

## **Award Winning Author, Speaker and Patriot to Address Inland Valley Business Alliance Monday, February 22nd at Antonino's Ristorante Italiano**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA Feb. 17 Tom Ruck, author of Sacred Ground, aa Tribute to America's Veterans, will address the Inland Valley Business Alliance's Ultimate Business Connection, Monday, February 22nd at 11:30 a.m. at Antonino's Ristorante Italiano in Rancho Cucamonga.

All of his royalties are being donated to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund which provides college scholarships to children who lost their parent while wearing the uniform. Additionally, Sacred Ground has recently won three prestigious book awards a Gold Medal from the Military Writers Society of America in non-fiction for 2009; The Overall Grand Prize winner at the Branson Stars & Flags Book awards; and was selected as the winner in the 2009 USA Best Book Awards in the Military History category.

Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Gordon H. Mansfield, presented Ruck with a Special Commendation Award in Washington, DC. "Tom Ruck has brought honor and recognition to America's heroes and the VA," said Mansfield. "His respect and admiration for the service and sacrifices of our veterans and their families is reflected on every page of this book. Sacred Ground has heightened the public's awareness of the courage, commitment and sacrifices of America's Veterans." While in DC Mr. Ruck was presented to the President of the United States for consideration to the position of Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Inland Valley Business Alliance is a non-partisan group of business owners from Claremont on the west to Redlands in the east who are taking an active role in current political issues. The group meets for lunch at Antonino's on the second and fourth Mondays at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located in the northeast corner of the Thomas Winery Plaza located at the corner of Foothill Blvd., and Vineyard Ave., Rancho Cucamonga. Cost for the luncheon is \$15 and reservations can be made on-line at [www.ivbusiness.org](http://www.ivbusiness.org) or call 909-477-6623.

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