

## History of Veterans Day

On November 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding presided over the interment ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery of an unidentified American servicemember from World War I. The site of the interment, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, DC. With the addition of unknown fallen from World War II and the Korean War, this hallowed site became the Tomb of the Unknowns and remains the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

The United Kingdom and France had similar ceremonies for their own respective unknown soldiers from World War I. In the United Kingdom, the burial site is Westminster Abbey. In France, the burial site is the Arc de Triomphe. These memorial gestures both took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11:00 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. After WW II, many Americans, like WWII veteran Raymond Weeks from Alabama, supported expanding Armistice Day to recognize the contributions of all veterans, not just those veterans who served in WWI. In 1954, the U.S. Congress and President Dwight D. Eisenhower established November 11, as Veterans Day and a federal holiday. Veterans Day celebrates and honors the service of all U.S. military veterans. Memorial Day in May of each year, is a U.S. federal holiday to remember and honor military personnel who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

A federal 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 of November 11.

The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held each year on November 11, at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony commences precisely at 11:00 a.m. with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns, followed by other events that are intended to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces.

### 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. Persons in uniform and veterans of military service should remain covered and silent, face the flag, and render a salute.

# Veterans Day Ceremony

November 11, 2019



**Celebration Held At The  
Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial  
Webb Lake Park, 11666 Avena Place, San Diego, CA 92128**

**Hosted by the  
Rancho Bernardo 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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**Chief Warrant Officer 3  
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Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jason Bougetz is from Kent, Washington where he graduated from Kent-Meridian High School in 1995. Immediately after graduation he joined the United States Navy and attended Radioman A School in San Diego, California.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bougetz' military service includes eight deploy-

ments. Seven deployments were at sea supporting combat, anti-terrorism, anti-drug, and freedom of navigation operations in the following areas: the Persian Gulf; along the Korean Peninsula; in and around China and the Philippines; and, the Caribbean Sea. One deployment was with ground combat forces in Iraq and other locations in the Middle East during 2003.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bougetz' first assignment was USS Kitty Hawk CV63, which he helped homeport shift from San Diego to Yokosuka, Japan. In 1999, he was the honor graduate at Transmission Systems Technician C School in Norfolk, VA. He was then assigned to NCTS Guam technical control facility from 1999-2001 as Chief of the Watch. His next assignment was NCTS San Diego as technical control Leading Petty Officer. In 2005, while stationed on USS Kidd DDG100, he was selected to the rank of Chief and served as Radio Leading Chief Petty Officer. He next served overseas at NCTS Naples, Italy as Joint Forces Telecommunications Operations Center LCPO and was selected to the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2009. In 2011, he was nominated and selected to serve as personal communicator to the Chief of Naval Operations.

In 2014, he was competitively selected for commission via the LDO/CWO commissioning program and completed his Bachelors Degree in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland at College Park. His first commissioned assignment was as Operations Officer, 551st Cyber Protection Team from 2014-2015. He next served as Information Systems Officer on USS CARL Vinson CVN70, where he qualified as Information Warfare Officer and Officer of the Deck Underway.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Bougetz is married to Jana Goldsby Bougetz and they have three children: son Colton, age 7; son Connor, age 2; and, daughter Iyla, age 6 months. His military decorations and personal awards include: the Meritorious Service Medal; the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards); and, the Navy Achievement Medal (five awards).

# VETERANS DAY 2019

**10:45 AM**

**Patriotic Musical Prelude**

**11:00 AM**

**Introduction by Master of Ceremonies**

**Jeffrey Graw**

Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy (Retired)

**Invocation**

**Colonel Rick Blank**

Deputy State Chaplain, California State Military Reserve

**Presentation of the Colors**

**Westview High School NJROTC Color Guard**

**Posting of Service Flags**

Members of Major Abraham J. Baum Post 7766 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and, Members of the General J.P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by **Bill Hanson**

Master Chief Petty Officer, U.S. Navy (Retired); and, South Dakota Highway Patrol (Retired)

**National Anthem**

**Soloist, Ronna Swink**

**Retire the Colors**

**Westview High School NJROTC Color Guard**

**Keynote Speaker**

**Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jason A. Bougetz,  
U.S. Navy**

**Benediction**

**Colonel Rick Blank**

Deputy State Chaplain, California State Military Reserve

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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 host Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Memorial; as well as, encourage youth to participate in civic events, embrace lifelong responsible citizenship, and value public service. Please visit [WWW.RBVMA.ORG](http://WWW.RBVMA.ORG) for donation information. 100% of all donations support the Memorial and the costs of our three annual ceremonies.