

Memorial Day May 31, 2021

The North West Valley Veterans Association welcomes all! Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

COL THEODORE (Ted) M. STULTS II, United States Army (Ret).

Ted was born and raised in Stark County, Ohio and except for his 5 years of active duty lived there until moving to Surprise in 2018. He enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard at 17, where he served as a crew chief on F-51 Mustangs. Graduating in 1959 from Purdue University, he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. He was assigned as an Army Fixed Wing Aviator, served with the 8th Infantry Division in Germany for 4 years.

On returning home, he joined the Ohio National Guard. Ted attained over 4000 accident free flying hours, earning his Master Aviator Wings. He commanded a number of different aviation organizations and bases. Ground assignments included Airspace Control Officer at Camp Perry, Ohio. Commandant to The Ohio Military Academy and Inspector General of the Ohio Army National Guard. Ted retired in 1988, as a Colonel with 30 years' service, as Chief of Staff of the 112th Medical Brigade.

An additional duty that he is quite proud of was a volunteer assignment with a special Ohio Guard project that for 7 years airlifted babies with severe health conditions to Akron Children's Medical Center. The team of 14 pilots successfully airlifted over 700 babies.

Other military recognition: he was inducted into the Purdue University ROTC Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 2011.

Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance of our fallen. It is not a day of celebration with parades or store sales.

North West Valley Veterans Association Officers

Commander: Mike Elliot

Vice Commander: Lee Stewart

Adjutant: Larry Leighton Treasurer: George Van de Langeryt

Chaplain: Harold Stern Sgt@Arms: Gene Bogatko

Judge Advocate: Dan Reilly

Past Commanders of the NWWVA

Lloyd Kilmer / George Cushing

Harold Stern Phil Hanson

James Katzenberger Nancie Scalercio

George Van de Langeryt Mike Elliott

Member Veterans Organization of the NWWVA

Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1260

Tsgt Timothy Turner, VP

American Ex-Prisoners of War

Honorary NWWVA Member

American Legion Earl E. Mitchell Post #29

Tom Junk, Commander

American Legion John J. Morris Post #62

John Murnan, Commander

American Legion Mary Ellen Piotrowski Post #94

Larry Leighton, Commander

American Legion Surprise Post #96

Mike Elliott, Commander

American Legion John Harries Post #101

David Rohde, Commander

Disabled American Veterans Star Chapter #24

John Crockett, Sr., Vice Commander

Disabled American Veterans Unit #24

Janiel Hockenberry, Commander

Korean War Veterans West Valley Chapter

Phil Hanson, Representative

Military Officers Association of America Luke Chapter

Don Fordney, Representative

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 691

James Sallmen, Commander

Military Order of the World Wars West Valley Chapter 131

Buz Isban, Commander

Corte Bella Vets

Ralph Brown, Vice-President

Hassayampa Voiture 1154 - La Societe 40&8

Arnold Kohl, Chef d Train

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2135

Jim Katzenberger, Representative

Festival Veterans Club

Ken Blanchard, President

Schedule of Events

Flyover by Falcon Warbirds will occur about 0930, they will fly from West to East.

0900 - Legion Riders Arrive, American Legion Posts #96 & #62

Welcome from Master of Ceremonies: Dan Salter

Presentation & Posting of Colors by Mary Ellen Piotrowski American Legion Post #94: Commander Jack Coyle

Procession of NWWVA Flags - Commanded by Arnold Kohl

The National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance by Commander Mike Elliott

Uncle Sam - Joe Delgado

Introduction Honored Guests and Dignitaries

Welcome to Rosie the Riveter Association Sun City Chapter

Introduction of the Guest Speaker - Col Ted Stults

Keynote Speaker Address

God Bless America by Nancie Scalercio with audience participation

Benediction by Chaplain Grim

Rifle Volley - Mary Ellen Piotrowski American Legion Post #94

Taps

Thanks to individuals and organizations

Retiring of the Colors Mary Ellen Piotrowski American Legion Post #94

Retire organizational flags - Arnold Kohl

End of Ceremonies

Lunch courtesy of Sunland Memorial.

Please join us in the Chapel.

We thank you for attending this ceremony and we hope you will join us for Veterans Day, November 11.



Special Thanks from the NWVVA to:

NWVVA Member's Organizations

Sun City Posse

Boy Scout Troop 921 - Scoutmaster Heath Eslick

Uncle Sam - Joe Delgado

Nancie Scalercio

Arnold Kohl

Mary Ellen Piotrowski American Legion Post 94

Honor Guard - Commanded by Jack Coyle

Sun City Engraving

Wilder & Wilder Printing

Sunland Memorial Park Ground Crew

Matt - Manny - Andres - Chwy - Kyle

And all those individuals and organizations that have helped place and remove the flags on veterans graves at Sunland.

The North West Valley Veterans Association thanks the staff of Sunland for their wonderful cooperation and assistance in staging this Memorial Day Ceremony.

Sunland Memorial Park and Mortuary

General Manager - **Daniel Salter**

Funeral Home Manager - **Chris Hopkins**

Office Manager - **Adela Mariles**

Superintendent - **Matt Varney**

In respect of the families of those who are buried in the area adjoining the site of the ceremony, we request that no chairs be placed on the gravesites. At the end of the ceremony please use the sidewalks and roadways. Thank you for understanding in this matter.