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## Tribute pays respect to vets

Kurt Schauppner, The Desert Trail

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A howitzer stands on display on Adobe Road during Veterans Day services Saturday, Nov. 11.

Veterans and their families were honored at a Veterans Day service Saturday at Veterans Park on Adobe Road.

The city of Twentynine Palms took its turn hosting services this year; next year the honor will go to the town of Yucca Valley.

The Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center provided military equipment, including a Howitzer and a troop transport vehicle, for a display on Adobe Road.

The **San Bernardino County Fire Department** provided a fire engine and the county Sheriff's Department provided three patrol vehicles for residents to examine up close.

A color guard from Headquarters Battalion presented the flags and community theater actress Analisa Pilecki sang the national anthem.

"To all my fellow Marines, happy birthday," Pastor Steven Byrnes said before giving the invocation, which also gave thanks for families of those who serve, including mothers who do double duty as mothers and fathers while their husbands are away.

"We thank you Lord for all of them," he said.

"We remember the thousands upon thousands of men and women who have donned the uniform," Mayor John Cole said in his welcoming address.

"We pay our highest respect to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," he said. "We pay respect to the families who send their loved ones off."

The guest speaker was Col. Ricardo Martinez, chief of staff at the combat center.

He prefaced his remarks by paying tribute to retired Sgt. Maj. Ray Wilburn with whom, he said, he recently had the honor of spending time.

“It was great hearing your stories,” he said. “It is a true honor to share the day with you.  
“We should remember and never forget the thousands of men who came before us.”

Like others he honored veterans families, calling for a round of applause for those who support service men and women.

He also paid tribute to Twentynine Palms and the support it has provided to the combat center.  
“This is one of the most military friendly communities my family and I have lived in,” he said.

After services, participants enjoyed barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by Grumpy Kelleher, of Joshua Springs Church of Yucca Valley.

[http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article\\_b6f38418-ca78-11e7-98a7-57fcfe9d5c4e.html](http://www.hidesertstar.com/news/article_b6f38418-ca78-11e7-98a7-57fcfe9d5c4e.html).

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## Palm Fire Blaze Containment Hits 80% In Desert Hot Springs

Susan C. Schena, Patch Staff

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DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CA – A wind-fanned brush fire, known as the Palm Fire, sparked by a vehicle malfunction in an unincorporated area near Desert Hot Springs, was holding Wednesday at 40 acres and was 80 percent contained.

Flames were reported in heavy brush at 4:11 p.m. Tuesday at several spots east of the intersection of Palm Drive and 20th Avenue, said April Newman of the Riverside County Fire Department. The main blaze quickly blackened about 10 acres, with multiple other spot fires spotted outside the fire line. By about 6:15 p.m., 40 acres had burned.

About 90 firefighters from both Riverside and **San Bernardino counties** battled the flames through the night and had the fire 80 percent contained by about noon Wednesday, Newman said.

The fire spread to several Southern California Edison power poles in the area. An SCE outage map indicated that 22 customers remained without power at midday.

No injuries or evacuations were reported.

<https://patch.com/california/banning-beaumont/palm-fire-blaze-containment-hits-80-desert-hot-springs>

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## **Authorities investigating man's death at rest stop off I-15**

**Staff Reports, Daily Press**

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NIPTON — Authorities are continuing to investigate the death of a man at a rest stop off Interstate 15 Monday afternoon.

Reported at 2 p.m., the incident occurred at the Valley Wells Rest area off northbound I-15. California Highway Patrol officials said they responded to the area after receiving a call of a medical emergency there.

Officers arrived and found a 67-year-old Eastvale man unresponsive, with good Samaritans performing CPR, CHP officials said.

The officers then rendered CPR until **San Bernardino County Fire Department** paramedics arrived and took over. However, they were unsuccessful in reviving the man and he was pronounced dead on scene.

The identity of the man is being withheld pending positive identification and notification of next of kin. Further details weren't available Tuesday.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20171115/authorities-investigating-mans-death-at-rest-stop-off-i-15>