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## Parade of Honor

San Diego Veterans from all eras... You are invited to join  
*Honor Flight San Diego*  
 for a **Veterans Day drive thru** "Parade of Honor"  
 to thank you for your service!

**When:** Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day 2020

**Time:** 10 am to Noon

**Where:** National University (Parking Lot)  
 9388 Lightwave Ave, San Diego, CA 92123

*\*\*\*This will be a socially-distanced, no-contact, **drive thru** event for our veterans. (Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions there is no public viewing.)*

**Everyone will remain in their vehicles and an Honor Flight San Diego volunteer will put a care package from Operation Gratitude in your trunk.**

Directions – National University (Spectrum Business Park Campus) is located between the CA-163 and I-15 in Kearny Mesa (just south of Clairemont Mesa Blvd).

From the I-15, take Clairemont Mesa Blvd exit going West. Drive ½ mile, go left (south) on Ruffin Road, then right (west) on Lightwave Ave. We will have volunteers at the corner with signs.





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## *Friend of the Chapter*



# The Military Order of the World Wars



*General J.P. Holland Chapter*

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*A Friend of the Chapter*

*The Companions and Friends of the BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter take great pleasure inviting you to become a Friend of our Chapter. You have all the privileges of our association except for holding an elected position.*

***Fair Winds and Following Seas***



October 3, 2020

*Nicholas S. Herbka*  
Nicholas S. Herbka, LCDR, USN (Ret)

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## Individual Recruiting Merit Certificate



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# For the Good of the Order

## *Honoring Our Veterans*



## Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association provides a way to honor those who served

BY ELIZABETH MARIE HIMCHAK

Through a new Patriots Walk set for debut next Memorial Day (if health conditions permit), the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is providing a way for veterans to be honored and for the memorial to be cared for into the future, according to RBVMA President Paul H. Atterbury.

For a \$1,000 tax-deductible donation, veterans who served honorably during times of peace or conflict can be memorialized with an engraved granite plaque installed in the sidewalk around the memorial in Webb Park. Each plaque can contain name, dates, rank and the veteran's service emblem.

Atterbury said the walk and plaques will be similar in appearance to the nearby Pathway of Pride plaques, also in Webb Park. Those are a fundraiser for the Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation.

"We want to set the conditions for long-term success of the memorial, partially so a new generation of Rancho Bernardo families can recognize the service of their veteran and to have (the money) to maintain the memorial."

He said almost all money raised by the nonprofit organization goes to either memorial maintenance or costs incurred in putting on three community ceremonies each year. These occur on Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Veterans Day. (This year's ceremonies had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and county restrictions on public gatherings.)

According to Atterbury, the ceremonies are important because they not only provide a way for area veterans and the wider community to honor those who served their country in the past and present, but also serve as an educational opportunity for younger residents. These include the RB High School Madrigals Choir under the direction of Lisa Friedrichs, the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Boy Scouts of America Troop 685 and other youth volunteers, such as the soloist. Some of these youth participants joined the military



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**Paul H. Atterbury, Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association president**

later, he added.

RBVMA is a very "inclusive" organization in that its board is not only open to veterans of the U.S. Armed Services, current active and reserved members of the military, but also patriotic citizens. The association has no dues-paying members, but accepts donations via its website at [rbvma.org](http://rbvma.org). Those interested in joining the association's board can contact any of its board officers for details. Their contact information is on the website.

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## Commander's Corner




*Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter,*

*I am proud that the Holland Chapter is a Partner with the RB VFW Post 7766 and the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association. Despite the State restrictions on our civil liberties to assemble, celebrate and honor our military, past and present, local leadership continues to find a way to do just that. I was happy to communicate with Kelsey Cast, the CCRB Events Coordinator recently. The club is currently opened for dining for just three households. Kelsey predicts that the CCRB dining facilities may not be open for larger groups until January 2021. I have requested from CCRB, on Saturday, January 2, 2021, a room, to open the new year with an in person Holland Chapter General Meeting. I will keep Companions and Friends of the Chapter apprised of any success towards this goal.*

*Please consider participating in the "Parade of Honor" as described on page 1 of this newsletters.*

*Please take the time to call on our more senior Companions and let them know they are in our Prayers.*

**God Bless America**

Calendar of Events	Birthdays 					
<p><b>General Meeting - Nov 14, 2020.</b> GSP Professor Williams Week - China Policy</p> <p><b>Business Meeting - Nov 13, 2020.</b> Discuss future meetings at CCRB, and reinvestment of RU Funds.</p> <p><b>General Meeting - Dec 5, 2020.</b> GSP's LTC David Yorck, Capt Don Hershberger, Lt Andre LeCault, Lt Carl Swepston</p> <p><b>Business Meeting- Dec 11, 2020.</b> Future meetings at CCRB/New investments.</p>	<p><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>5th Dave Piontek</p> <p>23rd Carl Swepston</p> <p>25th Andre LeCault</p>	<p><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>16th Tom Lettington</p>				
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### Guest Speaker November 14, 2020



## Professor William Weeks

*Professor William Weeks* is a specialist in American History with a focus on American Foreign Relations. He is the author of three books, most recently *Dimensions of the Early American Empire* (2013). Currently, he is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Humanities grant entitled Dialogues on the Experience of War, which seeks to aid Iraq and Afghan war veterans in telling their stories of war and homecoming.

**Title of talk: "Who Lost (to) China?"** Professor Weeks will attempt to connect the dots of history from the controversy over "who lost China?" in the early 1950s to those Americans who today seem eager to "kowtow" to China in the 21st century. Suspects include Mike Bloomberg, Bill Gates, Hollywood, the NBA, and academia, all of whom seem to be placing their bets that the future of the world is to be found in China. And while I have been predicting a showdown between the US and China for a decade, I will also share a strong premonition I have been experiencing of late: that in the end, America will surrender to Chinese hegemony without firing a shot. Indeed, it may have already happened.

## Companion Speakers (4) December 5, 2020

**A Christmas Special ZOOM Meeting will be held with presentations from four of our Companions. They will share their experiences during their Service in the Vietnam War.**

**David C Yorck, LTC, USMC (Ret)** - What happened as a Marine Corps Infantry Officer in Vietnam influenced my life for the next 50 years.

1967 Executive Officer K 3/4 at Cam Lo and Con Thien Enemy NVA ground troops  
Heavy Russia Artillery  
Mortars and sapper Nighttime attacks  
3 Marines Killed 25 NVA Killed 3 captured

1969  
CO L 3/4 LZ Russell and Khe Sanh  
February-March 1969 constant fighting with NVA Battalion like WW-2 in Pacific.  
NVA Ground Attacks, Mortars and ambushes  
18 Marines Killed NVA 150 killed 2 Captured



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### Companion Speakers (4) December 5, 2020

#### **Don Hershberger, Capt, USN (Ret)**

Don will talk about his service in NCIS

#### **Andre LeCault, LT, USA (Fmr)**

While in Vietnam (1967 - 1968), I was a MACV operative assigned Army Special Forces, Green Beret "B" Team 41 out of Moc Hoa, then Province of Kien Tuong (now Long An).

Those of you who are students of the Vietnamese geography, it was just below an area called the "Parrots Beak." This Province parallels the Cambodian border and the Sông Vàm Cỏ Tây River infiltration route.

I was assigned as the Mobile Advisor Team (MAT) 62/85 Team Leader which operated in the Ấp Bắc Chan Village/Hamlet which is about 20 miles south of the city Mộc Hóa on the River and parallels Cambodia. We were working with the Vietnamese Regional Force 153 which protected the village. I plan on discussing life in the Village of Ấp Bắc Chan with photos and stories.

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

On my first combat tour as a Navy SEAL I experienced a very traumatic event with my fellow SEALs. We were being transported back to our living quarters from a recon mission in the Mekong Delta. This event occurred on board a modified mike boat. This small craft we called "Mighty MO" had been significantly modified that included small arms bullet barriers and three 50 cal. Machine guns. This event resulted in the death of three SEALs and 17 wounded out of the twenty one SEALs onboard





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## Vice Commander's Corner



**Andre LeCault, LT, USA (FMR)**

*Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association*



### The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial, dedicated on Independence Day 1994, honors veterans of the military services of the United States. The Memorial is located alongside the small lake at picturesque Webb Park in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego, California. The address for the Memorial is 11666 Avena Place, San Diego, CA 92128.

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial is a place for every citizen to include those with no military experience and no direct family relations with veterans. It is as a solemn place to quietly reflect and remember. On occasion, like Independence Day, it is a festive gathering place for the entire community, not just veterans and their respective families.

The Memorial is due largely to the hard work and dedication of two local veterans groups: the Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and, the General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. The membership of these two groups formed in 1994 The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association which is an Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(19) nonprofit public benefit veterans organization.

#### **Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association**

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is an Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(19) Nonprofit Public Benefit Veterans Organization established in 1994 in order to maintain the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial located at Webb Park and to conduct patriotic and educational public ceremonies at the Memorial.

Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association's Mission includes:

- 1, Host three annual ceremonies at the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial (Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day) that includes youth participation and encourages youth to embrace a lifelong commitment to responsible citizenship and public service;
- 2, Work with local veterans organizations and patriotic volunteers to ensure the three annual ceremonies at the Memorial appropriately fulfill the purposes of these National Holidays and Observances; and
- 3, Maintain the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial for future generations.



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### Andre LeCault, LT, USA (FMR)

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is located in the Rancho Bernardo area of San Diego, California and governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and a volunteer group of Officers elected from the Board of Directors. Veterans of the United States Armed Services, current active or reserve members of the United States Armed Services, and patriotic citizens may be elected to serve on the Board of Directors.



The current Officers of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association include the following:

President, Paul H. Atterbury;

Vice President, Brigadier General Paul K. Lebidine, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired);

Secretary, Marty Judge; and

Treasurer, David Olivet.

### Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association Patrons and Patriots

The Memorial Association has no members, but solicits donations from the general public to support the Memorial Association's activities. Donors are called "Patrons" or "Patriots."

Donations may be made via the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association website: [www.rbvma.org](http://www.rbvma.org)

### The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association's "Patriots Walk."

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association's "Patriots Walk" offers the opportunity to publicly memorialize your veterans with an engraved granite plaque installed in the sidewalk located around the perimeter of the Veterans Memorial. The intent for these plaques is to honor individual veterans who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces, either in times of peace or conflict.

The general appearance of all the plaques is the same, though each plaque is unique in how it identifies a veteran. In addition to name, dates, and rank, the veteran's branch of service emblem is available for each plaque. Each plaque will have four lines with room for twenty characters (letters numbers) in each line in order to properly identify the veteran being honored. Each plaque is available in exchange for a tax deductible donation to the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

A Dedication Ceremony, sponsored by the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, will occur each time a group of plaques are installed. The Memorial Association will coordinate



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with plaque donors in order to ensure an appropriate dedication for their respective plaques. The Memorial Association will maintain the plaques after their installation. The first Dedication Ceremony of the "Patriots Walk" will occur when the San Diego County Health Officer's Orders relative to the pandemic permit a public gathering worthy of the occasion.



Please contact an Officer of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association at the following email address in order to obtain a Patriots Walk plaque:

[ranchobernardopatriotswalk@gmail.com](mailto:ranchobernardopatriotswalk@gmail.com)

### **Youth Organizations that Traditionally Participate in Ceremonies at the Memorial**

Boy Scouts of America Troop 685 (supported every one of the Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial beginning with the Memorial's Dedication Ceremony on Independence Day 1994)

The Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals Choir led by Director Lisa Friedrichs

Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps detachments from local High Schools, like Westview High School

Youth Soloist or Singers

Volunteers who are students at local High Schools, Middle Schools, and Elementary Schools.

### **Co-Hosting Organizations**

The Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.

### **Partner Organizations**

The Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the Fourth Committee supports every Independence Day Ceremony at the Memorial which coincides with many of the Spirit of the Fourth events like the Community Fair.

Memorial Day Ceremonies purposefully coincide with and immediately follow the Annual Pancake Festival honoring the military that our friends and supporters from the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society proudly host.



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**Andre LeCault, LT, USA (FMR)**

### Volunteers and Supporters

Steadfast support of countless individual local citizens and supporters of all ages help ensure success.



Members of The Northrop Grumman Rancho Bernardo VERITAS Community Services (Veterans, Employees, Reservists, Inspired to Act and Serve) provide volunteer logistical support for all the ceremonies.

The Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation regularly provides grant money support to the Memorial Association.

### Key Accomplishments of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association

Since 1994, hosted over seventy public ceremonies at the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Memorial's Dedication was celebrated on Independence Day 2019 with a program that included Representative Mike Levin (R-50<sup>th</sup>) as the Keynote Speaker.

Previous speakers at the Memorial include members of Congress, members of the Federal Judiciary, General and Flag Officers of the United States Armed Forces, local political leaders, and local dignitaries.

Among the many residents of Rancho Bernardo and the greater San Diego area who attend are surviving family members of U.S. military personnel that were prisoners of war, missing in action, or killed in action.

Veterans of World War II and every major conflict since have attended and participated in the ceremonies.

Countless youth participating in ceremonies or volunteering to support the ceremonies learn to embrace a life-long commitment to responsible citizenship and learn to value public service.

The Ceremonies at the Memorial help ensure the local community appropriately accomplishes the purposes of the following National Holidays and Observances: Memorial Day; Independence Day; and, Veterans Day.

*Prepared by President RBVMA, Paul H. Attebury, USMC (Ret)*



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## Chaplain's Corner



### GOD BLESS THE USA



As I listen to the words in the country and western song sung by Lee Greenwood, I am reminded of many of the special blessings of our great nation. Listening and watching this song being sung by Lee and accompanied by several other singers including the USAF choir, is quite inspirational. Terms such as “I am proud to be an American where the flag still stands for freedom and they can’t take that away,” stands out.

During the last weeks I have seen the American flag being burned and trampled on by some of our fellow Americans on TV. These activities are in total contrast to the words being sung in this song.

Another verse states: “And I’m proud to be an American, Where at least I know I am free and I won’t forget the men who died, that gave that right to me.” Those words match up perfectly with the upcoming “Veterans Day” celebration.

During this quite emotionally challenging time in our country, I pray, and have confidence, that GOD will bless and lead us through this time, as **He** has been done in our past.

Carl Swepston