

The Americans' Creed

I believe in the United States of America
as a Government of the people, by the people,
for the people; whose just powers are derived
from the consent of the governed;
a democracy in a republic;
a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States;
a perfect union, one and inseparable;
established upon those principles of freedom,
equality, justice, and humanity for which
American patriots sacrificed their lives
and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty
to my country to love it;
to support its Constitution;
to obey its Laws;
to respect its Flag;
and to defend it against all enemies.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Our sincere thanks go to all members of BSA Troop 685, San Diego, for presenting the flags of the 13 original colonies during the Bell Ringing Ceremony. Thanks also to Westview H.S. NJROTC for participating in today's ceremony as the Color Guard. Thanks to Mr. Rossi Rizzo of the Rancho Bernardo Winery for supplying the bell, and of course, to LT and Mrs. Bill May for ringing the bell in colonial attire. We also thank our Boy Scouts for their assistance with logistics and in distributing these programs at our ceremony. And our gratitude goes to The Pearl Restaurant for allowing us the use of their patio.

Independence Day

July 4, 2014

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Ceremonies Held At Site Of Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial (Located in Webb Lake Park)

Presented 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
Maj. Abraham J. Baum
Post 7766



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Len Hering, Rear Admiral, USN (ret.)



A native of Portsmouth, Va., Rear Admiral Hering retired from the Navy in 2009 after more than 32 years of service. He was noted as one of the Navy's top experts in base operations and facility support with an emphasis on sustainability and the environment.

While in the Navy, Hering's efforts included everything from renewable energy to responsible water use and conservation. He built a team recognized throughout the Department of Defense as the best in environmental protection and sustainable innovation. Within three years, the team reduced energy consumption by nearly 42%, diverted 75% of Navy waste from landfills and reduced water consumption by more than one billion gallons, saving tens of millions of taxpayer dollars. Hering instigated wind, thermal, photovoltaic and conversion technology at all levels in Navy facilities. President Bush awarded Hering a 2005 Presidential Award for Leadership in Federal Energy Management in recognition of efforts reducing oil spills and for recycling.

In 2009, Hering joined the University of San Diego, where as vice president for business services and administration he initiated numerous sustainable measures on the campus. Within the two years he served, USD installed the largest solar system of any private campus in the country, instituted the most comprehensive water abatement project in the school's history and reformed numerous business practices to help control costs. His efforts resulted in saving more than 3 million gallons of water per year and more than \$1 million in electrical costs.

A limited number of 4" x 6" bronze plaques are available for installation at the Veterans Memorial site for recognition of individual veterans. Donations to the Veterans Memorial are tax deductible. Please call John Cantor, (858)487-5446.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2014

Opening Entertainment

Kids Sing Childrens' Choir

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Tom Lettington, Commander, USN (ret)
Past President RB Veterans Memorial Association

Invocation

MOWW Chapter Chaplain, CA Nat'l Guard Major Dave Korinek

Presentation of the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

David G. Epstein, Col. US Army (ret)
Commander, VFW Post 7766, Rancho Bernardo

National Anthem

Miss Samantha Belgium, Soloist, RB High School
RB Idol finalist 2013

Retire the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

National Bell Ringing Ceremony

Lieutenant Bill May, USN (Ret) and his wife, Rose, in Colonial attire
Past Commander, Constitution Camp, Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, Inc.,
Flag bearers are from BSA Troop 685

Speaker

Len Hering, Rear Admiral, USN (ret.)

Presentation of "Once Flown" Flags

Marty Judge, Secretary, RBVMA

Recognition of Legion of Valor members

Major Neil Black, USAF (ret.)
Co-Commander, Legion of Valor Chapter

Benediction

Chaplain Major Dave Korinek

Door Prize Drawing

Five New United States Flags