



Date: September 24, 2019
To: Thomas B. Modica, Acting City Manager *TBM*
From: Kelly Colopy, Director of Health and Human Services *CC*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Lone Sailor Recognition Ceremony**

The Long Beach Veterans Commission, in partnership with Partners of Parks, cordially invites you to the Lone Sailor Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, October 12, 2019, in Bluff Park at Ocean Boulevard and Paloma Avenue. A short program begins at 10:45 a.m. (see attached flyer).

The Lone Sailor Recognition Ceremony commemorates the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the Lone Sailor Memorial in Long Beach and the 244th anniversary of the United States Navy (USN). The ceremony honors those who served in the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines, as well as those who have dedicated bricks at the Lone Sailor Memorial plaza.

The Lone Sailor Memorial in Long Beach was dedicated on October 13, 2004, in honor of the contributions the sea-based services have made to the City of Long Beach and to our nation. Of the 15 Lone Sailor Memorials sited across the country, only the Lone Sailor Memorial in Long Beach overlooks the open Pacific Ocean. Over the past 15 years, family and friends have purchased bricks to honor their loved ones who served in the Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines. To date, 525 bricks have been installed to create a lasting memorial.

At the Lone Sailor Recognition Ceremony, the Long Beach Community Band will play, and a 44-foot long model of the USS Long Beach (CGN-9), the first nuclear-powered guided cruiser in the world, in service from 1959 to 1995, will be on display. The short program will begin at 10:45 a.m. with Mike Murray, USMC, serving as emcee, remarks by Captain Braden Phillips, USN, Retired, and a live performance of "taps." Light refreshments will be served. The Lone Sailor Recognition Ceremony is free and open to the public. We hope you can join us for this event.

ATTACHMENT

cc: CHARLES PARKIN, CITY ATTORNEY
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019

**CELEBRATING THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE LONE SAILOR MEMORIAL
SHORT PROGRAM BEGINS AT 10:45 A.M.
IN BLUFF PARK, LONG BEACH
@ OCEAN BLVD. AND PALOMA AVE.**

Join us in honoring those who served in the Navy, Marines,
Coast Guard and Merchant Marines.

Find out how you can honor a loved one who served
by visiting partnerofparks.org/memorials or call
Partners of Parks at (562) 570-3209.

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