

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, 2012



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



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Major General David S. Baldwin, USA
Adjutant General, California Military Department



Major General David S. Baldwin was appointed as the 46th Adjutant General on 16 April 2011. Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. recalled General Baldwin from his second deployment to Afghanistan, where he served as Deputy Commander of the 101st Airborne Division Tactical Command Post and Senior Mentor to the Commanding General of the 201st Afghan Army Corps, to assume command of the California National Guard. As the Adjutant General, he leads the largest, most tasked National Guard force in the United States, with an authorized strength of 23,000 personnel. He is responsible for the operation of the State Military Department which consists of the California Army and Air National Guard, State Military Reserve, and California Youth Programs.

General Baldwin enlisted as a medic in the California Army National Guard in 1982. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) in 1984. His military assignments include Rifle Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Scout Platoon Leader. He commanded a rifle company that deployed to the Los Angeles Riots in 1992. He served as aide-de-camp for the Commander, California Army National Guard before being assigned as the Operations Officer and then Executive Officer of 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry. General Baldwin commanded that same battalion when it deployed troops to Kuwait in the fall of 2001 in support of Operation DESERT SPRING. Following his assignment as a student at the Army War College, General Baldwin deployed to Afghanistan where he served as the Civil-Military Operations Officer and then the Executive Officer of Combined Forces Command. In January 2007, General Baldwin assumed command of the 79th (previously 40th) Infantry Brigade Combat Team, California Army National Guard. General Baldwin's full-time assignments on State Active Duty include Emergency Plans and Operations Officer, Legislative Liaison Officer, and Director, J3. From 2009 until he deployed in early 2010, General Baldwin served as the Chief of Staff of the California National Guard's Joint Staff.

General Baldwin's military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Armor Officer's Advanced Course, Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College. His civilian education includes a Baccalaureate of Science Degree in Medical Microbiology from Stanford University in 1985, a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California in 1996, and a Master of Strategic Studies Degree from the United States Army War College in 2003.

General Baldwin's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Combat Action Badge, and the Parachutist 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, California State Military Reserve

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 ---- Miss Samantha Belgum, Student, Rancho Bernardo High School

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 — Colonel Swann

Remarks — Major General David S. Baldwin, USA
Adjutant General, California Military Department

Recognition of Legion of Valor members —Neil Black
Co-Commander, Legion of Valor Chapter

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

Benediction — Chaplain Korinek

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.