

## Who is a Veteran?

They are men and women who, for many reasons, donned the uniform of our country to stand between freedom and tyranny; to take up the sword of justice in defense of the liberties we hold dear; to preserve peace and to calm the winds of war

Your mothers and fathers, your grandparents, your aunts and uncles, your neighbors, the shop owners in your community, your teachers, your favorite athlete, a Hollywood star, and your political leaders... each one could be a veteran.

But as much as they may differ by gender, race, age, national origin, or profession, they share a common love for our great nation; a love great enough to put their very lives on the line, if need be, to guarantee the way of life we enjoy today, and to secure that way of life for tomorrow's generations.

The title "veteran" must be earned. It is a title endowed by a grateful nation on citizens whose shoulders were broad enough to carry the weight of our common defense.

It is a title that speaks of compassion and heartbreak in the wake of the terrible cost of war.

And it is a title that speaks of love of country, and of a belief in America's goodness, and our strength.

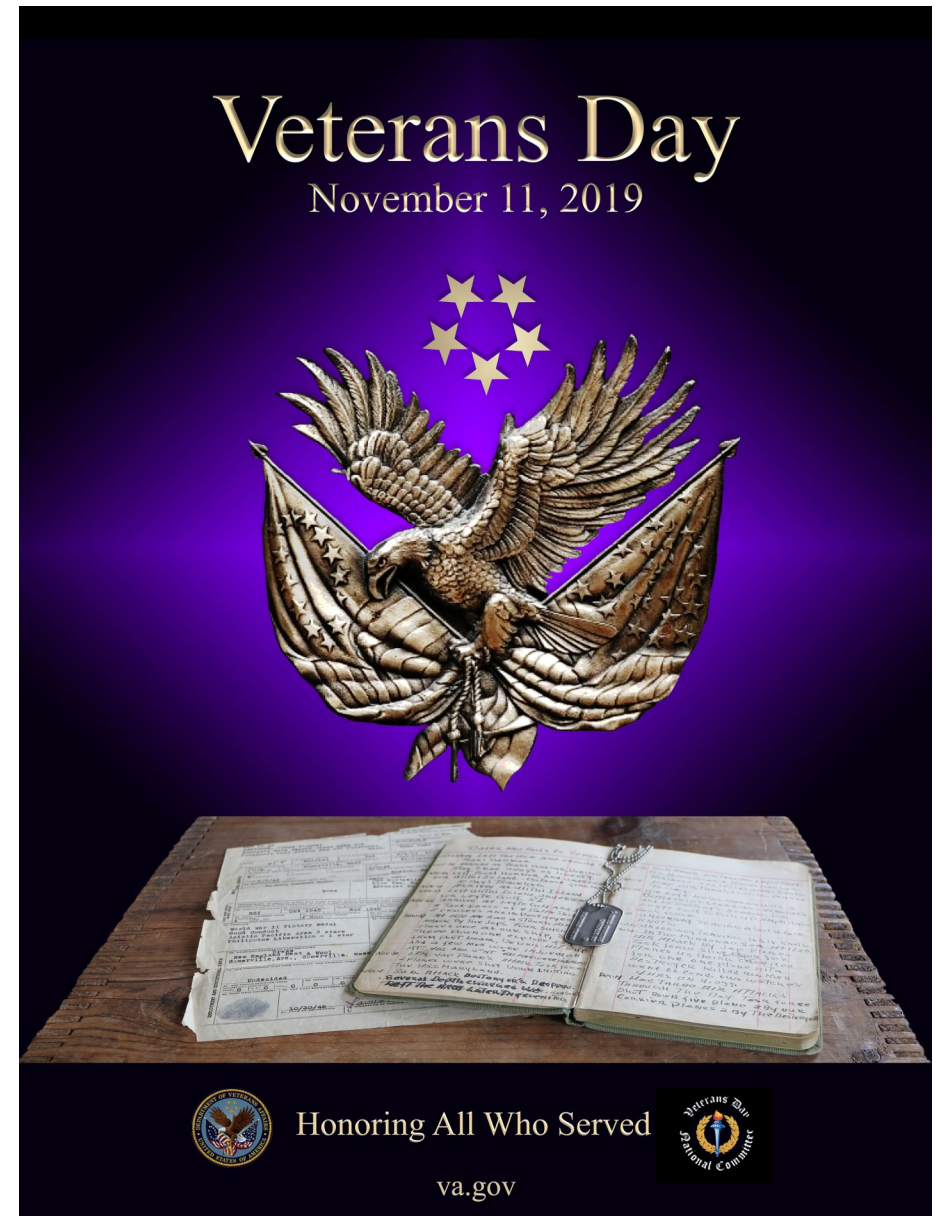
In each of America's struggles, heroes in uniform emerged to inspire and spur us on to victory. Our veterans' steadfast resolve to stand and fight for the American way of life is a constant reminder that the righteousness of our destiny overarches the anguish of our losses.

America's servicemen and women, who became our nation's veterans when they set their uniforms aside and resumed their civilian lives, distinguished themselves through their willingness to risk life and limb in defense of the freedoms we all cherish.

I am proud and honored to be called a "Veteran"

# *American Legion Post 591 & City of Seaside*

## *2019 Veterans Day Program*



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# Agenda

**California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery  
2900 Parker Flats Road, Seaside, Ca**

**(10:30 am) Welcome & Opening Ceremony  
Post 591 Commander Michael Ward  
Manager, California Central Coast Cemetery Erica Chaney**

**(10:30 am) Posting of the Colors  
Seaside High School JROTC Color Guard**

**(10:35 am) Invocation by Michael Ryan  
American Legion Post 591 Chaplain**

**(10:40 am) Pledge of Allegiance  
Diana Alvares-Ward  
American Legion Unit 591 President**

**Playing of the National Anthem**

**(10:45 am) Introduction of VIP guests**

**(10:50 am) Veterans Day Proclamation By  
Seaside City Mayor Oglesby  
Governor's Proclamation by  
Assistant Deputy Secretary Michael Magee**

**(10:55 am) Remarks by:  
Sand City Mayor Mary Ann Carbone**

**(11:00 am) Post Everlasting  
Ringing of chimes by: Michael Ryan  
Taps by: Cub Scout Troop  
Retire Color Guard**

**(11:10 am) Guest Speaker  
William C. Zeigler Jr.**

**(11:20 am) Benediction by Michael Ryan**

**(11:22 am) Closing Remarks by Commander Mike Ward**

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## William Cornelius Zeigler, Junior

He became his mother's bouncing baby boy on June 27, 1955 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, .

He joined the Army on July 25, 1977 where he served ten years, with two overseas tours in Germany, the first in Frankfurt and the second in Bamberg. He was honorably discharged from United States Army on August 26, 1987.

He chaired the Monterey County Chapter of the American Civil Liberty Union (ACLU) from February of 1997 to February of 1999.

He taught as a part-time as a faculty member at the Monterey Peninsula College from the fall term of 1997 to the summer term of 2000. He taught two courses, which were "Inter-Cultural Relations in America Society," and "African Americans in American Government."

He has a master's in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, a Bachelor of Art in Social Science from San Jose State University, and an Associate's from Monterey Peninsula College.

From January 6, 2007 to January 2009, He was president of the newly inaugurated Monterey County Branch of the NAACP (The Seaside Branch, and the Salinas Branch were emerged).

He worked at the Monterey County Office of the Military & Veterans Affairs as Military & Veterans Services Representative III for twelve years. He retired from the Monterey County Office of the Military & Veterans on July 7, 2018. Since retirement he is now a full-time artist where his artwork is displayed at Monterey Peninsula Art Foundation's Co-op Gallery at 425 Cannery Row.