



NORTHERN CALIFORNIA VETERANS
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Hero Laid to Rest

Chief Petty Officer Chad Regelin was laid to rest at the cemetery January 12 in the largest ceremony yet held at this site. Over 200 active-duty service personnel attended along with approximately 800 family, friends, veterans and community members.

It was a special Saturday ceremony set by Administra-

tor Steve Jorgensen due to the estimated large number of persons attending. Most burial services are conducted Monday through Friday.

Again, volunteers were present to assist cemetery staff to make it a memorable event for those attending. Jorgensen emphasizes what an important role volunteers play in cemetery events and

how rewarding it can be for those that donate their time and talents. Volunteers provide the additional assistance in ensuring that all heroes such as CPO Regelin receive the highest tribute in thanks for their sacrifices.

We are proud of our volunteers and their commitment to NCVC.

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Update on Establishment of New Memorials

Air Force Memorial

The CDVA has approved the concept proposed by a Board subcommittee to construct a US Air Force memorial. The memorial will be the first of five dedicated to each of the service branches. While the 5 memorials will differ in design, the placement, size and material design of all 5 circular support pads will incorporate a star-shaped center surrounded by pavers and include the service flag. Supporters will be able to purchase these pavers.

Designed by Carl Turner, the memorial centerpiece will be a pyramid upon which a globe of the earth will sit. The talons of the Air Force Falcon will firmly grip the globe. From the talon, a 24' stainless-steel contrail, topped by a delta-shaped aircraft, wraps the earth until it rises skyward to a height of 15'. Each of the four base sides will include raised letter plaques that relate mission, evolution, dedication of the USAF.

The chair of the subcom-

mittee is board member Pete Stiglich and can be reached at peterstiglich@yahoo.com for further information.

Vietnam Memorial

Members of the subcommittee organized to erect a memorial to Vietnam veterans are busy traveling the west coast making presentations to veterans organizations. NCVC-SB Vice-Chair Mike Wiley and volunteer member-at-large and concept artist Carl Turner are visiting organizations that have indicated interest in the project.

The large bronze memorial will be placed in the southwest corner of the cemetery near the carillon.

Fundraising has begun and persons are now able to donate commemorative pieces to the memorial.

For those who would like to become involved in this project, they can contact Mike Wiley at e-mail: pbrmike543@frontiernet.net.

WWII Memorial

John Welch is an active NCVC-SB board member and an even busier artist.

He has designed a pro-

posed WWII memorial that would be built next to the Administration Building.

John feels that those of the "Greatest Generation" should be recognized with their own memorial at the cemetery and his concept includes bronze statues representing all branches, and also detailed history.

Still in the planning stage, John would welcome hearing from those that might wish to help with this project. John can be contacted by email: johnwelch@shasta.com

Meetings are regularly held the first Thursday of each month (excluding July, August, and December) at 4:00 p.m. at the Veterans Hall on Yuba Street in Redding.



Dates of Interest:

- Feb. 2, 4 p.m.: Board Meeting, Vets Hall, Redding
- Feb. 15, 4 pm : Memorial Day Committee mtg., Vets Hall (all invited to attend)
- Mar. 1, 4 p.m.: Board Meeting Vets Hall, Redding
- Mar. 14, 11 a.m.: MIAP bi-monthly memorial service, cemetery
- Apr. 5, 4 p.m.: Board meeting Vets Hall, Redding



The Red Hat Society's Scarlett O'Hatters group presented a \$1,000 check to the cemetery on November 9, 2011. The photo above shows O'Hatters Queen Shirley Carr presenting the check to Linda LeDue, NCVC staff.

Columbarium Nears Completion

Fair weather this winter was a good friend to the contractor building the new columbarium at the cemetery. The eight new structures rose quickly and the are ready for the installation of the niche covers.

The covers were ordered from the US DVA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) the same day the construction contract was let. The NCA requires 120 days to fulfill the order

and the covers should arrive the end of February or the first of March. Once in place, finishing touches and plantings will complete the job. Space has been provided for installation of donated benches in the future, with benches facing each structure.

The Committal Shelter will be available for gatherings in March.

Home Depot Team donated time and energy to paint exterior buildings

and replant around first columbarium. Home Depot also donated six redwood trees that have been planted near the Memorial Building.

Cemetery staff always has a need for volunteers to assist in the Memorial Building, office and grounds. Those interest in participating in rewarding NCVC projects can contact Administrator Jorgensen at the addresses given below.

Welcome TO NEWLY-SEATED NCVC-SB DIRECTORS KIM CHAMBERLAIN AND FRANK ROSE

Northern California Veterans Support Group (NCVSG)

NSVSG (our parent organization) has director seats open. If you would like to become involved in decisions regarding the future of both the new veterans home and the cemetery, please contact: Steve Jorgensen, NCVC Administrator, PO Box 76, Igo, CA 96047 or; e-mail: stevejorgensen@cdva.gov; 1-866-777-4533, for an application and information. The NSVSG board meets quarterly.

The Support Board for NCVC has openings to fill.

- Veterans are given first consideration when applying for board membership.
- All board members assist in the staging and planning of events at the cemetery.
- It is a chance to become actively involved in the activities at NCVC, contributing to the planning and implementation of monuments and memorials, fundraising, and creating memorable programs.
- It is an opportunity to honor our heroes.

Please consider joining by submitting a board membership application that can be obtained by contacting the Board at the address below.

NCVC MISSION STATEMENT

Northern California Veterans Cemetery Support Board is proud to support an environment that invites the enthusiastic cooperation of the entire region that is served by the Northern California Veterans Cemetery (NCVC). The specific purpose of this organization is to support the mission and goals of the California Department of Veterans Affairs through the NCVC, by creating a fitting burial site and living shrine to honor California veterans.

The committee provides financial support and assistance in the enhancement and beautification of the NCVC through various fund raising activities. The NCVC Support Board is further responsible for organizing and presenting appropriate ceremonies on national holidays (including Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs) and other activities that benefit the NCVC.

We are dedicated to supporting the Northern California Veterans Cemetery and its mission to serve and honor our nation's veterans.

NCVC Support Board is a California CC 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and accepts donations to:

- (1) Events and enhancements to the cemetery grounds
- (2) Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- (3) Air Force Memorial
- (4) Wreaths Across America program: December decorations of gravesites

You can contribute by writing your check *Pay to the order of:*

NCVC-SB for (1), (2), or (3)

or

NCVC-SB-Wreaths Across America for (4)

Note on the "memo" line the fund you are contributing to and mail to address noted on the right.

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