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LAMORINDA REPUBLICAN WOMEN FEDERATED
MARCH 19, 2015 LUNCHEON SPEAKER IS
ED ABBEY



Ed Abbey entered the United States Army on 26 May 1970. He has held Military Occupational Specialties as a member of the Intelligence, Engineer, and Artillery branches. Additionally he has served in the United States Army Recruiting Command, Fort Sill's Army Training Center and the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command. He has served on Active Duty, as a member of the Army National Guard and as a member of the United States Army Reserve. He has served tours of duty both inside the Continental United States and in combat zones. His last duty assignment was a Senior Intelligence Sergeant for the 104th Training Division (Institutional Training). He is a member of the Sergeant Morales Club.

Abbey serves as the National Command Sergeant Major for the United States Volunteers – America. He is the enlisted representative for the entire command. His previous assignments have included Commander of Troops – Final Military Honors Detail and 31st Regimental Command Sergeant Major. His unit serves as the Honor Guard for 26 National Cemeteries in 19 states providing Honors Services for fallen veterans throughout the country. He has personally participated in services both on-site at National Cemeteries, as well as the performance of honors off-site as well.

Further, Abbey serves his community also as a Commissioner on the Alameda County Veterans Affairs Committee. He has been active in other Veterans Service Organizations besides the USV. Abbey is a life member of the American Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Disabled American Veterans organizations serving at the local, county and state levels. He also rides in support of both the Warrior Watch and the Patriot Guard Riders organizations. His military decorations include...

the Bronze Star,
the Meritorious Service Medal,
the Army Commendation Medal,
the Army Achievement Medal,
the Reserve Components Achievement Medal,
the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal,
the Global War on Terrorism Campaign Medal,
the Korea Defense Service Medal,
the Armed Forces Reserve Medal,
the Army Service Ribbon,
and the Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon.

the Purple Heart,
the Joint Service Commendation Medal,
the Joint Service Achievement Medal,
the Good Conduct Medal,
the National Defense Service Medal,
the Iraqi Campaign Medal,
the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal,
the Humanitarian Service Medal,
the Noncommissioned Education Ribbon,
the Overseas Service Ribbon

He has been awarded the Combat Action and Drivers Badge. Foreign awards include the Japanese Defense Forces Commendation Medal, the German Armed Forces Badge for Weapons Proficiency (Bronze) Sports (Gold) and the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency in Bronze (Das Abzeichen für Leistungen im Truppendienst in Bronze).

He is a graduate of the State University of New York – Albany. He is married to Leila Anne Abbey. Together they have ten children and thirteen grandchildren. The Abbeys reside in Alameda, California.

For further information contact Victoria Tollen at (925) 254-2340.

11:15 AM Social - Noon Lunch

\$26 per person

Location: Orinda Country Club, 315 Camino Sobrante, Orinda

A reservation made is a reservation paid: if you make a reservation, you must pay whether or not you attend.

Register by no later than THURSDAY, MARCH 12

**by calling Karen Mankowski at 925-283-9085 or Kim Smith at 925-376-0422
or email Reservations@lamorindarepublicanwomen.org**

And send check to:

LRWF—Attn: Karen, 80 Silverwood Drive, Lafayette, CA 94549

***** OR *****

Register/Pay on line at:

www.LamorindaRepublicanWomen.org

(Note: \$1 convenience fee added for paying on line)

Spouses and Friends are Always Welcome!!

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