



# Listening Post

December 2025

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## **VVVC - Dec 2025**

### **Membership Report**

Annual members 22  
Life members 114  
Total members 136

## **Committees**

### **Chaplain**

Jesse Echevarria

### **Merchandise**

Howard Tench

### **Parades/Events**

vacant

### **Fund-raising**

Irene Hoff

### **POW/MIA**

Richard Camacho

### **LP Editor**

Joe Richardson

### **James Ray Scholarship**

Joe Richardson

### **Membership**

Joe Richardson

## **President's Message:**

### **LP Editor**

note to those receiving the LP by mail  
instead of email, please consider switching  
you will get it sooner, with color, and save  
VVVC roughly \$5 each/mo.

## **Sick Call**

Barry Jenkins  
Richard 'Dickie' Pena  
Tommy Moore

Laurie Richardson  
John Walker

## Upcoming Events

December 13, 2025

### **Wreaths Across America**

Conejo Mountain Funeral Home, Memorial Park & Cemetery

2052 Howard Road

Camarillo, CA

Assisting Rolling Thunder M.C. Be there by 9:30 AM, to assist in laying wreaths

December 15, 2025

Oxnard Family Circle

2100 Outlet Center Drive, Oxnard

Executive Board Meeting 5:00 PM

**VVVC Christmas Dinner**, check with Irene Hoff (805) 794-6243 on what else needs brought

White Elephant gifts are also wanted

General Membership meeting 6:30 PM

**Nominations for Board and Officers will be open**

**Vote on latest bylaws**

**Proclamation on Veterans gravesites**



**REINS OF H.O.P.E**

**Monthly Veteran's Group**  
4-6 PM

Every Fourth  
Wednesday of the  
Month

Open to all veterans and  
first responders

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### **Veteran Collaborative**

*Of Ventura County*

*Operated By The County Of Ventura — Veteran Services Office*

The Veteran Collaborative of Ventura County is operated by the County of Ventura Veteran Services Office (VSO). The VSO provides services to veterans, military personnel and their families through teamwork, efficient and effective partnerships and use of technology to create a more safe, healthy and self-reliant community. Our mission is to connect veterans and their families to earned benefits and services.



### **Veteran Collaborative of Ventura County Meeting Schedule 2025**

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted below, at the America's Job Center of California in Oxnard, 2901 N. Ventura Road, 3rd Floor, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.



## POW/MIA Report

### WORLD WAR II

Army Air Forces Tech Sgt. Roman J. Ropinski  
Identified 10/29/25

Family has yet to be contacted by DPAA

Army Air Forces Tsch 4 Howard B. Shorts  
Identified 10/23/25

Family has yet to be contacted by DPAA.

Army Major Harry C. Hoffmeyer.  
Identified 10/10/25

Family has yet to be contacted by DPAA.

Army Staff Sgt. Dayton Polvado  
Identified 10/10/25

Family has yet to be contacted by DPAA.

Army Air Forces Sgt. Leonard J. McNeill,  
Identified 10/9/25.

Family has yet to be contacted by DPAA.

### KOREA

Army Sgt. James Robert Martin,  
Identified 11/7/25.

Family has yet to be contacted by DPAA.

As a continuing effort by Veteran Organizations in Ventura County and aware of the issue particularly in the City of Ventura's Cemetery Park the VFW organization has published this proclamation on the issue and asks that all veterans and veteran organizations take up this measure and send to their representatives copies of this proclamation signed by their members or officers. (copy and paste for your own use) the issue will be raised at the Dec. regular meeting of the VVVC board and general meetings.

## **Resolution: Designation and Protection of Military Graves as Sacred Ground**

WHEREAS, (your name or organization) is dedicated to honoring the memory of all veterans who have served our nation with valor, and recognizes the profound importance of preserving their final resting places with the utmost respect; and

WHEREAS, Military graves represent the hallowed ground where the brave men and women who have defended our freedoms are laid to rest, and as such, these sites must be treated with the highest reverence and dignity; and

WHEREAS, The conversion of cemeteries containing military graves into parks or other public spaces undermines the sanctity of these burial grounds and dishonors the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country; and

WHEREAS, (your name or organization) believes that all military graves should be permanently recognized as sacred ground, protected from any alteration or repurposing that would detract from their intended use as places of remembrance and honor; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that any cemeteries that have been converted into parks or other uses be restored to their original status as cemeteries and preserved exclusively for that purpose; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By (your name or organization) calls upon all levels of government—federal, state, and local—to recognize all military graves as sacred ground, ensuring that no changes are made to these locations that would convert them into parks or any other type of public space; and be it further

RESOLVED, That (your name or organization) strongly urges the immediate restoration of all cemeteries containing military graves that have been converted into parks or other non-cemetery uses, and that these cemeteries be returned to their proper status immediately, to honor the memory and sacrifice of our nation's veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, members of Congress, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, state governors, and other relevant authorities, urging their support and action on this matter of national significance.

Adopted by:     (organization)

Sent by:         (individual)



A few Photos from last month's events (was hoping for more as we had lots going on but this is all that were sent to me for use and publishing)

No pictures of E.O.Green school event, no pictures of Green Light color guard, and no pictures from Ivy Lawn cemetery.

Here are a few from Las Vegas

