## Veterans honored at Moraga **Commons Park**

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Lamorinda residents gathered Nov. 11 at Moraga Commons to honor the men and women who serve in the United States military during the annual Veterans Day ceremony. The Advancement of Color Guard was represented by the Boy Scouts of America Moraga Scout Troops 212, 234, 246 and 249; and Orinda-Moraga Girl Scout Service Unit #327.

In 1926, the U.S. Congress adopted a resolution requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue annual proclamations calling for an observance of Nov. 11. World War I formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

It took 12 years for a Congressional Act to officially make Nov. 11 an annual legal holiday. Originally known as Armistice Day, the name was changed to Veterans Day in 1954. –V. Kochan

## LAA exhibit features abstract paintings and pastels at Samadian Gallery



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"We Should Stay Here," painting by Irenka Kudlicki

## Submitted by Margaret Lucas-Hill

Now through December, engaging abstract paintings by Irenka Kudlicki and alluring pastels by Dalia Alekna will be featured at the newly established Samadian Gallery in Orinda (23 Orinda Way, Suite 301). The gallery is hosted by a local business -Dr. Amin Samadian's Comprehensive and Advanced Dentistry – in support of local artists. Both Lamorinda Arts Alliance artists were members of the Lafayette Gallery and the Diablo Fine Art Gallery. An artist reception is planned from 5:30 to 7:30

p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, and will feature wine tasting from Scout & Cellar, a provider of specialty wines not available in stores. This will be a wonderful opportunity to mingle with the artists and enjoy a taste of specialty wines!

This exhibit is supported by Lamorinda Arts Alliance, a nonprofit organization that supports local artists. For more than two decades, LAA has promoted the visual arts though exhibits in libraries and businesses, at open studio events, street fairs, and lectures, and in the community's art galleries.

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