

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **VETERANS DAY** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Honoring All Who Served

Opening Remarks

Sukhee Kang, Mayor of Irvine

Presentation of the Colors

2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment Color Guard
Irvine Police Department Color Guard

National Anthem

Alexandra Long

Pledge of Allegiance

Jackie Voelkl, Ret. US Army/Women's Army Corps

Welcome and Introductions

Veterans Day Remarks

Brigadier General Robert Tate, Ret. USAF
Lieutenant Colonel Scott Lacy, US Marine Corps

Armed Forces Medley

California Promise Chorus

Moment of Tribute

Taps and Colors Retired

Officer Stephen Meyer, Irvine Police Department

Closing Remarks

Adjourn to Exhibits and Displays



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **VETERANS DAY HISTORY** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

World War I, known at the time as "The Great War," officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, fighting had ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars." In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day.

In 1938, Congress approved an Act making the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday. "Armistice Day" was dedicated to the cause of world peace and was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. In 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The Veterans History Project (VHP) honors American war veterans and civilian workers who supported them, by preserving stories of their service to our country. The U.S. Congress voted unanimously in October 2000 for legislation to create the VHP at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. VHP relies on volunteers throughout the nation to collect veterans' stories on behalf of the Library of Congress. VHP archives its collections at the Library of Congress and makes them available to researchers and the public. In addition to compiling a unique archive for scholars, the VHP hopes to inspire future generations with these stories of service to our country.

Veterans History Project Field Kits are available at the Irvine 2/11 Marine Adoption Committee table.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **NATIONAL ANTHEM** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

It was the valiant defense of Fort McHenry by American forces during the British attack on September 13, 1814, that inspired 35-year old, poet-lawyer Francis Scott Key to write the poem which became our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." In 1931, the Congress of the United States of America enacted legislation that made "The Star-Spangled Banner" the official national anthem.

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wiped out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

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Veterans Day Ceremony

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Colonel Bill Barber Marine Corps

Memorial Park

Formal Garden Area

