

A close-up, vertical view of the American flag, showing the blue field with white stars and the red and white stripes. The flag is draped and slightly wrinkled, with the stars in the upper left and the stripes running vertically down the right side.

A Lifetime of Service

Keynote Speaker: Congressman Mike Thompson

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**Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
Veterans Day Ceremony
November 10, 2020
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Keynote Speaker:



Congressman Mike Thompson

Mike Thompson represents California's 5th Congressional District. The district includes all of Napa and parts of Contra Costa, Lake, Solano and Sonoma Counties. He was first elected in 1998.

Prior to serving in Congress, Thompson represented California's 2nd District in the California State Senate, where he chaired the powerful Budget Committee.

In 1990, Thompson was the first Vietnam veteran elected to the California State Senate. He served in combat with the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant/platoon leader with the 173rd Airborne Brigade where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart. He was also an instructor at the Army's Airborne School.

As Co-Chair of the bipartisan Military Veterans Caucus, he led the effort to improve treatment options for servicemembers suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury. He has authored bills to help veterans find work as they make the transition back to civilian life. And, as someone who went to college on the GI Bill himself, he helped lead the effort in Congress to pass the 21st Century GI Bill.

He is married to Janet Thompson. They have two sons, a firefighter and a deputy sheriff, and three wonderful granddaughters.

Program

Introduction	Supervisor Candace Andersen, Chair
Presentation of the Colors	De Anza High School JROTC
National Anthem	Richard O'Connor
Greeting, Acknowledgements	Nathan Johnson, CCC VSO
Veterans Day Reflections	Board of Supervisors
Keynote Speaker	Congressman Mike Thompson
Special Presentation	Nathan Johnson & Supervisor Andersen
Guest Speaker	Mike Hoffschneider
Veteran Poet	Bill Nelson
Conclusion	Supervisor Candace Anderson, Chair



F. Michael Hoffschneider

During his 15 years of service with Contra Costa County Hoff served as the interim County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) before the hiring of our current CVSO, Nathan Johnson. In addition to his daily duties of providing assistance to veterans and their family members he had played a vital role in providing training and mentoring to all newly hired VSRs in Contra Costa County.

After 3 years in the U. S. Army F. Michael Hoffschneider has served our nation's veterans for more than 48 years. During this time he assisted thousands of veterans and family members with his acquired knowledge of veterans' benefits. In addition to providing assistance, he has willingly shared his knowledge and experience with others. Mike retired as a VSR on October 1, 2020 and will continue to volunteer his time and remain living in Contra Costa County.



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District IV Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
District V Supervisor Federal Glover**



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Concord, CA 94520
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On this Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women, who in defense of our freedom, have bravely worn the uniform of the United States. Today, we are also reminded of our solemn obligation to serve our veterans as well as they have served us, remembering that our veterans have defended our nation's ideals established by our founding fathers, protected the innocent, and liberated the oppressed from tyranny and terror.



The Board of Supervisors thanks all veterans for their service, recognizes the families who support veterans every day, and honors all Veterans Service Organizations for their continued service to the community.