

**VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
PRESENTED BY
BRAXTON - PERKINS POST NO. 25, INC.
THE AMERICAN LEGION**



**NOVEMBER 11, 2015 11:00 AM
VICTORY ARCH
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA**

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY/PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 11, 2015

Master of Ceremonies.....	Nate Storment Commander Post 25
Presentation & Posting of the Colors.....	USAF JROTC Menchville High School
National Anthem.....	Braxton-Perkins Post 25 Brass Ensemble
Invocation.....	Vincent Scott
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.....	Ben Weigle Post Adjutant
POW/MIA Empty Chair.....	Sean Devlin 2d Vice Commander
America the Beautiful.....	Brass Ensemble
Welcome and Introduction of Guests.....	Nate Storment
Armed Forces Tribute.....	Brass Ensemble
Historical Remarks.....	John V. Quarstein
Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....	Nate Storment
Keynote Speaker.....	Captain Ravelo
Laying of Wreaths.....	USAF JROTC
Taps.....	Rick Thomasson Legionnaire Post 25
Closing Remarks.....	Nate Storment
God Bless America.....	Brass Ensemble
Benediction.....	Vincent Scott
Retire the Colors.....	USAF JROTC

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Capt. Ron L. Ravelo
Commanding Officer, USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72)

Capt. Ravelo hails from San Diego, CA. He is a 1987 graduate of the University of Southern California, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering through the NROTC program. Upon graduation and commissioning he reported to NAS Pensacola to commence flight training and was subsequently designated an unrestricted naval aviator in September 1989.

Capt. Ravelo has proudly served with the Chargers of HS-14 in all of his fleet aviation tours, eventually commanding the squadron from 2005 to 2007. As a Charger he flew the SH-3H in USS RANGER (CV 61) and the SH-60F/HH-60H in USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63). During his tours with the Chargers he participated in OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, and OPERATION RESTORE HOPE. During his command tour the squadron established the first helicopter detachment in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, PHILIPPINES and JTF-510/515.

His shore assignments include Instructor Pilot in HS-10, Flag Lieutenant to the Commander, U. S. FIFTH Fleet, Helicopter Shore Assignments Officer in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, and Maritime Division Chief on the staff of North American Aerospace Defense Command. Captain Ravelo is a distinguished graduate of the University of Redlands, earning a Master of Arts in Management, and is a graduate of the Naval War College where he earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies. He completed advanced studies in National Preparedness and Leadership through Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and School of Public Health.

Capt. Ravelo was selected to the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program in Oct 2006 and completed his tour as Executive Officer of USS RONALD REAGAN in Nov 2010. Captain Ravelo commanded USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45) from Feb 2013 to Apr 2014 and was selected for CVN Sequential Command in Oct 2013.

Capt. Ravelo's personal awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal. He was awarded the 2007 Commander, Naval Air Forces Navy and Marine Association Outstanding Leadership Award for his tour as CO of the Chargers.

A Veteran is a Veteran

**It is the Veteran, not the preacher,
Who has given us freedom of religion.**

**It is the Veteran, not the reporter,
Who has given us freedom of the press.**

**It is the Veteran, not the poet,
Who has given us freedom of speech.**

**It is the Veteran, not the campus organizer,
Who has given us freedom to assemble.**

**It is the Veteran, not the lawyer,
Who has given us the right to a fair trial.**

**It is the Veteran, not the politician,
Who has given us the right to vote.**

**It is the Veteran,
who salutes the Flag,
who serves under the Flag.**



*Braxton – Perkins Post No. 25, Inc.
The American Legion
Auxiliary Unit No. 25 Inc.
S.A.L. Squadron 25
Newport News, Va. 23605*