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The Lifeguard

Bronze Statue Memorial Dedication

Ocean Beach Lifeguard Station (foot of Santa Monica)

Thursday, May 23rd 2013 at 3:00 pm)

**Dedication Ceremony, Musical Reflections, Remembrances
& Lifeguard Memorial Paddleout**

Remarks and Reflections by

*San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, Councilmember Kevin Faulconer,
Councilmember Lorie Zapf and community leaders*

Honoring San Diego Lifeguards and the 13 victims of the May 5, 1918 drowning at Ocean Beach.

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On Sunday, May 5, 1918, 13 lives were lost at Ocean Beach, including 11 soldiers and sailors stationed at Camp Kearny, North Island and Point Loma. The rip currents were caused by unusual conditions of tides near the entrance to Mission Bay. As a result of this tragedy, the City of San Diego provided additional lifeguard staffing and equipment leading to the development of the Lifeguard Service of today.

Robert Baxley (1934-2005), a former Ocean Beach lifeguard, respected waterman, author and judge provided the vision for the establishment of the Lifeguard bronze. In 2010 a task force was created led by Neil Moyer, Jim "Mouse" Robb, Julie Klein, Richard Arnold, Lt. Greg "Buc" Buchanan and former Councilmember Byron Wear to organize the community effort.

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In appreciation for major gifts to the Captain Charles W. Hardy Memorial Fund ...Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation Ocean Beach Community Foundation, Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, Peninsula Lions Club, Richard Arnold, In memory of Robert Baxley, Chief Chris Brewster, In memory of Calvin "Spade" Burns, Sgt. Darrell Esparza, Evans Hotels, In memory of Scott Hinchcliff, Craig & Julie Klein, Dick & Dorothea Laub, Dieter May, The Morton Family, Neil Moyer, Sgt. Marshall Parks, In honor of Jim "Mouse" Robb, Sgt. Rick Strobel, Randy Deitz Construction, Ryan Family Charitable Foundation, San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation, Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association & The Wear Family/Wear Community Fund of The San Diego Foundation

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To prevent future drownings, teach swimming to our youth and waterproof San Diego, please send your tax deductible contributions to the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation, Aquatic Safety, P.O. Box 90622, San Diego, CA 92169-2622.