

# Camp Parks Remembers

On Sept. 18 the community of Camp Parks bid their last farewell to their departed Fire Chief Mark Shippee by conducting a memorial ceremony in his honor.

Fire departments from as far as Monterrey to local departments in the Tri-Valley and surrounding communities were present to pay their last respects. In all about 300 firefighters, Soldiers and civilians were present.

“Chief Shippee was a man who gave”, said Capt. Alex Rivera who is the interim Parks Fire Chief. “He gave a tremendous amount of his time and effort to his work, family and friends he worked tirelessly to ensure that his firefighters were always taken care of.”

During the ceremony Lt. Col. David James and Command Sgt. Maj. Patrick Mckie presented Chief Shippee’s family with The National Colors to commemorate his service in the Navy Reserves and Fire Chief of Camp Parks.

After the memorial everyone gathered at the post fire station for offer comfort to Shippees’ family and to remember his life.

Chief Shippee died on Oct. 30 after a long illness and complications from pneumonia.



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