

The following Benediction was offered by Chaplain (Lieut.) Latoya V. Zavala, Command Chaplain, Naval Base Point Loma, at the conclusion of the Veterans Day service at Miramar National Cemetery, 11 Nov 2018.

God of Justice and of Peace:

The ceremony is complete and the traditions executed. We've remembered and we've honored. But, may this service extend beyond the confines of this time and space.

May we carry the memorialization of these men and women, the stories, the sacrifices, within our purpose and in our resolve. May we ever be inspired to support and to carry on the good fight, to take the baton and to keep running the race.

May it always be that their lives mean something to us, to the principles we stand for, and to the ideals that our nation represents to all the world.

God bless every family, friend, and comrade under this inspiration today. God bless every brother and sister in arms who've taken up the watch, who carry the legacy of sacrifice every day, and those who are deployed in harm's way right now.

God bless our beloved banner of red, white, and blue, and all that she stands for: peace, justice, equality, freedom, and the possibilities of every new day. And God, bless our great country, the United States of America.

In Your Name,

Amen