



# PORT CHICAGO

NAVAL MAGAZINE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

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*The 72nd Anniversary of the  
Port Chicago explosion*

*July 17, 2016*

# **Formal Commemoration Program**

*July 17th, 2016 – 5-8 pm*

## **Presentation of Colors, National Anthem**

### **Welcome**

NPS General Superintendent, Tom Leatherman

Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial, Rev. Diana McDaniel

East Bay Regional Park District General Manager, Bob Doyle

Invocation, Captain John Swanson, Navy Chaplain

### **Remembering the Past**

U.S. Navy, Rear Admiral (Retired), Samuel Cox, Director of Naval Magazine History and Heritage Command

Story of the Port Chicago Disaster, NPS Ranger Raphael Allen

### **Honoring the Present**

Recognition and remarks of elected officials

Commemorative Hero's Award, Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial

### **Looking Forward to the Future**

Status of the Base Realignment for Concord Naval Weapons Station, U.S. Navy, Base Realignment and Closure Program Management Office, Erica Spinelli

Remarks from the Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell

National Park Service: The Next 100 years, Chief of Interpretation, Kelli English

### **Closing Remarks, Tom Leatherman**

Benediction, Chaplain Swanson

Retiring the colors, Bell Ringing, Taps

Reception immediately following program.

Informational booths and a mobile visitor center will be available to explore before and after the program.

Continuous shuttle service back to BART station immediately following program.

## **Brian W. Holt: 2016 Recipient of the Friends of Port Chicago Commemorative Hero's Award**



Brian W. Holt is a Principal Planner with the East Bay Regional Park District and leads the Advance Planning unit for the agency. His position focuses on working with project developers, governmental agencies, and stakeholders to protect and expand the public open space network throughout the East Bay.

For the past 11 years, he has led the reuse planning for over 2,500 acres of the former Concord Naval Weapons Station that will become a new regional park in Concord, CA, including the development of a future visitor center for the Port Chicago Naval Magazine National Memorial.

Brian has degrees in natural resource planning and management from Humboldt State University and Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. He previously served as president of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals and currently chairs the Park and Recreation Commission for the City of Half Moon Bay.

*A portion of the Port Chicago Naval Magazine was dedicated as a National Memorial in 1994. In October 2009, the National Memorial became the 392nd unit of the National Park System.*

# In Honor and Memory of

- 211 Navy Officers and Enlisted
- 1 Marine Corps Enlisted
- 30 Navy Armed Guardsmen
- 5 Coast Guard Enlisted
- 67 Merchant Marine Crewman
- 3 Navy Civil Service
- 3 Civilians
- 394 military and civilians who were injured
- 208 Navy seamen who returned to segregated labor battalion duties
- And the 50 Navy seamen convicted of mutiny

# Special Thanks to

- The Friends of Port Chicago National Memorial
- East Bay Regional Park District
- U.S. Army, 834th Transportation Battalion/Military Ocean Terminal Concord
- City of Concord
- U.S. Navy, Base Realignment and Closure Program Management Office
- U.S. Navy, Naval History and Heritage Command
- Captain John Swanson, Navy Chaplain
- Andoni Panici– National Anthem
- Joaquin Robinett– Taps

*We also remember all those who served at this base  
and all who lived in the town of Port Chicago*

