

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance to our 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, 2014



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

Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766



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**Col. Bruce Bailey, USAF
(Ret.)
President/CEO
Mt. Soledad Memorial Assn.**



Colonel Bailey has been a trustee of the Mt. Soledad Memorial Association for fifteen years and is the current President/CEO. He joined the USAF in 1967 and served numerous duty stations including March AFB, CA; Wiesbaden, Germany; SAC HQ in Omaha, NE; The Pentagon in Washington, D.C.; and PACAF HQ at Hickman AFB, HI. Having attained his JURIS Doctorate in 1970, he served thirty years as Staff Judge Advocate on both active and reserve status. He retired as a Colonel in 1997 and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his exemplary service.

He was in private practice for forty two years while completing his active military assignments and was a member of the Ohio and California Bar Associations. He has been a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, trying eighty-seven cases to verdict; he is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, Military Court of Appeals and Federal Courts in California; served as Judge Pro Tem for San Diego Superior Court; and was Adjunct Professor for Air University at Maxwell AFB in Alabama.

Colonel Bailey has received numerous awards including the National Distinguished Law Alumnus Award from the University of Toledo College of Law in 2009; The Kiwanis Club of La Jolla Distinguished Service Award. He continues to serve the community actively and has been the “Military Marshall” for the 2013 La Jolla Christmas Parade; participated in the Wounded Warriors Program at Balboa Naval Hospital; served on the Eagle Scout Review Board of San Diego—he is, himself, an Eagle Scout; he is a member of the La Jolla Executive Round table; and is a former Trustee of the USAF JAG School Foundation.

For an informative video on the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial, please go to www.soledadmemorial.com/about and click on the video at the right.



VETERANS DAY

Schedule of Events



10:45 AM

Patriotic Musical Prelude

11:00 AM

MEMORIAL PROGRAM Introduction
— **Master of Ceremonies** —
Charles St. Laurent, Cmdr, USN (Ret.)

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

National Anthem

Recorded music 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, Cmdr. St. Laurent

Principal Speaker

Col. Bruce Bailey, USAF (Ret.)

Benediction

Major Dave Korinek

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.