



# You Are Invited!



**CDR Clyde E. Lassen, USN  
Medal of Honor**

LT Clyde Lassen was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a LTJG pilot and aircraft commander of a UH-2A Seasprite search and rescue helicopter during operations against enemy forces in North Vietnam. On 19 June 1968 Lassen skillfully piloted his aircraft and directed his crew over unknown and hostile terrain while taking enemy fire to rescue a downed F-4J Phantom fighter crew who had been shot down. Lassen directed his aircraft on numerous approaches during intense enemy fire in total darkness to rescue LCDR John Holtzclaw and LCDR John Burns who were being pursued by enemy forces from a jungle hillside. During one approach Lassen collided with a tree and finally had to turn on his landing lights and set down in a field to complete the rescue. Escaping the scene, Lassen's crew, LTJG LeRoy Cook, AE2 Bruce Dallas and ADJ3 Don West, courageously provided aircraft clearance, systems backup, and hands-on personnel recovery while simultaneously furnishing covering fire. Lassen flew while dangerously low on fuel and under continued enemy fire to return his aircraft, crew and rescued aviators safely to an offshore destroyer.


  
 LTJG Clyde Lassen, USN Pilot      LTJG LeRoy Cook, USN Co-Pilot  

  
 AE2 Bruce Dallas, USN Aircrew      ADJ3 Don West, USN Aircrew

## Lassen Mt. Soledad Plaque

### Dedication Ceremony and Fly Over

1300 Sunday 26 January 2025

Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial

Friends and Families Welcome

Casual Civilian Attire/Bring a Chair/Directions

6905 La Jolla Scenic Drive  
Via Capri La Jolla, CA 92037

Please RSVP to LT Dean Benson [ddbensonjr@gmail.com](mailto:ddbensonjr@gmail.com)

#### Other Weekend Events:

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| Friday 24 Jan -   | <u>I-Bar Reception</u> -   | 1600 - Til               |
| Saturday 25 Jan - | MOH Dedication Ceremony -<br>Lite Refreshments to Follow<br>HC-7 No Host Reception - <u>Claim Jumper</u> | 1000 -1100<br>1600 - Til |
|                   | <u>Wyndham SD Bayside</u> - <u>1355 N. Harbor Drive</u>  |                          |
|                   | All Comers Welcome   |                          |
| Sunday 26 Jan -   | Mt. Soledad Lassen/Crew Plaque Dedication  | 1300-1400                |



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