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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome
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What an exciting milestone for our community – the City, school district and Rotary Club of Murrieta, where I am proud to serve as 2023-24 President.

Like the City of Murrieta, the Field of Honor has grown from its first appearance in November 2009. Sections of interest have been added, including local heroes, California Medal of Honor recipients, historical flags, a patriotic chalk walk and flags of all the states in the United States.

Our mission has remained the same throughout – to present a respectful patriotic event honoring heroes. We are thankful to the greater Inland Empire community that has supported the Field of Honor with flag purchases and attendance at the various events during the week. A complete schedule of events for the 2023 Field of Honor appears on page 6 of this magazine. And, it's not too late to purchase a flag and honor your hero, right here at the Field.

For the third consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Murrieta is welcoming the Rotary Club of Temecula Valley - New Generations as a partner in presenting the Field of Honor. We appreciate their innovative ideas and muscle in accomplishing the many tasks that are required.

And, of course, we could not present the Field of Honor or the many community projects we undertake without our dedicated sponsors, many of whom are Legacy Sponsors who have been with us since that first 2009 Field of Honor. We are deeply indebted to them. Starting in its early years, the Field of Honor provided funding for the soon-to-be completed



Murrieta Through Time walls on the park's west side and for the Veterans Memorials, which will now include the finished Vietnam wall. Now, proceeds from the Murrieta Field of Honor fund all of our local community and international projects, 60 percent of which involve education. We thank our sponsors.

The City of Murrieta has been our key partner from those beginning months of imagining a field of flags which would honor heroes of all types. Town Square Park was just completed when Bob Bryant, our founding organizer, approached the City with this idea. The City has dedicated staff resources to it and made it a Signature Event for this expanded park.

Bringing Murrieta Valley School District's fifth grade classes to the Field of Honor was the idea of then- Superintendent Stan Scheer. A member of the Rotary Club of Murrieta, Stan was there for the very first presentation and determined this was a perfect field trip for fifth graders studying U.S. history. Thousands have grown up with this experience as Stan's successors have continued that determination.

On behalf of Murrieta and New Generations Rotary Clubs, I look forward to seeing you on the Field this year. Thank you for your support.

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President, 2023-2024

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 4-11, 2023 |
Field is open every day from
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM



04 SATURDAY

7:00 AM - 10:00 AM | Field Setup
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Chalk Art in Progress
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available
10:00 AM | Opening Ceremonies

05 SUNDAY

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Chalk Art in Progress
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available

06 MONDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available
12:00 PM | Rotary Luncheon by Invitation
FREE TO ALL VETERANS

07 TUESDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available

08 WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available
6:00 PM | Candlelight Concert

09 THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available

10 FRIDAY

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Field Open
Flag Dedications Available
12:00 PM | Marine Corps Birthday Celebration
5:00 PM | BSA Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony
"The Final Salute"

11 SATURDAY | **VETERANS DAY**

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Pick Up Purchased Flags
10:00 AM | City of Murrieta Veterans Day Parade
Special Event | Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Unveiling at Town Square Park to occur shortly
after conclusion of Parade (*see City website for
details: MurrietaCA.gov*)

12 SUNDAY

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Pick Up Purchased Flags

FLAG DEDICATIONS

How to buy a flag and why

The flags on the Field of Honor have a two-fold purpose. One is to honor our personal heroes and the other is to raise funds for community service projects funded by both the Murrieta Rotary Foundation and Rotary Club of Temecula Valley - New Generations Foundation.

Each flag has meaning. It tells a story of a person who is special, inspirational and memorable to someone else. The flag stands for all the admiration that special person deserves in the mind of his or her champion. They are bought to honor military personnel, first responders, and others who have made an impact in a person's life.

The funds generated by the flag sales are used to support the many avenues of service the Rotary Club of Murrieta and Rotary Club of Temecula Valley - New Generations conduct throughout the year. This includes thousands of dollars in scholarships, teacher grants, youth projects, international projects like clean water, Special Needs dance, student music and speech contests, and many more. At least \$60,000 is put back into our local economy every year by benefiting these many projects.

Buying a flag is easy. You can purchase in person any day the Field is open, purchase online any day or night, or purchase from one of our affiliates (who then earn dollars for their own causes). Check out MurrietaFieldOfHonor.com, or visit us at the Field and honor your hero.



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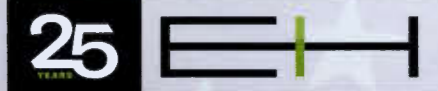


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Murrieta Field of Honor

The late Rotarian Joe Lawlor said it best, **Murrieta Field of Honor would be a "respectful patriotic event," not any sort of fair or carnival atmosphere. For 15 years, the Rotary Club of Murrieta in partnership with the City of Murrieta has determinably strived to present a magnificent awe-inspiring field of flags as a service to the community.**

The Murrieta Field of Honor got its start in 2008 when the Rotary International Convention was held in Los Angeles. Murrieta Rotarian George Steele, a past District governor, was asked to head up the Rotary Retail portion of the convention's House of Friendship. A veteran retail executive, now manager of the Rotary "mall" with vendors from around the world, George discovered a large booth of American flags while acquainting himself with the vendors. In turn, he suggested Murrieta President Nominee Bob Bryant visit the Colonial Flag Company booth thinking it might be something Murrieta Rotary could develop as part of its community service.

Bob Bryant brought special empathy to the concept of honoring those who have served, and to heroes in general. He served with the US Air Force in Viet Nam in the early Seventies, and as a ground radio operator, he worked in forward air control. These are the servicemen that flew into areas in O2 Skymasters as observers and directed the aircraft that would be attacking Viet Cong positions. Most of his

time was spent in the Central Highlands (Pleiku). At one point, he was in the middle of nowhere and directing aircraft to positions just 100 yards from him. Accuracy was very important.

Now in 2008, he was in the insurance business, active in Murrieta Rotary and ready to spend time getting to know about Colonial Flag Foundation, and the program they had offered with Healing Fields since the 9/11 attacks.

Upon returning to Murrieta, Bob presented the concept to his fellow Rotarians (many were skeptical), an organizing committee was formed and discussions were started with the City of Murrieta. Town Square Park was a central feature of the newly constructed civic center and where Murrieta Rotary was already proposing to build a Murrieta Through Time display. Another Vietnam veteran, then Assistant City Manager Jim Holston had noted the City was looking for events to get people to this unknown park. Just a year and some months after that Rotary Convention, the

Murrieta Field of Honor debuted for Veterans Day week 2009, flying 1,200 flags.

Bob is founder of the Field of Honor and with Past President Frank Donahoe worked in developing relationships with the City as well as Colonial Flag and community business sponsors. They served as co-chairs for nearly 10 years. It took a strong group of Murrieta Rotarians and support from many long-term sponsors to make it the Signature Event it is today. Early Rotarian committee members, like Past President Patsy Orr (the only female on that first organizing committee) and late Rotarians Joe Lawlor and Al Vollbrecht, brought immeasurable talents to the creation of this event. Dennis McCarbery, with his extensive public agency work experience, and George Steele, with his keen sense of doing things in the right way, also have been key players in the development of the Field of Honor.

This November, Bob Bryant and his sidekick Frank Donahoe will be on the Field, (familarly called Frank and Beans) no longer directing the events but still inspiring all that transpires.



Pictured (L to R): Frank Donahoe ("Frank") and Bob Bryant ("Beans")





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- Student of the Month Program
- Thanksgiving Meals
- Tree Planting in Local Parks
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- International Youth Projects
- International Water Projects
- Support of Rotary International's Goal to Eradicate Polio



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2023 Field of Honor Heroes

Congratulations! To our 2023 Heroes, each of whom was nominated by family, friend or acquaintance.



DENNINE HARRISON

An Air Force Veteran, and Military Spouse, Dennine Harrison is a Teacher on Special Assignment and the Military Liaison for Murrieta Valley Unified School District. She served in the USAF from 1997-2003 and left the Air Force at March Air Reserve Base here in Riverside County. Her military career was spent as a member of the 730th Airlift Squadron at March Air Reserve Base where she worked in aviation resource management. She managed all administrative support functions for the squadron's worldwide airlift mission. She was at March ARB for the transition from the C-141 Starlifter to the C-17 Globemaster which was a tremendous undertaking for the base and squadron.

Following her time in the Air Force she earned her master's degree and teaching credentials while raising four children attending schools in Murrieta Valley Unified School District. Dennine joined MVUSD as a special education teacher at Dorothy McElhinney Middle School in 2013 and is currently working with students throughout the district who have orthopedic impairments. Dennine is the chair of MVUSD Military Advisory Committee and works in conjunction with local military installations to ensure 4,000+ enrolled military-connected students are properly supported to meet their unique needs.



RYAN PRICE

A U.S. Army Veteran, Ryan joined the military in 2004 after graduating from Perris High School. He was serving in Afghanistan when a roadside bomb caused him to lose both of his legs and resulted in nerve damage to his right arm.

A gunner on a Humvee, Ryan was serving with the 101st Division in the Khost Province of southeast Afghanistan near the Pakistan border when they were hit by the roadside bomb. Before going to Afghanistan in 2008, he had served with the Fourth Infantry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas, and done a tour in Iraq. Following the bombing, he was flown to Germany for treatment, then to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., and from there to San Diego where he was fitted with prosthetics.

Now 37 years old and a Hemet resident, Ryan is the father of three children.



WILLIAM "BILL" BECKER

Joining the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1944, Bill learned to fly at age 18; shortly afterward, he was assigned duties to aid the French Resistance by dropping supplies over France, Norway, Belgium and Italy.

Bill was part of a crew that flew clandestine missions inside German-occupied territories. The U.S. office of Strategic Service (today's Central Intelligence Agency) called the effort Operation Carpetbagger. Using modified B-24 Liberator aircraft, the OSS authorized more than 1,860 missions between England and various points in occupied Europe between January and September 1944.

A sergeant and gunner, Bill said they flew agents, weapons, ammunition, explosives and other military under the cover of darkness. "We were told that if we didn't do what we did, the war would have lasted another two years," Bill told reporter Diane A Rhodes in a story for My Valley News in May. His job was to sit in the top turret where he could see all around and protect the airplane. Agents and supplies were dropped through an opening in the aircraft's belly.

Bill left the military in 1946 but was unable to discuss his OSS activities until the 1980s when the information was declassified. Now 97 and living in Hemet, Bill serves as reunion director for the carpetbaggers group (he's the only one of the originals left) and as treasurer and newsletter editor of the 801st/492nd Bombardment Group Veterans Association. In June, Bill returned to France for a D-Day ceremony in Normandy. In 2013, Bill along with five American World War II veterans received France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honor. He has also been awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and was the first American airman to receive the Norwegian Defense Medal.



MEMORIAL HONOR DETAIL

Every working day, members of the Memorial Honor Detail at Riverside National Cemetery report for duty, providing a final tribute to fellow veterans at their final resting place. The all-volunteer Memorial Honor Detail numbers some 300 former military servants who have chosen to continue serving their country in this manner.

If requested for a veteran's burial, the Memorial Honor Detail will provide rifle volleys, TAPs and the folding and presentation of the American flag. Requests for these honors are made through funeral directors.

Riverside National Cemetery is the biggest of the national cemeteries. It was the first cemetery commissioned by the National Cemetery Administration 50 years ago..

The Memorial Honor Detail at Riverside had its beginnings in the mid-1990s with military base closures and downsizing. Military Honors at the Riverside National Cemetery had become almost non-existent. A small group of veterans took action and formed the Memorial Honor Detail, offering military honors for burials starting in 1996. From just three teams and two dispatchers, the non-profit organization has grown to over 300 volunteers, six armorers and a 15-member board of directors. All branches of the United States military are represented in the Detail's members.

Since 1996, the Memorial Honor Detail has served at 66,305 interments, spending 651,984 volunteer hours.

The Memorial Honor Detail works closely with Riverside National Cemetery although they are not part of it. The Cemetery does provide them with an office.



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New memorial adds meaningful tribute to Town Square Park, honoring those who served.



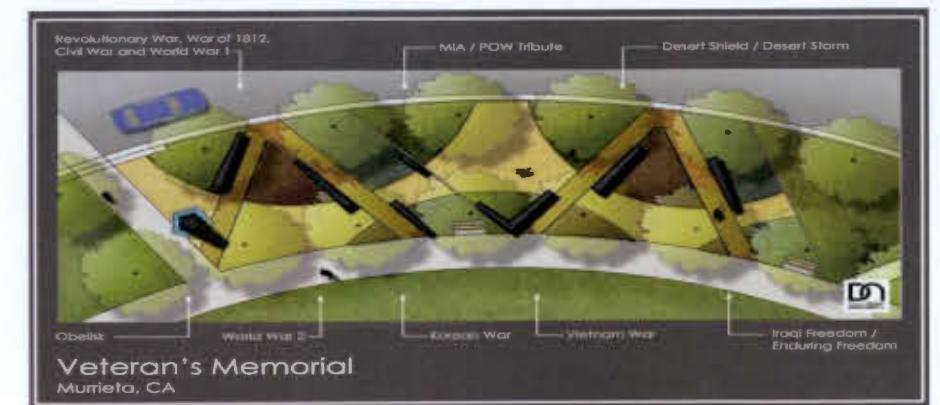
Murrieta Town Square Park is home to a unique veterans memorial that reflects the strong patriotism and respect for the military that is prevalent throughout the Murrieta community. A tall, granite obelisk stands proudly above a series of walls depicting dramatic and emotional imagery of men and women who served and sacrificed in our nation's defense. The City of Murrieta is proud to announce the dedication of the next wall in the series: the **Vietnam Veterans Memorial**.

served in Vietnam will, too, be a place for visitors to reflect.

To ensure the new memorial wall and those it honors get the recognition they deserve, the City and multiple partners—including project consultants Anser Advisory—planned a special unveiling event to take place following the City's annual Veterans Day Parade on Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11. The unveiling will begin shortly after the conclusion of the parade, which is always a community favorite.

Take a moment to pause and honor the unique significance of this memorial during your next visit to Town Square Park. By honoring those who served, we honor the sacrifices they made to ensure we live in peace with our freedom.

Currently, the memorial includes an obelisk representing the military branches (prior to the addition of the U.S. Space Force), an MIA/POW tribute, and walls representing the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. Now, a new wall depicting the valor of those who



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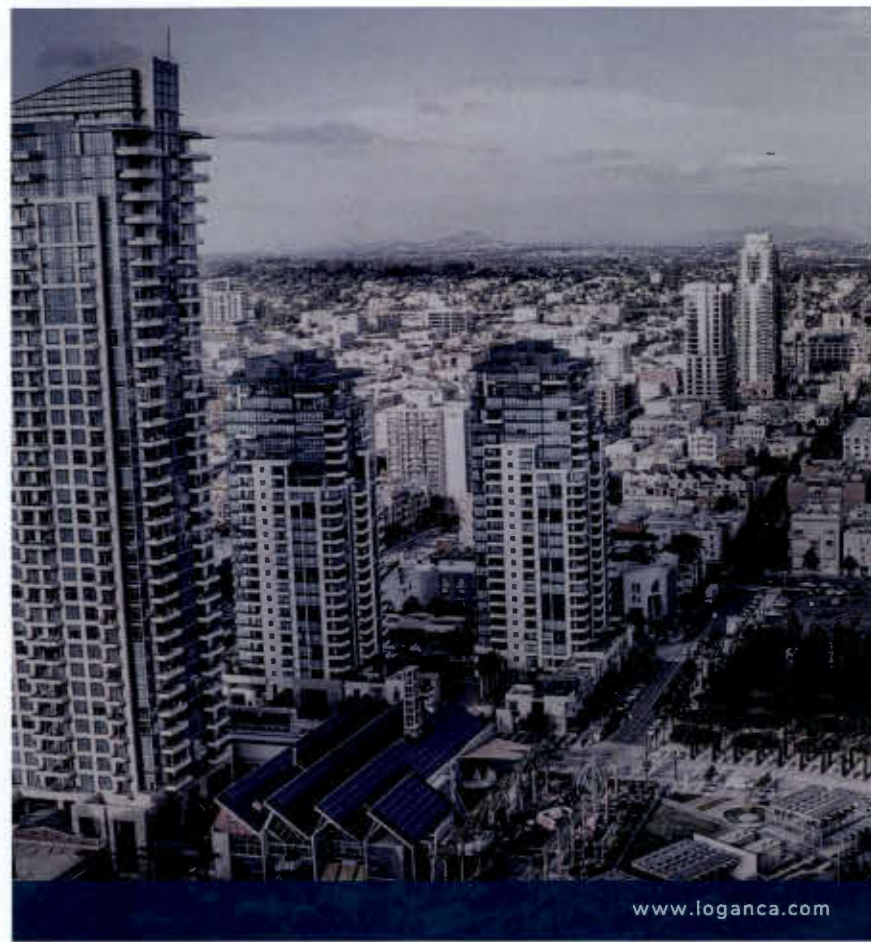
Against an evening backdrop of 2,023 American flags, Murrieta middle school students will sing patriotic songs between readings of letters from war on Wednesday, November 8. Perhaps the most somber, heart-wrenching event of the week-long Field of Honor, the student concert and readings by The Wunderlich Family are special indeed.

Letters like those read from the Town Square Park stage have been tucked away in attics, closets, and basements throughout this country. There are millions of letters written by men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. These letters are an irreplaceable record of the sacrifices made by military personnel and their families, and they need to be preserved.

Chapman University has established The Center for American War Letters (CAWL) as an extensive manuscript repository of these unique historical letters from every American conflict from the Revolutionary War to modern day combat. As you will hear from our selection of these 'Letters from War', they offer eyewitness accounts of famous battles, major world events, and encounters with prominent military leaders. But even the more personal messages, such as heartfelt expressions of affection or words of support and encouragement between separated loved ones, offer valuable insight into the wartime experience. Many of these letters are also extremely significant from a historical perspective and are a vital record of the collective memory of the American people, as witnessed and articulated by service members, veterans, and their loved ones, who experienced these wars firsthand.

For the past decade the Murrieta Field of Honor has presented a selection of these letters together with a musical arrangement appropriate to each letter's time period. We hope you enjoy and appreciate the significance of these artifacts as a record of different times in the history of our great nation.





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LOCAL HEROES SECTION 131 FLAGS

The Local Heroes section is dedicated to military personnel residing in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties who have died in service to their country since 2003. Each flag has a ribbon with a tag noting each service member's branch of service (Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines or Navy), rank (Private to Lieutenant Colonel), name, age (18 to 48), hometown and date of death. These men and women are local, there are several from Murrieta. You and your families may know some of the families affected.

The flags are arranged in chronological (date) order - starting with the first in 2003. There are 131 flags.

You can see why this field of flags means so much to many people. This Local Heroes Field is about the present. Young people are giving their lives now for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

It's about Heart. It's about Love. It's about Loss. It's about those who died protecting us against those who do not want us free: It's about us today.

Navigating The Field

MEDAL OF HONOR FIELD 80 FLAGS

The Medal of Honor section includes 80 very special flags -- one for every Californian who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor since World War I.

The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor against an enemy force which can be awarded to a member of the United States Armed Forces. It is generally presented by the President of the United States.

The award was created in 1862 and since then, even though millions of people have been in the military, only 3,504 have received this award. Only 66 are living today.

On each of these special flags there is a report called a Citation, telling what courageous action was performed by the individual to earn the Medal of Honor.

OFFICIAL FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES 27 FLAGS

There are 27 Flags which have officially flown over the United States of America. The flags are arranged in chronological (date) order - from the first to the most recent.

Each flag includes a description of its adoption and the historical era (or time period) during which

it flew as the official United States flag.

In addition, this display includes six flags that have appeared during various periods of America's history, including the Betsy Ross flag which is often mistakenly considered to be the first flag.

The nation's first Flag Act was passed by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, "Resolved. That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."

Since the appearance of that first 13-stripe flag and today, Congress has passed several acts that changed the design of Old Glory, including the custom of adding a new star as each new state was admitted to the Union. Once a flag is adopted, it is official forever and can be appropriately flown. Today, the flag consists of 13 horizontal stripes, representing the original 13 colonies, and the stars represent the 50 states of the Union.

Can you figure out which flag was flying during each war?

VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Veterans Memorial Monument at Town Square Park is designed to create and maintain a dignified Veterans memorial

reflecting contributions made by veterans from all branches of the military throughout the history of the United States, and to acknowledge as well as honor the courage, commitment, and heroism demonstrated by all Veterans past and present. The memorial's concept is that each conflict brings lives and countries into moments of intense passion and conflict, commitment and escape, and euphoria and desperation.

The memorial is set in a meandering decomposed granite path that winds through the existing "V" pattern to represent these feelings and commitments. An obelisk with an inlaid granite American flag set in a base honor the five branches of military service (Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Air Force) and is the highest visual identification of the memorial, easily seen throughout the site.

Eventually seven individual walls of black granite will represent the United States' various conflicts. The walls are etched with images of those who served, taken from pictures of actual events or from renderings. Each wall is set in a chronological timeline to be viewed from both pathways but is also set to interrupt the decomposed granite path that links the monument walls. It is this interruption that symbolizes those struggles and abrupt interruption of life. The heights and shapes represented in the inclined and buried portions of the walls symbolize the moments of rise and fall in events that occurred during these conflicts. A memorial dedicated to prisoners of war or those missing in action, sits away from both main pathways.

The Veterans Memorial includes the obelisk plus the World War II, Korean War and POW/MIA memorials. The newly completed Vietnam War memorial is being

dedicated by the City of Murrieta following the 2023 Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 11.

STATE FLAGS

Our State Flags—The flags of the states that make up the United States of America reflect varying histories and regional differences. Most of the states' flags were adopted around the turn of the 20th Century when each state wanted to have distinctive symbols on display at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, IL. Most of the flags have an interesting history, reflective generally of the region's experiences. California's flag, for example, was originally used to declare independence from Mexico in 1846, calling it the "California Republic." The California legislature declared it the official state flag in 1911.

911 MEMORIAL

"We will never forget!" The Murrieta Rock Garden is dedicated to those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks on our

Country. Four passenger airliners were hijacked by 19 al-Qaeda terrorists and were deliberately crashed into two towers of the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and a field in Stonycreek Township, near Shanksville, PA. The attacks killed 2,996 people and injured over 6,000 others. Among those who perished were 344 firefighters and 72 law enforcement officers. In addition, 55 military personnel died in the Pentagon attack.

AL VOLLBRECHT ROTARY CHALK WALK

Chalk artists add to the patriotic imagery of the Field as each piece pays tribute to those who serve above self. Introduced by the late Rotarian Al Vollbrecht, the walk stretches along the concrete sidewalk as artists work through opening weekend, November 4 and 5. The displays will remain available for viewing throughout the week.



5TH GRADE STUDENT PAGES

FIELD OF HONOR QUESTIONS

Medal of Honor Station

Write the name of one Medal of Honor recipient, branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines), and one detail that caught your attention.

Official United States Flag Station

Describe one official United States flag. Include the number of stars and stripes, the year it was made, and one detail that caught your attention.

Local Heroes Station

Describe one local hero including their name, branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines), city they were from, and one detail that caught your attention.

State Flags Station

Draw a picture of the state flag of your choice. What is the name of the state? Why did you pick this state flag?

5TH GRADE STUDENT PAGES continued...

War Memorials and Obelisk Station

Which memorial is your favorite? Why?

9/11 Rock Garden Memorial Station

What information caught your attention? Why?

Chalk Art Station

Describe one chalk art scene. Why did you pick this chalk art scene?

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Flag Etiquette

STANDARDS OF RESPECT

Remember that every one of these flags represents one of our local heroes, who could be your brother, sister or loved one. While you are here visiting them you should pay your respects without any running or loud conversations. Many of you will see adults also visiting the field while you are here. Remember that they may have loved ones who are no longer with us and may be silently meditating and remembering that person. So show them your respect by doing the same.

When visiting the flags of our Local Heroes show your respect. The flags placed in this area represent the local men and women who have given their last measure of devotion to our country and represent the great struggle for freedom.



The following is the Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fire fighter, police officer and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.



- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
- To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

EVOLUTION OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG

No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson is most likely to have designed it and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used.

The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.

- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.

DISPLAYING THE FLAG OUTDOORS

When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag - of a state, community, society or Scout unit - the flag of the United States must always be at the top except that the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for Navy personnel when conducted by a Naval chaplain on a ship at sea.

When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.

When flown with flags of states, communities, or societies on separate flag poles which are of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor - to its own right. The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger. No other flag should be placed above it. The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.

When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND NATIONAL ANTHEM

The pledge of allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag, and saluting.

When the National Anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

"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."



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LESSONS IN PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is often called national pride. It is the sense of devotion to one's country and an alliance with other citizens who share the same sentiment. The Field of Honor gives a timeless perspective to patriotism, uniting our community members as we pay tribute to the service men and women who have fought for our country.

Every year, students in Murrieta, and surrounding communities, have received their lessons about Veterans Day, the meaning of the American flag, and its heroes here. Fifth grade students from all 11 Murrieta elementary schools have the unique opportunity to learn stories of courage, sacrifice and heroism from veterans who have served our country.

"The Field of Honor is a fantastic opportunity for 5th grade students to learn more about and honor the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve our country." Said Brent Coley, Murrieta Valley United School District's coordinator of elementary education. "From learning more about our flag to observing patriotic chalk art to hearing veterans speak about their experiences in past wars, this is a can't-miss event.

"As a former 5th grade teacher and elementary school principal who has visited this event with students, I highly commend The Field of Honor."

Fifth grade visits started in the Field's second year, after then-District Superintendent Stan Scheer, a



Rotarian and volunteer, had experienced the first field and decided students should be bused to the Field to soak in the glory of the flags and study the American history presented there. And, they have each year since, excepting 2020 when the pandemic shut down field trips.

Frequently, the students return with their families to show off what they have learned.



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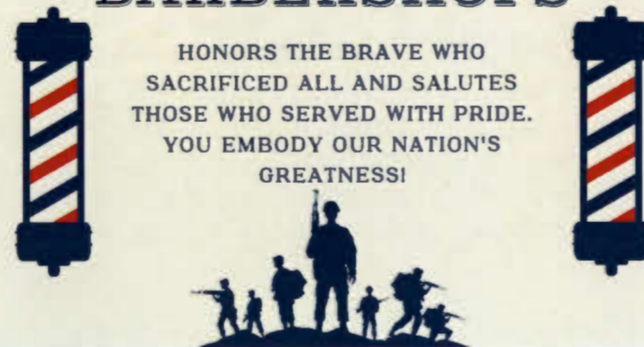
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History of Veterans Day

Every November 11, the people of the United States recognize a "celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good." (credit Department of Veterans Affairs)

June 4, 1926, the United States proclaimed that the end of WWI officially occurred on the date of 11/11/1918 ("...the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" per The History Channel). At that time known as Armistice Day (in simple terms, "armistice" is essentially a truce, and Armistice Day was established to honor Veterans of World War One).

President Eisenhower established a national holiday known as Veterans Day in 1954, at the urging of major Veterans groups. The change of the name of the holiday, and legislation to recognize Veterans Day always falling on



November 11, morphed into a day to honor Veterans of all wars. The primary reason for the change of name was to ensure inclusion and recognition of the many Veterans across our Country after the end of WWII.

Veterans Day today still recognizes all Veterans, both living and passed. There is a wreath-laying ceremony each year at Arlington National Cemetery near our Nation's capital that takes place on Veterans Day, while parades and other celebrations are held widespread across our great Nation. Here in Murrieta, we are blessed to have the Field of Honor each year at this time to remember, recognize and honor our Veterans. This year, the City's Veterans Day Parade will take place on 11/11/23, beginning at 10am and ending at the Field of Honor.

Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they've suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us.

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Our Country's Songs

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

The words pour from our hearts...

"O beautiful for spacious skies." Still, few recall the origin of this hymn turned popular patriotic song. Massachusetts-born Katharine Lee Bates penned "America the Beautiful" in 1893 after a trip to the summit of 14,115-foot Pike's Peak. "It was then and there, as I was looking out over the sea-like expanse of fertile country spreading away so far under those ample skies that the opening lines of the hymn floated into my mind."

Bates' poem first appeared in *The Congregationalist*, a weekly newspaper, on July 4, 1895. Bates revised her lyrics in 1904 and made some final additions to the poem in 1913. For several years, "America the Beautiful" was sung to almost any popular tune that fit the lyrics. "Auld Lang Syne" was one of the most common. Today, it is sung to a melody written in 1882 by Samuel Augustus Ward, a Newark, N.J. church organist and choirmaster. This melody was originally composed to accompany words for a 16th Century hymn "O Mother Dear, Jerusalem." In 1926, the National Federation of Music Clubs sponsored a contest to elicit new music for Bates' poem but failed to find a winner, and Ward's music prevails.

According to the *Performing Arts Encyclopedia*, "'America the Beautiful' has been called 'an expression of patriotism at its finest.' It conveys an attitude of appreciation and gratitude for the nation's extraordinary physical beauty and abundance, without triumphalism. It has also been incorporated into a number of films including *The Sandlot* and *The Pentagon Wars*."

"America the Beautiful"

By Katharine Lee Bates

1

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

2

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!

3

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

4

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

By Hindley Earnshaw

Samuel Francis Smith wrote the lyrics to "My Country 'Tis of Thee" in 1831, while he was a student at the Andover Theological Seminary in Andover, Massachusetts. His friend Lowell Mason had asked him to translate the lyrics in some German school songbooks or to write new lyrics. A melody in Muzio Clementi's Symphony No. 3 caught his attention. Rather than translating the lyrics from German, Smith wrote his own American patriotic hymn to the melody, completing the lyrics in thirty minutes.

1

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside
Let freedom ring!

2

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

3

Let music swell the breeze,
And ring from all the trees
Sweet freedom's song;
Let mortal tongues awake;
Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break,



OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

Over 200 years ago, Washington, DC attorney, Francis Scott Key saw a flag flying over embattled Fort McHenry which protected Baltimore's harbor. It was early in the morning, and the amateur poet began jotting down the lines that became the National Anthem of the United States. That was on September 14, 1814, and the War of 1812 had been underway for two years, with disastrous battles for the young United States.

Key "could just make out the American flag waving above Fort McHenry. British ships were withdrawing from Baltimore, and Key realized that the United States had survived the battle and stopped the enemy advance. Moved by the sight, he wrote a song celebrating that star-spangled banner as a symbol of America's triumph and endurance."

The lawyer and Washington "insider," had been sent by President James Madison on a mission to Baltimore to negotiate with the British for the release of Dr. William Beanes, a prominent surgeon who had been captured at the Battle of Bladensburg. Key and a State Department attorney had set sail on an American sloop in Baltimore Harbor and had boarded the British ship Tonnant, where they dined and secured the prisoner's release under one condition—they could not go ashore until after the British attacked Baltimore. Accompanied by British guards, Key returned to the American sloop from which he witnessed the bombardment of Baltimore behind the 50-ship British fleet.



Initially, Key's lyrics were titled, "Defense of Fort M'Henry" by a Baltimore newspaper. Two months after the battle, a Baltimore music store printed the patriotic song with sheet music under the lyrical title, "The Star-Spangled Banner." More than a century passed before "The Star-Spangled Banner" became our country's national anthem, although it increased in popularity through the years, including during the Civil War. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed an executive order designating it the national anthem for all military ceremonies. On March 3, 1931, after 40 previous attempts failed, a measure passed Congress and was signed into law that designated "The Star-Spangled Banner" as the national anthem of the United States.

"The Star-Spangled Banner"

By Francis Scott Key

1

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 thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched 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.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

2

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 in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

3

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 washed 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!

4

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n 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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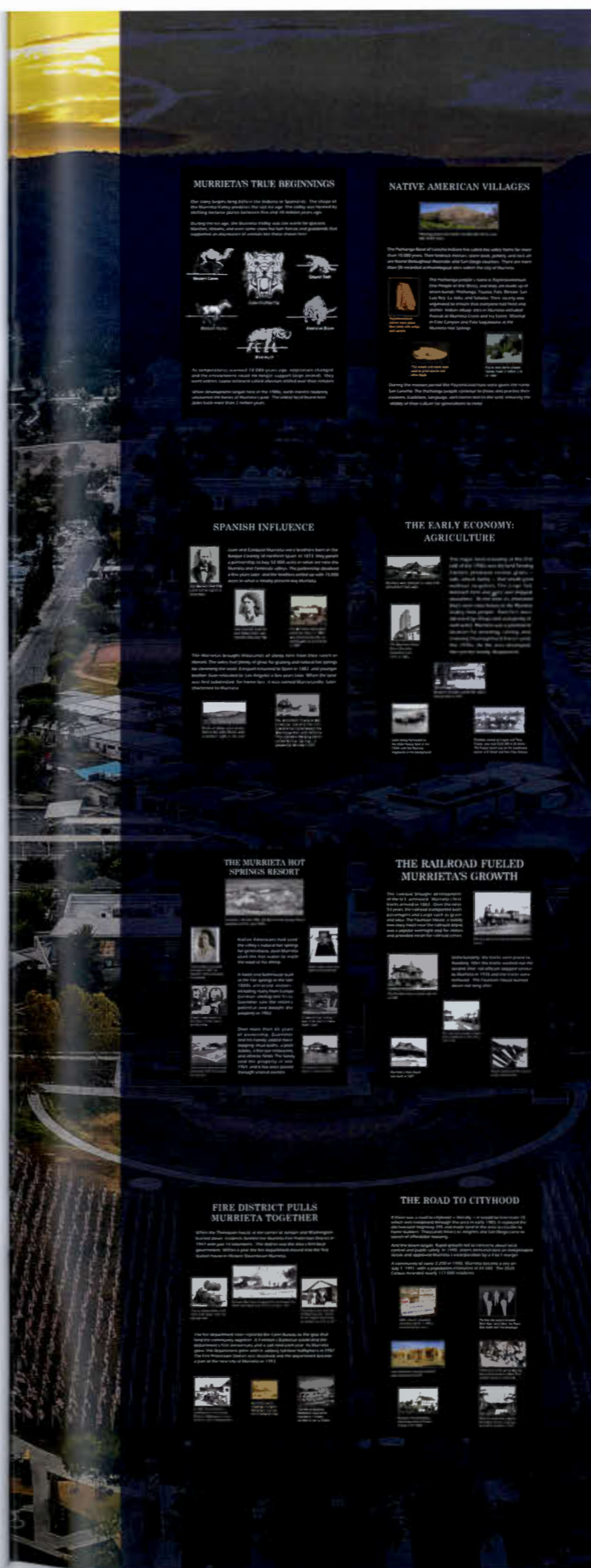
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