

Patriots Walk



The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is offering the opportunity for memorializing the service of veterans — a “Patriots Walk” around the perimeter of the Veterans Memorial with plaques installed in the sidewalk.

These plaques honor veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in any war, conflict, or during peacetime.

Please contact the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association at the following email address if you are interested in obtaining a Patriots Walk plaque:

ranchobernardopatriotswalk@gmail.com

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is an IRC 501c(19) nonprofit organization that: maintains the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial; hosts annual Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial; as well as, encourage youth to participate in civic events, embrace lifelong responsible citizenship, and value public service.

Please support our efforts with a donation. Please visit WWW.RBVMA.ORG to donate. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies. Thank you.

2025 Independence Day and National Bell Ringing Ceremony

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial

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Paul H. Atterbury is an attorney with professional experiences in operational law, military investigations, military justice, as well as writing, analyst, and teaching responsibilities on topics that concern national security in general, and the law of armed conflict in particular.

Paul is a retired Marine; highest rank served, Colonel. Overseas military service includes operational law assignments with U.S. Armed Forces deployed in the Pacific Rim as well as combat operations in Iraq

and Afghanistan. Investigations and criminal litigation experience includes high-profile cases of alleged misconduct during combat operations and felony charges against servicemembers in garrison. Writing experience includes tours of duty on the writing teams for the 32nd and 33rd Commandants of the Marine Corps; and, initial draft writer for a Marine Corps Warfighting Publication concerning command legal advice and legal services support to the operating forces.

Paul's over 25 years of nonprofit and volunteer experience includes service for and Board Memberships on, IRC 501c3 and IRC 501c19 nonprofit organizations, to include currently serving as the Immediate Past President of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum Foundation, and the Immediate Past President of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association.

Paul's military decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Combat Action Ribbon. Paul's volunteer work resulted in recognition from the City, County and State levels of government in California and his birth state of Kentucky as well as from the Military Order of World Wars.

Paul lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Leslie and their two youngest children. The Atterbury family considers Rancho Bernardo their home.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2025

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies
William Rios Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Veteran

Invocation	William "Bill" Hanson U.S. Navy Veteran
Presentation of the Colors	Scouts of Troop 685
Pledge of Allegiance	Scouts of Troop 685
National Anthem	Bernardo Bermudez <i>Rancho Bernardo High School Alumnus,</i> <i>San Diego Opera</i>
Retire the Colors	Scouts of Troop 685
National Bell Ringing Ceremony	Marty Judge , U.S. Army Veteran with the Scouts of Troop 685
Quilts of Honor Presentation	Kay Lettington
Remarks by:	Paul H. Atterbury U.S. Marine Corps Veteran
Benediction	William "Bill" Hanson U.S. Navy Veteran