



MARTINEZ WAR MEMORIAL

*Honoring the Memory of Martinez
and Pacheco's Fallen Heroes*

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH • 10AM
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

— THE MAKING OF THE MEMORIAL & CEREMONY —

Mission Statement

The memorial is a permanent, fitting tribute to the service members from Martinez who sacrificed their lives in defending the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.

How the Names were selected for the Memorial. The criteria included:

1. The service member had to enter the Armed Forces from Martinez and the unincorporated area around it. Military inductees in this area typically entered through the Presidio, so Census Records were used to validate home of record.
2. The service member had to be killed in action. To validate this, his or her name had to be entered in an official Service record that could be retrieved from the National Archives, Defense Casualty Analysis System, or the Korean War Project. Members who were wounded in battle and died later are not included.
3. A committee (Art Miller, Bruce Bauer, Richard Cheney, and Claude Nave) approved all the names on the monument as meeting the above conditions.

What the ceremony represents: It dedicates the new monument and re-dedicates the park on its 30th anniversary. There is reserved seating for the family members of the Fallen Heroes: Atherton, McFarland, Magnani, Roman, and Sparacino.

Tradition of reading the names of the Fallen and Tolling of the Bell. It originated in England several hundred years ago and continues to this day. Since 9-11, many communities around the US now read the names of those who died in that terrorist attack. It is especially true for First Responders. As the names are read, a bell is tolled (a slow beat about 6 seconds apart). We use a Separation Bell toll: one name and one toll of the bell. More information may be found at:

USA Today – 9/11 Bell Toll - <https://usat.ly/2xzA3l1>

You Tube – Memorial Bell - <https://bit.ly/2LNtoqh>

You Tube – Sailor’s Memorial Bell - <https://bit.ly/2xzOGql>

— ACKNOWLEDGMENTS —

CITY COUNCIL

Rob Schroder, Mayor
Lara DeLaney, Vice Mayor
Noralea Gipner
Debbie McKillop
Mark Ross

VETERANS COMMISSION

Shane Bower, Chair
Ingemar Olsson, Vice Chair
Daniel Chase
Charles Martin
Mike Menesini
Richard Philbrook
Jeff Roubal

THANK YOU TO:

City of Martinez Maintenance Division
City of Martinez Police Department
City of Martinez Recreation Division
Audio Specialist Dan Koepke
Ace Hardware
Main Street Martinez
Shell Oil
Menesini Family
Sparacino Family
Concord California Family History Center
Martinez Harbor Master

INFORMATION ON THE PARTICIPANTS

- Rob Schroder became a Councilmember in 1996 and has been Mayor of Martinez since 2002.
- Mike Thompson represents California's 5th Congressional District. He was first elected in 1998. He is a Vietnam War veteran, serving as an Army staff sergeant and awarded the Purple Heart.
- Federal Glover has been Contra Costa County District 5 supervisor since 2000.
- Mike Menesini is Assistant District Attorney at City and County of San Francisco and was a past Mayor of Martinez.
- Shane Bower is Chairman, Martinez Veterans Commission.
- Andrew Munding is Vicar at Messiah Lutheran in Danville. He is a Seminary student from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. He is a veteran from the Wisconsin Army National Guard.
- Steven Todd is the VFW Vice Commander, District 10.
- Carolyn L. Black is VFW Auxiliary President, District 10.
- Randy Reid is American Legion Vice Commander, District 9.
- Richard Cheney is Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 1351.
- Ann Daman is a soloist in the Messiah Lutheran Church choir.
- Jennifer Oertel is a bugler and a Senior at Liberty University, graduating in the Spring.

FALLEN HEROES



Harry Drew Atherton, Jr., USN Seaman 2C, was stationed on the USS Smith. On 26 October 1942, during the Battle of the Santa Cruz Islands, scout planes from the USS Enterprise located the Japanese force. The Smith was attacked by a formation of 20 torpedo planes and a Japanese torpedo plane crashed into her forecastle, causing a heavy explosion. Atherton was at the front gunner of the Smith and was killed upon impact by the torpedo plane.

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Patrick D. Magnani, USAF MSgt, died in an incident near Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, about 25 miles north of Kabul on 7 September 2007. He had deployed to Afghanistan in July as a biomedical equipment technician who repaired hospital equipment.

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Alan D. McFarland, USA Aviation Cadet, died in an aircraft training exercise on 8 December 1942 at Luke Army Air Field, Arizona. His aircraft was in formation when another aircraft struck his, causing him to crash.

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Frank Roman, USA PFC, was a member of the 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division. He died while fighting the enemy in the Kumsong Valley, North Korea, on 4 January 1952.

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Frank Sparacino, USA TEC 5, fought in The Battle of the Bulge. He was in the 75th Division and was sent to the Ardennes Forest on 16 December 1944 and died on 28 December 1944. His unit lost 1,742 men in 94 days of combat.

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More comments: http://vfwpost1351.org/Martinez_War_Memorial.html



***INVOCATION**
Vicar Munding

***FLAG RAISING**
Sea Cadets

***NATIONAL ANTHEM**
Ann Daman

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Troop 1351

WELCOME
Shane Bower

SPEAKERS
Introduced by Richard Cheney

CITY MAYOR
Rob Schroder

US CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Mike Thompson

DISTRICT 5 SUPERVISOR
Federal Glover

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Mike Menesini

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS
The making of the Monument: Richard Cheney

***Please Stand**

VFW Vice Commander, District 10
Steven Todd

VFW AUXILIARY PRESIDENT, DISTRICT 10
Carolyn L. Black

AMERICAN LEGION VICE COMMANDER, DISTRICT 9
Randy Reid

***PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN HEROES**
Vicar Munding

***READING THE NAMES OF THE FALLEN & TOLLING OF THE BELL**
Bruce Bauer, Richard Cheney, Art Miller, and Kandie Jones

UNVEILING OF THE MARTINEZ WAR MEMORIAL
Family members of the Fallen

LAYING OF THE WREATHS
Main Street Martinez
Shell Oil Corp.

***BENEDICTION**
Vicar Munding

***21-GUN SALUTE**
American Legion Post 29 and VFW Post 1351

***TAPS**
Jennifer Oertel

Reception follows immediately after the ceremony at City Hall

