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**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE DEATH OF  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL FELIX GARCIA DIAZ  
CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS**



1. It is with great sympathy that The Adjutant General of California, Major General David S. Baldwin, announces the death of Lieutenant Colonel Felix G. Diaz, California Cadet Corps, on Saturday, 16 October 2021 in Victorville, CA. He was 87 years old.
2. Lieutenant Colonel Diaz was born in Hesperia, California on 12 July 1934 and was a lifelong resident of Victorville, CA. In 1949 he became a Cadet in the California Cadet Corps at Victor Valley High School and rose to the rank of Cadet Captain and graduated in 1953. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army. With a passion for education he earned an Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree, and four lifetime teaching credentials. He began his teaching career in 1961 teaching at all levels, from kindergarten to college, and retired in 1993 from Victor Valley College as a Counselor. Lieutenant Colonel Diaz was also very active in the community serving on the County Fair Board, School Board, City Council and was the founder of the Victorville Veterans Memorial.
3. Lieutenant Colonel Diaz became a Commandant of Cadets with the California Cadet Corps in 1996 teaching at Victor Valley Junior High School and later on at Lakeview Middle School, University Preparatory School and Sixth Street Prep Elementary School until his retirement 2016; at which time he was assigned duties as a Special Projects Officer for the 18<sup>th</sup> Brigade going around to various Cadet Units speaking about servant leadership, loyalty to school and community. Lieutenant Colonel Diaz also served a tour of duty as Brigade Advisor for the 18<sup>th</sup> Brigade (High Desert) for two years. His Cadets were always active in the community providing countless hours of community service and Color Guards all over the High Desert. On average his Cadets performed over 1600 hours of community service and 100 Color Guards each school year.
4. Lieutenant Colonel Diaz devoted his life to his students and his Cadets, inspiring many of them to follow in his path as teachers and Commandants of Cadets. He taught his students well; the precepts he imparted to them and his impact on their lives was both incredible and lifelong. He will be remembered fondly for his heartfelt service, devotion and loyalty, and his memory will long serve as a guidepost to those who had the special privilege of knowing and serving with him.
5. Services are presently scheduled to be held on Thursday, 28 October 2021 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 15512 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Victorville, CA 92395. The Viewing will be from 0900-1000, with Rosary at 1030. Mass will begin at 1100. Immediately following Mass, interment will be held at Victor Valley Memorial Park & Mortuary, 15609 Eleventh Street, Victorville, CA 92395.

Michael J. Smith  
Colonel, California Cadet Corps  
Executive Officer