

The American's 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.

Independence Day

July 4th, 2010



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

Arranged 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 Post 7766



Brigadier General Robert B. Abrams, USA
Commanding General, National Training Center, FT Irwin, CA



Brigadier General Robert B. Abrams, an Army Brat who calls Texas home, received his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1982. His service includes key assignments as Commander, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm; Squadron Operations Officer, 1st Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas; Regiment Operations Officer, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, Texas, and Fort Carson, Colorado; and Strategic Planner, CJCS J7, Joint Staff, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Brigadier General Abrams commanded the 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, "Mustangs," of the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, from May 1999 to May 2001. He served as the G3 of the First Cavalry

Division from 2002-2003. Following attendance at the US Army War College, he commanded the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, "IRONHORSE," at Fort Hood, Texas, and deployed the BCT to East Baghdad, Iraq, from March 2004 to March 2005. Following command of 1BCT, Brigadier General Abrams served as the Chief of Staff, 1st Cavalry Division.

Prior to his current assignment as Commanding General of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin, he served as the Deputy Commanding General, Combined Arms Center-Training, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Brigadier General Abrams holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; a Master of Science in Administration from Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan; and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. His military schooling includes the Armor Basic and Advanced Courses, Airborne School, Ranger School, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, the Army Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Schedule of Events

—10:45 a.m. Introduction by Master of Ceremonies —

Colonel Timothy J. Swann, ARNGUS (Ret)
Past Commander, 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, California National Guard
Senior Army Instructor, Kearny High School JROTC

Invocation — Chaplain (Captain) Dave Korinek, State Military Reserve Chaplain Corps

Presentation of the Colors — Color Guard, 79th IBCT, San Diego

Pledge of Allegiance — Navy Veteran, Donald W. Schmidt
Commander, VFW Post 7766, Rancho Bernardo

National Anthem

Bell Ringing Ceremony — Lieutenant Bill May, USN (Ret)
Past Commander, Constitution Camp, Heroes of '76, National Sojourners, Inc.
and his Lady, Rose, in Colonial attire. Flag bearers are from the 79th IBCT

Introduction of Principal Speaker — Commander Thomas F. Lettington USN (Ret)
President, Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association

Remarks — BRIG GEN Robert B. Abrams, US Army

Recognition of Legion of Valor members —
LtCol Tom Richards, NC, USMC (Ret)
Director of Membership and Past National Commander, Legion of Valor

Retire the Colors — Color Guard, 79th IBCT, San Diego

Benediction — Chaplain (Captain) Dave Korinek, State Military Reserve Chaplain Corps

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Our sincere thanks go to all members of the 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, CA ARNG, San Diego, for participating in today's ceremony as the Color Guard and for presenting the flags of the 13 original colonies during the Bell Ringing Ceremony. 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 and representing Constitution Camp, Heroes of '76, San Diego Chapter No. 45, National Sojourners, Inc.. We thank our local Boy Scouts for their assistance with logistics and in distributing these programs at our ceremony.

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. Call John Cantor for further information at (858) 487-5446.