

Troop 849 Newsletter



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July 2015

Veterans Salute

Contributor: Jack Brand

The first annual Salute to the Troops Picnic and Concert sponsored by the City of Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Commission was held on Sunday, June 28th at Polliwog Park. The purpose of the event was to thank our uniformed men and women (and their families) for the sacrifices they have made serving our country. Troop 849 was invited to participate in the Flag Ceremony which was conducted by a Military Color Guard. Manhattan Beach Troop 713 along with fellow Scouts from Troop 849 and Hermosa Troop 860 and El Segundo Troop 762 also participated. Troop 849 was represented by Jack Brand, Michael Schnuckel, and Luke Pastore. The Scouts marched behind the Military Color Guard carrying American Flags. It was a very impressive flag ceremony and got the entire crowd excited. The flag ceremony concluded with beautiful renditions of the Star Spangled Banner and I'm Proud to be an American performed by Mr. Dennis McNeil, a talented performer who has performed for five U.S. Presidents.

Jack Brand led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and also was responsible for coordinating the Flag Ceremony with City representatives and Scout Leaders from Troop 713 and the Manhattan Beach Girl Scouts. In addition to participating in the flag ceremony and pledge, the Scouts also helped distribute small American flags to the audience and helped carry donated cases for water that will be presented to the USO for distribution to military troops that fly in and out of LAX.

The Mira Costa Jazz Band performed for the first hour before the opening ceremony and then the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band from the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego, headlined the event and put on a great performance.

At intermission, a video created by Troop 713 was played on the big screen which featured interviews of veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Iraq/Afghanistan War. The interviews were conducted by Scouts from Troop 713. It was an awesome video and Troop 713 should be very proud of its efforts.

Veterans from all branches of the military were in attendance as well as several dignitaries from the city such as Mayor Wayne Powell and Councilman David Lesser. The City provided grilled hamburgers and hot dogs along with other treats to all those that attended the event.

Veterans Salute (continued)

Manhattan Beach Parks and Recreation Commissioner Mr. Steven Rothans brought the concept for the event before his colleagues last summer after watching all of the events across the country on Memorial Day weekend. The city enthusiastically supported the event. The Parks and Recreation Commission raised \$20,000 for the event and also collected donated cases of water and Costco gift cards for the USO. Mr. Steven Rothans, Ms. Janet Jones, Mr. Mark Leyman and the rest of the Parks and Recreation team should be very proud for putting together such a wonderful event.

The event was a great success and Mayor Wayne Powell announced that the city plans to make this an annual event.

Upcoming Hikes

Long Term Hikes				
Date	Name	Peaks	Backpack Miles	Leader
July 10 – July 19	Mineral King – Mt. Whitney	Florence - "D" Hitchcock - "D" Whitney - "D"	53.9	Mr. Reeley
August 4 – 9	Cottonwood Loop	Cirque Peak "D" Langley Peak "D"	25	Mr. Tuck-Sherman
August 5-9	Cottonwood Loop-Mini- Longterm	Cirque Peak "D" Langley Peak "D"	26.1	Mr. Reeley

LONG TERMS: All participants must do three of the above long term prep hikes, or two long term prep hikes and prior long term.

- 1) July 10-19: Trans Sierra hike. Mineral King to Whitney Portal, Hard Long term. Start in Sequoia, climb 3 D peaks including Mt. Whitney, the tallest peak in continental USA. Hike almost full, wait list available
- 2) August 4-9: Moderate Long term – Cirque and Langley peaks. Cottonwood Pass , 2 D peaks. Wait list available
- 3) August 5-9: Moderate Mini-Long term – Cirque and Langley peaks. Cottonwood Pass , 2 D peaks. For first time longterm backpackers.

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Date	Event	Leader
2	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
7	Outdoor Cooking	Rolandelli
10-17	Longterm #1	Reeley
14	Troop Meeting	SPL
21	Chawanakee Prep	
26-1	Summer Camp	Rolandelli
28	No Meeting	

August 2015

Date	Event	Leader
4	No meeting	
4-9	Longterm	Tuck-Sherman
5-9	Mini-Longterm	
6	Neighbor to Neighbor	Tauber
11	Troop Meeting	SPL
18	Troop Meeting	SPL
25	Troop Meeting	SPL

Neighbor to Neighbor

Contact: Mr. Tauber

Date: August 6, 2015

Location: South Bay Community Church of the Brethren

Time: 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

It is true that volunteering has a positive and meaningful impact on our community but you already know that it has many personal benefits for us too. Recently, many of you had participated in the event, thank you. It is what I am looking for, so let's keep the good service work up.

I encourage you to continue with your service, it is of a great help. For those of you who haven't had the opportunity to participate in this service event, this is your time to, and I would like to see your attendance.

I repeat, this is a great opportunity to give some of your time and effort, and enjoy a unique chance to learn and grow stronger.

On the practical side, all Scouts in full Class A uniform, and registered adults who participate will **earn two community service hours**.

Upon arrival, please park behind the church (one street north of 190th on Armour Lane) in the back parking lot and come in through the back gate.

Just the time of the month for our troop's monthly service event!

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS CONTRIBUTIONS

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We would love to have you your contributions to next month's newsletter. If you would like to have your contribution considered please contact me at tim@lilligrencpa.com or upcoming troop meetings. I want to finalize the August Newsletter by August 5 so please have all contributions to me by August 2. Also, pictures that are submitted need to be as a JPEG attachment, not embedded, and not from third party programs such as Snapchat.