



VETERAN'S DAY

**CONTRA COSTA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

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Keynote Speaker:



Commander “Dusty” Napier

Dawn “Dusty” Napier was sworn in as the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of California State Commander on June 25, 2021.

As State Commander, she will oversee the Department of California’s 64,662 members.

The second woman veteran and first native American woman veteran to serve in this position in the organization’s 100 years of existence, Commander Napier was born and raised in Eureka, California and she is an enrolled tribal member of the Karuk Tribe.

In January of 1974 she enlisted in the United States Navy and attended boot camp at Recruit Training Command Orlando, FL. She then transferred to Naval Training Center Bainbridge, MD where she received her training as a Radioman.

During her service she additionally served at Naval Telecommunications Center Monterey, CA, Naval Communications Area Master Station Wahiawa, HI, Naval Communications Station Diego Garcia, USS Acadia (AD42) homeported in San Diego, CA. She earned her eligibility for the Veterans of Foreign Wars when Acadia deployed to the Persian Gulf. Commander Napier then served at Naval Communications Station San Diego, CA and at Commander, Submarine Group SEVEN Yokosuka, JA as the Communications Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. She retired from active service in April of 1994 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer.

Commander Napier earned the following awards during her service: Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Sea Service Deployment ribbon, and the Coast Guard Special Operations ribbon.

Commander Napier has held various positions since joining the VFW as a Post and District Commander, Department of CA State Surgeon, Department of CA Junior and Senior Vice Commander, National Aide de Camp and on the National Legislative Committee.

She is married to Jack Napier of Lexington, KY and resides in Hoopa, CA.

Program

Introduction	Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Presentation of the Colors	De Anza High School JROTC
National Anthem	Richard O'Connor
Greeting, Acknowledgements	Nathan Johnson, CCC VSO
Veterans Day Reflections	Board of Supervisors
Keynote Speaker	Commander Dawn "Dusty" Napier
Special Presentation	Nathan Johnson & Supervisor Burgis
Guest Speaker	Honorable Laurel S. Brady
Veteran Poet	Bill Nelson
Conclusion	Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair



Honorable Laurel S. Brady

**Contra Costa County
Veterans Treatment Court**

Judge Brady graduated University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in History before attending Golden Gate School of Law.

Her Pre-bench Legal Experience includes Law clerk, Marin Superior Court, Civil Law and Motion; Law clerk, California Attorney General's Office, Consumer Protection Section; Deputy District Attorney Contra Costa County 1989-1990; Deputy District Attorney Solano County 1990-1996.

She was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson in 1996 to Municipal Court, Richmond. Brady currently presides over Superior Court since 1998.

A faculty member for Continuing Judicial Education and Research (CJER) Certified Instructor for POST (Police Officers Standards and Training), She has taught classes on evidence, legal motions, competence to stand trial, and sits on several education committees and acts as facilitator for various judicial training programs.



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On this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women, who in defense of our freedom, have bravely worn the uniform of the United States. Today, we are also reminded of our solemn obligation to serve our veterans as well as they have served us, remembering that our veterans have defended our nation's ideals established by our founding fathers, protected the innocent, and liberated the oppressed from tyranny and terror.

The Board of Supervisors thanks all veterans for their service, recognizes the families who support veterans every day, and honors all Veterans Service Organizations for their continued service to the community.