

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.

Bud Norby
Bob Ingalls
Paul Davis
Tom Shive
Vern Sylvester

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.

Attendees are requested to please park in areas other than the lot reserved for patrons of the Pearl Restaurant.

Memorial Day

MAY 30, 2011



Ceremonies Held At The Site Of
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial

Located in Webb Lake Park

Through the Combined Efforts of

The Military Order Of the World Wars
and the
Veterans of Foreign Wars



Gen J.P. Holland Chapter



Post 7766

Brigadier General Joseph L. Osterman, USMC

Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division



Brigadier General Osterman is a native of Edgewater, Maryland. He received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Marines through the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps program at the University of Colorado, Boulder, where he earned a BA in Biology.

Upon completion of The Basic School and the Infantry Officers Course in 1982/83, Lieutenant Osterman served as a rifle platoon commander and 81mm mortar platoon commander with 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

He subsequently served on sea duty as the Executive Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Kennedy (CV-67) from 1985-1986 and as Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment aboard the USS Forrestal (CV-59) from 1986-1988.

Returning to Quantico, he was assigned as an instructor at The Basic School and then at the Infantry Officers Course from 1988-1991. He attended the Amphibious Warfare School as a student from 1991-1992.

Captain Osterman was then transferred to 1st Battalion, 2nd Marines where he served as C Company Commander and Battalion Operations Officer until 1995. During this tour he participated in Operations RESTORE HOPE and CONTINUE HOPE in Somalia and Operation SEA SIGNAL in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as part of humanitarian relief operations.

Transferring to the Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island as a student, Major Osterman graduated in 1996. He was subsequently assigned to 1st Marine Corps Recruiting District, where he served as the Commanding Officer of Recruiting Station Albany, New York from 1996-1999. Following this tour, he was assigned as a student at the Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 2000.

Lieutenant Colonel Osterman assumed command of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines in June 2000. The battalion deployed to Okinawa and participated in operations in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. He relinquished command in 2002.

This was followed by his assignment to a joint tour as an instructor and as the Chief of Staff, NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany where he was responsible for training support to over 54 nations.

Colonel Osterman assumed command of 25th Marine Regiment in 2004. He deployed to Iraq with most of his Regimental staff from April 2005 to March 2006 as advisors to the Iraqi Army in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Upon relinquishing command in June 2006, Colonel Osterman transferred to Quantico, Virginia and assumed duties as the Director of the Expeditionary Warfare School. Following this, he was assigned as the Assistant Division Commander, 2d Marine Division in July 2008. He assumed his current duties as Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division in July 2009 and deployed to Afghanistan as Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Forward) in March 2010.

Brigadier General Osterman's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with gold star, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with two gold stars, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star and the Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star. He is a recipient of the Navy League's John A. Lejeune leadership award.



Memorial Day

10:15 a.m. Patriotic Musical Prelude – Ramona Town Hall Brass Band
Bandmaster: Kenneth J. Serfass, Gunnery Sergeant USMC (RET)

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

11:00 a.m. Introduction by Master of Ceremonies

Rear Admiral Richard K. Fontaine, USN (Ret)

Vice President, Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association

Moment of Silence and Invocation – Chaplain

Major David Hart, CA Air National Guard

Presentation of Colors – Color Guard, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar
Posting of Service Flags and, POW/MIA, MOWW, & VFW Flags -

Members of VFW Post 7766 and General J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Flag Ceremony – VFW Post 7766 Commander, Navy Veteran Don Schmidt

Pledge of Allegiance – Commander, Gen J.P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Army Veteran David Epstein

National Anthem – Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

Introduction of Speaker – MGEN Joseph McMonagle, USMC (RET)

Remarks – BGEN Joseph L. Osterman, USMC

Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division

In Memorial – Chaplain, Major David Hart, CA Air National Guard

Presentation of Wreath – Navy Veteran John Cantor

Firing of Volleys and Taps – Honor Guard, MCAS Miramar

and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms

Retire the Colors – Color Guard, MCAS Miramar

Benediction – Chaplain, Major David Hart, CA Air National Guard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We very much appreciate the participation of the active duty members of the US Marine Corps as Color Guard and Honor Guard. We wish to thank the members and leaders of the Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals, the Ramona Town Hall Brass Band, and Boy Scouts of America Troop 685. We also thank Nannell's Flowers of Rancho Bernardo for providing the floral wreath and the Pearl Restaurant for he use of their patio.

