

Col. Lewis Lee Millett Sr. Veterans Community Service Award Recommendation:

June 24, 2010

It gives me great pleasure to nominate Gene H. Langenberg for this prestigious award. Gene is very active in many Veteran's organizations such as the American Legion, Life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Life member Southern Ca. Chapter of 101 Airborne Assn., 101 Airborne Division Assn., 2nd Vice President of the Corona/Riverside Council of the Navy League, 506 Currahee Assn.

As a member of the Southern Ca. 101 Airborne Assn. Gene was the Chairman of the "Ryan Price Fundraiser" held at the Norco American Legion Post last August. Ryan was a member of the 101 Airborne and served in Afghanistan. During his tour of duty Ryan lost both legs as well as suffering numerous other injuries. The purpose of the Fundraiser was to raise funds to help Ryan and his parents with the cost of adding a handicap accessible room addition to their home. Gene's hope was to raise about \$5000.00, never in his wildest dreams did he anticipate raising in excess of \$80,000.00. As Gene is quick to point out it was through the efforts of numerous individuals that this effort was a success. However I believe in giving credit where credit is due. It took someone with Gene's heartfelt concern as well as his business and organizational skills to see this effort to a successful end.

For the past several years Gene has actively participated in the Veteran's Day parades in Riverside, thereby honoring both those who never came home as well as those who have. Many are familiar with the POW Memorial located at the Riverside National Cemetery, Gene actively participated in raising the funds for its construction. As a result he was a recipient of a replica POW Memorial. As 2nd VP of the Navy League Gene is constantly attending fundraisers, the purpose of which is to support the Paul Revere Sea Cadet Unit. These are exceptional young people many of which will be a credit to which ever service they decide to serve in. It should be noted that Gene served in the US Army and was a Paratrooper in the 101 Airborne. In this capacity Gene was injured and is a Disabled Veteran Himself.

End of Nomination.

My name is George H. Joyner, I have known Gene for about 10 years and nothing that I have said is an embellishment or exaggeration. My Home phone is (951) 735-3095, cell is (909) 721-9549.