cold war with The People's Republic of China. Be it Chinese maritime expansionism in the South China Sea, the rampant theft of intellectual property from the US, enormous trade deficits driven in part by unfair trading practices, or the cultural infiltration of higher education via "Confucius Institutes," a consensus appears to be taking shape that China needs to be confronted as an enemy, not conciliated as an ally. Yet from the time of President Nixon's "opening" of Sino-American relations in the early 1970s until quite recently, elite opinion was overwhelmingly in favor of closer bi-national ties amid confident predictions that the Chinese would be responsible members of the emerging globalist community. Those predictions appear to have been incorrect.

This talk will provide a brief overview of the major turning points of Sino-American relations since 1972 and attempt to suggest how and why so many experts were so wrong on such a big question. The talk will conclude with some observations about where things may be going from here.



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## Guest Speaker April 6, 2019

### Alex W. Robertson



**‘To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity’**

Alex will speak about his Grandfather and his Brother who fought in World War One, as Privates, in two separate infantry regiments every year (1914-1918) of World War One. Alex will tell their stories.

If time permits, he will also speak about his Father, who served in the Royal Airforce (RAF) in World War Two. Flying into action over occupied Europe, parachuting Special Operations Executive (SOE), French Resistance fighters - and on D-Day (Pegasus Bridge) and Operation Market Garden (Arnhem) towing gliders with the parachute regiment. He will bring their actual medals earned for all of the above. However this may have to be a topic for another Meeting.

***Alex was born in Scotland*** and have lived (paid taxes) in nine Countries on five Continents around the world. The United States is his ninth Country in which he has lived. Alex owns a house in Amsterdam, a farm in South Africa and used to fly around the world every eight to twelve weeks, for over ten years due to business (managing the design and development of professional and consumer TV broadcast equipment).

**Alex was also a professional racecar driver.**

He is now retired and lives in Rancho Bernardo. Alex serves on numerous medical/medical device boards and represent the Scottish Government in Southern California. Also he is an active member of Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club.



**For the Good of the Order**  
**Holland Chapter Presents Plaque of Merit**  
to  
**Principal Eileen Frazier**



*Holland Chapter Commander, LCDR Nick Herbka, USN (Ret), presents the MOWW Plaque of Merit to Eileen Frazier, Principal of El Camino High School, Oceanside, CA - In Honor of the Annual Veterans Celebration started by Jim Downs and Bob Nelson. This 25 year tradition is carried on by Tom Voris and Joe Gonzalez.*



*“For their Dedication in honoring our Veterans and bringing history alive for our Students here at El Camino High School, we are proud to honor our Founders, Jim Downs and Bob Nelson, in celebrating Veterans Day for the past 25 consecutive years, the longest tenure in all of San Diego County”*



## For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation November 9, 2018



## *Letter of Appreciation*

*Presented To*

# *Jim Downs*

*(accepted by his wife Patsy)*

*The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for your dedication as the Co-founder of the El Camino High School Veterans Day Celebration. You have distinguished yourself in honoring our Veterans and bringing History alive for our Students. The Patriotic Tradition which you have started in celebrating Veterans Day has continued for the last twenty-five years and is the longest running program in San Diego County. We honor your memory and love of Country, our Veterans, and Students.*

*"Fair Winds and Following Seas"*

*November 9, 2018*

*Nicholas S. Herbka*

*Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander*



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Letter of Appreciation November 9, 2018



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## For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation January 5, 2019



## *Letter of Appreciation*

*Presented to*

# *John Shu*

*The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most informative and intriguing story of the history of the Supreme Court nomination process and the cases with which you were involved. We thank you for your Service to our Country. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. You are always welcomed to be a Guest of the BGEN JP Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.*

*"Fair Winds and Following Seas"*

*January 5, 2019*

*Nicholas S. Herbka*

*Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander*



# For the Good of the Order



## Chaplain's Corner



**Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)**

### A Prayer for Our Nation

**May we as a nation be guided by the Divine  
to rediscover the sacred flame of our national heritage,  
which so many have given their lives to safeguard;**

**Let the wounds of separation and division be healed  
by opening our hearts to listen to the truth on all sides,  
allowing us to find a higher truth that includes all;**

**May we learn to honor and enjoy our diversity  
and differences as a people, even as we  
more deeply touch our fundamental unity;**

**May we, as a people, undergo a transformation  
that will draw forth individuals to lead our nation  
who embody courage, compassion, and a higher vision;**

**May our leaders inspire us, and we so inspire  
each other with our potential as individuals  
and as a nation, that a new spirit of forgiveness,  
caring, and honesty be born in our nation;**

**May we, as a united people, move with clear,  
directed purpose to take our place within  
the community of nations to help build  
a better future for all humankind;**

*May we as a nation rededicate ourselves  
to truly living as one nation, under God,  
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

**And may God's Will be done for the United States,  
as we, the people, align with that Will.**

**— Corinne McLaughlin and Gordon Davidson in Prayers for Healing edited by Maggie Oman**