



**Next Meetings**  
 • Monday March 19  
 at Yucca Mesa at 3:00  
 • Monday April 16  
 at Johnson Valley at 3:00

## US Flag travels from Afghanistan to the HVCC



The February meeting of the HVCC was visited by Lt. Col. Timothy Burton, representing the men and women of the VMU-3 Phantoms who received gifts last summer purchased with the generous contributions of so many folks in the Homestead Valley.

He described the deployment of the unit to five very remote areas in Afghanistan, operating surveillance drones. The care packages arrived in reasonably good shape last summer, and were appreciated by all.

Lt. Col. Burton surprised the Council with the presentation of a flag flown in Helmand Province in honor of HVCC on two days very special to the Marines, the day of the death of Osama ben Laden and the 10th anniversary of 9-11. The flag with its certificates will be on display at each of the four community centers in the Homestead Valley during the HVCC meetings.

*Top Left to Right: Third District Supervisor Field Rep Alan Rasmussen; Jim Hanley, JVIA; Linda Wilgues, Landers; Nancy Sammons, David Cooper, YMLA; Tory Preston, FHCA; Earlene McCloskey, YMLA; Betty Munson, Joyce Wheeler, JVIA; Dale fdenburg, FHCA; Lt. Col. Burton, USMC; Rick Sayers, YMLA. Bottom: Lt. Col. Burton presents memorial flag to HVCC President Jim Harvey. Photos by Mike McBride, Alan Rasmussen*

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A scoping meeting held on January 31 in Victorville concerned the planned High Desert Corridor cargo freeway from Palm-Dale to Apple Valley. There was much op-position on many grounds.

Jim Harvey expressed the HVCC position that the Homestead Valley and other areas must be included in environmental studies, because heavy traffic from a 4- to 6-lane highway dumping into Highways 18, 247 and 62 would create many problems for this region.

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