

'Spirit of Liberty Ride for Freedom'

The Spirit of Liberty Foundation and over 200 Southern California Patriot Guard Riders and members of the San Diego Ford Mustang Club celebrated Independence Day and showed their support for America's heroes – armed forces, active duty military, veterans, first responders, police, firefighters, EMTs and health care professionals — by participating in the "Spirit of Liberty Ride for Freedom."

The Opening Ceremony included a blessing from a Marine Corps chaplain, a message from a San Diego police chief, a visit from America's Santa and an emotional "Taps" performance by six buglers and the reading of a letter of congratulations and support from President Trump and the

First Lady.

The 40-mile patriotic ride left Balboa Park with beautiful images of America's Freedom Bell and the Declaration of Independence graphics on a LED truck which traveled up the coast and ended in Oceanside at the Veterans Association of North County to cut America's birthday cake with Oceanside Mayor Peter Weiss, a Pearl Harbor survivor and veteran who served in Vietnam, the Korean War and WWII.

Thousands of patriots clapped and cheered as the procession rode past. The Spirit of Liberty Foundation plans to make this an annual event. — *Spirit of Liberty Foundation*



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Spirit of Liberty Foundation Chairman Richard Rovsek with "America's Santa"