

TUSTIN HEROES: STORIES OF SERVICE & LEGACY



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EVENT

Movie Night!

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | Clifton C. Miller Community Center

Stop by for some popcorn and a showing of the action movie, *"The Lost Battalion"* (2001 - PG). Did you know? The hero of this military tale, Nelson Miles Holderman, was a Tustin resident!

Nelson Miles Holderman was born in Nebraska on November 10, 1885 and moved to Tustin, California in 1893. He began his military service in Santa Ana's California Army National Guard and served along the Mexican border in 1916. By the time the U.S. entered World War I, he had risen to the rank of Captain.

Holderman and his unit, Company K of the 307th Infantry Regiment, 77th Division, became part of the legendary "Lost Battalion" trapped behind German lines during the Meuse-Argonne Offensive in October 1918. Despite being wounded on three separate days, Holderman repeatedly risked his life to lead, defend, and rescue his men under intense fire. His leadership and valor were pivotal in holding the battalion's position against overwhelming odds.

For his extraordinary bravery, Holderman was awarded the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Mexican Service Medal, World War I Victory Medal, and international honors including France's Legion of Honor, two Croix de Guerre, and high orders from Belgium. He returned a hero in 1919 and later served as commandant of the Yountville Soldiers Home, advocating for veterans until his death in 1953. Holderman remains one of the most decorated American soldiers of World War I.

FUN FACT



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ELIZABETH BUCKLEY AND LORI TURNER - MILITARY WOMEN FROM TUSTIN

Tustin has been home to remarkable women who served our country. Elizabeth Buckley (nee VanBenschoten) was sworn into the U.S. Air Force in 1960 by her father and served as Officer in Charge of the Laboratory at multiple Air Force hospitals, attaining the rank of Captain before settling in Tustin in 1968. Lori Turner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944, served in public relations and clerical roles, and graced the cover of "Tell-N-It to the Marines." After moving to Tustin, she spent over 17 years volunteering at the Tustin Area Senior Center. Check out the linked bios for [Elizabeth](#) & [Lori](#)!



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