

PRESIDENT FORD

TRIBUTE / REENACTMENT

Saturday 07.13.13, 10AM – 12:30PM
@Dana West Marina's Picnic Area
24800 Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point, CA
Phone: 949.235.3996 or 714.724.4477

FREE to attend. Suggested Donation: \$12.00 each person

- Masters of Ceremony: Mr. Mark Larson and Col. Joe Snyder
- Motorcycle Group
- Color Guard
- Honor Guard
- Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) Pipes & Drums
- Reenactment of April 5th, 1975 of President Ford carrying a baby off the evacuation aircraft
- Opening Remarks by Mr. Ronald Nessen - Press Secretary for President Ford and passenger on Air Force One to welcome babies
- Fly-over
- Recognition of all Veterans
- Passing on the Humanitarian Torch

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Sunset Cruises/Whale Watching**
Friday 07.12.13 from 5 – 7 PM
Saturday 07.13.13 from 2 – 4 PM
Sunday 07.14.13 from 8 – 10 AM
Sunday 07.14.13 from 10 AM – noon
- **Baby-Sitting & Pizza Party**
for Your Kids Age 3 -17, Saturday 07.13.13 from 5:30 – 10:30 PM

CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY

PRESIDENT FORD CENTENNIAL GALA

Saturday 07.13.13, 6PM – 10PM
@Laguna Cliffs Marriott Resort & Spa
25135 Park Lantern, Dana Point, CA 92629
Phone: 949.235.3996 or 949.661.5000
Pre-sale: \$100 || At the door: \$115.00

- Master of Ceremony: Mr. Mark Larson (MC of President Reagan Centennial Birthday; interviewed many high profile politicians; Radio Host 1170AM KCBQ of San Diego)
- Opening Remarks of Mr. Ronald Nessen & other dignitaries
- Color Guard and Navy Band
- Co-Keynote Speakers
 - ❖ Ross Meador: attorney, OBL Coordinator in Saigon in 1975
 - ❖ LeAnn Thieman: National Hall of Fame public speaker; author of book *This Must be My Brother*; OBL adoptive parent
- Group speakers: living survivors of C-5A Galaxy; OBL adoptive babies
- Attendees (just to name a few)
 - ❖ Nikki Logan: the first baby President Ford carried down from the evacuation aircraft on April 5th 1975, who grew up and joined the Marine Corps to serve her country
 - ❖ OBL babies and their offspring who joined the U.S. Military
 - ❖ Col. Bud Traynor: C-5A Pilot/ who saved many lives
 - ❖ Phil Wise: C-5A crash survivor
 - ❖ Patricia Bates: Orange County supervisor; OBL caretaker who helped carrying down the babies in Long Beach airport
 - ❖ World Airways & Pan Am crews
- Raffle & Live Auction of patriotic items

& OPERATION BABYLIFT

PANEL PRESENTATIONS & VENDORS

Sunday 07.14.13, 1PM – 7PM
@ Orange County Sailing & Events Center
34451 Ensenada Place, Dana Point, CA 92629
Phone: 949.235.3996 or 714.724.4477
Pre-sale: \$32.00 || At the door: \$37.00

- 3 significant panels with first-hand experience of OBL
 - ❖ The C-5A Galaxy Incident: Their unique stories and reflections
 - ❖ The Journey to America & Beyond
 - ❖ Adoptee Babies & Parents: Challenges & Victories
- Book signing opportunities by many OBL book authors
- Recognitions of all Veterans
- Fashion Show (Vietnamese AoDai)
- Authentic Vietnamese foods: Filet mignon pho, egg rolls, spring rolls, chow-mein, juices, pastries, etc...
- Raffle & Auction



FACTS ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD:

- 38th U.S. President
- World War II Vet, US Navy
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Life Member, American Legion Member, AMVET Member, Freemasonry
- Michigan football legend, wrestler, runner, basketball player, Eagle Scout
- House Minority Leader

REUNION CELEBRATIONS

PRESIDENT FORD MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday 07.15.13, 7AM – 2PM
@San Juan Hills Golf Course
32120 San Juan Creek Road, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Phone: 949.482.8888 or 714.323.4400
Golfer Fee: \$150.00



- Putting Contest
- Chipping and Driving Practice
- Shotgun Start
- Foursome Scramble Format
- Fantastic Italian Lunch Buffet
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- Awards & Recognition

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2013: Educational Seminar "Vietnam War & U.S. Presidents: from Kennedy to Obama" and Annual Anniversary Banquet
- 2015: OBL Reunion at Palm Springs Air Museum, California

OUR PARTNERS

- VFW Post 9934 Dana Point
www.vfwpost9934.org
- The Mark Larson Media Services
www.marklarson.com
- The Silver Telegram
www.thesilvertelegram.com
- City of Dana Point
www.danapoint.org
- Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
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- Dana Point Marina Inn
www.danapointmarinainn.com
- Best Western Plus Marina Shores Hotel
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SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

- Diamond (\$10,000+)
- Platinum (\$7,500+)
- Gold (\$5,000+)
- Silver (\$2,500+)
- Bronze (\$1,250+)
- Friends of Torch 1975 Inc. (\$500+)

Please make all donations & checks payable to:

TORCH 1975 INC.
P.O. BOX 2463
GARDEN GROVE, CA 92842

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Website: www.Torch1975.org

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Facebook Event Pages:

www.facebook.com/events/372816879478171/

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ABOUT TORCH 1975 INC.

Torch 1975 Inc. was founded by Child of the Vietnam War – Jessica Nguyen, born in 1975, a POW's daughter, war survivor / victim; and supported by all veterans.

1975 represents a critical turning point in a long and terrible Vietnam War. The **Torch** is to light up the good works and give praise for humanitarian efforts during the chaos that comes from wars.

Together with VFW Post 9934 Dana Point, here are a few examples of our accomplishments:

- Offer **emergency funds** to our local Marines **in times of need** including providing clothing, food, diapers, replacement appliances, airfare to visiting distant ill relatives, etc... to Military families
- College **scholarships** for Veterans
- Supply **Toys-4-Tots** at Christmas
- **Care packages overseas** to combat zones
- **Donate Party & Wedding Gowns** and coordinate outfits for Marines' wives for their annual Birthday Ball
- Donate to the **Wounded Warriors**

Our mantra is 'ECHO':

- E** = Educate
- C** = Connect
- H** = Heal
- O** = Optimize

HISTORY OF OPERATION BABYLIFT

Picture of President Ford carrying baby Nikki Logan off aircraft on 04.05.1975. Nikki grew up & later joined US Marine Corps.



Operation Babylift (OBL) was the name given to the mass evacuation of orphans from South Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War (April 3–26, 1975). President Gerald R. Ford, in a profound humanitarian act, authorized a \$2 million fund and announced that the U.S. government would begin evacuating Asian American orphans from Saigon on a series of 30 planned flights; these otherwise slated to be slaughtered children appealed by the press aroused worldwide action. This resulted in more than 2,700 children adopted in the United States and over 1,300 in Canada, England, Europe and Australia.

The OBL community consists of aircrew, caretakers, nurses, medical technicians, adoptive parents and adoptees. These war orphans and living survivors began their annual reunions in 2000. Endorsed by the Ford foundation, this year Torch 1975 Inc and VFW Post 9934 have the honor to host this OBL event. 2013 has more special impact as it is also the Centennial Birthday celebration for President Ford - the author of OBL. Torch 1975 and VFW Post 9934 are really looking forward to welcome the Vietnamese American babies that were rescued almost four decades ago.



Picture of OBL staffs & adoptees at their Reunion



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&
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REUNION CELEBRATIONS**
*Dana Point, California
July 12 -15, 2013*

