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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA  
**WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

SAT, DEC 18, 2021  
11:00 AM

SAN FRANCISCO NATIONAL CEMETERY  
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<b>Aircraft Fly-Over</b>	U.S. Coast Guard
<b>Welcome</b>	William Barnickel, USAFR (Ret) <i>Commissioner, SF Veterans Affairs Commission</i>
<b>Invocation</b>	Rev. Gerry Caprio, <i>Interfaith Center at the Presidio</i>
<b>Moment of Silence</b>	All
<b>Presentation of Colors</b>	Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 44 Oakland Military Institute San Francisco JROTC Naval Sea Cadets, Arkansas Division
<b>National Anthem</b>	Tony Lindsay <i>Former Lead Vocalist, Santana</i>
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Alan Wong <i>Trustee, San Francisco City College Board</i>
<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Supervisor Catherine Stefani <i>SF Board of Supervisors, District 2</i>
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	RADM Brian Penoyer <i>U.S. Coast Guard</i>
<b>Wreath Laying by Armed Forces Representatives</b>	U.S. Army — COL George Ishikata (Ret) U.S. Navy — EW3 Darrell Terry (Hon) U.S. Marine Corps — Col Chris Starling (Ret) U.S. Air Force — Maj Ricardo "Rick" Villarina, Jr. (Ret) U.S. Coast Guard — Capt Taylor Q. Lam U.S. Merchant Marine — Greg Blasquez U.S. Space Force — TSgt Christian Asturias POW / MIA — Amn 2nd Class Al Marquez (Hon)
<b>Rifle Volley</b>	Historical Forces Association World War II Commemorative Firing Party
<b>Taps</b>	Stephen Maris, <i>Bugles Across America</i>
<b>Retirement of Colors</b>	Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 44; Oakland Military Institute; SF JROTC; Naval Sea Cadets
<b>God Bless America</b>	Tony Lindsay
<b>Wreath Laying</b>	Members of the public are invited to lay remembrance wreaths on the graves of local veterans

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**WREATH PICK-UP:** Saturday | January 8, 2022 | 11:00 am

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U.S. Marine Corps  
U.S. Merchant Marines  
U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Arkansas Division  
U.S. Navy  
U.S. Park Service Police



## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### REAR ADMIRAL BRIAN PENOYER

U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District



**Rear Admiral Brian K. Penoyer** assumed his duties as Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District in July of 2020. As such, he oversees the Coast Guard's safety, security, law enforcement and environmental stewardship operations from the California-Oregon border to Peru including Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. He previously served as Commander, Coast Guard Force Readiness since July 2018. The Force Readiness Command directs the activity of 41 subordinate units in 17

states impacting every Coast Guard Mission... every unit... every enlisted rating... and every officer specially... every day... to deliver mission-ready forces through superior training, doctrine, leader development, readiness assessments, and major exercise support. He has been awarded two Legion of Merits, five Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Department of Transportation "9-11" Medal, and several campaign medals including the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

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## OPENING REMARKS

### ALAN WONG

Trustee, San Francisco City College Board



**Alan Wong** was born and raised in San Francisco, where he attended Hoover Middle School and Lincoln High School. As a teenager, Alan took City College classes for free with a low-income tuition waiver. The City College units Alan earned helped him to graduate from U.C. San Diego with a bachelor's degree at age 19.

Upon graduating from college, Alan dedicated his life to public service. As a union organizer, he worked on initiatives to raise the California

minimum wage and protect jobs from outsourcing. As an eleven-year veteran and lieutenant in the National Guard, he has been deployed multiple times to provide disaster relief and security during California wildfires. In Alan's current work as Education Policy Advisor for SF Supervisor Gordon Mar, Alan helped draft and advance the 'Free City College' legislation at the SF Board of Supervisors to secure a decade of Free City College. Alan also brought the City College Sunset campus to his neighborhood.

## OPENING REMARKS

# CATHERINE STEFANI

District 2 Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors



**Supervisor Catherine Stefani**, District 2, is a City Hall veteran, gun violence prevention activist, and former prosecutor. Her district includes the Presidio, Marina, Cow Hollow, Pacific Heights, Presidio Heights, Anza Vista, Laurel Heights, Jordan Park, the Lake Street corridor, Sea Cliff and parts of Russian Hill.

Stefani is vice chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

She serves on the Golden Gate Bridge District Board, the Family Violence Council, and the Department of Emergency Management Disaster Council. She is an alternate member of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Stefani graduated from St. Mary's College and earned a J.D. and an LL.M. from McGeorge School of Law. She is married, has two children, and has lived in Cow Hollow for over 20 years.

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## MUSICAL GUEST

# TONY LINDSAY

Former Lead Vocalist, Santana



After 25 years as the lead vocalist for Santana, Tony Lindsay has garnered 11 Grammy awards, traveled on numerous world tours and recorded on seven Santana CDs: *Milagro* (1992), *Supernatural* (1999), *Shaman* (2002), *Ceremony* (2003), *Food for Thought* (2004), *Ultimate Santana* (2007), *Multi-Dimensional Warrior* (2008). In addition to many Grammy Show performances, Tony's time with Santana included a 2003 pre-game performance at Super Bowl XXXVII

where they were joined onstage by Beyonce.

In 2015, Carlos Santana decided to change personnel in his band and set the wheels in motion for Tony to start on his 5th solo CD *Something Beautiful*. His previous solo albums are *Different Moods* (1995), *The Message is Love* (1997), *Tony Lindsay*, and *Memoirs* (2014). Tony's new solo album, *Soul Soldier*, was just released October 2021 and is already receiving rave reviews worldwide. Visit Tony's website: [www.tonylindsay.com](http://www.tonylindsay.com).

## JASON STEINBERG

Official Videographer / Photographer



Jason began his career working in photojournalism at the *San Francisco Examiner*, where he quickly honed his talent of seeing every angle of a live story. Today, Steinberg Imagery fulfills the marketing needs of a wide variety of clients, from family-run businesses to large corporations; where he utilizes his trained eye to define your video stories through the use of photography and video.

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## MIXSTERIOUS

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Mixsterious is a collective of DJs devoted to an out of the box philosophy of mastering their respective crafts. DJ Kendo and Lester Mendoza will provide the Wreaths Across America, San Francisco National Cemetery ceremony with premier sound production services, as well as the Christmas & Holiday background music for this major annual San Francisco event.

For more information on how we can add value to your next event, visit [mixsterious.com](http://mixsterious.com).



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Cemetery grounds are open daily from 6 am to 6 pm

**T**he San Francisco National Cemetery was established in 1884. Originally comprised of 9.5 acres of land, including a previously established post cemetery, the Cemetery subsequently increased in size to the present 28.3 acres. The setting aside a portion of the Presidio as a national cemetery marked the establishment of the first such cemetery on the Pacific Coast and further evidenced the growth and development of a system of national cemeteries extending beyond the area of conflict of the Civil War.

Initial interments in the San Francisco National Cemetery included remains of descendents interred in the original post cemetery, as well as those removed from cemeteries at several abandoned forts and camps along the Pacific Coast and other parts of the West, including Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The following monuments can be found at Sf National Cemetery:

★ The **Grand Army of the Republic G.A.R. Memorial**, a tall granite obelisk in memory of the Civil War dead, was erected in the George H. Thomas Section (GHT), by G.A.R. Post No. 2 and was dedicated on 30 May, 1893.

★ The **Pacific Garrison Memorial**, in the East Side Section (ES), an ornate granite pedestal surmounted by the figure of a soldier with battle flag, was dedicated to the Regular Army and Navy Union by the Pacific Coast Garrison on Memorial Day 1897.

★ The **Unknown Dead Monument** is located in the former main driveway of the cemetery as it passes between the Post Plot New Addition (PPNA) and Post Plot West Section (PPWS). An American Eagle carved on the stone in bold relief bears upon its breast a shield inscribed with the words TO THE UNKNOWN DEAD.

★ The **American War Mothers Monument**, erected by the San Francisco Chapter, is located in a small plot in the main drive passing through Section B.

## U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## VA burial benefits or grave locations:

[www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov)

## Grave locations using a mobile device:

[www.m.va.gov](http://www.m.va.gov) or QR code



## VETERANS LEGACY MEMORIAL

An online memorial site to honor veterans interred in VA National Cemeteries.  
[www.vlm.cem.va.gov](http://www.vlm.cem.va.gov)



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(FAAE) is a grassroots, volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization whose mission is to broaden awareness and deepen the understanding of Filipino heritage

and traditions, and to produce events that spark cultural pride and foster community empowerment. Their signature events include the annual Pistahan Parade and Festival, Filipino Heritage Nights with local professional sports teams, and the Filipino American History Month Celebration at San Francisco City Hall. For more info, visit: [pistahan.net](http://pistahan.net)