

# Veterans Museum & Memorial Center 2011 Veteran of the Year Recognition Luncheon

08 November 2011

**San Diego County Veteran of the Year  
San Diego Veterans Allegiance Award  
San Diego Meritorious Support of Veterans Award**

## Schedule of Events

**11:30** Doors Open: Seating

**12:00** Open: Will Hays, VOY Committee Chairman

Invocation: Chaplain Darcy Pavich, (VOY 2003-2004)

Presentation of Colors: USMC 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance: Joe Brunner, 2010-2011 Veteran of the Year

National Anthem: Kathleen Winchester

Welcome: Rod Melendez, Executive Director, VMMC

Remarks: Will Hays, Chairman of the Board, Veterans Memorial Center, Inc.

### Lunch Served

**12:45** Master of Ceremonies: Jimmy Valentine *The Mayor of Dehesa*

**Recognize the respective "2011-2012 Veterans of the Year"**  
Certificate Presentations

Thursday Songsters: *"Armed Forces Medley"*

**Presentation of Lifetime Support of Veterans' Award**

**Announce the Finalists for the "2011-2012 Veteran of the Year"**

Thursday Songsters: *"God Bless the U.S.A."*

**Announce the Non-Profit and Corporate Nominees for the Veterans Allegiance  
and Meritorious Support of Veterans Awards**  
Certificate Presentations

**Announce Non-Profit and Corporation of the Year**

★ "2011 San Diego Veterans Allegiance Award"

★ "2011 San Diego Meritorious Support of Veterans Award"

Thursday Songsters : *"America the Beautiful"*

**Announce Veteran of the Year**

★ "2011-2012 San Diego County Veteran of the Year"

Thursday Songsters: *"God Bless America"* - All are encouraged to join in.

**Closing Comments by Will Hays, Chairman, VMC Inc.**

# 2011-2012 San Diego County Veteran of the Year Program



The *Veteran of the Year Program* recognizes the contributions of Veterans to the San Diego community. Since 1989, the Veteran's Community recognized a "San Diego County Veteran of the Year". In 2001, the program expanded to encourage many civic, government, corporate, and service organizations to honor their veterans by selecting their respective *Veteran of the Year*. A *San Diego County Veteran of the Year* is selected from the pool of the respective Veterans of the Year showing that Veterans make significant

contributions to the morale of the work force, perform well in their duties, volunteer in the community and are good citizens. This program gives the San Diego Community an opportunity to recognize our heroes who continue to serve and make many contributions as our friends and neighbors.

Our program honors one non-profit organization the "2011 San Diego Veterans Allegiance Award" and one for-profit corporation the "2011 San Diego Meritorious Support of Veterans Award" that supports and serves active duty personnel and Veterans in San Diego County.

Each of the distinguished men and women pictured in this program are 2011 Veterans of the Year for their respective San Diego County organization, business or district. Each organization or corporation nominated for a recognition award is a recognized pro-active leader in the San Diego Community who recognizes the value of supporting Veterans.

## 2010-2011 San Diego County Veteran of the Year



Joe Brunner  
United Veterans Council

## 2010 Veterans Allegiance Award



Bulldog  
Detachment

## 2010 Meritorious Support of Veterans Award





**Jack Lyon**  
Wings for Warriors



**Ernst McCullough**  
Sons of the American  
Revolution



**Charles Massey**  
Veterans Association at  
UCSD



**Marilyn Maxwell**  
VFW Post 3787  
Misson Valley



**Oscar Polster**  
Military Order of the Purple  
Heart



**Robert Porter**  
Mt. Soledad Memorial



**William Rider**  
Congressman Filner



**Alberto Sandoval**  
Marine Corps League  
Bulldog Detachment



**Randy Stage**  
Navy League  
San Diego Council



**Tony Stewart**  
City of Chula Vista VAC



**Chuck Sweeney**  
Distinguished Flying Cross  
Society



**Teresa Banko**  
United Veterans Council



**Mark Bauckman**  
Qualcomm



**Barbara Beeby**  
Navy Nurse Corps Assoc.



**Gordon Cress**  
MOAA  
Pendleton Chapter



**Teddy C. Datuin**  
AUSA, San Diego Chapter



**Edwin Davidson**  
American Ex-POWs  
San Diego Chapter



**David Dickey**  
Alpha Ten Technologies



**Nancy Evans**  
Eagles Wings



**Kadell Felton**  
VA Regional Office



**Herbert A. Franck**  
Pearl Harbor Survivors  
Chapter 3



**Amy Hatcher**  
Veterans Village of San Diego



**Gerald Heveron**  
San Diego Air & Space  
Museum



**Kenneth Johnson**  
Vietnam Veterans of America,  
Chapter 472



**Deborah Kash**  
Military Order of the  
World Wars



**James C. King**  
City of Oceanside

2011 Organization & Corporation Nominees  
For the  
"San Diego Veterans Allegiance Award" and  
"San Diego Meritorious Support of Veterans Award"



San Diego Chapter



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Uplifting The Dignity of Those We Serve



Honor Detachment 1207



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*With Our Gratitude*

- ★ Scottish Rite Masonic Center ★ San Diego County Veterans Service Office ★  
★ Veterans Museum & Memorial Center ★

## **Veteran of the Year Recognition Luncheon Table Hosts**

*With Our Thanks & Appreciation*

- ★ American Ex-POWs Association ★ Association of the United States Army ★ Joe Brunner ★  
★ BG Robert Cardenas ★ Eagles Wings ★ CAPT Will Hays ★ Mount Soledad Memorial Association ★  
★ Old Town Trolley Tours ★ QUALCOMM ★ San Diego County Veterans Service Office ★  
★ University of California, San Diego ★ U. S Navy League, San Diego Council ★  
★ Veteran's Village of San Diego ★ Veteran's Day Parade Committee ★ Viejas Enterprises ★

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*With Our Thanks & Appreciation*

- ★ Boy Scouts of America, San Diego Council ★ City of Chula Vista ★ City of Oceanside ★  
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★ Ft. Rosecrans National Cemetery ★ Navy Nurse Corps Association ★  
★ Military Order of the Purple Heart ★ Navy Marine Corps Relief Society ★  
★ Pearl Harbor Survivors-Chapter 3 ★ SPAWAR ★ State Assembly Member Toni Atkins ★  
★ State Assembly Member Nathan Fletcher ★ Supervisor Greg Cox, County of San Diego ★  
★ Thursday Songsters ★ U.S. Congressman Bob Filner ★ US Congressman Duncan Hunter ★  
★ U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein ★ Veterans Village of San Diego ★  
★ Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 472 ★  
★ Navy ROTC Midshipman and Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets from  
UCSD, SDSU, USD, PT. LOMA, and CSU SAN MARCOS ★

## **Veteran of the Year Recognition Judges**

- ★ MCPO Joe Brunner 2010-2011 Veteran of the Year ★ Wesley Jones ★ Ron Lacey  
★ CAPT Babette Lownes, USN/Ret ★ CAPT Mary Beth Newton, USN/Ret ★  
CAPT Barry White, USN/Ret ★ Jeff Young ★

## **Program Committee**

- ★ Captain Will Hays USN/Ret ★ Captain Bob White USN/Ret ★  
★ Captain Barbara Beeby, NC, USN/Ret ★ CDR Terry McKearney USN/Ret ★ Mr. Alfonso Padilla ★

## **Volunteers**

- ★ Doreen Hashimoto ★ Scarlet Minicucci ★ Merry Padilla ★ Lucy Saltmarsh ★  
★ Pascale Schreiner ★ Dan DeMarco ★ Paul Fusco

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