

Assembly-Sponsored Veterans Benefit Dinner - Gallery 1 of 3 (November 7, 2025 held at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall)



Above, shows guest arrival to parish hall; below, program credits and cover.

Arizona State Veterans Home

All proceeds from the Veterans Benefit Dinner are donated to the Arizona Veterans Home.

The home is located on the Veteran's Administration Campus in Tucson but receives no funding from the VA or Federal Government. The home relies on donations to provide patient welfare items.

Richard J. Venegas

Our annual veterans benefit dinner is named in honor of Sir Knight Richard J. Venegas. Richard was a veteran of the US Navy. He served many years in the Knights of Columbus and endeared himself to many with his kindly spirit and generosity. He battled cancer while serving as Faithful Navigator of the Weber Assembly and died peacefully in the VA Hospital in Tucson in September, 2004.

Meal Preparation

By Sir Knight Wayne Mikolajewski

Menu

Prickly Pear Chicken
Mesquite Grilled Tri-tip
Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
Roasted Manhattan Medely Vegetables
Garden Salad
Rolls & Butter
Dessert

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Msgr. James T. Weber Assembly
Tucson, Arizona



Richard J. Venegas Memorial
Veterans Benefit Dinner
"Serving Those Who Served"

November 7, 2025

Assembly-Sponsored Veterans Benefit Dinner - Gallery 2 of 3 (November 7, 2025 held at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall)



Above, Flag folding demonstration; below guest speaker bio and program.

Master of Ceremonies — Shawn Tierney
Msgr. James T. Weber Assembly

Guest of Honor

David Bellamy, Lt Col. USAF (Ret)

David is a distinguished graduate of the University of Virginia and AFROTC in May, 1982. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. USAF and entered active duty. He attended pilot training at Reese AFB, TX, graduating in Feb. 1984. He was selected to remain at Reese as a T-38 instructor pilot and received promotions to 1st. Lt. and Capt.

He was selected to fly the A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog) and attended initial A-10 training at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Sep 1987-Jan 1988. He was reassigned to 76th Tactical Fighter Squadron at England AFB, LA and deployed to DESERT SHIELD.

He was selected as instructor for A-10 formal training unit and reassigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ in Nov 1990 and assigned to 357th Fighter Squadron.

He was selected for promotion to Major and attended Air Command and Staff College Aug 1994-June 1995. He was then assigned to Air Staff at the Pentagon, Directorate of Joint Matters, Jul 1995-Sep 1998.

He returned to fly the A-10 with the 25th Fighter Squadron at Osan AB, Republic of Korea Sep 1998-Sep 1999 and promoted to Lt. Col. Then assigned as A-10 Formal Training Instructor at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ in Sep 1999 with 358th Fighter Squadron. Culminated as Director of Operations in the 355th Training Squadron and retired as Lt. Col. In May 2004.

Amassed 4300 flying hours including 3000 hours in the A-10.

This Evening's Events

Posting of the Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Flag Folding Ceremony

POW/MIA Ceremony

Dinner

Key Note Speaker

Veterans Recognition
Salute to our Armed Forces

50/50 Raffle
Silent Auction Winners

Closing POW/MIA Table

Closing Prayer

The Msgr. James T. Weber Assembly was chartered on October 15, 1988. It is named for Msgr. James T. Weber. The founding Father of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church in Tucson who died on March 3, 1988. He is remembered as being a "people's priest" with a heart of gold and great sense of humor.

Known as the Patriotic Degree, the Fourth Degree Knights glorify God by serving our communities and nations, with unwavering support of the Faith.

Assembly-Sponsored Veterans Benefit Dinner - Gallery 3 of 3 (November 7, 2025 held at Our Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall)



Corpus Christi was well represented at this year's event. Above, Shawn Tierney, was the Master of Ceremonies; at left Chris Rod participated in both Color Guard and Honor Table duties; Ron Blanchard & Bob Dahms ran the 50-50 raffle and Ron is shown below presenting the winnings to Fr Robert Rodriguez, pastor at St Joseph Parish; and Kay Dahms, right, won one of the top Silent Auction prizes.

