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### **Miramar National Cemetery Support Foundation Dedicates Veterans Tribute Tower & Carillon Veterans Day, November 11**

A new Veterans Tribute Tower & Carillon was dedicated on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, at Miramar National Cemetery. The Miramar National Cemetery Support Foundation, which coordinated funding and construction of the Tower, sponsored the dedication.

“We appreciate the contributions of the Miramar National Cemetery Support Foundation to make this lasting tribute possible,” said Bradley G. Phillips, Executive Director of the National Cemetery Administration Pacific District. “This project and the other projects that the foundation has undertaken on behalf of the cemetery, bring the community together to commemorate our Veterans service to our Nation.”

The 30-ft. Tower, which is visible from most points on the grounds of the cemetery, is specially dedicated to soldiers of the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division who fought in the June, 1953, Battle of Outpost Harry during the Korean War, and honors veterans of all U.S. military services.

A 250-pound, 24-inch diameter, custom-cast bronze bell, that can be rung electronically, hangs from the center of the tower. It also includes a Sonata electronic chamber carillon that plays “Taps” and other musical selections appropriate for veterans’ cemeteries.

“The carillon will be a lasting tribute to the men and women who have served and are still serving our great nation, often giving full measure to protect the values and freedoms we take for granted,” said Rex Kern, Director, Fort Rosecrans and Miramar National Cemeteries. “The tolling bells, chimes and music will be a reminder to reflect and to give thanks while visiting these hallowed grounds.”

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