

Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation Recognizes Jim Free

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Jim is a Vietnam Veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy as a technician on guided surface to air missile defense systems aboard the USS Goldsborough, DDG-20, then a new class of guided missile destroyers.

Jim is the past President of the Campbell Kiwanis Club and was selected Kiwanian of the Year in 1999. In 2003 he was selected as the Campbell Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. In June 2013, the State of California Assemblyman Paul Fong, selected Jim as the Veteran of the Year for Assembly District 28.

Jim was asked to lead an effort to build a new Veterans Memorial in downtown Campbell. A committee was formed and was later incorporated as the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation, Inc., a non-profit corporation. He served as the President and C.E.O. of that corporation until 2015 and is now the Chairman Emeritus of the board.

The Campbell Chamber of Commerce held their annual Citizen of the Year recognition event this past June. Several Campbell service organizations and volunteer groups associated with the City also recognize a person who has made significant contributions to the local community. Jim was selected as Veteran of the Year for both his military service and contributions to both the Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation and the Veterans Memorial and Support Foundation, serving Saratoga, Los Gatos, and Monte Sereno.

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