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Change of Command for Beach Master Unit One



CDR Jessica O'Brien, USN, Commanding Officer of Beach Master Unit One (BMU-1), was relieved by CDR Michael W. Merrill, USN, during the ceremony which was held on the Coronado Amphibious Base, CA, on July 28, 2017. **CDR O'Brien is a Companion of the Gen JP Holland Chapter of the MOWW.**

Originally from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, CDR O'Brien graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1997 with a degree in Oceanography. Following graduation, she reported to Naval Computer and Telecommunication Station, Diego Garcia,

B.I.O.T. where she served as the Satellite Communications and Technical Control Division Officer.

In 2000, she reported to the USS ANCHORAGE San Diego, CA where she served as the Assistant Operations Officer, Electronic Warfare Officer and Training Officer. Subsequent sea tours included Operations Officer in USS MCCLUCKY (FFG 41) and N3 Operations Officer in Amphibious Squadron THREE (CPR 3).

CDR O'Brien has served ashore as Flag Aide to Commander, Navy Region Southwest; Flag Secretary and Speech Writer to Commander, Naval Surface Forces; and as the Maritime Prepositioning Force Officer at Naval Beach Group ONE, Coronado, CA.

She earned her Master's degree in Military Studies from the U. S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

CDR O'Brien's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, four Navy Commendation Medals, two Navy Achievement Medals, and various campaign and unit awards.



Beach Master Unit ONE



Command Pin



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Beach Master Unit ONE History



Prior to the formation of a Beachmaster Unit, a Shore Party was used as the integral party within a combat division in a Marine Pioneer Group or an Army Combat Engineer Group. In both services, the Shore Party formed the Underwater Demolition Team, Naval Pontoon Unit, and the Boat Pool. The Beach Party normally consists of two officers and thirty men to support the landing of a battalion of troops. The Beach Party would land at the objective area and take charge of the beach in a manner similar to today, but the Beach Party was normally withdrawn by its parent ship. The concept was that the Shore Party was instrumental to the assault only and would be relieved promptly by garrison elements, including a garrison Beach Party, which would unload follow-on shipping. However, this Shore Party

organization was inadequate, inefficient, and deficient in training. These weaknesses led to the formation of the Beach Party Battalion. The Beach Party Battalion, which included a Beachmaster Unit, was established for experimental purposes in of July 1947. In July of 1948, the Chief of Naval Operations ordered the commissioning of a Beachmaster Unit as a separate command with the designation as Beachmaster Unit One (BMU-1).

BMU-1 was commissioned at the U. S. Naval Amphibious Base, Coronado, California, on 13 July 1949. BMU-1 saw action with the First Marine Division during the amphibious assaults of Wonsan and Inchon, Korea in September and October 1950, and the evacuation of Hungman and Inchon during December 1950 and January 1951. From August to November 1954, a Beachmaster attachment operating under Task Force 90, during operation PASSAGE TO FREEDOM, directed the loading of Vietnamese refugees and French Union Military forces and equipment at Haiphong, French Indo-China. The Beachmasters were awarded the Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation (Ribbon of Friendship) for this operation which eventually led to the evacuation of more than 500,000 Vietnamese refugees. From January to February 1955, a Beachmaster detachment performed the beach landing craft phases of Operation FULLBACK which involved the armed evacuation of the Chinese Nationalist from the Tachen Islands from January to February 1955. From October to December 1962, the Unit deployed in complete combat readiness to the Caribbean during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

From 1965 to 1973, Beachmasters participated in over 70 combat beach landings during the Vietnam conflict. From 1990 to present, Beachmasters have had near continuous presence in the Arabian Gulf in support of United Nations Sanctions, two Iraq Wars, and the Global War on Terrorism. From August to December 1990, Beachmasters participated in the offload of the Maritime Prepositioning Force in Jubail, Saudi Arabia during Operation DESERTSHIELD. From January to March 1991 the Unit deployed in support of amphibious operations during Operation DESERT STORM (Navy Unit Commendation). In August 1994, Beachmaster Unit One deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation VIGILANT WARRIOR, and again in August 1995 in support of Operation VIGILANT SENTINEL in, response to United Nations Sanctions against Iraq. Since then, nearly every Amphibious ship deploying from San Diego has embarked a Beach Party Team from BMU-1.

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Beach Master Unit ONE History

Unit Awards



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The Unit also wears the China Service Medal, National Defense Medal (One Bronze Star), Korean Service Medal (two Bronze Stars), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (two Bronze Stars), Vietnam Service Medal, South West Asia Service Medal (two Bronze Stars), GWOT Expeditionary Medal, GWOT Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia).





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Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter—I am very proud to say that this year we made it possible for 10 high school students to attend the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference, June 26-29, 2017. I especially want to thank the Companions and Friends of the Chapter who graciously donated funds to this noble cause. The Chapter Goal is to send at least one more student to SDYLC than the year before. I will start the fund raising in earnest at the October General Meeting. Please be prepared to give a generous donation to our future American Leaders. We also recognized three SDSU Navy Midshipmen with the MOWW ROTC Award of Merit Medal, Ribbon and Certificate. Also, the Chapter recognized 6 JROTC Cadets and presented the JROTC Award of Merit Medal, Ribbon and Certificate. The Holland Chapter also presents the Chapter Challenge Coin to each student recognized i.e., SDYLC, ROTC and JROTC.

An organization who fails to increase its membership, is doomed to fade away. I am proud to say the Holland Chapter welcomed 4 new members this past year. This is a good start, but certainly nothing to get too excited about. I am asking each and everyone of our members to welcome at least one new member this year. Invite a family member, a friend, a work associate, anyone you meet and believe will become a great Companion to our Chapter.

The **Joint Chapter Christmas Party** has been set for December 2, 2017, at the Bernardo Heights Country Club, 1100-1400. Please donate a **Silent Auction Basket**, a **New Toy** (for military children), and any **Item appropriate for the raffle**. **All proceeds goes to the SDYLC.**

The **San Diego Chapter** of the MOWW will hold their 61st **Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance**, October 21, 2017, 1030-1130, at the Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park. This traditional ceremony honors the flag of our country and those, living and deceased, who fought to gain and preserve our Freedoms. All color Guards are invited. Register at www.SanDiego-MOWW.org

Calendar of Events

General Meeting Sept 2nd

GSP - Colette Alford - lived under German Occupation, D-Day Invasion, and the Liberation of Normandy.

General Meeting Oct 7th

GSP - CDR Tom Lettington - "Taffy 3"- The Battle off Samar

Business Meeting - Sept 21st - 0900 IHOP

Birthdays



JULY

none

AUGUST

4th Kay Lettington

Anniversaries

JULY

24th Jim and Sharon Oster
27th Earl and Nancy Wentworth

AUGUST

none



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Guest Speaker August 5th

Betsy Jordan



Betsy Jordan was the caregiver to her husband, Pete Riddle, Navy SEAL, Lawyer, and Juvenile Court Judge. **“Betsy wrote her book to tell her story and to help other caregivers.** Caregiving stretches the limits of your love. It is filled with sleeplessness and heartaches. It is tough some days, as tough a task as anything you have ever done.” “ This is my personal story, but I also hope to help other caregivers. What I most want to tell you is to do it with Love. Caregiving can be one of the most difficult challenges you will face

in your life. Just as in long-distance swimming, love is the most important thing you can bring to the challenge. Remember, you need to make it through those choppy waves, relentless swells, and very cold water---you need love to do this. Focusing on your caregiving mission of love will sustain and carry both you and your loved one through all the ups and downs. This means prioritizing love in all your caregiving actions and keeping love front-and-center in all your caregiving decisions. I was lucky that my marriage to Pete before he was diagnosed was an extremely loving one. Knowing that you love your loved one without limitation will sustain you through the long “swim of caregiving.

Betsy lives with her dog Bella in a 100-year old house in Coronado. With degrees from Wellesley (B.A. Art History), Harvard (M.A. Art History), and University of California, San Diego, Humanities Professor at UCSD for 15 years.

Betsy Jordan is a record-breaking, award-winning, master-level swimmer, and she exemplifies the values of Master Swimming: fairness, fun, and fellowship. In her 40+ years of masters swimming competition, Betsy has set over 40 world records and many national and local records, including All-Star and All-American awards. In 2005 she was inducted into the International Masters Swimmer Hall of Fame. You will still find Betsy at her morning swim workouts at UCSD and at the La Jolla Cove on many Saturday mornings. Pete and Betsy have eleven grandchildren, all of them athletically inclined, some following Betsy into masters swim competitions.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker - September 2nd

Colette Alford



Colette Alford was born in Pont – L' Eveque, Normandy, France as Colette Boisierre, on May 18, 1931. She lived a peaceful and happy life, as a young girl, with her family. She attended boarding school in Caen, France and learned to play the piano at the Piano Conservatory. In 1940, things changed when the German army invaded and occupied Normandy, France. Life went on for this young girl, but things did not seem the same anymore. The Germans became very active in Normandy during the early years of the 1940's. Under the direction of General Rommel, the beaches were

fortified with iron-crossed obstacles and mines. Huge concrete gun emplacements were built on top the cliffs overlooking the beaches. It seemed her peaceful town was preparing for WAR.

The family gathered for a simple dinner of soup, bread and real butter, the night of June , 1944. Just as the family prepared to eat this wonderful meal (with real butter) the aerial bombardment began and her father moved the family to a safer place in the interior of their home. A bomb exploded near the house and blew the dining room window onto the dining table that Colette's family sat at, just moments earlier.



Their house had shattered windows throughout, and was unlivable. Fortunately, their family could move to a farm not far away. Their they lived there until the beginning of August, when the German SS moved into the area. Fearing the worst outcome, Colette's father moved them to the nearby woods and into a natural cave, for three and a half weeks.

On August 22, 1944, the family was liberated by French Canadian soldiers. A Day Colette will never forget.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker October 7th

COMMANDER TOM LETTINGTON



“Taffy 3”, the Battle Off Samar

The Tin Can Sailors’ Finest Hour

Our Companion Tom Lettington entered active duty service in May, 1960 as Ensign after completing the “Regular Navy ROTC” program at Iowa State University. He retired as Commander on April 1st, 1982. Tom was a proud member of the “Tin Can Navy”, having served in four Destroyers. His first tour was in the Engineering Department of USS Philip (DD-498). Next he served as Operations Officer in USS HOEL (DDG-13). He served under the command of our Companion RADM R. K. Fontaine (then a Commander) who recently passed away. Also serving in HOEL at that time was our Companion Don Hershberger. This tour was in the heat of the Vietnam War and HOEL was in the thick of it, conducting many naval gunfire missions off the coast of North Vietnam. The ship’s TACAN was used as a homing beacon for fighter/bomber aircraft conducting missions over North Vietnam from carriers in the Tonkin Gulf. Tom’s next sea tour was as commissioning Executive Officer of the new construction USS BARBEY (FF-1088). His final sea tour was as Commanding Officer, USS BRADLEY (FF-1041). This was the highlight of his career, capped off by circumnavigating the Indian Ocean with many interesting port visits representing the US Navy and “showing the flag” in this important area of the world.

In October 1944, The United States and the Australian Armed Forces were poised to launch a massive amphibious landing on the Island of Leyte to retake the Philippines from the Japanese occupying force, making good on General MacArthur's promise when he pronounced “I Shall return.” Units of the Third and Seventh Fleets were assigned to support this operation. The Imperial Japanese Navy mounted a large naval operation (Operation SHO-GO 1) to prevent the success of the landing.

What ensued was “The battle of Leyte Gulf” fought in the waters near the Philippine Islands of Leyte, Samar, and Luzon, generally considered to be the largest naval battle of World War II and by some, possibly the largest naval battle in history. The IJN failed to achieve its objective, suffered very heavy losses, and never sailed to battle in comparable fashion thereafter. The majority of its surviving heavy ships, deprived of fuel, remained in their bases for the rest of the Pacific War and suffered under heavy sustained aerial attack.

With the defeat of the forces of the Japanese operation Sho-Go-1, the allied invasion of the Philippines at Leyte Island was free to proceed.

Admiral Yonia, Japan’s Navy Minister: “Our defeat at Leyte was tantamount to the loss of the Philippines. When you took the Philippines, that was the end of our resources.”

The Battle off Samar is the story of the element of Task Group 77.4 and specifically Task Unit 77.4.3 (Call Sign Taffy 3). These units were made up of Escort Carriers, their embarked Composite Squadrons, and their Destroyers and Destroyer Escorts.



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Phoenix Award Recipient - 2016

Paris Nguyen



Paris Nguyen attended the 2016 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC), and was selected as **“The military Order of World Wars Outstanding Student of the Year.”** The national recipients are determined by the outcome of the essay contest and a review of comments by the Conference Director. The following is the essay written by Paris Nguyen: *“I am not afraid of an army of lions led by a sheep; I am afraid army of sheep led by an lion.”* ---- Alexander the Great. Naturally, sheep will avoid confrontation and flee in the midst of danger. Similarly, the US attempted to avoid confrontation, but as time progressed, the US could no longer flee from its predator, World War I. This young army of sheep was led by a lion named General John J. Pershing. From poverty and adversity, Pershing rose through the ranks as the *First Captain* in his class. Upon returning to West Point as a tactical officer, he earned the nickname, “Black Jack,” for the iron discipline that would eventually lead him to greatness. President Woodrow Wilson’s selection of General John J. Pershing to lead the AEF was justified through the General’s goal-oriented leadership actions and effectiveness in executing the mission by successfully achieving peace.

General Pershing’s ability to put the mission before his pride demonstrates his goal-oriented leadership. Upon his selection, Pershing intended to turn the AEF into an individual fighting force to create a sense of pride and nationalism among his troops. Although the end result of victory relied on the integrity of the AEF, he quickly prioritized the ends over the means when the circumstances changed. In 1918, the German forces were on the verge of breaking through the British Fifth Army and separating them. German success would have caused the end of the Allied Forces (New York Times). Pershing’s bold decision to sacrifice the pride and nationalism of the AEF for the greater good resulted in the AEF in France being placed under Marshall Foch (US CMH). Pershing’s focus on the war was broadened to an overall prospective of achieving the goal. Nationalism and pride would mean nothing without victory. His goal-oriented leadership demonstrates his understanding of the obligation he has to his nation, troops, and mission.

General Pershing’s leadership resulted in the efficiency and effectiveness of the AEF along with other allied forces in defeating the central powers. Under Marshall Foch’s command, the AEF was distributed among the French divisions which allowed the Allied powers to suppress the German forces. Since the tide shifted in the Allied forces favor, Pershing was set on reassembling the AEF (New York Times). He believed this created a more effective army because men who could fight for their nation Argonne. Pershing’s success at Argonne resulted in the Germans being trapped by France, Britain, and the AEF, which eventually led to the armistice of Compiegne (New York Times). The end goal of peace was met through Pershing’s effective and efficient leadership.

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General John J. Pershing did not have much of a say about entering the war, but he could to decide whether or not to end it. Like sheep that are led by a lion, The AEF’s lion led them to triumph.

Winning Essay - \$2,000 Scholarship. Paris Nguyen attended the 2016 SDYLC, where he was selected as the Top Leader of the program. Currently, he is a junior at Rancho Bernardo HS in San Diego, CA, where he is an active member of the Marching Band, Jazz Band, and the Drumline. He is a member of the Red Cross Club, California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society. Paris is a Life Scout in the Boy Scouts.



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Hats Off To Volunteers

Rancho Bernardo 2017

Holland Chapter Selection

April 22, 2017



Chapter Treasurer Diane Herbka is the chapter selection to receive the “Hats Off To Volunteers Award for 2017. “Diane has been the treasurer for two years. Her outstanding work and attention to detail has earned the Chapter a cash stipend from the National Organization.” Diane is now performing her treasurer duties for a third straight year into 2018.

Diane, as other awardees received the Special Straw Hat (SSH) and several certificates of recognition from Congressman Scott Peters and state Representative Brian Maienschein. Notable presenters included Brian Sipes, NFL quarterback of the Cleveland Browns, who was raised in San Diego and who now lives in Rancho Bernardo.

Diane received her Straw Hat from author Ken Blanchard, who presented this award to those volunteers serving Seniors and Veterans Groups.



Senior and Veterans



Photo of all awardees serving Groups.

Sixty Six Volunteers received special recognition for their volunteer services to organizations in the city of Rancho Bernardo. Ten dignitaries presented the Hats Off To Volunteers Straw Hat.





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San Diego Youth Leadership Conference

June 26 - 29, 2017



The Holland Chapter in 2017, supported 10 Students from 3 high schools. The students' names follows:

Ramzi **Kelly** - Ramona HS., Janice **Brehler** - Ramona HS., Jacob **Tretera** - Ramona HS., Pamela **Munoz** - Mar Vista HS., Brian **Sorianosos** - Mar Vista HS., Blake **Siniscalchi** - Westview HS., Arylle Marie **Paras** - Westview HS., Michael **Tombleson** - Westview HS., Phil **Estrada** - Westview HS., Xavier-Phillip **Calica** - Westview HS.





For the Good of the Order

NROTC Award of Merit - 2017



The San Diego State University held their Annual Awards Ceremony on MCAS Miramar on Saturday April 22nd, 2017 at 10 a.m., in the Bob Hope Theater. The Holland Chapter ROTC Medal, Ribbon and Certificate was presented by Captain Arnold REGARDIE, USA (Fmr), to the following Midshipmen:



Midshipman Mitchell Dilorenzo



Midshipman Cordel Frovarp



Midshipman Caleb Cramer

JROTC Award of Merit - 2017



The Holland Chapter presented 6 JROTC Awards of Merit, May thru June, 2017.



Companion Noah Berkebille presents the JROTC Award of Merit Medal, Ribbon, Certificate and Chapter Challenge Coin to Westview HS Cadet **Kimberly Forbes** and Cadet **Reed Orren**.



Companion Laura Kelly presents the JROTC Award of Merit Medal, Ribbon, Certificate and Chapter Challenge Coin to Orange Glen HS Cadet **Antonio Miller** and Ramona HS Cadet **Janis Brehler**.



Senior Deputy Commander Carl Swepston (Ret Navy SEAL) presents the JROTC Award of Merit Medal, Ribbon, Certificate and Chapter Challenge Coin to Mar Vista HS Cadet **Megan Meneses** and Cadet **Pamela Munoz**.



For the Good of the Order

Certificate of Appreciation for August



Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

Betsy Jordan

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most informative and exciting story, on "Going the Distance" with caregiving for your Loved One. Your Heartfelt presentation was most inspiring. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

August 5, 2017

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for August Capt Earl Wentworth



Silver Patrick Henry Medallion

For Patriotic Achievement

Presented to

Earl Wentworth

Citation

The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your Superior Achievements, Patriotism, Dedication, and Hard Work in support of three Veteran organizations in Rancho Bernardo, CA Your support of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association's three major events each year start at 0700, for set up, and ends at 1500, for cleanup and storage. During these events, you work with the Major Abe Baum VFW Post 7766, to organize and direct the posting of the Military Service Flags. You are the Junior Deputy commander of the Military Order of World Wars, and are first to answer the call to help your Companions, and raise funds for the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference, running the 50/50 raffle. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless your future service

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

August 5, 2017

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Chaplain's Corner

Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)



Final Honors

We lost a great Companion and Friend with the passing of Admiral Fontaine. It was a privilege and honor to have known him and his wife Sara. General J. P. Holland Chapter MOWW Companions Tom Lettington and Don Hershberger served under Admiral Fontaine when he commanded USS HOEL (DDG-13) and saw active combat under his leadership off the coast of North Vietnam.



Richard Kern Fontaine May 31, 1928 - June 11, 2017 San Diego. Rear Admiral (USN) Richard Kern Fontaine (Rich) peacefully passed away at the age of 89, on June 11, 2017, at home in San Diego, California. Born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 31, 1928 to Jean Henri Fontaine and Lillian Dora Richard Fontaine, Rich attended Southwest High School as a star athlete in swimming and golf and as an Eagle Scout with Boy Scout Troop 119. Graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1951, Rich had a successful career, achieving the rank of Rear Admiral in March 1978. His distinguished naval career included four at sea commands with the USS Parrot (MSC 97), USS Hissem (DER 400), San Diego based USS Hoel (DDG 13) and USS Reeves (CG 24). Among his numerous decorations and awards are the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with gold star in lieu of second award), Re-

public of Vietnam Distinguished Service Order, and the Bronze Star Medal (with Combat V). Rich married his high school sweetheart, Sara Jean Wyatt (Sally) of Minneapolis on June 8, 1951 and they embarked on a lifelong adventure over their 67 year marriage. Upon retirement from the Joint Staff at the Pentagon in 1984, Rich and Sally settled in Rancho Bernardo and Rich had a second successful career with Logicon as a member of the Senior Executive Staff. He was active in numerous local service organizations including the San Diego Navy League (Ship Commissioning Chairman), Military Order of World Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Freedom Foundation, and as a marshal for various PGA tournaments. In addition to the Navy, golf was Rich's lifelong passion and was only second to his enjoyment of his family and large extended network of friends from his childhood, the Navy and many avenues of life. Rich is survived by his wife Sara, 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Rich is remembered by family and friends as a fantastic husband and father, a true patriot who served his country well and as a rare "Golden Gate Good Guy". We wish you "Fair Winds and Following Seas."



For the Good of the Order

Memorial Day May 29, 2017

Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Located in Webb Park



Through the Combined Efforts of the Military Order of World Wars and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Holland Chapter **members who participated in this Memorial Day Event** were Chapter Commander Nicholas Herbka, who Lead the Pledge of Allegiance and carried the Navy Flag; Admin and Events Officer Don Hershberger carried the MOWW Flag; Arnold Regardie Guest Speaker Committee, carried the Army Flag. Treasurer, Diane Herbka, in attendance, Junior Deputy Commander Earl Wentworth, organized and directed the carrying of Service flags to the Memorial.

From the president of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association Michael Vaughn ,”very much appreciates the participation of the retired and active duty members of the US Military who have joined us today. We thank the West View High School NJROTC for their role as Color guard. We wish to thank the members and leaders of the Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals, and the Boy Scouts of America Troop 685. We also thank Branches floral Studio of Rancho Bernardo for providing the floral wreath and the Pearl Restaurant for the use of the patio.

In Memoriam we mourn our brothers of the Major Abraham J. Baum VFW Post 7766 and the General JP Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars: James C. Hansen-USN, Joseph Gleason-USN, Robert O. Cragin-USA, Lloyd Stronach-USN, Ken Hartle-USN, Clinton Henderson-USMC, Richard Lyon-USN, William Kent-USN, Steve Pisanos-USAF, Jay Walker-USAA.