

## Memorial Service Status/Ideas

**Mission and Purpose:** To honor and memorialize members of the entire class of 1963. Honor the memories of our deceased classmates yet pause to reflect on the collective memories of those assembled, all of whom were witnesses to and participants in American history.

**Location and Length:** The Rostrum at Fort Rosecrans has been secured for a morning ceremony (approximately 10:30AM) on Friday, 10/26/18. The program should be no longer than 50 minutes.

**Program Considerations:** Elements of the ceremony could include Colors/Music, Invocation, First Hymn, Address by Main Speaker, Second Hymn, Mt. Soledad Class Plaque unveiling, Taps and Benediction.

**Printed Program:** We intend to have an eight or twelve page printed program, similar to those used in the past. We have received quotes from vendors.

**Class Plaque:** The class plaque, a granite stone 8"x16", will not focus on the valor of some but rather commemorate the entire class of 1963. A 2'x3' photographic replica of the Mount Soledad Veterans memorial plaque will be unveiled and the original will also be available for viewing at the Mount Soledad Memorial site throughout the weekend.

**Weather Contingencies:** While inclement weather is unlikely, the committee must determine whether or not there could be a viable backup site available on short notice.

**Sound System:** Three highly rated and professional sounds companies have been contacted and we need to choose one this year. I have solicited the experience of classmate Dick Kuntz to assist in this, and welcome others as well.

**Seating:** We have spoken with the firm (Platinum Events Rentals – Kearny Mesa) that is used by Mount Soledad for their large Memorial and Veterans Day ceremonies. They are both competitive and proven. We are also exploring securing the chairs from Naval Base Point Loma at no cost.

**Music Considerations:** We have contacted Dick Kuntz, who has directed our well-received class choir group, for his assistance and advice as to the technical aspects to consider. Additionally, I have asked him about the interest and possible availability of this group. He is presently checking with these individuals.

### Action Needed:

- Determine possible contingency site for ceremony.
- Obtain additional volunteers to help in planning the actual service, the design and content of the Mount Soledad class plaque and ushering the attendees at this event.
- Contract with the sound, seating and printing companies in the fall.
- Set target date in 2018 for finalization of ceremony program and agenda.