



Proclamation of the City Council City of San Diego

Colonel Thomas M. Bedell Day

Presented by Councilmember Marni von Wilpert, Councilmember Kent Lee, &
Councilmember Raul A. Campillo

July 26, 2024

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas M. Bedell, after graduating from the College of William and Mary in 1993 with degrees in English Literature and Sociology and later obtaining a Master's in Economic and Social Studies from the University of Manchester, distinguished himself by joining the US Forest Service to combat forest fires; and

WHEREAS, following completion of The Basic School and Infantry Officer Course, primary flight training, jet training, and AV8B training, Colonel Thomas M. Bedell deployed to Al Jaber, Kuwait in 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and to Al Asad, Iraq in 2004 as part of the 11th MEU; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas M. Bedell joined VMA-211, "The Wake Island Avengers," from 2006 to 2009 where he served as Quality Assurance Officer, Pilot Training Officer, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, and Maintenance Officer and deployed with the Avengers to Iraq in 2006 and to Japan in 2009 as part of the 31st MEU;; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas M. Bedell has been rightfully awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Medal with Strike/Flight Numeral 14, Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various unit and campaign awards; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas M. Bedell went on to undertake a variety of reputable positions: commanding VMR-1, "The Roadrunners," serving as 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Current Operations Officer, followed by assuming the role of Director of the CMC Safety Division, and finally taking command of Marine Corps Air Station Miramar; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Thomas M. Bedell's distinguished career exemplifies dedication and excellence in service to his country, culminating in his impactful leadership at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, where he not only ensured the operational readiness and safety of the base but also fostered strong community relations, significantly contributing to the well-being and security of the city and region of San Diego; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, does hereby proclaim July 26, 2024 to be "Colonel Thomas M. Bedell Day" in the City of San Diego.

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Approved by Council on the 23rd Day of July, 2024