



Exchange Club of Newport Harbor

# 17th Annual FIELD OF HONOR



## ARMED FORCES DAY CEREMONY REMEMBER AND HONOR

May 16, 2026, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Castaways Park | Dover Dr. and 16th St.

Free Admission and Ample Parking

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**NICK BERARDINO, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran**

#### **Vietnam War (1967–1968)**

- Served as a machine gunner with a Marine Corps Battalion Landing Team/Special Landing Force
- Participated in combat operations throughout Vietnam, including the Tet Offensive
- Completed a 13-month tour of duty in active combat

#### **Continuing His Service at Home**

Following his military service, Nick Berardino became a dedicated advocate for veterans:

- Championed veterans' rights in the workplace, including hiring preferences and protection of benefits
- Helped secure fair employment practices for reservists and returning Vietnam veterans
- Founded and supported organizations serving veterans, including:
  - Heroes Hall Veterans Museum
  - Veterans Alliance of Orange County (VALOR)

#### **A Legacy of Service**

- Lifelong commitment to supporting veterans and strengthening communities
- Recipient of the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award for volunteer service
- Continues to honor the belief: "Freedom is Not Free"

