

# County of Monterey

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 26-047

Adopt a resolution honoring Colonel William C. "Clint" Norman on the occasion of his 100th Birthday..... )

WHEREAS, Colonel William C. "Clint" Norman is recognized as a pioneering member of the United States Army Special Forces and a highly decorated combat leader whose life exemplifies courage, integrity, and devotion to duty; and

WHEREAS, at the age of seventeen, during World War II, William C. Norman enlisted in the United States Army, later earning his commission from the United States Military Academy in 1949 and entering active duty as a Second Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, following graduation, Colonel Norman attended the Basic Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, completed airborne training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and was assigned to the 511th Parachute Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, while serving with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea, then-Lieutenant Norman displayed extraordinary heroism by single-handedly repairing a malfunctioning flamethrower under direct enemy fire and assaulting a hostile bunker, an action for which he was awarded his first Silver Star and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Norman's distinguished military education and leadership assignments included completion of the Army Advanced Infantry Course, Ranger School, service as a Ranger instructor, graduation from the Special Forces Officer Course, service with the 77th Special Forces Group in the development of the first Special Forces HALO detachment, attendance at the Command and General Staff College, and assignment as a tactical officer and military history instructor at West Point; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Colonel Norman attended the Army Language School in Monterey, California, studying the North Vietnamese language, establishing a lasting connection to Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Norman went on to command the 1st Special Forces Group in Okinawa and later served in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group as Commanding Officer of Detachment B-52 and Deputy Commander of the 5th Special Forces Group; and


WHEREAS, over the course of thirty years of continuous service, culminating in his retirement in 1980, Colonel Norman earned numerous awards and decorations, including two Silver Stars, the Purple Heart, three Legions of Merit, and many additional commendations in recognition of his valor, leadership, and dedication; and


WHEREAS, Colonel Norman resides in Carmel, California, with his beloved wife of seventy-one years, Jo Ann, and together they have raised a family whose commitment to military service spans generations and reflects a proud and enduring legacy of service to the Nation; and


WHEREAS, on February 23, 2026, Colonel William C. "Clint" Norman will celebrate his 100th Birthday, marking a century of life defined by patriotism, leadership, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment to the warrior ethos.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes and honors Colonel William C. "Clint" Norman for his extraordinary service to the United States of America and extends its heartfelt congratulations and deepest appreciation on the occasion of his 100th Birthday; and expresses its gratitude for Colonel William C. "Clint" Norman's lasting contributions to our Nation and to the Monterey County community, and joins his family, friends, fellow soldiers, and all residents in celebrating this remarkable milestone.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026

  
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