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WELCOME

Welcome to the **only** Field in the San Gabriel Valley that solely supports our Military. You may see several flag fields in our surrounding cities, don't be fooled ~ We are the **ONLY** Field that uses 100% of our funds to support our military, which includes Veterans, Active Duty Families and the Ontario USO. Further, no person is paid for their time to work, plan or administer the Field of Valor. We are **ALL VOLUNTEERS**.

The Field of Valor is a teaching field. The Field is designed to host school children, learning about our freedoms from Veterans whom have fought to keep us free. All 8th grade students are given Constitution / Declaration of Independence books to study.

Local service clubs have volunteered their time to work at the Field of Valor. Please ask them about their organizations and how they continue to improve the quality of life in our community. Our Veterans thank you for your support.

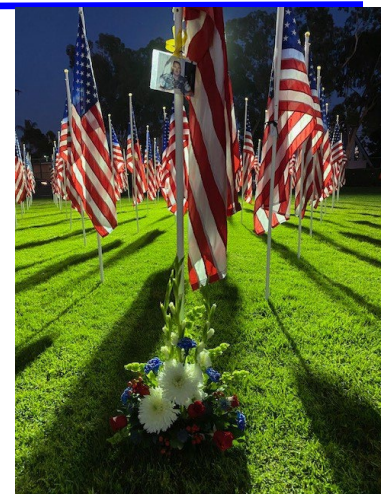
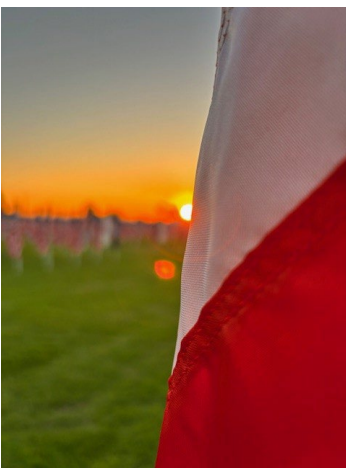
VISITOR ETIQUETTE

The Field of Valor is a tribute and reminder of the sacrifices made by our military so that we may continue to enjoy the freedom and safety here at home. **It is a place of solace and respect.**

Each visitor should reflect on the meaning of the American flag, and be reminded that we live in the greatest country in the world—America!

Please keep your voices to a minimum as you explore the Field of Valor. Feel free to participate in the patriotic songs and other planned events, but remember to respect other visitors at all times.

There is no eating or drinking amongst the flags. No animals except official service animals are allowed on the field.



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HOW WERE OUR FUNDS SPENT?

The need continues to help our military. As we stated, Field of Valor supports our Active Duty Military Families, Veterans and the Ontario USO.

This is how our funds were spent December 1, 2023—November 1, 2024

Housing	\$ 9,068.00
Auto	392.00
Utilities	200.00
Insurance	650.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,123.00</u>
Total	\$11,433.00

Things to do on the Field of Valor

Historical Flags—Read about each flag of the union. Who was the President? What state is represented on the new star?

Medal of Honor— In the Center row you will find flags with citations of California’s Medal of Honor recipients. Read the citations. These heroes did incredible things. A must read.

Programs— Join us Opening Day, Veterans Day, Community Lunch for t Chick-Fil-A , Flag Retirement Ceremony, and Closing Day.
At 8:30 each night, our local high school students will play taps at the Center Flag.





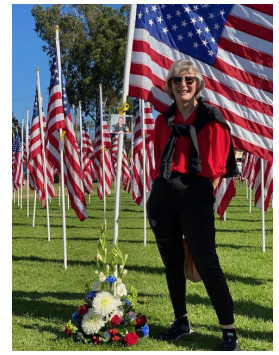
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What is the Meaning Behind the 13 Folds of the U.S. Flag?

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which the United States was originally founded.

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong.
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we 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.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.
8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mothers Day.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
11. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, In God We Trust.



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Saturday, November 9, 2024

Flag Procession 8:00 AM Starting at Sierra Vista Middle School

Sunday, November 10, 2024

- Field Opens 8:00 am
- **Opening Ceremonies** 1:30 PM
- Master of Ceremonies—Police Chief David Povero
- Music—Las Palmas Middle School
- Present Colors—Troop 888
- Flag Salute led by Chief Povero
- Prayer— Father Wallace, Destiny Lodge Covina
- Keynote Speaker— Drexel Smith USN, Ret
- Closing Remarks—Chief Povero
- Field closes at 8:30 pm
- Taps played at center flag

Monday, November 11, 2024 VETERANS DAY

Staffed by: Covina Rotary Club

- Field opens at 8:00 am
- **Veterans Day Program** 11:00
- Flyover **Pentagon Approved**
- Present Colors: Covina Police Dept Color Guard
- Prayer —Pastor Jack Hibbs, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills
- Band: Covina Concert Band
- Flag Salute Chief Povero
- Keynote Speaker USMC Gunnery Sergeant Ryan White, Ret
- Field closes at 8:30 pm
- Taps played at center flag

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Staffed by: San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps

- School Field Trips
- Field open to Public 3-8:30 pm
- Taps Played Center Flag

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Staffed by Allied Restoration

- School Field Trips
- Field opens to Public 3-8:30 pm

Thursday, November 14, 2024

Staffed by: West Covina Kiwanis

- 8:00—10:00 School Field Trips
- **11:30 Community Lunch**—Community as well as service clubs are welcome—Bring your office!
- Chick-Fil-A lunch \$20.00 /lunch
- Prayer: Pastor Ezra La Turco, Victory Outreach Church
- Speaker: Colonel Sim Stitt
- Flag Retirement Ceremony Troop 443 6:30 PM
- Field Closes at 8:30 pm
- Taps played nightly at center flag

Friday, November 15, 2024

Staffed by: Merry Maids of Covina

- School Field Trips
- Field opens to Public 3-8:30
- Scout Night—Bring your troop for a field trip
- Taps played at center flag

Saturday, November 16, 2024

- Field Opens 8:00 am
- **Closing Ceremonies** 11:00 AM
- Master of Ceremonies—Police Chief David Povero
- Music—Sierra Vista Middle School
- Flag Salute led by Chief Povero
- Prayer— Mark Cook
- Keynote Speaker— James Dickman, Author of book *The Rebel Isidore Samuels*
- Closing Remarks—Chief Povero
- Field closes at 8:00 pm
- Taps played at center flag

Sunday, November 17, 2024

- Pull rebar at field 7:30 am
- Fold Flags—2602 E. Workman, West Covina 8:30 am
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OPENING DAY SPEAKER:

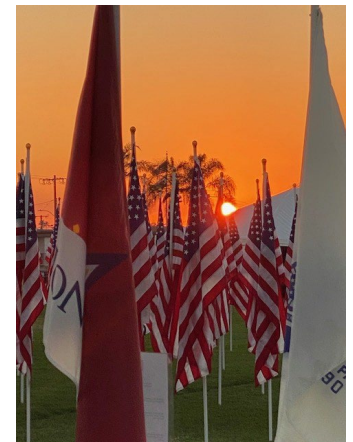
Drexel L. Smith USN (Ret.)

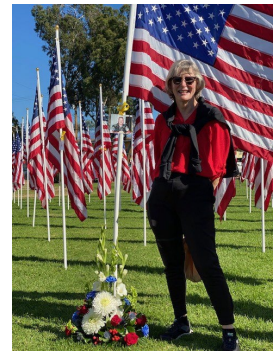


Drexel L. Smith is a US Navy veteran – Petty Officer 2nd Class - serving from 1964 to 1968. Service included over two years ('64-'66) on the USS Castor home ported in Sasebo Japan providing supplies at sea to ships on station off Vietnam, followed by 13 months with the Naval Advisory Group ('67-'68) as an advisor to the Vietnamese Navy. Smith was born in LA growing up in Van Nuys, settling in the San Gabriel Valley upon his return from Vietnam in 1968. Smith spent over 40 years in the independent test and engineering services business supporting defense, aerospace, energy and advanced technologies and is a recognized expert in the test and evaluation of space flight hardware, aircraft components, munitions, propulsion systems, nuclear systems and components. Smith served as the Sr. VP/General Manager of Wyle Laboratories Technical Services group operating R&D, test facilities, test ranges and metrology laboratories for NASA & DoD to include propulsion labs for Air Force Research, Naval Weapons lab at China Lake, NASA Kennedy Space Center. Smith was responsible for Wyle's De-Mil program activities that included download, inspection and uploading of the BLU-97 sub-munitions, and numerous UXO identification and removal programs. As part of the UXO program activities Smith served on the DoD-Defense Science Advisory Board (DSB) sub-committee on landmines and UXO. Smith today is principal of the Drexel Consulting Group, LLC, an executive management consulting group supporting corporations, new business start-up companies and non-profit board on governance issues. Locally, Smith is recognized for his community service serving on various civic boards and committees including City of Walnut Planning Commission, elected to City Council for three, four-year terms and served as Mayor three terms. He currently is serving as Chair of the Mt San Antonio College Construction Bond Oversight Committee, is an active member of the Rotary Club of West Covina and supporter of the Field of Valor. Smith is a life-time member of the VFW and 'Counterparts' an organization of South-East Asia Advisors.

FLAG PICK UP PROCEEDURE

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If you wish to pick up a flag and your name
Tag you may do so
Monday through Friday
9:00 am—5:00 pm
November 18 to December 13, 2024
At
International Real Estate
364 E. Rowland (Between Citrus and Barranca)
Covina





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VETERANS DAY SPEAKER:



Ryan J. White, PhD

**United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant, (Ret.)
Los Angeles Police Officer**

Gunnery Sergeant Ryan White grew up in Diamond Bar, California. Following High School, Ryan enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was assigned to a Scout Sniper Platoon with 2 nd Battalion, 7 th Marines out of Marine Corps Base 29 Palms. He reenlisted in the Marine Corps as was stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton as an Infantry Instructor.

Following his second enlistment with the Marine Corps, Ryan transitioned into career with the Los Angeles Police Department while concurrently serving with the United States Marine Corps Reserves. Ryan had various oversea military deployments and participated in combat operations in Iraq in 2003. Ryan retired from the Marine Corps Reserve as a Gunnery Sergeant in 2012. He is approaching his 27 th year serving as a Police Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. He currently serves as the Los Angeles Police Department’s Military Liaison.

Ryan is married, has three children and resides in Riverside County.

Accomplishments/Awards include:

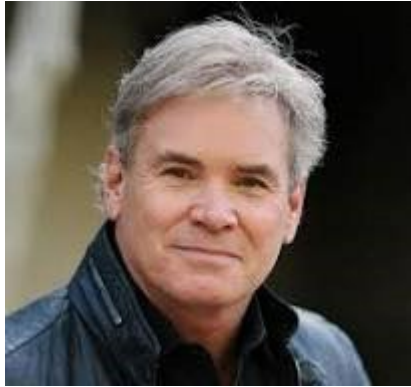
- Named “Officer of the Year” while at various assignments with the Los Angeles Police Department.
- Recipient of the Marine Corps Purple Heart Medal, (3) Marine Corps Achievement Medals (one with a Combat device for valor) and a Marine Corps Commendation Medal.
- Los Angeles Police Department awards include being awarded over 150 citizen and supervisory commendations throughout his career.
- Earned his Doctorate Degree from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Organizational Leadership



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VETERANS DAY PRAYER:

Pastor Jack Hibbs, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills

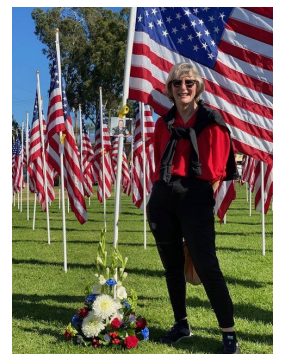
Jack Hibbs is the senior and founding pastor of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, based in Southern California, the Founder & President of Real Life ministry, and a nationally syndicated TV & Radio host.

Jack and his wife, Lisa, began a home fellowship over thirty years ago with just six faithful souls. Today, the church ministers weekly to over ten thousand people on campus and millions worldwide through daily media outreach programs.

Pastor Jack is well known for his passionate, verse-by-verse expositional Bible teaching; in addition, he is a frequent conference speaker and a nationally syndicated Radio and Tv host. His numerous ministries counting television broadcasts, podcasts, and radio reach from West Africa to the South Pacific.

Jack and Lisa have been married for over forty years and are the authors of the book Turn Around At Home – Giving A Stronger Spiritual Legacy Than You Received. They reside in Southern California where they enjoy time with their children and grandchildren.





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COMMUNITY LUNCH SPEAKER:

Lieutenant Colonel James Stitt



United States Army Retired, began his 36 year army career as a private E-1 on 31 July 1974 after graduating from Los Altos High School. Stitt attended basic training at Fort Knox Ky. and armored school (tanks) at Fort Hood Tx. and spent the next year in a half at Fort Hood, later re-assigned to 3rd Inf Div. Kitzingen West Germany and promoted to Sargent. He attended Officer Candidate School and promoted to 2nd Lieutenant Armor on 12 Oct 1984, he then attended Armored Officer Basic Course 1985, Armored Officer Advance Course 1998, Combined Arms and Services Staff School 1999, and graduated from Command and General Staff College 2005. He attended Regents College, and has an Associate of Science in Welding Technology for Cuesta College. Company Commander on the streets of Los Angeles during the Rodney King riots, and as the Officer in Charge of the Iraqi Army modernization project 2011.

Lt. Col Stitt is married to Karin Stitt and has six children and eleven grandchildren. Jim lives in Morro Bay Ca, and attends Rock Harbor Christian Fellowship. He is the currently on the Board of directors Association of Amputee Surfer (AKA AmpSurf), is also on the Board of Directors for the San Luis Obispo Veterans Collaborative, is on the planning committee for the Unfinished Business Memorial Day Jam, and a member of the Arroyo Grande Rotary Club as well as member in Atascadero Moose Lodge, the VFW, and American Legion.





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CLOSING DAY SPEAKER:

James Dickman

Historical Author *The Rebel Isidore Samuels*

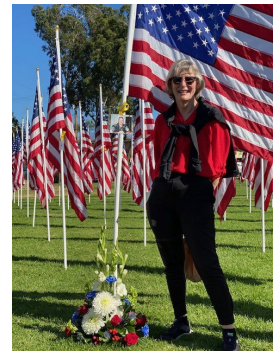


James Andrew Dickman has always been fascinated by history and storytelling. Born and raised in a family that valued education and literature, James began writing in his youth and has maintained a personal journal since 1977. After earning a degree in English Literature from UCLA, he managed a family deli-meat business before dedicating himself fully to writing. His experiences in life, from managing a business to engaging with different cultures, enrich his novels with authenticity and depth. Now a published author, he spends his time between writing, enjoying family life with his wife and grandchildren, and engaging in community activities.



MES ANDREW DICKMAN





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EXCERPTS FROM THE U.S. FLAG CODE

Time and occasions for display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, third Monday in January; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; National Vietnam War Veterans Day, March 29; Easter Sunday (variable); Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Father's Day, third Sunday in June; Independence Day, July 4; National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, July 27; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

Position and manner of display

The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except from a staff, or as provided in subsection (i) of this section.

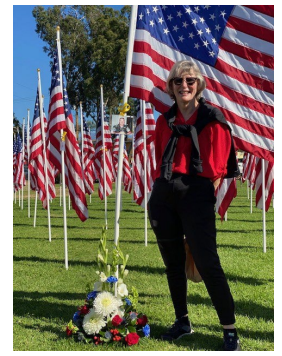
The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.

The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff.

Respect

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

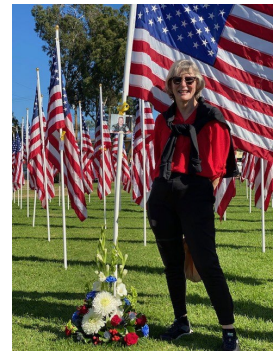
The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cushions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and discard. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from which the flag is flown.



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/ AM THE FLAG

I am the flag of the United States of America.
My name is Old Glory.
I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.
I stand watch in America's halls of justice.
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.
I stand guard with power in the world.
Look up and see me.
I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.
I stand for freedom.
I am confident.
I am arrogant.
I am proud.
When I am flown with my fellow banners,
My head is a little higher,
My colors a little truer.
I bow to no one!
I am recognized all over the world.
I am worshipped.
I am saluted.
I am loved.
I am revered.
I am respected.
And I am feared.
I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.
I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.
I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France,
in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy.
Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam know me.
I was there.
I led my troops,
I was dirty, battleworn and tired,
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.
I have been burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of countries I have helped set free.
It does not hurt for I am invincible.
I have been soiled upon, burned,
torn and trampled in the streets of my country.
And when it's done by those whom I've served in battle - it hurts.
But I shall overcome - for I am strong.
I have slipped the bonds of Earth
and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space
from my vantage point on the moon.
I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.
But my finest hours are yet to come.
When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,
When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,
Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,
I am proud.



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The Field of Valor is a financial success because of our sponsors. Please pay attention to our Sponsorship Banner on the Field. When you need services, remember these businesses. They are local, spend their time and money to support our community, and our military.

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DID YOU KNOW?



Cost Plus Mattress , 1147 Foothill Blvd, La Verne, owned by Paul Neidermeyer, an Air Force Veteran has donated or given beds at cost to FOV when we house homeless Veterans. We are blessed to have Cost Plus Mattress on our team to help accomplish our mission.





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Military Flag Order

The Flag Code dictates the precedence of military flags. The American Flag is to the left of the military flags, then Army, Marine Corp, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, then Space Force.

Except the Coast Guard moves up to the right of the Navy when the Coast Guard serves in service of the Department of the Navy in time of war.

ARMY



MARINE CORPS



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AIR FORCE

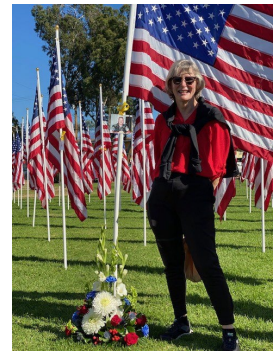


COAST GUARD



SPACE FORCE





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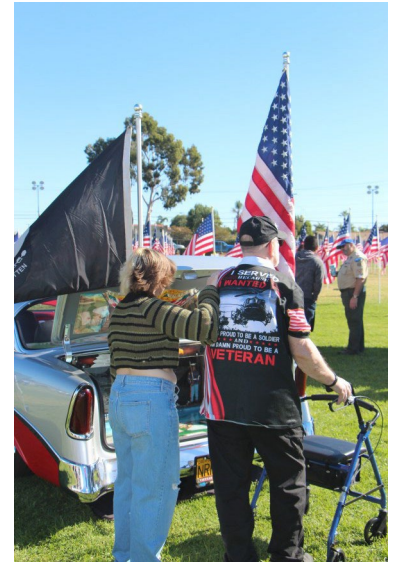




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