

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn our brothers from Rancho Bernardo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766 and the General J.P. Holland Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars who have left us during this last year to join the Chapter or Post Eternal. These fine men have gallantly served their country in time of need. Their service is worthy of honor and respect as we set aside a moment devoted to their memory on this Memorial Day.

Patrick Crane

Maurice Eis

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Memorial Day

MAY 25, 2009



CEREMONIES HELD AT SITE OF

RANCHO BERNARDO VETERANS MEMORIAL

(Located in Webb Park)

Arranged by the

R.B. VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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GENERAL J.P. HOLLAND CHAPTER

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Foreign Wars



VFW POST 7766

Brigadier General Robert B. Abrams, USA
*Commanding General, National Training Center,
 Fort Irwin, California*



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.

Brigadier General Abrams is married, and has a son and a daughter.



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

Introduction

Moment of Silence/Invocation – LCDR Israel Narvaez, ChC, USN (Ret)

Presentation of Colors – Color Guard, 3rd MAW, MCAS Miramar

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance – MOWW Commander, Col Dave Epstein, AUS (R)

National Anthem – Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

Posting of Colors - Color Guard, 3rd MAW, MCAS Miramar

Introduction of Speaker – Major Abe Baum, DSC, AUS (Fmr)

Remarks – BrigGen Robert B. Abrams, USA

Commanding General, National Training Center

In Memorial – MOWW Chaplain LCDR Israel Narvaez, USN (Ret)

Presentation of Wreath – CDR Thomas F. Lettington, USN (Ret)

President, R. B. Veterans Memorial Association

Firing of Volleys and Taps – Honor Guard, 3rd MAW, MCAS Miramar

Retire the Colors – Color Guard, 3rd MAW, MCAS Miramar

Benediction – LCDR Israel Narvaez, ChC, USN (Ret)

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 Nannell's Flowers of Rancho Bernardo for the beautiful wreath they have given to the RBVMA for our Memorial Day Ceremony.

