

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, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

This Memorial is supported solely through tax deductible donations. Maintenance and storage of equipment are necessary expenses. Donations to the Veterans Memorial are greatly appreciated and needed. Please call David Olivet, (858)735-6121, for information.

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 and for their generous assistance in setting up and taking down the equipment. Thanks also to Westview H.S. NJROTC for participating in today's ceremony as the Color Guard. Thanks to Mr. Ross 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. Our gratitude also goes to The Pearl Restaurant for allowing us the use of their patio.

Independence Day

July 4, 2017

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Ceremony 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
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Guest Speaker:

Colonel Devin C. Young USMC

Officer in Charge, Legal Services Support Section-West



Colonel Young was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant from the University of Florida Naval ROTC program in 1992. He attended The Basic School and Marine Corps Engineer School in 1993 and was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay in October 1993. Colonel Young was accepted into the Funded Law Education Program in 1998 and attended George Mason University School of Law where he attained a Juris Doctor and was designated as a Judge Advocate in 2001. He then served as Prosecutor, Defense Counsel, and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate (DSJA)

at 2d Force Service Support Group/Marine Logistics Group (MLG), Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune from 2001 to 2004. During this tour he deployed in February 2003 as the Executive Officer, 2d Maintenance Battalion, Marine Logistics Command, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Young was then assigned as the Staff Judge Advocate for 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) at Camp Lejeune from 2005 to 2009 during which time he participated in the humanitarian assistance/disaster relief operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

In 2006 he participated in Theater Security Cooperation Exercises in Jordan, Kuwait and the Horn of Africa; the Beirut Noncombatant Evacuation Operation during the 2006 Lebanon War; and Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Colonel Young was then selected for, and attended, The Judge Advocate General Legal Center and School in Charlottesville from 2004 to 2005 where he attained a Masters of Law in Military Law (LL.M.).

He deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and served in Helmand Province as the SJA and MEU Executive Officer. He then served as the Chief of Operational Law and Deputy Staff Judge Advocate at U.S. Central Command from 2009 to 2013 when he then moved to Abu Dhabi to serve as the Commanding Officer, Region 2, Marine Corps Embassy Security Group. He was then selected to attend the Marine Corps War College from 2014 to 2015 and was the Staff Judge Advocate, 1st Marine Division from July 2015 to June 2016. He arrived at his current assignment in June 2016.

Colonel Young's awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three gold stars, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one gold star, and the Joint Service Achievement Medal.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2017

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Nick Herbka, Lt. Cdr, USN (Ret.)

Commander, General J.P. Holland Chapter M.O.W.W.

Invocation

Lt. Col. Rick Blank

Deputy Command Chaplain

California State Military Reserve

Presentation of the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Donald W. Schmidt

Commander, VFW Post 7766

National Anthem

Miss Clara Kelly

Soprano Soloist, San Rafael Catholic Church

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

Key Speaker

Colonel Devin C. Young, USMC

Spirit of the Fourth Chairman

David Brooks

Member, Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Benediction

Chaplain Rick Blank