

Major General Thomas D Waldhauser, USMC

Commanding General, 1st Marine Division



Major General Waldhauser was born in South St. Paul, Minnesota and is a graduate of Bemidji State University. He was commissioned in 1976 as an infantry officer. His company grade assignments included platoon and company commander billets with both the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions; Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Long Beach (CGN-9); and on the staff of the Commander of Amphibious Squadron Seven.

As a field grade officer, Major General Waldhauser was a Battalion Landing Team Operations Officer and then received orders to the faculty of the Amphibious Warfare School. During the Amphibious Warfare School tour he deployed to the staff of the Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Central Command (Forward) during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. From 1992 to 1995 Major General Waldhauser served on the II Marine Expeditionary Force staff and was the Battalion Commander of 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. He also had duty at Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, and the Pentagon with the Joint Staff Combating Terrorism Directorate (J-34).

As a Colonel, Major General Waldhauser assumed command of the 15th MEU (SOC) in 2000. During this tour, the 15th MEU (SOC) participated in combat operations in Southern Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom and in Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Appointed to the rank of Brigadier General in 2003, his initial assignments as a General Officer were Commanding General, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory and Deputy Commander, Marine Corps Combat Development Command. From 2006-2007, he served as Chief of Staff, U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Florida.

Major General Waldhauser has attended U.S. Army Ranger School, Jumpmaster School, Amphibious Warfare School, Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the National War College where he earned a Masters Degree in National Security Strategies.



Memorial Day

Schedule of Events



10:40 a.m. Patriotic Musical Prelude . Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals
Lisa Friedrichs, Director

11:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies

Read Admiral Richard K. Fontaine, USN (Ret)
Past Commander, General J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Introduction

Moment of Silence/Invocation . LCDR Israel Narvaez, ChC, USN

Presentation of Colors . Color Guard, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Posting of Service, MIA, MOWW, & VFW Flags . Members of VFW
Post 7766 and General J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Flag Ceremony . VFW Commander Elect Col William Kuhn, USA (Ret)

Pledge of Allegiance . MOWW Commander, Col Dave Epstein, AUS (Ret)

National Anthem . Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

Posting of Colors

Introduction of Speaker . MajGen McMonagle, USMC (Ret)

Remarks . MajGen Thomas D. Waldhauser, USMC
Commanding General, 1st Marine Division

In Memorial . MOWW Chaplain LCDR Israel Narvaez

Presentation of Wreath . Major Abe Baum, DSC, AUS (Fmr)

President, R. B. Veterans Memorial Association

Firing of Volleys . Honor Guard, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Retire the Colors . Color Guard, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Benediction . LCDR Israel Narvaez, ChC, USN

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We thank all of the local active duty Navy and Marines for participating as color guard, Honor Guard, and for the Echo Taps as we honor all of our comrades-in-arms who made the supreme sacrifice in the name of *Duty, Honor, and Country*. We also welcome the participation of the Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals for their notable contribution in this community event. In addition, we thank Holiday Flowers of Rancho Bernardo for the beautiful wreath they have given to the RBVMA for our Memorial Day Ceremony for many years.

