

ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE: June 6, 2016
TO: All Personnel
FROM: Curt Glaser, Human Resources Manager
SUBJECT: Passing of Fire Paramedic Robert Morrison - REVISED

San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Paramedic Robert Morrison answered his last alarm at 1430 on March 18, 2016, at Scripps Mercy Hospital. He valiantly fought several debilitating health issues, and died peacefully surrounded by his loving wife, his son, his two daughters and their husbands, and a close friend. He was 70 years old.

Bob was born February 22, 1946, at Wilson N. Jones Hospital on the Perrin Air Force Base, Sherman, TX. His early childhood was spent on various military bases in Illinois, Virginia and other places until his family settled in Hermosa Beach, California. Bob graduated from Bishop Montgomery Catholic High School in 1964. In 1965, Bob enlisted in the United States Navy. After boot camp at NTC San Diego, he attended Hospital Corpsman "A" at Naval Hospital Balboa. He deployed to Vietnam in 1967 and spent more than a year in Quang Tri Province with the Marine Corps where he treated some of the worst casualties of the war, while constantly under attack.

After his honorable discharge, Bob took a job with Schafer Ambulance and was one of the first EMTs in Los Angeles. In 1978, Bob attended Crafton Hills Paramedic School and he briefly continued to respond to 911 calls in Los Angeles. During this time, he married the love of his life, Karen. In 1979, Bob accepted a position with Medevac Inc. and moved to Oceanside to work in the first Paramedic Program for the City of San Diego. Bob helped build the City Paramedic system from the original three paramedic ambulances stationed at FS1, FS17 and Mercy Hospital until the entire City was served two years later. Bob helped teach the first SDFD first responder courses and later the first EMT courses for all Fire personnel. He faithfully and lovingly treated San Diegans under Medevac, Hartson, AMS, Rural Metro and SDFD until he could no longer lift another patient.

Bob was known for his generosity, kindness and compassion for all who knew him. He helped and prayed unceasingly for everyone except himself. Even when his health failed in many ways, Bob always maintained a positive attitude and had a smile for anyone who greeted him. Bob loved his family. He loved to ride his Harley. He was also a keen photographer, computer enthusiast and an avid reader.

Bob and Karen remained in love for more than 39 years. They raised three wonderful children named Lauren, Kristen and Eric. They are all devastated by this great loss.



A memorial service with full military and Fire/EMS honors will be held at the Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial, as well as a granite plaque dedication memorializing Bob's military and EMS career.

Date: June 18th at 10:00 a.m.
Arrive: 9:30 a.m.
In Formation: 9:45 a.m.

Location: Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial
6905 La Jolla Scenic Dr. S,
La Jolla, CA 92037

Uniformed personnel are asked to wear Class B uniforms as most EMS personnel do not have Class A uniforms.

To park in lots A-D next to the Cross, email mmeoli@sandiego.gov for a parking pass & parking map. Otherwise plan on a 5-10 min. walk from lower parking off La Jolla Scenic Dr. or Via Capri.

Reception immediately following the memorial service and viewing of Bob's granite plaque:

Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall (1/4 mile from the Cross)
6551 Soledad Mountain Rd, La Jolla, CA 92037

Bob's family and SDFD and RM/AMR Senior staff will join us briefly and then leave to allow us to have an EMS reunion. Beer and wine will be served, so drink responsibly and consider having a designated driver.

Donations:

In lieu of flowers, the Morrison family requests that donations be made as follows:

Wounded Warrior Project (Bob's choice - More than 80% of every dollar still goes to the warriors or their families.)

Call 877-832-6997 and ask to donate In honor of Robert Morrison III, or go to <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/Donate> , click on "In honor/memory of."

Mt. Soledad Veterans Memorial

Call 858-459-2314 and ask to donate In honor of Bob Morrison.

Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church

Call 858-459-3865 and ask to donate In honor of Bob Morrison.

The Morrison family will be notified of your generous contributions to any of these three organizations.

RSVP:

Firefighter Mike Meoli is coordinating these events. Please contact him at one of the below-listed points of contact to let him know if you will attend the reception and the number attending.

mmeoli@sandiego.gov

619-980-7362

If you have any pictures of Bob that you would like to share, please send them to Mike Meoli as per above.

Due to the large number of anticipated attendees, we are seeking 5-10 individuals interested in volunteering.