

History of Veterans Day:

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as Armistice Day.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action.

Realizing that peace was equally preserved by veterans of WW II and Korea, Congress was requested to make this day an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. On June 1, 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11th, a combined color guard representing all military services executes Present Arms at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays taps.

This year we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the declaration of this holiday to honor our military veterans, living and deceased, and those who are currently serving. Observing and celebrating our nations' defenders is a tradition that hopefully all Americans will always cherish.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The pledge should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform and veterans of military service should remain covered and silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

Veterans' Day

November 11, 2013

75th Anniversary



**Ceremonies Held At The Site Of The
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial**

(Located in Webb Park)

Arranged by the

R.B. Veterans Memorial Association

Through the combined Efforts of

**The Military Order
of the World Wars**

General J.P. Holland Chapter

And the

**Veterans of Foreign Wars
Post 7766**



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Rear Admiral Cathal L. Flynn, USN (Ret)

Former SEAL Commander and Counter-Terrorism Expert

Cathal “Irish” Flynn is a 1959 graduate of the University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland. In 1960, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and completed Underwater Demolition Team replacement training, thus beginning 30 years active service, predominantly in the fields of naval special warfare, joint special operations, measures to combat terrorism, and international security affairs. He served in UDT Eleven and SEAL Team One, led SEAL detachments in Vietnam in 1964 and 1967-68, and commanded UDT Twelve. Later, he commanded Naval Special Warfare Group ONE and served in the Joint Special Operations Command. In intervals between operational tours, he served on the staffs of the Chief of Naval Operations, the Naval Sea Systems Command, the Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, and the Secretary of Defense. He graduated with distinction from the Naval War College (Command and Staff Course) and the National War College.

Cathal Flynn and Edith Kurtz met in Coronado, her hometown, and were married in 1963. Their daughters, Elizabeth Granquist and Kathleen Ramirez, followed Edith's example by becoming teachers; both live in San Diego.

Promoted to Rear Admiral in 1985, Cathal Flynn served successively as Commander, Naval Security and Investigative Command (and concurrently as Assistant Director of Naval Intelligence for Counterintelligence and Anti-terrorism), Director of Plans and Policy, US Special Operations Command, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1990, Rear Admiral Flynn joined Science Applications International Corporation and concurrently served on committees of the National Research Council and the Defense Science Board.

From 1993 to 2000, Rear Admiral Flynn was the Associate Administrator for Civil Aviation Security in the Federal Aviation Administration. Since 2000, he has been an independent consultant on aviation security, as well as an attentive grandfather.

Rear Admiral Flynn's awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (2), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (2), Defense and Navy Meritorious Service Medals, Vietnam Service Medal (5 campaigns), and Superior Achievement Awards from the FAA and Department of Transportation. He has M.A. and B.A.I. (Civil Engineering) degrees from the University of Dublin and an M.A. (International Affairs, East Asian Studies) from the American University, Washington, DC.

Rear Admiral Flynn spoke at the Memorial Day Ceremony 2012 and was so well received numerous people asked for a copy of his speech. It can be found on our web site.



VETERANS DAY

Schedule of Events



10:30 AM

Patriotic Musical Prelude

11:00 AM

MEMORIAL PROGRAM Introduction
— Master of Ceremonies —
Christopher Gunn, Veteran, USMC
Member VFW Post 7766

Invocation

Major Dave Korinek, CA Mil Res Chaplain Corps

Presentation of the Colors

Westview High School JROTC Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance

Col David Epstein, AUS (Ret)
Commander, VFW Post 7766
Past Cmdr., Gen J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

National Anthem

Recorded and sung by audience

Retire the Colors

Westview High School JROTC Color Guard

Posting of Service Flags

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

Introduction of Key Speaker

Master of Ceremonies, Chris Gunn

Principal Speaker

Rear Admiral Cathal L. Flynn, USN (ret.)

Benediction

Major Dave Korinek, CA Mil Res Chaplain Corps

Close of Ceremony

Patriotic Music

The community and the R.B. Veterans' Memorial Association sincerely appreciate the contributions to this ceremony by members of the VFW and the MOWW and Westview H.S. JROTC. We also thank Boy Scout Troop 685 for their service in setting up the equipment and distributing these programs at our ceremony. We also thank The Pearl restaurant for their considerate cooperation and use of their patio.



A limited number of 4" by 6" bronze plaques for recognition of individual veterans are available for installation at the Veterans Memorial site. Donations to the Veterans Memorial are tax deductible. Call David Olivet for further information at (858) 735-6121 or (760) 317-5775.