

## **HISTORIC WILMINGTON CEMETERY**

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### **MEMORIAL DAY EVENT**

Monday, May 27, 2024, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2967 Wilmington, CA.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR  
**JANICE HAHN**  
4th District



Welcome Introduction ▪ **President Lorie F. Geluz, Board of Trustees**

Master of Ceremonies ▪ **Post Commander Noland Flores, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington**

POW/MIA Chair and Cover (page 4) ▪ **Post Commander Noland Flores, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington**

Post Colors ▪ **VFW Post 2967, Wilmington Honor Guard**

Pledge Of Allegiance (page 9) ▪ **Post Commander Noland Flores, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington**

Star Spangled Banner (page 9) ▪ **Mia Vega**

Invocation ▪ **Pastor Louie Trevino, Harbor Christian Center**

Officer Of the Day Escort ▪ **Army Specialist Miguel Uribe, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington**

Guest Speaker ▪ **Major (P) Atip Viskul HQ, HQ Batt. Exec. Off. 40<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. (Page 5-6)**

Guest Speaker Escort ▪ **Grady Dalton, Eagle Scouts of America Troop 234, San Pedro**

Logan's Order (Page 10-11) ▪ **Past Post Commander Martin Chacon, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington**

Guests ▪ **Post Commander Noland Flores, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington** ▪ **President Lorie F. Geluz, Board of Trustees**

V15<sup>th</sup> District City of Los Angeles Councilman ▪ **Tim McCosker and** \* **Alex Rodriguez, District Representative**

4<sup>th</sup> District City of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors ▪ **from Janice Hahn office** \* **German Castilla, Field Deputy**

Mayor of Los Angeles ▪ **from Karen Bass office** \* **Jocelyn Dominguez, Manager of Community Engagement**

64<sup>th</sup> District Assemblyman ▪ **Mike Gipson and** \* **Valerie Rodriguez, Field Representative**

35<sup>th</sup> California State Senator ▪ **from Steven Bradford office** \* **Nital Patel, District Director**

44<sup>th</sup> District Congresswoman ▪ **from Nanette Barragan office** \* **Emilia Fergadiotti, Field aide - Caseworker**  
**and other honorable guests in attendance does not mention.**

*"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."  
--Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863*



**Honoring the 43 Civil War Veterans interned at Wilmington Cemetery ▪ *Drum Barracks Members ▪ Tim Huebner, Julian Della Puppa***

Allen, David H. · Arey, Edwin A. · Banning, William Lober · Bennett, Andrew G. · Bonsall, Frank Bedford Mowery · Brown, James G. · Chapman, Henry Bascomb · Coate, Hiram Marshall · Deaver, JM · Eddy, James Lyman · Haskell, Francis E. · Hayes, Thomas B. · Hinds, George · Howe, William Charles · Laubersheimer, Anton · Mendelsohn, William · Mindrup, Monne · Moore, Isaac Sheridan · Munrow, William Hail · Newell, Jonathan Perry · Osgood, Lucius Daniel · O'Mann, William F. · Phillips, William Baker · Reaves, James Buchanan · Russell, Samuel Thomas · Schwartz, Peter H. · Taber, George R. · Tibbetts, Wilmot Frank · Tracy, Alert S. · Traub, Peter Christian · Van Valkenburg, Henry · Vaness, George W. · Walker, William · Ward, Matthew Henry · Watts, Joshua Howe · Weldt, William · Weston, Benjamin S. · Wirtz, Mathias · Yager, Charles Louis · Pray, Joseph S. · Scovel, Christopher C

**Wreath Presentations ▪ *Post Commander Noland Flores VFW Post 2967 Lector ▪ Army Specialist Miguel Uribe, VFW Post 2967 Assistant ▪ (CAP) Civil Air Patrol***

• **Wilmington Historical Society ▪ *Simie Seaman and Lisa Siegel***

• **Wil-Hall Seniors ▪ *Danny Padilla***

• **Harbor Lites Seniors ▪ *Becky Saenz***

• **Sunshine Seniors Club ▪ *Eddie and Carol Bugarin***

• **American Merchant Marine China Coasters ▪ *Wendy Karnes***

• **VFW Auxiliary 2967, Wilmington ▪ *Christina Gonzalez***

• **VFW Post 2967, Wilmington ▪ *Honor Guard***

• **Boys and Girls Club of Los Angeles Harbor ▪ *Sonia Espinoza Verdugo and Marcelino Hernandez***

• **ILWU Local 13 ▪ *President Gary Herrera and Secretary Jesse Lopez***

**21 Gun Salute ▪ *VFW Post 2967 Honor Guard Wilmington***

**Taps ▪ *Past Post Commander Martin Chacon, VFW Post 2967, Wilmington***

**God Bless America (Page 9) ▪ *(In Unison)***



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## Prayer for cover

Our Heavenly Father.  
At such time and place as we know not,  
there are Comrades being held against  
their will in hostile circumstances.

*Prisoners Of War* and  
those *Missing In Action* who did not return.

We plead for assistance  
in our efforts to bring them home.  
Our hearts bleed for the families of those Veterans,  
may we not forget their sacrifice  
and be reminded by this vacant chair of our duty toward them.

Amen.





## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Major (P) Atip Viskul  
Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion Executive Officer,  
40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division**

Major Atip Viskul enlisted on Active Duty in 1995. Upon transitioning from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he commissioned through the ROTC program at California State University, Fullerton in 2005. He served in numerous command and staff positions throughout his career. His operational assignments include most recently as of May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, serving as the Deputy Chief of Operations for Operation Inherent Resolve, a coalition of 83 countries overseeing operations in Syria and Iraq. He previously deployed to Joint Training Center, Jordan in 2019 and served as the Executive Officer and Operations Officer for 1-18<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron in support of the Jordanian Operational Engagement Program.

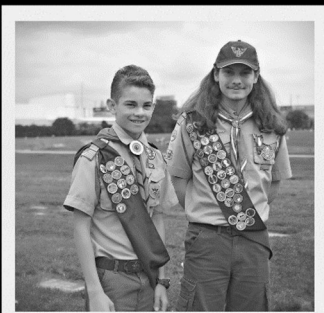
Major Viskul served on Active Duty in the US Army and in the California Army National Guard for over 28 years. During his enlistment starting in 1995, he has served as a fire team leader and squad leader, C Co 2/325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division both deployed and CONUS, and as an officer his assignments include Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Company Commander, A Co, 1-160<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion both deployed and CONUS; Company Commander and Assistant Operations Officer, HHC, 1-160<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion; Operations Officer, Special Operations Detachment-North; J33 Deputy, Special Operations Command-North; Squadron Executive and Operations Officer 1-18<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron both deployed and CONUS; Brigade Operations Officer, 79th Infantry Brigade Combat Team; Division Chief of Operations 40th Infantry Division and currently is assigned as the Executive Officer to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion 40<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

MAJ Viskul's civilian and military education include Bachelor of Arts with an emphasis in Accounting from California State University Fullerton where he was a Distinguished Military Graduate; Master's in Business from the University of Southern California; Infantry Officer Basic and Maneuver Captain's Career Courses, Fort Benning, Georgia; Engineer Captain's Career Course, Fort Leonardwood, Missouri; US Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Major Viskul's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Joint Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Noncommission Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" device, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge and Ranger Tab.

Major Viskul resides in Mission Viejo, California and is retired from the Auditor Controllers Office of Orange County.





### **The Pledge of Allegiance**

I 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.

### **The Star-Spangled Banner**

O say, can you see  
By the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hail'd  
At the twilight's last gleaming.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd  
Were so gallantly streaming.

And the rocket's red glare  
The bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night  
That our flag was still there

O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free  
And the home of the brave.

### **God Bless America**

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home  
God bless America, land that I love  
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General John A. Logan's  
Memorial Day Order

General Order

No. 11

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic  
Washington, D.C., May 5, 1868

I. The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form or ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance.

All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of free and undivided republic.

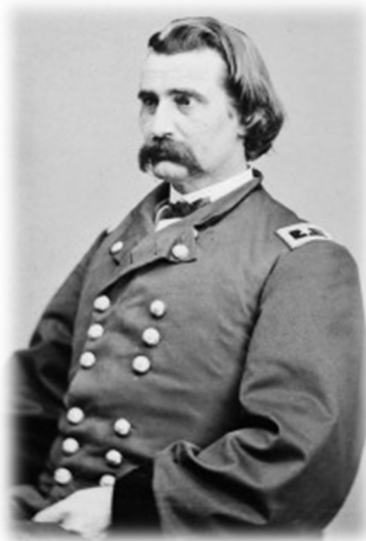
If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude, --the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the Commander-in-Chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this Order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of:  
JOHN A. LOGAN,  
Commander-in-Chief.  
N. P. CHIPMAN,  
Adjutant-General.



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**Captain Daisy Lee ▪ and ▪** CAP USAF Auxiliary Cloverfield Composite Squadron 51

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**Supervisor Janice Hahn** ▪ 4th District for providing the canopy, chairs, and podium

**and anyone else does not mention**

## Poem – unknown

May each of us, when our voyages, battles of life and missions are over, find a welcome in that region of the blest where there is no more storm-tossed sea nor scorching battlefield, nor dangerous skies. Let each one be so loyal to remaining marches, that he will be ready to fall out and take his place in the great review hereafter. Not in doubt but with faith that the merciful captain of our salvation will call him to that fraternity, which on each and in heaven remains unknown.

