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San Diego Veterans Honor Color Guard  
**Color Guard Commander:** Stephen Ko, USA Veteran  
**Sword Commander:** Dzon Wiktoria, Corporal, USMC  
**U.S. Flag (Stars & Stripes):** Greg Cody, USAF Veteran  
**POW/MIA Flag:** Nenette Brown, USN-Ret  
**Rifleman:** Don Bundy, USN-Ret  
**Drummer:** DG Julio DeGuzman  
**Bugler/Audio:** Stephen Ko, USA Veteran

**DJ:** Lion Rey Roldan  
**Photographer:** District Photographer Lion Zeny Ply  
**Audio Visual:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Elizabeth Yoe, Ph.D.  
**Dessert Coordinator:** Lion Donna Lee  
**Table Decoration Coord:** Central Zone Chair Lion Christie Greene  
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~ Many thanks to all who made this event possible ~



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## LIONS VETERAN OF THE YEAR & MILITARY LUNCHEON

LY 2023-2024



**With Honor & Gratitude**  
**We Remember**

**ROYAL BANQUET HALL**

8990 Miramar Rd #200A, San Diego

Sunday, November 12, 2023 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

## Lions Veteran Of The Year Nominees

- Kenneth Agbayani, USMC-Ret SD Pathfinders LC
- Ernest Fagan, USN-Ret SD Miramar LC
- Ernst Mengelberg, USN-Ret SD Majestic LC
- Amante Reyes, USN-Ret SD Forever LC
- Juan "Jay" Ruiz, Sr., USN-Ret SD TFC LC

## PROGRAM

**Call to Order/Emcee:** Lion Doug Wahl, USN-Ret

**Present Colors:** San Diego Veterans Honor Color Guard

**Invocation:** Lion Ernest Fagan, USN-Ret

**Star Spangled Banner:** Lion Felix Mallorca, USA-Ret

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lion Armando Abayon, USN-Ret

**Retire Colors:** San Diego Veterans Honor Color Guard

**Lions Protocol:** District Protocol Lion Felma Vargas

**Welcome Remarks:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Leo Williams

**Presentation:** Prisoner of War (POW)/Missing In Action (MIA)  
TABLE - Lion Juan "Jay" Ruiz Sr., USN-Ret

LUNCH.... LUNCH..... LUNCH

**Entertainment:** Floyd Armstrong

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Lion Joseph Ragonese, USN-Ret

**Keynote Speaker:**

Commander Howard Milligan, USN  
USS TRIPOLI

**Celebrating All Veterans & Active Duty Members:**

PDG Norm MacKenzie, USMC-Ret

**Honoring the Lion Veteran of the Year Nominees:**

IPDG Juan "Jay" Ruiz, Jr.,  
USA-Ret

**Challenge Coin Presentation:** 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Elizabeth Yoe, Ph.D.,

USN-Ret

**District 4-L6 Lion Veteran of the Year, LY 2023-2024:**

DG Lion Julio DeGuzman  
Commander Howard Milligan, USN

**Dessert Winners:** Lion Donna Lee

**Table Decorating Winners:** Central Zone Chair Lion Christie Greene

**OPPORTUNITY DRAWING –** District Tail Twister Lion Elsa Siverts  
and Team

**Closing Remarks:** Lion Joseph Ragonese, USN-Ret

*“What is a veteran? A Veteran – whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone, who at one point in their life, wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to, and including, their life.”*

José N. Harris