



Brigadier General Paul K. Lebidine, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Brigadier General Lebidine enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1984 in Philadelphia, PA, graduating as Honor Man at MCRD Parris Island. Meritoriously promoted to corporal, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program in 1986 and completed OCS, The Basic School, Army Ranger School, and Airborne training. He served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer with 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (MEU SOC), deploying twice, including to Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Following a tour at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego — where he served as Series Officer, Headquarters Company Executive Officer, and Protocol Officer — he joined the 4th Light Armored Vehicle Battalion as Delta Company Commander and later Battalion Executive Officer.

In 2003, he deployed as Executive Officer of the I Marine Headquarters Group, I MEF, during Operation Iraqi Freedom I, later serving as Camp Commander of Camp Babylon. He commanded 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines in 2004 and deployed again in 2006 as Senior Advisor to an Iraqi Army Brigade in Al Qaim. He subsequently served as Operations Officer for 3D Civil Affairs Group and, in 2008, as Advisor/LNO to the Iraqi Prime Minister's National Operations Center in Baghdad.

From 2009 to 2011, he commanded the 3D Civil Affairs Group and deployed as Assistant Chief of Staff, C9, overseeing Governance & Development for I MEF (FWD) in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He later served as Chief of Staff for the Force Command Element during Javelin Thrust 12.

From 2012 to 2014, he served as Commanding General of the Force Headquarters Group, followed by service as Deputy Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (MOB). He deployed from 2014–2015 as Director of the Advice and Assist Directorate at Resolute Support Headquarters, Afghanistan. From 2015 to 2017, he served as Commanding General of the 4th Marine Division.

General Lebidine retired on August 1, 2017. He now serves on the Board of Directors for M. Dyer Global and contributes to multiple veteran focused organizations, including as President of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, and Commander of the BG Holland Chapter of Military Order of World Wars. His personal decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (gold star), Bronze Star (two gold stars), Meritorious Service Medal, and Combat Action Ribbon (gold star). He holds a BA from the University of Florida, a JD from Thomas Jefferson School of Law, a Master's in Security Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and an MBA from National University.

Memorial Day - 2026



Ceremony held at the
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial
Located in Webb Park, San Diego, California

Hosted by the
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association
through the combined efforts of
The Military Order of the World Wars
Brigadier General J. P. Holland Chapter
as well as members of the
Veterans of Foreign Wars
and
Scouts BSA Troop 685



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Heartfelt Gratitude:

We are very grateful for the inspiring leadership of Marty Judge, long serving Officer and key leader of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association. The positive impacts of Marty's tireless work on behalf of the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, Rancho Bernardo, and all of San Diego, are meaningful, memorable, and long-lasting.



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The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association is an IRC 501c(19) nonprofit organization that: maintains the Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial; annually hosts Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial; enables youth to participate in patriotic civic events; and, promotes lifelong responsible citizenship, public service, and patriotism.

Please visit WWW.RBVMA.ORG for donation information. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies. Thank you.



2026 Memorial Day Ceremony

11:00 A.M. Patriotic Musical Prelude

Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

11:15 A.M. Memorial Day Ceremony Begins

Master of Ceremonies

Colonel Daren J. Erickson, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Invocation

Lieutenant Commander Victor B. Stevens, U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps

Presentation of Colors

Scouts BSA Troop 685

National Anthem

Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

Pledge of Allegiance

Scouts BSA Troop 685

Retire the Colors

Scouts BSA Troop 685

Keynote Speaker

Brigadier General Paul K. Lebidine, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)

Presentation of Wreath

Commander Thomas Lettington, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Musical Performance: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals

Benediction

Lieutenant Commander Victor B. Stevens, U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps