



25th Annual 911 Remembrance – Never Forget
Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley announces 9-11 Remembrance at All
Wars Memorial Honoring Fire, Police & Military

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The Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley is proud to announce its 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony observing 25 years since the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Who: Exchange Club of the San Ramon Valley
What: 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony – 25 Years Later
Where: Oak Hill Park, 3005 Stone Valley Road, Danville, CA
When: 5:15 – 6:30 PM

Featured in 2026 –

- **NEW:** All Wars Memorial walk - new descriptive plaques of America's battles. Come early for a tour!
- **Pledge of Allegiance led by Chuck Kohler**, 1 of 10 living survivors of Pearl Harbor
- **Keynote Speech by US Marine Colonel Chris Starling (ret.)**, who served 26 years in the infantry, including as commanding officer of his Battalion Landing Team in the Persian Gulf.
- **Gold Star Speaker:** Roxanne Langevin honors her son and local gold 5-Star families who lost a son or daughter in defense of the attack on America on 9-11.
- **Program** includes youth carrying 50 American Flags, SRFPD & Danville Police, Honor Guard, Monte Vista Choir, Bagpiper Coontz & Bugler McHale
- **Special Honors** to Fire, Police, and Military who responded to the attacks on the New York World Trade Towers on September 11, 2001
- **Post Ceremony:** Free Ice Cream Treats and Essay Competition Entries

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER: US Marine Corps Col. Chris Starling, Retired

Colonel Starling served 26 years in the infantry, including as commanding officer of his Battalion Landing Team in the Persian Gulf. His assignments included ten overseas deployments requiring three combat tours in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom. He subsequently led the U.S. Pacific Commands Counter Drug Agency Task Force in Alameda as well as serving as asst. professor of Military Science at West Point, Command Chief at U.S. Africa Stuttgart, and senior military advisor to the Emirati Presidential Guard in Abu Dhabi.

Returning home, Col. Starling was honored to serve three years on the Hoover Institution Veteran Fellowship Program in Stanford, where his published research focused on national security affairs. For the past decade, Col Starling focused his service on launching over 500 active-duty service members into cyber security careers nationwide.



We are grateful to have Col Starling share his experiences related to the attacks on September 11, 2001 a day in which he was an instructor in the West Point military academy during the nearby attacks on the World Trade Towers and Pentagon.

Col Starling (Ret.) holds a BA from the Virginia Military Institute and Masters of Public Administration John Jay College (NY).

FOLLOWING CEREMONY:

- Free Ice Cream Treats provided by Engeo
- Student 9-11 Essay Competition Forms & Awards, provided by PG&E
 - High School - \$1,000, \$600, \$400
 - Middle School - \$600, \$400, \$200
 - Elementary - \$200, \$150, \$100

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EXCHANGE CLUB OF SAN RAMON VALLEY, CA

25th Annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony

September 11th - 5:15 - 6:30 PM

Oak Hill Park, Danville



Featuring Keynote Speaker

Colonel Chris Starling, USMC (Ret.)



Col. Starling is an American Patriot,
Commanding Officer, Battalion
Landing Team, Persian Gulf War, with
ten overseas deployments and three
combat tours in Desert Shield, Desert
Storm, and Iraqi Freedom.



**Pledge by Pearl Harbor Survivor Chuck Kohler * New All-Wars Memorial *
Monte Vista Choir * Free Ice Cream * 9-11 Essay Awards Contest**