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Deal May Save Mt. Soledad Cross



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The enormous white cross that overlooks the Pacific Ocean atop Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial in San Diego isn't going anywhere. The Mount Soledad Association, the veteran's group that maintains the memorial, purchased the half-acre of federal land on which the 29 foot Latin cross stands from the Defense department for \$1.4 million July 21. The purchase brings to a close an epic 25-year legal battle, spurred by a 1989 lawsuit from Vietnam veteran and atheist Phillip Paulson, who argued the cross violated the Constitution's prohibition against state established religion. "I am honored to be leading our association at this most significant time in our memorial's history," said Bruce Bailey, president and CEO of the Mount Soledad Memorial Association board of trustees, which bought the property. "It marks the first time where our membership can manage the memorial's affairs from a place of ownership and accountability for the property, which is a new and welcomed step for the association," Bailey said. The sale was made possible by the passage of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015, which called for the property to be sold by the federal government to the association. The organization has managed the memorial since its inception in 1954.



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(Continued from page 1) In 2006, Congress took ownership of the land from the city of San Diego via eminent domain, a move championed by former U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Alpine), who previously represented the area. His son, U.S. Rep. Duncan D. Hunter (R-Alpine), took up the cause after succeeding his father in Congress in 2009, authoring the provisions in the defense bill that cleared the way for the sale and transfer of the property to private ownership.

A Marine veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, Hunter hailed the sale as “a significant development that puts Mt Soledad on solid legal footing and better ensures its preservation. This is a landmark that has deep meaning to so many veterans and families.”

San Diego attorney James McElroy, representing a Vietnam veteran, told the LA Times that he and ACLU lawyers plan to study the sale agreement and then meet with lawyers representing the government and the memorial association.

“We may be getting near the end (of the case), simply for legal and pragmatic reasons,” said McElroy, who filed the first case against the cross in 1988.

The case, the most prominent of several lawsuits involving crosses at veteran’s memorials, was appealed twice to the U.S. Supreme Court, which declined to take it up both times. The Cross had a close call in 2013, when a federal judge ordered it taken down.

Voters in San Diego weighed in on two ballot measures, first rejecting a referendum to transfer the memorial land owned by the city to a private entity, and then approving a proposal to transfer the land to the federal government. In addition to the cross, the memorial holds 2700 black granite plaques with names and photos of war veterans.

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Colonel Bruce Bailey was a guest Speaker at our April Meeting and discussed this action to secure the Mount Soledad Cross from future litigation. Bruce also presented sand from Omaha Beach to WWII veteran CPO Walter Spain. Walter was in the third wave to come ashore at Omaha Beach as a Naval Intelligence Photographer.

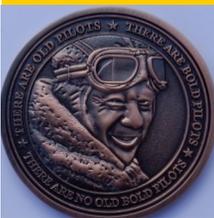
Christmas Party to be Hosted By BG. JP Holland Chapter



December 5, 2015, the General John P Holland Chapter will host a Christmas Party, to include the San Diego and Camp Pendleton Chapters. This is just the beginning of a joint effort by the three chapters to work together and provide mutual support for each other’s activities. The affair will be held at the Bernardo Heights Country Club, located at 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, CA 92128. Attire is coat and tie, with the colors of the Season. Tickets are \$25. ***Christmas Carols and other special songs will be sung by Shawna Greshik.*** Music will be provide for your Dancing pleasure.

Tickets may be purchased from Tom Lettington, BG JP Holland Chapter Adjutant. Please call 858-485-5243 or email Tom at tlettington@san.rr.com.





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Old Bold Pilots

Oceanside, CA

The Old Bold Pilots group meet for breakfast at the Oceanside Denny's off El Camino Real every Wednesday at 0700. The group was founded by four P-47 Fighter Pilots in 1984. This month's

"Old Bold Pilot" is Charles Huebsch. "I told them I didn't care," Charles Huebsch says.



I just wanted to fly a P-38. This was his answer when asked "You do understand that a photo recon plane has no guns to defend itself?" The Japanese called the aircraft "Photo Joe." Huebsch's recon flights targeted air bases in the South Pacific as well as troop emplacements, anti-aircraft batteries, and potential landing sites. "Soon as the smoke cleared, I was there taking pictures," Huebsch says. "The bomber pilots would come back and say "We wiped them out." Then we would say, Hey, look at the pictures. The damage was not complete." The bomber pilots just loved us." Low on fuel after photographing a large Japanese air base, Huebsch saw a glint on the island of Biak northwest of New Guinea. Once he

realized what they have stumbled upon, he told his wingman he was going for the shots--low fuel or not. "I told him these pictures were too valuable. I'll belly the thing in. I'll lose the plane, but I'll get the shots. Search for me on the south side of New Guinea." "It turned out to be a recon photo-thon. More than 100 Japanese Zeros and a number of Mitsubishi G4M "Betty" bombers were laid out along the airstrip., like sunbathers under the cloudless Pacific sky. "Nobody even fired a shot," he says. After the final shutter click, he flew as far as his fuel would take him, found an island with a hard coral beach--"about the length of the flight deck of the *Midway*"--and landed wheels down instead of bellying in. Local residents greeted him, fishing spears in hand. "All the ladies were dressed like early *National Geographic*," Huebsch says. He established an uneasy

rapport, and after five days, a search plane spotted his P-38 and dropped K-rations for Huebsch and the locals. He slept in the closed cockpit of his aircraft every night. "They taught us in jungle school: Don't mingle with the natives." Instead he was soon spear fishing with his hosts, but wearing rolled-up shorts. "I was too embarrassed to go naked. After sampling the local cuisine of roots and grub worms, he was glad to see a World War I-vintage Australian amphibian that had landed near the beach. "We were told to pick up your film," the crew informed him. "We'll be back for you in a couple of days." When they finally returned him to base, an MP was waiting to take him to the commander of the Fifth Air Force. "The general's aid bawled me out. 'Why didn't you belly that plane in? You could have flipped over and killed yourself.' He poured me a glass of straight whiskey. Well, I been eating grub worms for days and I told him, Sir, I can't drink this. 'Don't pour it out.' he



said, 'that stuff is too hard to get.!'"



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Quilt Of Valor Presented to CWO4 John Cantor



Kay and Tom-Lettington displays the Quilt of Valor which was presented to John Cantor.

Kay and her family created the design and crafted the quilt by hand. Sitting on John's left, is his wife, Lois.



Kay and Tom speak from the heart the words of appreciation and friendship which bring a smile of joy and gratitude from John.



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Chief Warrant Officer John J. Cantor USN (RET)

Ninety eight years young in April of this year, John joined the Naval Reserve in November, 1934 and was called to active duty in the regular Navy in December of 1935. During his long and illustrious Naval career, John served in five naval ships, mainly in logistic support roles as a supply Warrant Officer. Each of these ships, in their own way, served on our front lines of our Nation's defense.

John's first ship was the USS Altair (AD-11) a destroyer tender in San Diego. In 1940, he was assigned to USS Moffett (DE-362). After conducting neutrality patrols in the Caribbean, Moffett saw combat action against German U-Boats attacking our transports near Halifax even before the US formally declared war. Later in the war he participated in Anti-submarine Warfare Training activities in Newfoundland.

In 1940, John was assigned to the escort carrier, USS Admiralty Islands (CVE-99) as a Supply Officer. From 1951 to 1953, John served as the Supply Officer in the USS Midway (CVA-41), now on display as a museum, here in San Diego, before assigned shore duty in San Diego.

From 1961 to 1963, John was assigned to the amphibious attack transport, USS Lenawee (APA-195) before returning to shore duty in San Diego at the Naval Air Station, North Island. John retired from active duty in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer (W-4) in April, 1965 after 30 years of faithful service.

John has never been away from the military service and veteran affairs. He is a valued member and active volunteer with the Abraham J. Baum VFW Post 7766, and the General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. He also has, for many years, played key roles in support activities of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association.

The volunteers at Quilts of Valor feel deeply, the desire to go beyond the words, and to present tangible physical evidence of their appreciation. The quilts they lovely craft through hours of and hours of devotion, they hope will say "Thank you for your service." To my friend, Companion and Comrade, John, please accept and enjoy the comforting appreciation of this beautifully hand-crafted "Quilt of Valor." It is richly deserved. *Tom and Kay Lettington*



John Cantor humbly displays the Quilt of Valor presented to him by Kay and Ton Lettington.

John's wife Lois is sitting on his left side.



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Commanders Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter, we begin the first of many joint projects/events with the San Diego and Camp Pendleton Chapters of the MOWW. The first is a **Christmas Party** to held December 3, 2015, at the Bernardo Heights Country Club. The event starts at 1100, with refreshments, and lunch at 1130. I am most pleased to announce that *Shawna Greshik* will entertain us with her lovely voice to lead us in our favorite Christmas Carols and other selections. Music will also be provided for you Dancing Pleasure. A fundraiser raffle will be offered to raise money for all the Chapters SDYLC Programs. Donations are requested for the raffle from anyone and everyone who may have a gift or bottle of spirits, etc. to make the fundraisers a great success. Your individual Chapter members will provide more details by email/phone. Come join us at the Remington house for a great presentation and a opportunity to chat with many WWII, Korea, and Vietnam Veterans. **God Bless**

This Day in History

September

- 2nd VJ-Day: Japan Signed Formal Surrender (1945)
- 10th U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Incorporated (1962)
- 11th Patriot Day
- 14th “Star-Spangled Banner” Written by Francis Scott Key
- 17th U.S> Constitution Approved (1787)

October

- 7th Operation Enduring Freedom Began (2001)
- 9th Invasion of North Korea (1951)
- 12th Attack on the U.S. Cole (2001)
- 13th U.S, Navy Established (1775)
- 27th Navy Day

Calendar of Events

Business Meeting-Sept 30th, 0900, MCAS Miramar VIP Lounge

General Meeting-Sept 5th GSP- Julie Keane, Civilian Aviation for 30 years

General Meeting-Oct 3rd

GSP-Dr. Bruce Charnov, Video History of Autogiros/Gyro planes

Business Meeting—Oct 21st,0900, MCAS Miramar VIP Lounge

Birthdays/Anniversaries

September

- 2nd Michael Borer
- 5th Patrick Dettmar
- 8th Nick Herbka
- 19th George Harris
- 23rd Heather Austin
- 27th Nick & Diane Herbka (46yrs)
- 28th Beth Ann Loscola
- 28th Lori Loscola

October

- 2nd Eldon Baker
- 4th George Churchill
- 6th David Epstein
- 8th Harry Hodges
- 17th David Korinek
- 21st David Olivet

MOWW National Convention was held in Tampa, Florida, August 4-9, 2015. Check the Newsletter for the new National Officers and COL Clark Kholos’s new elected position as GSO. He is still the Southern California Commander. BG Holland, San Diego and Camp Pendleton Chapters win Awards.



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September Meeting Photos

Companions-Friends-Guests-September 5, 2015





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Michael Vaughn, president of the Rancho Bernardo Veteran's Memorial Association speaks before the Companions of the Chapter. Many of the Chapter Companions are plank owners and active members of the Veteran's Memorial Association. The RB Veteran's Memorial Association is the organization which hosts three major Patriotic Celebrations' each year in Webb Park. These events are Memorial Day, Independence Day (July 4th), and Veteran's Day. Through the years of the Association's production of these events, a large amount of equipment has been acquired and stored with one of the members. The Association must now seek a commercial source of storage to keep the equipment safe and secure. Michael has asked our Chapter and the sister Veteran's organization, Rancho Bernardo Abraham J. Baum VFW Post 7766 to help with the cost of storing this equipment. This request was brought to the floor for discussion after the motion was made and seconded to provide the Association with \$500.00 per year for the storage of their equipment. The motion was passed unanimously and a check for \$500.00 was given to the Association. Also, the companion who made the motion, also donated \$500.00 to the cause. **Thank you Mike** for all that you do to instill Patriotism in our Community, teaching our youth the value of Freedom and inspiring all of us to keep the torch of Liberty shining brightly.

Navy Marine Mammal Program Tour



Carl Swepton is the Chapter Director for Guest Speakers and many other events. Carl is coordinating a tour for the Chapter Companions, Friends and family to visit the Navy Marine Mammal Program in San Diego. The tours will be held during the week, in the morning or early afternoon. Friday morning is the most sought after tour time and day. We have 11 persons signed up currently, and expect more to join us. The tours will be available in late September or October. To sign up, please contact Carl at 619-884-2593 or email him at retseal@sbcglobal.net.





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Guest Speakers for October Meeting

Guest speaker for October 3, 2015, Dr. Bruce Charnov



Dr. Bruce H. Charnov Ph.D. J.D. FRAeS, CAPT USN (Ret), has published two books on the history of rotary-wing flight and a 4-vol. history of the Popular Rotorcraft Association. Additionally, he has written five monographs and 168 articles dealing with that history. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Vertical Flight History Division of the American Helicopter Museum and is the Historical Editor of "Rotorcraft" magazine. He produced a documentary feature based on his book "From Autogiro to Gyroplane" which won a Telly Award in 2008, and was elected a Fellow of London's Royal Aeronautical Society that same year.

General J.P. Holland Chapter

Moves October Meeting to Remington Club

The General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars will hold its October meeting at the Remington Club, Building Number 2. The brain child of this idea to support our Veterans living at the Remington Club is Past Commander, Dave Epstein. The percentage of veterans living at the Remington Club is estimated at 70% and higher. It makes great sense to hold a Chapter Meeting at the Club, inviting those residence/veterans to attend and enjoy our meeting and Guest Speaker. The doors are opened at 1100, with refreshments in the meeting room. The Meeting will start at 1130. A buffet lunch will be served at 1145. The buffet will be Italian, with a chicken and beef entree, with anti-pasta and green salads, two types of pasta with two types of sauce, and dessert. The Guest Speaker will begin his video and talk at 1230. Dr. Charnov will entertain questions after his presentation. Those wishing to attend may contact Adjutant Tom Lettington, at email address tlettington@san.rr.com, or call at 858-485-5243. The address is 16916 Hierba Dr. Drive to Von's shopping mall on Bernardo Center Dr—Turn into shopping area by Von's, go pass Von's, bearing right to 16916 Hierba Dr. Enter Building from the large parking circle.





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Awards for August

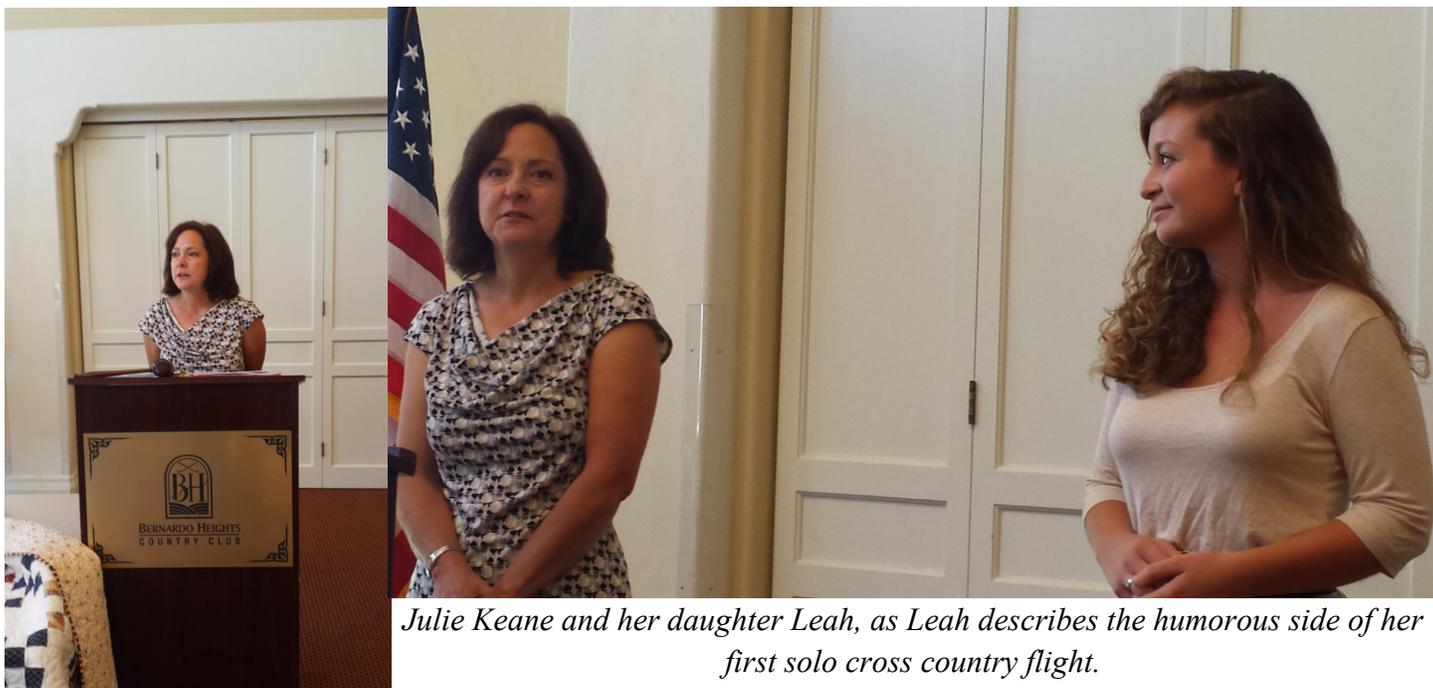
Mr. Peter Nunez—Silver Patrick Henry



The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your Superior Achievements and Dedication to the Security of the United States of America, as a United States Attorney and Assistant for the Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement in Washington D.C. Your leadership, sacrifice, hard work, and dedication to our Country in the field of Law Enforcement, transnational crime and terrorism, immigration policy, and criminal justice ensured the security and superiority of this Great Nation, the United States of America. 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.

Guest Speaker for September

Thirty Years of Civilian Aviation—Private pilot, Instructor Pilot, Airline Pilot, FAA Examiner, Owner/Operator of a Flying School—Julie Keane taught her husband, daughter and son to fly, as well as many men and women, young and old for over 29 years.



Julie Keane and her daughter Leah, as Leah describes the humorous side of her first solo cross country flight.



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National Convention Awards

Southern California Region XIV (Local)

BG Holland Chapter - In the Large Size Chapter Category

Chapter Newsletter - 2nd Runner Up

MGen Pendleton Chapter - In the Large Size Chapter Category

Law and Order Program Award - 1st Runner Up

San Diego Chapter - In the Large Size Chapter Category

ROTC Program - Category 2 - Winner

Patriotic Education - 1st Runner Up

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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AWARD

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FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROGRAM OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT, IN KEEPING WITH THE MOWW MOTTO, "IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED."



John M. Hayes

JOHN M. HAYES, CAPTAIN, USAF (FMR)
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Commentary on the Pledge of Allegiance

by Red Skelton

As a school boy, one of Red Skelton's teachers explained the words and meaning of the Pledge of allegiance to his class. Skelton later wrote down, and eventually recorded his recollections of this lecture. It is followed by an observation of his own.

I __ Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge __ Dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance __ My love and my Devotion.



To the Flag __ Our Standard; *Old Glory*; a symbol of freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

United __ That means that we have all come together.

States __ Individual communities that have united into 48 great states. Forty eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic __ Republic.. A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And the government is the people; and is from the people to the leaders; not from the leaders to the people.

For Which it stands

One Nation __ One Nation-- meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible __ Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty __ Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice __ The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All __ For All - - which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.



And now, boys and girls, let me hear you recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

**I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,
And to the Republic, for which it stands; one nation, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all.**

*Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance; **Under God**. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminate from schools, too?*



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Red Skelton - Soldier, Comedian, American



Chaplain (MAJ) Dave Korinek

I've always admired Red Skelton as a comedian. His weekly TV show ran on network prime time from 1951-1971. His imaginative stage impersonations never failed amuse – Clem Kaddiddlehopper, Sheriff Dead Eye, Freddy the Freeloader, and even the “seagull” pair of Gertrude and Heathcliffe. He had an uncanny ability to ruffle his brown hat and make facial expressions that completely changed his persona on stage. For his perennial role as Clem Kaddiddlehopper he was actually awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Foolology from Ball State University. During the 1950s and 1960s my family and I rarely missed a broadcast of the Red Skelton Hour and enjoyed countless laughs.

Three decades after his show went off the air my admiration for Red Skelton increased. When I served as a California National Guard chaplain at Camp Roberts in Paso Robles, California. The post was built in 1942 as a basic training facility for U.S. Army Infantry and is still an active training installation. Camp Roberts Museum chronicles the story of various celebrities that went through basic training at the post during World War II, but Red Skelton's story impresses me the most. A well-known comedian and movie star by the start of WWII, Red was drafted into the Army in 1944. He was offered a commission to form a traveling entertainment troop for the Army, but he turned down the commission and chose instead to go through basic training as a private. After completing basic at Camp Roberts he stayed at the post in order to star in comedy shows for wave after wave of GIs passing through the installation. At times, he starred in seven evening performances per week, plus Saturday and Sunday matinees. His dedication to entertaining fellow troops brought laughter and joy to tens of thousands of GIs. Over time Red's heavy on-stage schedule at Camp Roberts pushed him to the point of physical and emotional collapse requiring a hospital recovery, but he never lost his love for doing comedy on stage. PFC Red Skelton was discharged from active duty in 1945.

Some of Red's quotes over the years provide insight into his spirituality. “I always believed God puts each one of us here for a purpose and mine is to make people happy.” “If I can make people smile, then I have served my purpose for God.” In my mind his most memorable quote is the one he used at the end of each TV broadcast for 20 years when he always said “Good night and *may* God bless.” I've thought of that quote over the years whenever I've heard politicians add the sentence “God bless the United States of America” at the end of a speech. That choice of words seems a bit presumptuous to me because it implies God is at our command. On the other hand, Red's closing words “*may* God bless” remind us that God is free to choose whether or not to bless. We can only pray that he will.



So, *may* you keep the faith and be a blessing!

Chaplain Dave Korinek



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Anthem Veterans Memorial

Once a Year at 11:11 am the Sun Shines Perfectly on this Memorial at precisely 11:11 a.m. each Veterans Day (Nov. 11), the sun's rays pass through the ellipses of the five Armed Services pillars to form a perfect solar spotlight over a mosaic of The Great Seal of the United States.

The Anthem Veterans Memorial, located in Anthem, Arizona, is a monument dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States armed forces. The pillar provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who want to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve the United States.

The memorial was designed by Anthem resident Renee Palmer-Jones.

The five marble pillars represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size (from 17 ft to 6 ft) and ordered in accordance with the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard.

Additionally, the brick pavers within the Circle of Honor are inscribed with the names of over 750 U.S. servicemen and women, symbolizing the 'support' for the Armed Forces. The pavers are red, the pillars are white, and the sky is blue to represent America's flag. The circle represents an unbreakable border. Anthem resident and chief engineer, Jim Martin was responsible for aligning the memorial accurately with the sun. The Anthem Veteran's Memorial is located at **41703 N. Gavilan Peak Parkway Anthem, AZ 85086.**



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