

## **HISTORIC WILMINGTON CEMETERY**

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### **MEMORIAL DAY EVENT**

Monday, May 29, 2023, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2967 Wilmington, CA.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
**JANICE HAHN**  
4th District



Welcome all to today's 2023 Memorial Day Program

Master of Ceremonies **Commander Nolan Flores, VFW Post 2967**

Pledge Of Allegiance (*see insert*) **Commander Nolan Flores, VFW Post 2967**

Star Spangled Banner (*see insert*) **John Nuhi-Yandall**

Invocation **Pastor Ralph Giordano, Harbor Christian Center**

Officer Of the Day Escort **Army Specialist Miguel Uribe, VFW Post 2967**

Guest Speaker **Major General John S. Harrel**

Guest Speaker Escort **Grady Dalton, Eagle Scouts of America Troop 234 San Pedro**

Post Colors **VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard**

POW/MIA Chair and Cover **Post Commander Nolan Flores, VFW Post 2967**

Logan's Order (*see insert*) **Past Post Commander Martin Chacon, VFW Post 2967**

Guests

15<sup>th</sup> District City of Los Angeles Councilman: **Tim McCosker**

4<sup>th</sup> District City of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors: **Janice Hahn**

64<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman: **Mike Gipson**

35<sup>th</sup> California State Senator: **Steven Bradford**

44<sup>th</sup> District Congresswoman: **Nanette Barragan**

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce CEO **Monica Garcia**

*and other honorable guests in attendance does not mention.*

*"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."*

*--Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863*



**Honoring the 42 Civil War Veterans interned at Wilmington Cemetery** *Tim Huebner, Fernando Gomez, George Green, Julian Della Puppa, Ron Hyde* Drum Barracks

Allen, David H. • Arey, Edwin A. • Banning, William Lober • Bennett, Andrew G. •  
Bonsall, Frank Bedford Mowery • Brown, James G. • Chapman, Henry Bascomb •  
Coate, Hiram Marshall • Deaver, JM • Eddy, James Lyman • Haskell, Francis E. •  
Hayes, Thomas B. • Hinds, George • Howe, William Charles • Laubersheimer, Anton •  
Mendelsohn, William • Mindrup, Monne • Moore, Isaac Sheridan • Munrow, William Hail • Newell,  
Jonathan Perry • Osgood, Lucius Daniel • O'Mann, William F. •  
Phillips, William Baker • Reaves, James Buchanan • Russell, Samuel Thomas •  
Schwartz, Peter H. • Taber, George R. • Tibbetts, Wilmot Frank • Tracy, Alert S. •  
Traub, Peter Christian • Van Valkenburg, Henry • Vaness, George W. • Walker, William •  
Ward, Matthew Henry • Watts, Joshua Howe • Weldt, William • Weston, Benjamin S. • Wirtz, Mathias •  
Yager, Charles Louis

**Wreath Presentations**

*Commander Nolan Flores VFW Post 2967 Lector*

*Army Specialist Miguel Uribe, VFW Post 2967 Assistant*

*(CAP) Civil Air Patrol Escorts*

Wilmington Historical Society *Simie Seaman*

Wil-Hall Seniors *Danny Padilla*

Harbor Lights Seniors *Becky Saenz*

Sunshine Seniors Club *Rufina Hernandez & Miguel Uribe*

American Merchant Marine China Coasters *Wendy Karnes*

VFW Auxiliary 2967 *Christina Gonzalez*

VFW Post 2967 *Honor Guard*

Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor *Nicolas Velazquez, Keira Perez*

ILWU Local 13 *President Gary Herrera & Secretary Jesse Lopez*

21 Gun Salute *VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard*

Taps *VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard*

God Bless America *(In Unison) (see insert)*



## **The Pledge of Allegiance**

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 Star-Spangled Banner**

O say, can you see  
By the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hail'd  
At the twilight's last gleaming.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd  
Were so gallantly streaming.

And the rocket's 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.





## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Major General (Retired)  
John S. Harrel

Major General (Ret.) John S. Harrel was the Commanding General, California National Guard from June 2009 to April 2011. John's active military service began in 1975 when he was commissioned an infantry second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps. He transferred into the California Army National Guard in 1980. Since his commissioning he has held many positions of great responsibility to include Commander TF-185 Armor 1992 Los Angeles Riots, Commanding General, 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and Commanding General for Task Force Falcon/Multi-National Brigade (East), Kosovo and Army Forces Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania.

John retired from the California Attorney' Generals Office after thirty years rising from law clerk to Deputy Attorney General IV. He served in the Criminal, Correctional and Torts, Condemnation and Civil Rights Divisions. John specialized in defense of state peace officers in torts and civil rights actions.

Linda, John's wife of 33 years is a retired colonel and Assistant Chief Legal Counsel for the California Department of Transportation. Their son Cyrus deployed to Kosovo in 2008-2009 as a cavalry platoon commander. He currently serves as a captain in the California Army National Guard and a full-time student at Southwest University School of Law in Los Angeles. While home based in Southern California Linda and John live on Maui part of the year.

John currently serves on the Board of Directors for Temple Beth Emet, Honor our Fallen, is a committee member of BSA Troop 333 and Unit Commissioner for Troop 092. He is a member of American Legion Post 43 and Jewish Temple Maui.

John also has published articles and written books as well.

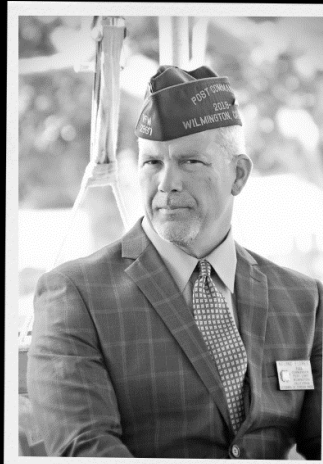
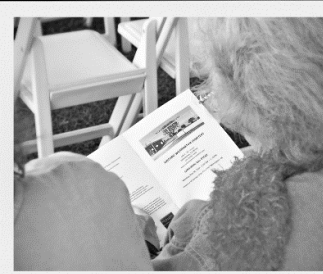
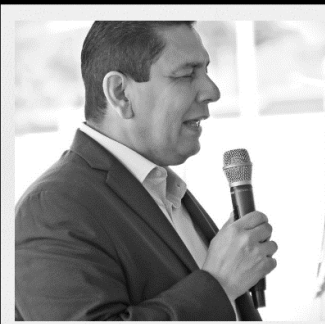
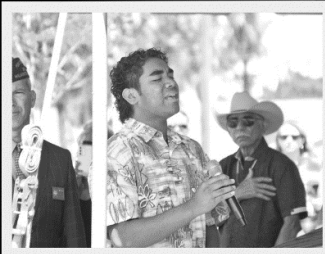
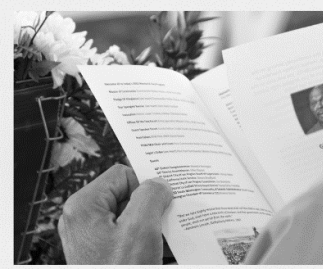
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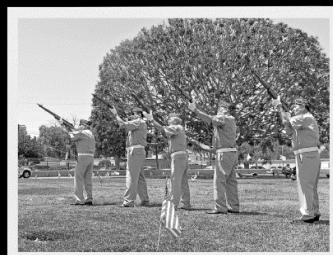
*The Nisibis War, The Defence Of The Roman East, AD 337-363* to be released by Pen and Sword in the Summer of 2016.

"Crassus Imperator: An Analysis of the Carrhae Campaign." This article has been submitted.

*Soviet Cavalry Operations 1941-1943*, This book is in the final drafting and editing stage.

*Unrecorded Valor: Eastern Roman Dukes and Their Limitanei Legions During the Fourth-Seventh Centuries*. This book is in the drafting stage and final research stage.







## God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
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General John A. Logan's  
Memorial Day Order

General Order  
No. 11  
Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic  
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance.

All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

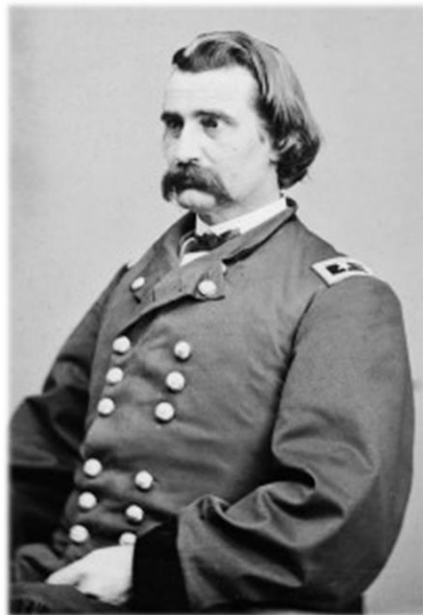
If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, --the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:  
JOHN A. LOGAN,  
Commander-in-Chief.  
N. P. CHIPMAN,  
Adjutant-General.



## Acknowledgements

**Lorie Geluz** Historic Wilmington Cemetery Board of Trustees, Administration and Grounds keepers

**Lorie Geluz** Historic Wilmington Cemetery Memorial Day Sub Committee

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Eagle Scouts Troop 234 San Pedro

**Olivia Cueva Fernandez** Civil War Registry

**Tara Fansler** Drum Barracks

**Dj Pekas** Music, Audio and Power

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**John Nuhi-Yandall** for Singing in the event

**Miguel Uribe** Army Specialist Miguel Uribe, VFW Post 2967

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American Merchant Marine China Coasters

**Captain Daisy Lee** and CAP USAF Auxiliary Cloverfield Composite Squadron 51

**Councilman Tim McCosker** 15th District for providing the portable bathrooms and sinks.

**Supervisor Janice Hahn** 4th District for providing the canopy, chairs, and podium

## Poem – unknown

May each of us, when our voyages, battles of life and missions are over, find a welcome in that region of the blest where there is no more storm-tossed sea nor scorching battlefield, nor dangerous skies. Let each one be so loyal to remaining marches, that he will be ready to fall out and take his place in the great review hereafter. Not in doubt but with faith that the merciful captain of our salvation will call him to that fraternity, which on each and in heaven remains unknown.

