



VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024 AT 11:00 A.M.
VENTURA COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL
NORTHEAST CORNER OF S. VICTORIA AVE.
& TELEPHONE RD., VENTURA

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR TODAY'S CEREMONY

Our Distinguished Speakers - Dymond James, USAF;
 BMCS Dave Turner, OIC - USCG Station Channel Islands;
 Bill Ayub, City Manager of Ventura & Retired Ventura County Sheriff
 Our Benediction - CAPT Jeffrey C. Deviney, USN
 Our National Anthem Singers - Katie Phillipson and Kaytlin Adams
 Our National Anthem ASL Performer - Holly Adams
 Our Color Guard - Boy Scout Troops
 Bagpiper John Ficken
 Commemorative Air Force - Southern California Wing
 Art House Custom Framing & Art Supplies
 Pepe's Doves
 DAV Chapter 24 - Ventura
 Luna's Party Rentals
 J.W. Enterprises
 GPM Pavement Management, Inc.
 Boy Scouts Troops
 Cub Scouts Packs
 Ventura County General Services Agency
 Master of Ceremonies Lyn Fairly
 GCVF Staff and Volunteers

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



MEET OUR LOCAL VETERANS BEING HONORED TODAY!



ERIN HUEY is an EMT and retired SoCal Gas utility worker who grew up in Norwalk. Erin served in the U.S. Army for 16 years - initially as a Private, and then ending her military career as an Officer. Erin served as a helicopter mechanic and completed her service in Military Intelligence. While serving, Erin received the California Medal of Merit and State Commendation medal for wildland fire operations. Erin currently volunteers with a canine search team, with many organizations in wilderness settings and Red Cross Rose Parade operations, and for the past 32 years with the Red Cross. Erin recently received the Red Cross's highest award for saving her brother's life. Erin was also active for 32 years with the Los Angeles Girl Scout Council. Erin is a Chapter Regent for the Daughters of the American Revolution in Northridge. Erin's current projects are Historical European martial arts and teaching various martial arts at her school in Chatsworth.

RICHARD DIGRIGOLI is a Machine Gunner who is a second-generation Marine Corps veteran following his father, Richard Paul Digrigoli. The younger Richard enlisted at age 17 and went to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, where he was selected as Platoon Honorman in 1995. That year, Richard fought in the core of the 14,000-strong multinational force, a seven-ship Navy/Marine amphibious task force built around the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) in the U.S.-led Combined Task Force (CTF) United Shield, which completed the withdrawal of the last forces of UNOSOM, the United Nations Operation in Somalia. Richard then deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba at Rifle Security Company Leeward as Assistant Second Leader in 1996. Richard graduated second in the Marine Expeditionary Force Special Operations Training Group Coxswains Course, pursuing Amphibious Raids, and instructing the Navy's Auxiliary Defence Force. Richard was then assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, where he was deployed to missions in Thailand, the Philippines, Australia, East Timor, and Qatar. Following those missions, Richard served as a Close Combat Instructor and Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain (MOUT) Instructor at Combat Skills Training School. Richard is now a home remodeling contractor.

JEFF DEVINEY is a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer who is the Commander of the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering. CAPT Deviney previously commanded Naval Construction Group TWO, plus Camp David, the U.S. Presidential retreat. CAPT Deviney's expeditionary tours included an assignment at NAS Keflavik, Iceland as a Shops Engineer supervising base transportation, maintenance and utilities. CAPT Deviney also deployed to Iraq and to Rota, Spain as Executive Officer of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE from 2008-10. CAPT Deviney's staff assignments included Assistant Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction at MCAS Cherry Point - North Carolina; Instructor at Civil Engineer Corps Officer School at NBVC - Port Hueneme; Alfa Company Commander, Detachment Afghanistan Officer-in-Charge and Training Officer at Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE in Port Hueneme; Civil Engineer Corps Officer Community Manager at the Navy Bureau of Personnel in Millington, Tennessee; and the Indo-Pacific Command Engineer from 2018-21. CAPT Deviney has a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Texas Tech University and a Master of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University. CAPT Deviney is a member of the Society of American Military Engineers and is a registered professional engineer in Oregon. CAPT Deviney is the privileged recipient of several service awards, including the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

IRVIN POFF is a B-17 pilot who flew 50 combat missions during WWII. Irvin, born in 1919, grew up on a farm outside of Kansas City and was a top-five graduate from the University of Missouri's Agriculture Department. In June 1942, Irvin enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. However, it was 6 months until he began training because so many others enlisted. After training at various sites in California, Texas and Oklahoma, Irvin was among 4-5 crews assigned to Hampton, Virginia to train navigators in using radars attached to B-17s. Irvin then deployed to Foggia, Italy with the 2nd Bomb Group of the 96th Squadron with the 15th Air Force. This was a week after that squadron lost 12-14 planes full of crew members. In several missions, Irvin and his group flew over the Ploesti oil fields in Romania, heavily protected by anti-aircraft weapons. In one particular mission, Irvin's plane lost one of its four engines four minutes before reaching its target. However, with the recent addition of turbo props, Irvin redirects power to the other three engines to stay in formation with his group and complete that mission. After his 50 missions, Irvin returned to Pecos, Texas as an instructor pilot. Once WWII ended, Irvin stayed in the USAF Reserves and was called back to service in 1951 as an instructor pilot during the Korean War. Irvin would retire from the Reserves 12 years later with the rank of LTC, then retire at the age of 55 from his work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Irvin and his wife Zella moved to their current Oak View home in 1980. Irvin refurbished older vehicles, including 3 Model-A Fords. Irvin also volunteered his time to transport veterans to their medical appointments. At the age of 105, Irvin recently passed his driver's license exam with a perfect score. Irvin still exercises daily by walking around his block twice, and according to his grandson Corey, basically "humiliates all the 70-year-olds."

DAVE TURNER is the Officer in Charge (OIC) at USCG Station Channel Islands. OIC Turner enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2001 and spent two years as a Heavy Wheel Mechanic at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, California, earning the rank of Specialist. OIC Turner enlisted in the USCG Reserve in 2005 while working towards his B.A. degree in English at Portland State University. Once he graduated, OIC Turner was deployed to Honolulu as a member of Maritime Safety and Security Team 91107. OIC Turner then transferred to Station Jones Beach, New York - initially as First Lieutenant, then Operations Petty Officer of Coast Guard Cutter (CGC) SITKINAK in Bayonne, New Jersey. OIC Turner's first command assignment came in 2017 as Executive Petty Officer of Station Marblehead, Ohio. Most recently, OIC Turner was stationed at Station Jones Beach, New York. OIC Turner is the privileged recipient of several service awards, including the Army and Coast Guard Commendation Medals, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Advanced Boat Forces Insignia, and permanent Coxswain Insignia. OIC Turner married his wife Ashley in 2015, and they have two sons - Everett and Gavin.



CEREMONY SCHEDULE

MOMENT OF SILENCE AT 11:00

WELCOME VETERANS AND VISITORS

INVOCATION

CAPT Jeffrey C. Deviney, USN

PARADE THE COLORS

National Anthem: Performed by Katie Phillipson and Kaytlin Adams
and Signed by Holly Adams
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Boy Scouts
Post the Colors

VETERANS DAY MESSAGE BY VIN SCULLY

ROLL CALL

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS (INTRODUCTION BY MC LYN FAIRLY)

Dymond James, USAF & GCVF Board Member
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VETERAN RECOGNITION AND SHADOW BOX PRESENTATION

U.S. Army: Erin Huey, USA
U.S. Marine Corps: Richard Digrigoli, USMC
U.S. Navy: CAPT Jeffrey C. Deviney, USN
U.S. Air Force: LTC Irvin Poff, USAF
U.S. Coast Guard: OIC David Turner, USCG

CLOSING REMARKS

BAGPIPES

John Ficken - "Going Home"

RELEASE THE DOVES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE TO HONOR ALL THOSE WHO SERVED