



# 32<sup>nd</sup> Massing of the Colors & Salute to Our Armed Forces

**THIS CELEBRATION** of George Washington's birthday is the largest event of its kind in the western United States, and is in its thirty-first year. We celebrate Washington because he was truly the "indispensable man," without whom our country probably would not have been founded. He was heralded by George III as the "greatest man in the world" for stepping down voluntarily as commander-in-chief of the army, and as the American Cincinnatus by his contemporaries.

Cincinnatus, a Roman patrician, was forced to live in humble circumstances, working on his own small farm, until an invasion caused him to be called to serve Rome as dictator, an office which he immediately resigned after completing his task. His voluntary resignation of absolute authority has often been cited as an example of outstanding leadership, service to the greater good, civic virtue, and modesty. Cincinnatus is depicted on the Washington Monument here at Forest Lawn.

Was Washington perfect? No. He was a man of his times in many ways, but, like all the Founders, he possessed timeless qualities that are as important, or more so, today than at the founding of our nation. Washington can still be admired as the premier example of one who embodied the principles of duty, honor, country, and selfless dedication to the cause of independence and the development of our republic.

So, today we celebrate Washington's legacy and encourage those outstanding young people here today who are following his path of public service by participating in JROTC and ROTC programs.

"I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an honest man."  
— George Washington

# PROGRAM

Sunday, February 16, 2014



**Senator Ted Lieu**, Lieutenant Colonel USAFR

Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Lieu's family immigrated to Cleveland, Ohio, where he grew up. Lieu graduated from Stanford University in 1991 with a B.S. in Computer Science and graduated magna cum laude with a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1994.

First elected to the California State Assembly in 2005, State Senator Lieu now represents the 28th Senate district. He served on active duty in the US Air Force for 4 years as a member of the JAG Corps, and he has received various awards and medals for his service.

2:30 Assembly of participants (Assembly Area)

2:50 Opening Ceremony

- President Mark Ladd, Sons of Liberty, NSSAR
- George Washington, Steve Clugston
- Crescenta Valley HS AFJROTC Rifle Drill Team
- Greetings:
  - Gary Bohannon, NSSAR; President, SW1812CA
  - Carol Jackson, California State Vice Regent, NSDAR
  - Aimee Clayton, Honorary State President, NSCAR

3:10 Parade begins. Participants begin marching from the Assembly Area down to the Massing Area. When all participants are in place at the Massing Area, the program will begin:

- Invocation: Bishop Louis Carlson, CASSAR
- Pledge of Allegiance: Colonel David G. Smith, CSMR
- National Anthem: Jim Blauer
- Flyover: Warbirds West (T-34 Mentors )
- Keynote: State Senator Ted Lieu, Lieutenant Colonel USAFR
- Flag-folding Ceremony: USAF Blue Eagles
- Taps: Mike Rotman, Bugles Across America
- Wreath-laying: Sons of Liberty, NSSAR
- Amazing Grace: Rev. Gary Dickey
- Musket Salute: Morgan's Riflemen
- Artillery Salute: CSMR Center for Military History - South
- Benediction: Bishop Louis Carlson, CASSAR
- Dismissal of Color Guards: Colonel David G. Smith, CSMR

This 32nd Massing of the Colors is dedicated to Berni K. Campbell and Lowell H. Downer. Berni is a founding member of the Sons of Liberty, and has held many offices including president. He helped hundreds of people with their genealogy so they could join the SAR. Lowell was color guard commander for many years and was instrumental in saving this event when it was threatened with extinction. Friends and patriots, both.

# JROTC PARTICIPANTS

## UNIT

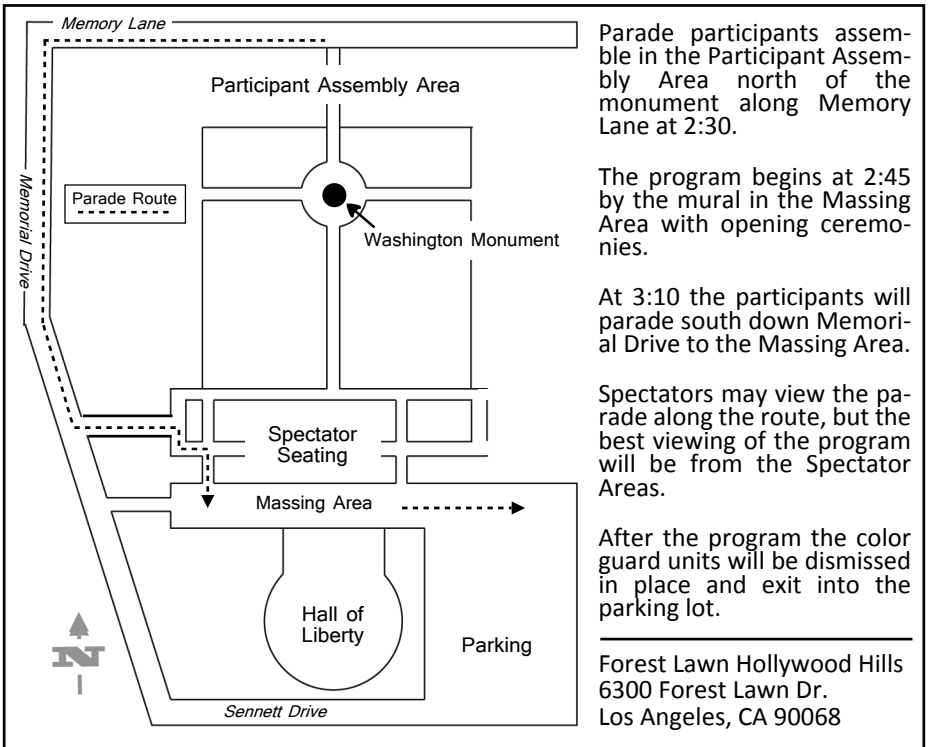
## COMMANDER

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Desert HS AFJROTC	Mark Sullivan
Betsy Ross Division Sea Cadets	LT R. Cabezas, NSCC
Blair Army JROTC	1SG Turner
Bryce Canyon Division Sea Cadets	LT R. Cabezas, NSCC
Buena Park HS AFJROTC	Mike Stanton (MSgt. Ret. USAF)
CA 781 AFJROTC	SMSgt Abbey Carey
CA-882 Crescenta Valley HS	Lt Col David J. Worley
CA-937 AFJROTC	Colonel Christopher Bricker
Chaffey HS Navy JROTC	LCDR Martin Jones
Don Lugo HS JROTC	Harold Harris
Gardena High School JROTC	First Sergeant Williams
Garfield HS Army JROTC	1SG Raymond Eason
Grover Cleveland Charter HS JROTC	Steven L. Hartman
Henry J. Kaiser HS AJROTC	Michael Burk
Highland HS CA-944 AFJROTC	Maj Conrad Hernandez, USAF
Hollywood HS JROTC	MSG Herbert Harris
James Monroe HS JROTC	SFC Magdaleno
John F. Kennedy HS NJROTC	MCPO Roland Viado
Jordan HS Army JROTC	Steven Eckols
Langlely Division Sea Cadets	LCDR Silver, NSCC
Lincoln HS Army JROTC	MSG(R) Gilberto Rosado
Littlerock HS Army JROTC	Thomas G. VaVerka
Locke College Academy JROTC	SCPO Davis
Los Angeles HS JROTC	Jerry Washington
Manual Arts HS JROTC	CW4 Vernon Dayton
Narbonne HS Navy JROTC	LT(Ret) Nepomuceno, USN
Colton NJROTC	LCDR Gerardo Vargas
Reseda HS NJROTC	Donald Urquidez
Robert Fulton Prep AFJROTC	John Smith
Washington Prep JROTC	1SG (R) Antonio Rico
West Adams Prep JROTC	SFC Dwayne Wooten
Wilmer Amina Carter HS JROTC	1SG Colleen Cousins

## OTHER PARTICIPANTS

USAF Blue Eagles	Irvine Ranch DAR
USMC, USA and USN Color Guards	Juan Bautista de Anza Society CAR
Calif. State Military Reserve (CSMR)	Juan Crespi CAR
CSMR Center for Military History	Kern Chapter SAR
Morgan's Riflemen	Los Ninos Society CAR
Royal Welch Fusiliers 23rd Regiment	Martin Severance Chapter DAR
Bakersfield Chapter NSDAR	Riverside Chapter SAR
Eagle Chapter SAR	Society of the War of 1812
Fernanda Maria Chapter DAR	Sons of Union Civil War Veterans
Gen Patton Chapter SAR	South Coast Chapter SAR
Hollywood Chapter DAR	Temescal Chapter DAR



### ABOUT YOUR HOST

The SONS OF LIBERTY is part of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), a non-partisan organization chartered by Congress in 1906 to perpetuate the ideals of the American Revolution. We are non-partisan and not affiliated with any political group or party. We are proud to recognize the fine young men and women active in ROTC/JROTC in Southern California.

In addition to sponsoring this event in each of the last 32 years, we award the outstanding cadet of each participating unit the SAR Color Guard Medal, which is approved by the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force. The medal endeavors to foster the principle of "citizen-soldier" exemplified by the Minutemen, and recipients are selected for a high degree of merit with respect to leadership qualities, military bearing and general excellence.

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