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# California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery

**Opening Ceremony**  
 October 11, 2016



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United States Army  
U.S. Representative Sam Farr  
State Senator William Monning  
State Assemblymember Mark Stone

## Opening Ceremony Program

Introduction  
Master of Ceremonies, James (Jimmy) Panetta,  
Capital Campaign Co-Chair

American and California Flags Posting, California Army National Guard

Service Flags Posting, American Legion District 28 Honor Guard

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jack Stewart

Playing of the National Anthem

Invocation

The Honorable Ralph Rubio, Mayor of Seaside

The Honorable Vito Imbasciani MD,  
Secretary, CalVet

The Honorable Mark Stone, State Assemblymember

The Honorable Bill Monning, State Senator

The Honorable Sam Farr, U.S. Representative

George Eisenbach, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,  
National Cemetery Administration

Memorial Service and Interment of  
Major William Williams, U.S. Army (Ret.)  
TAPS by Bugler Stan Soroken

Lowering of the Flag/Closing





## **WILLIAM J. "BILL" WILLIAMS**

### **ANNA MARIA WILLIAMS**

William J. "Bill" Williams was born December 6, 1923 in Newburgh, New York. Anna Maria Klatzkopf was born July 11, 1925 in Nuremburg, Germany. Maria and Bill met while Bill was serving with the U.S. Army 793rd M.P. Battalion in Nuremberg. They were married in July of 1949 and began their life as a military family. Bill's lifelong calling was to serve; his family, God, his country, and his community. He never stopped learning, earning a Master's Degree in Public Administration at the age of sixty-five.

During his time in service, Bill served in World War II and the Korean War, was awarded a Bronze Star with "V" device, two Purple Hearts, a Combat Infantryman Badge, and numerous other decorations. Bill's orders took their growing family to Connecticut, New Jersey, California, France, and their final assignment, Fort Ord, California. In 1963 Bill retired at the grade of Major. Maria and Bill joined countless other military families who fell in love with the Central Coast of California and made it home.

After retirement Bill worked for the U.S. Postal Service, the Federal Civil Service Office of Personnel Management, and the Non-appropriated Funds Office at Fort Ord.

Bill was involved with Kiwanis (Life Member of the Monterey Peninsula Kiwanis Club, and Lt. Governor from 1988 to 1989), the Monterey Chapter of the Retired Officers Association (Past President), and the Northern California Region of TROA (1st Vice Chair). Bill was also a member of the Military Order of Purple Heart, member of Masonic Lodge No. 70, Paris, France and Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge No 331. He served on various Veterans committees to include the United Veterans Council (Past President) and the Veterans Advisory Committee (Chairman).

Bill and Maria were loving parents to four daughters and grandparents to one granddaughter and four grandsons. They supported all of us in our education, all other aspects of our lives, and taught us the importance of being of service to others.

Bill passed on May 20, 1998 and Maria passed on February 28, 2015. Appropriate services were held at the time for each of them. Today is about celebrating. It is with great joy and honor that we, the family of Bill and Maria, witness their interment at the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery. Our father and mother had nothing but confidence in all of the wonderful people working to make this day to happen. We, as a family, sincerely thank each and every one of you for allowing us to make our parent's final wish, a reality.