IN MEMORIAM

We mourn our brothers from the Major Abraham J. Baum 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, or of whose passing we have been notified, this past year to join the Chapter or Post Eternal. These fine men have gallantly served our 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.

James C. Hansen - USN, WWII, Korea, Vietnam - 12 June 2016
Robert O. Cragin - USA - 29 September 2016
Lloyd Stronach - USN, WWII - 2 January 2017
Ken Hartle - USN, WWII - Salvage diver - 24 January 2017
  at 103 yrs old
Clinton B. Henderson - USMC, WWII - 22 March 2017
Richard Lyon - USN, WWII & Korea - 3 February 2017
William Kent - USN, Korea - 6 February 2017
Steve Pisanos - COL, USAF, WWII, Cold War, Vietnam, Double
  Ace WWII - June 6, 2016.
Jay Walker - Capt, USAA, WWII - June 2016

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Memorial Day
May 29, 2017

Ceremony Held At The Site Of
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial
Located in Webb Lake Park

Through the Combined Efforts of:
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Gen. J.P. Holland Chapter
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Maj. Abraham J. Baum
Post 7766
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Brigadier General Lebidine enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1984 in Philadelphia, Pa, and graduated Honorman at MCRD Parris Island. Meritoriously promoted to corporal, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1986. He completed OCS, Basic School, Army Ranger School, and Airborne training, and served as Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (MEU-SOC). His 2nd deployment included Operation Desert Shield/Storm. In 1994, after a tour at the MCRD, San Diego, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve. He served in several positions including Battalion Executive Officer 4th LAR Bn.

In 2003, he mobilized to serve as the Executive Officer of the I Marine Headquarters Group, I MEF, for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He constructed and served as the Camp Commander of Camp Babylon, Iraq. In 2004, he served as the Battalion Commander of 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines. In 2006, he again mobilized to serve on the I MEF Staff, and was selected to advise an Iraqi Army Brigade.

In 2007, the General served as the Operations Officer for 3D Civil Affairs Group. In 2008, he served on the MNF-I, CJ3 Staff as the Advisor/LNO to the Iraqi Prime Minister’s National Operations Center.

Selected as the Commanding Officer, 3D Civil Affairs Group in 2009, he was mobilized and served as Assistant Chief of Staff C9 in charge of Governance & Development during the I MEF (FWD) deployment to Helmand Province, Afghanistan from March 2010 - March 2011.

In Nov 2011 - July 2012, Brigadier General Lebidine served as the Chief of Staff for the Force Command Element, Javelin Thrust 12-LSE 1 and in August 2012 served as the Commanding General of the Force Headquarters Group, Marine Forces Reserve.

In August 2014, Brigadier General Lebidine served as the Deputy Commanding General of I Marine Expeditionary Force (MOB) and then mobilized in November of 2014 to November 2015 as the Director of the Advise and Assist Directorate, Resolute Support Hqs, Afghanistan assuming command of 4th Marine Division in November of 2015.

Brigadier General Lebidine's personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with gold star), Bronze Star (with two gold stars), Meritorious Service Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon (with gold star). He holds a BA degree from the University of Florida, a JD degree from Thomas Jefferson Law School, and a Masters Degree in Security Studies from the US Army War College.

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