

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 its enemies.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all.

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 David Olivet, (858)735-6121.

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, 2015

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Ceremonies Held At 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
Major Abraham J. Baum
Post 7766



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Commander Rick Jordan, USN (Ret.)



Commander Jordan is a 1982 graduate of the University of North Carolina and entered Aviation Officer Candidate School in March 1983 receiving his Naval Flight Officer wings in August 1984. Following F-4 *Phantom* training at VFMA-101 in MCAS Yuma, AZ, he was assigned to the *Chargers* of VF-161 on-board USS Midway (CV-41) homeported in Yokosuka, Japan where he immediately deployed to the Indian Ocean.

Following his tour in Japan, CDR Jordan transitioned to the F-14 *Tomcat* at NAS Miramar, CA. CDR Jordan had the good fortune of serving in four different F-14 squadrons - VF-194 *Legendary Red Lightnings*, VF-2 *Bounty Hunters*, VF-201 *Hunters* and VF-301 *Devil's Disciples*. Commander Jordan flew over 400 hours in the F-4 *Phantom II* and 2000 hours in the F-14 *Tomcat* and logged 450 carrier landings on nine different aircraft carriers and was selected to attend the Navy Fighter Weapons School (TOPGUN).

After serving his last tour at NAS North Island, he retired in November 2007 after 24 years of Naval Service and was hired as the Westview Navy JROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor the same year. Westview has won three consecutive State Drill Championships and are the current Marksmanship champions. His cadets have earned over 20 ROTC scholarships and five service academy appointments.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2015

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Charles St. Laurent, USN (ret.)

Major Abraham J. Baum VFW Post 7766

Invocation

Chaplain (Lt Col) Rick Blank
California State Military Reserve

Presentation of the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

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

National Anthem

Miss Samantha Belgum, Soloist, Biola University
RB H.S. Alumna, 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

Commander Rick Jordan, USN (Ret.)
Westview High School NJROTC

Recognition of Legion of Valor members

Legion of Valor Representatives

Benediction

Chaplain Rick Blank