

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.

The RB Veterans Memorial Assn. is working on a new opportunity for memorializing your veterans — a “Patriots Walk” around the perimeter of the memorial. With approval, plaques will be installed in the sidewalk as with the nearby Pathway of Pride on the other side of the lake. These plaques will be limited to honoring veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served in any war or in peacetime. Please watch for future announcements.

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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 Bernardo Winery for supplying the bell. Our gratitude also goes to The Pearl Restaurant for allowing us the use of their patio. Try both the Winery and The Pearl for dinner!

Independence Day July 4, 2018

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Celebration 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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Guest Speaker:

Paul McNamara, Colonel USMC (Ret.)

Executive Director, MCRD Museum Foundation



Paul "Mac" McNamara transitioned to the private sector as a Colonel after almost 28 years in the United States Marine Corps. During his Marine Corps service, Paul served as an infantry officer in the 2nd and 3rd Marine Divisions as a platoon and company commander as well as a Battalion Staff Officer. After serving on recruiting duty in Boston, he attended flight school and served in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Marine Aircraft Wings. He was a Weapons and Tactics Instructor (WTI) and in addition to squadron staff tours, he commanded both a Marine Helicopter Squadron and Marine Aircraft Group. He also served on diplomatic duty in Mexico City, Mexico, and on the G-3 staff at MARFORPAC. He served as the 3D Marine Aircraft Wing Chief of Staff, and

the Chief of Staff for the First Marine Expeditionary Force. In that role he led the staff in the planning and execution of immediate post 9/11 Marine Corps operational activities in Afghanistan, Iraq and other parts of the world. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for these efforts.

Paul is currently the Executive Director of the MCRD Museum Foundation. Previously, he was the General Manager for a SDVOSB for profit LLC that specialized in Analysis, and Technical and Engineering services. Prior to this position, he held corporate leadership roles that related to Information Systems. He was the Chief Operating Officer for Shee Atika Technologies, an Engineering, and Technical Services Native Alaskan owned LLC. Of note in this role he led strategic analysis teams in a variety of projects for Marine Corps System Command in Information Architecture design, and hardware and software procurement. Previously, he was the VP and COO of Technology Intelligence International, an Information Architecture Design and Development company. While there he authored the Marine Corps' initial overarching Command and Control vision as well as transformational IT efforts for the United States Navy. Prior to serving in this position, Paul was a Program Manager for JAYCOR Defense Systems Division, Titan Corporation. In this responsibility, he served as the Chief Technical Advisor to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, and was responsible for assisting the Marine Corps in its technology transition, and in developing its Information Technology strategy and implementation. Additionally, he served as an advisor to the Program Manager for the development of the Deployable Joint Command and Control (DJC2) effort.

Paul is a member and volunteer of numerous community organizations which include the Executive Boards of the Escondido Rotary Club (Pres FY 18-19.) He also served on the Executive Board of the Escondido Charitable Foundation, and the Executive Board of Girls Incorporated of San Diego. He is a lifetime member of several organizations to include the Marine Corps Association, the Marine Corps Aviation Association, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the MCRD Museum Foundation. Also, he is currently serving as an elected trustee of the Palomar Community College Governing Board and is currently the Board president. He has four daughters - three grown and a six-year-old at home. He is married to Dr. Bo Peng of Shenyang, China.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2018

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

Nick Herbka

Commander, M.O.W.W.

National Anthem

Miss Clara Kelly

Soprano Soloist, San Rafael Catholic Church

Retire the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

National Bell Ringing Ceremony

Donald W. Schmidt with the Scouts of Troop 685

Commander VFW Post 7766

Key Speaker

Colonel Paul McNamara USMC (Ret.)

Spirit of the Fourth Chairman

David Brooks

Member, Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Benediction

Chaplain Rick Blank