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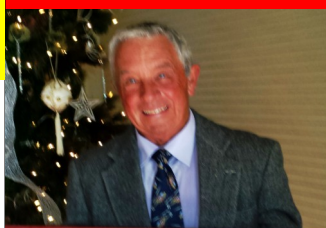
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Cort displays NVA
Flag he captured

LTCOL Cort Bradley Stark receives Fi-
nal Honors at the Miramar National Cemetery in
San Diego, CA. Hundreds of Family and Friends
as well as 50 Harley Motorcycles attended the
Service. Cort was a member of the Old Bold Pi-
lots, the Quiet Birdman, and several Motorcycle
Clubs. His affiliation in each of these organiza-
tions was highly represented with the wonderful
friends, that he made over the years. *Cort spoke
to the Companions of the Holland Chapter in De-
cember of 2014, about helicopters he flew during
the Vietnam War, and the more entertaining flights, that were over-
looked. He also brought our attention to the "Ride to the Wall." A jour-
ney by motorcycle, that originated from Southern California, and ended
at the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Cort made that
journey three times. Cort was an amazing man of spirit and energy.
His email address was marathonman100@..... The truth is, Cort
ran 113 marathons in his lifetime. BGEN. Jim Greshik spoke of
Cort's compassion, kindness, and willingness to help anyone in need.
He never turned down an opportunity to help someone. Jim's daugh-
ter, Shawna sang a most Beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" in
Honor of Cort's Memory.*



(50 Motorcyclists pay tribute)



(Final Honors Rendered)



(Shawna Greshik sings Amazing Grace)



For the Good of the Order

Independence Day Ceremony JULY 4, 2015

ISLAND RANCH JULY 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

**Rancho Bernardo
Veterans Memorial
Webb Lake Park**

Guest Speaker:

**Commander Rick Jordan, USN (Ret.)
Westview High School NJROTC**

National Anthem Sung by:

Samantha Belgium, RB Idol Finalist 2013

**National Bell Ringing Ceremony
posting the 13 original colony flags.**

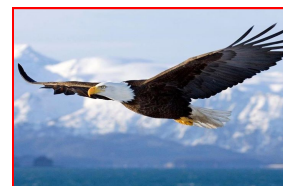
Event begins 10:45 am, July 4, 2015 at Webb Park
in Rancho Bernardo. See the web site for directions and parking instructions.
Seating is not provided. We suggest a lawn or beach chair for your comfort

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From the Guest Speaker Chairman: Carl Swebston.....

“This is the trailer for an upcoming movie on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The trailer is well worth watching. It is a powerful and inspiring true story.”

<http://www.theunknownsmovie.com/>





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Old Bold Pilots

Oceanside, CA

The Old Bold Pilots group meet for breakfast at the Oceanside Denny's off El Camino Real every Wednesday at 0700. The group was founded by four P-47 Fighter Pilots in 1984. This months

"Old Bold Pilot" is Capt Royce Williams, USN (ret) by Ed "MOFAK" Cathcart.

This is the Story as it happened to LT Royce Williams. Royce was assigned to Navy Fighter Squadron 781 (VF-781) in Carrier Air Group 102 aboard the USS Oriskany in Carrier Task Force 77, supporting combat operations against North Korean Communist aggressors who had invaded South Korea and were being driven back towards the Soviet and Chinese borders. VF-781 pilots were flying the latest Grumman models of the Panther Jets, the F9F-5 aircraft. The weather over the task force on November 18, 1952 was 500 feet overcast, visibility obscured estimated 2-3 miles in blowing snow. Radar approaches and departures were required for all operations. Royce was launched in a flight of four panthers, as part of a large three carrier strike group to hit North Korean industrial targets, near the border with the Soviet Union. Multiple bomb runs were successfully executed. Royce was scheduled for a second launch as second section leader in a four plane Combat Air Patrol (CAP) mission. CAP was required overhead the carrier as fighter protection against enemy attacks. The Panthers were to provide protection for Oriskany in the event that hostile aircraft approached the carrier.

The four Panthers launched at 1300 and climbed through the overcast until they broke out at 12,000 feet above the ground (AGL). While still in the clag, the radar air controller radioed the flight that bogies (a flight of aircraft) were 83 miles north and flying on a course directly toward the Carrier Task Force (TSF). The CAP was told to proceed directly towards and intercept the incoming aircraft. While passing 16,000 feet Royce spotted approaching contrails and then seven (7) shiny MiG-15s flying abreast of each other at 35,000 feet or above. LT Elwood, the flight leader, reported his Fuel Pump Warning light was on. The combat Information Center (CIC) directed the Flight Leader to report overhead the Oriskany. LT Elwood passed the lead to Royce and headed back to the CTF with his wingman LTJG Middleton flying as his safety escort. Suddenly the odds went 7 against 4 to 7 against 2. Royce and his wingman, LTJG Rowland, continued climbing toward the approaching MiGs.



At 45 miles from the CTF, the MiGs passed directly overhead and immediately turned left as though going to make a 180 degree turn and return to Vladivostok. The MiGs abruptly, broke sharply back to the 2 F9F-5 jets, split into two groups of 4 and 3 aircraft, and then dove steeply. The MiGs were lost by Royce when they passed contrail altitude. The vapor trails vanished. Royce started a gradual left turn after arriving at the position of the last visual contact. A line of four MiGs suddenly appeared at ten o'clock diving towards them with all guns blinking orange as they attempted to shoot down the Panthers. Royce turned into the first four MiGs and positioned his Panther in gun range on tail-end Charlie. Royce fired a short burst of 20mm canon fire at the trailing MiG. The 20mm impacted the fuselage of the MiG and he fell out the formation trailing smoke and aircraft parts. Royce's wingman trailed the smoking MiG down to 8000 feet, trying to get his guns to fire and his gun camera to function.



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He finally gave up, broke off the engagement and started the long climb back up to his Section Leader. The remaining three MiGs climbed to position for another firing run on Royce. Then they reversed course, rolled in on individual diving runs and commenced firing both 23mm cannons and the 37mm Gun at a great distance away. Royce turned into them again and fired his 20mm, as they flashed by at a very high rate of closure. The other three MiGs joined the fray which had Royce alone, dog fighting six MiGs. While reversing, jinking, and rolling against the Boggie gaggle, Royce could see a MiG locked on his 6 o'clock position. Royce



executed a very hard turn which caused the MiG to overshoot. Royce was firing at every MiG that passed within gun range as they sped by, after taking shots at his tail. Finally, Royce got in a kill position on another MiG and fired off a concentrated burst while watching the HEAP (high explosive armor piercing) rounds detonate on the MiG's fuselage. The disintegrating MiG forced Royce to break away from the debris. Several times Royce tracked an individual MiG and fired rounds that appeared to hit the target. Royce did not follow up on the damaged MiGs but, instead, kept trying to keep his 6 o'clock clear of MiGs while still firing at every opportunity. Royce was tracking and

firing at a smoking MiG when he saw a MiG slip in at close range at his six. Royce called out that he could use some help. Royce rapidly reversed by braking sharply but he could fill the 37mm explode into his aircraft. His Panther was severely damaged. He lost rudder control and had little use of his ailerons. That left him with only one fully operational flight control and that was his elevators. By porpoising the aircraft, he could see 20mm tracers passing above and below and could even see 37mm projectiles as they shot by his wounded Panther. Royce pushed hard over and while still at full throttle made for the 12,000 foot cloud tops. He felt a rush of relief after entering the ominous cumulous. Royce broke out below the clouds and headed for *Oriskany*. As he passed a few of the more than 20 ships of the CTF, some fired on his aircraft. The Panther was hardly airworthy, but Royce hated the thought of ejecting into the icy Sea of Japan. The F9F-5 was controllable above 170 knots and Royce flew aboard the carrier with a lot of help from the Captain of the *Oriskany* lining the ship on the final approach to accommodate the drifting Panther.

Royce was ordered to report to VADM Briscoe, COMNAVFORFAR EAST, at Yokosuka, Japan. VADM Briscoe cautioned Royce that a Top Secret agency called NSA was aboard a Navy cruiser off the coast of Vladivostok and monitored all Soviet communications. NSA told Admiral Briscoe to tell LT Williams that he got at least three of the MiGs. Admiral Briscoe warned Royce to not tell anyone about the Soviet encounter. LT. Royce Williams was given an opportunity to be a hero as a young pilot in combat and he reacted decisively with determination and bold courage. Shooting down four enemy aircraft in combat, in a single mission, is an uncommon accomplishment, in the history of aviation. Royce Williams overcame all manner of hazardous hurdles to complete his mission, and to land his badly crippled aircraft successfully, aboard a pitching deck carrier, in rough seas and bad weather.

Bravo Zulu





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Veterans Celebration

Corona High School (Corona, CA) held their third Annual Veteran's Celebration, May 20, 2015,

The event is an oral history program designed to enrich the lessons taught in their classrooms with real life experiences. Their intention is to celebrate the sacrifice and commitment to country, that our Veterans have given. Mr. Jeff Perry, in conjunction with fellow History teachers, organize and execute this annual event with precision and enthusiasm. Each year, the number of Veterans participating grows. The Celebration begins at 0815, and continues until 1030, after which lunch is provided by *Chick Fila*.

Each Veteran shares their military experiences and life lessons with members of the junior class. Each veteran will enjoy the company of, and questions from, a small group of eleventh grade students. Many veterans wear their military uniforms, bring in pictures during their service, and other memorabilia. The Holland Chapter Commander has participated in this event for the last three years. He is always impressed with the personal dress of each student, their maturity, and sincere respect for the Veterans, with which they share stories and lessons for life.

If you would like to join the Veterans' Celebration next year, contact Mr. Jeff Perry, Social Science Teacher, Corona High School, 1150 West Tenth Street, Corona, CA 92882, (951) 736-3211 (CHS). Mr. Perry's email address is jperry@cnusd.k12.ca.us.



**Adan Limon, Angel Gutierrez, Maia Bonales,
Juniors at Corona HS**



**Adan Limon, Angel Gutierrez, Maia Bonales,
LCDR Nick Herbka USN (ret), Holland Chapter
Commander**



**Ruben Gonzalez, Emmanuel Sahjvaheb, Conner
Bradley, Juniors at Corona HS**



**Ruben Gonzalez, LCDR Nick Herbka, Conner Bradley,
Emmanuel Sahjvaheb**



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Commanders Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter, June 25, 2015, Commanders representing the Holland, San Diego, and Pendleton Chapters, met with Clark Kholos, Southern California Department Commander. The emphasis of the meeting was cooperation and support for joint activities throughout the new year. The meeting was held in the VIP Lounge of the MCAS Miramar Golf Course. The morning was filled with camaraderie, humor and the sharing of ideas and goals. The Holland Chapter agreed to host a December Luncheon/Christmas Party, 2015 and the Red White and Blue 12 Hour Relay in 2016.

San Diego and Pendleton Chapters will host two other future events. This is the year we set our goals on increasing our membership and participation from current members. So far this new year, the Chapter has brought in 2 new members. **Never forget to invite someone to become a member or Friend of the Chapter. Someone just might be waiting for you to ask them to join.**

This Day in History

July

2nd U.S. Army Air Corps established 1926
4th Independence Day
26th Americans with Disabilities Act Signed
27th End of the Korean War 1953

August

2nd Operation Desert Storm began 1990
4th U.S. Coast Guard established 1790
6th First Atomic Bomb Mission Hiroshima 1945
7th Purple Heart Medal established 1782
9th Second Atomic Bomb Mission Nagasaki 1945

Calendar of Events

Business Meeting-July 31st, 0900,
MCAS Miramar VIP Lounge

General Meeting-August 2nd GSP-
Peter Nunez, National Security

National Convention-August 4-9th
Tampa FL.

General Meeting-Sep- 5th GSP-Julie
Keane, Civilian Aviation

General Meeting-Oct 3rd

GSP-Dr. Bruce Charnov, Video His-
tory of Autogiros/Gyro planes

Birthdays

July

3rd Robert Mott
9th Glen Gruel
18th Morton Jacobs
28th Ph-I Landis

August

1st Steven Apple
4th Kay Lettington
7th Edmee Flory
19th Maria Alverson
24th Ken Gross
28th Jack Crittenden

MOWW National Convention will be held in Tampa, Florida,
August 4-9, 2015. Attachments from the email sent out by National have
been sent out to all Companions. Hope to see you there! Make your res-
ervations now and avoid the rush.



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Award of Merit Presented to NROTC Midshipmen of the University of San Diego



Companion Arnold Regardie presents the ROTC Award of Merit to Midshipmen of the University of San Diego (from left to right) Gemsin Morrone (Gold), Christopher Banach (Silver), Cooper Wood (Bronze)



Vice Commander Earl Wentworth presents the JROTC Award of Merit to Cadets from C/Lt John Piliapl and C/Cdr Ainsley Manlapaz from Westview High School NJROTC

Companion Carl Swepston presents Award of Merit to Mar Vista High School NJROTC Cadet Pablo Cuellar





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General Meeting Photos

Companions Friends Guests—May 2, 2015



Installation of New Officers—June 6, 2015



Installation of new Officers was conducted by Clark Kholos, Southern California Department Commander, assisted by past CINC Debbie Kash.

Sworn in (left to right, picture lower left) Commander Nick Herbka, Vice Commander Earl Wentworth, Treasurer Diane Herbka, Adjutant Tom Lettington





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Guest Speakers for August, September, October Meetings

Guest Speaker for August 1, 2015, Peter K. Nunez



Mr. Peter Nunez has an extensive career and experience, in the field of Law Enforcement, transnational crime and terrorism, immigration policy, and criminal justice. He was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1982-1988 as United States Attorney and President George H. W. Bush in 1990 as the Assistant for Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement in Washington D.C. He was also responsible for all law enforcement functions of the Treasury Department, including the Customs Service, the Secret Service, the Bureau of alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Mr. Nunez also served as the Chairman Southwest Border Committee, which had primary responsibility for the coordination of law enforcement activities along the U.S.—Mexican border and chaired Project Northstar on the U.S.—Canadian border.

Guest speaker for September 5, 2015, Julie Keane



Julie Keane is a life long Aviator who shares her enthusiasm and love of flying with all that she meets. Julie has been a Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) since 1987 and has accumulated almost 6,000 hours of instruction given. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot (ATP), Commercial Single Engine Land and Seaplane certificates. She owns a flight school located at Ramona Airport. Julie is privileged to serve the San Diego Flight Standards District Office as a Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) and is a FAA Safety Team member. Julie will talk about her personal experiences and adventures in civilian aviation over the last thirty years.

Guest speaker for October 3, 2015, Dr. Bruce Charnov



Dr. Bruce H. Charnov Ph.D. J.D. FRAeS, CAPT USN (Ret), has published two books on the history of rotary-wing flight and a 4-vol. history of the Popular Rotorcraft Association. Additionally, he has written five monographs and 168 articles dealing with that history. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Vertical Flight History Division of the American Helicopter Museum and is the Historical Editor of "Rotorcraft" magazine. He produced a documentary feature based on his book "From Autogiro to Gyroplane" which won a Telly Award in 2008, and was elected a Fellow of London's Royal Aeronautical Society that same year.



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Awards for May and June



Mr. Bill Weaver—Silver Patrick Henry

The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your Superior Achievements and Dedication to the National Defense and Security of the United States of America, as a civilian Test Pilot for Lockheed Corporation. Your leadership, sacrifice, hard work, and dedication to our Country in the Aerospace Industry were instrumental in the development of new aircraft and defense systems. Your endeavors ensured the security and superiority of this Great Nation, the United States of America. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless your future Service.



Cynthia Smith, DVM—Silver Patrick Henry

The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your Superior Achievements and Dedication to the National Defense and Security of the United States of America, as the Executive Director and Director of Medicine for the National Marine Mammal Foundation. Your leadership, sacrifice, hard work, and dedication to our Country in the Navy Marine Mammal Program, ensures the security of Naval Ships and assets and the capability to protect our coasts and harbors. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless your future Service.



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Team Red White & Blue 12-Hour Team Relay

Team Red White & Blue 12-Hour Team Relay was hosted by Rancho Bernardo High School. The event started at 8:00 am and ended at 8:00pm with a spectacular display of Fireworks. Team Red White & Blue is a National Organization which was created to connect Veterans with their Community through physical and social activities. In San Diego, Kathleen Kennedy and her husband (retired Marine) sponsored the San Diego event. The Color Guard was provided by Westview H.S. NJROTC.



Young families teach and children learn, respect and Love for the American Flag



H.S. students play on the cornhole boards



Don Hersherberger, Adjutant (center) walks with the Football Team



Diane (Treasurer), CDR Jordan, Kathleen Kennedy



CDR Jordan walks with veteran and his puddy dog



Sienna Kelly enjoys the climbing wall



Earl , Vice Commander (far right) walks with CDR Jordan and Friends from Westview H.S.



Ava Kelly stops to pose for a picture



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SAN DIEGO Youth Leadership Conference

The General John P. Holland Chapter supported six students to the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC) in 2015. The conference was held at San Diego State University, June 21—25, 2015. The CEO and President of the SDYLC is Companion Travis Putnam, from the General J. P. Holland Chapter.



Cadets supported by the Gen. JP Holland Chapter. From right to left, Nick Herbka (Commander), C/PO1 Sierrah Grissler, C/LTJG Jacob Halt, C/PO3 Zandi du Preez, C/PO1 Jonathan Bracamonte, C/PO2 Aidan Sanchez, C/SN Nathaniel Mora, Travis Putnam (Director/CEO SDYLC)



Top Student Award presented to Jacob Halt of Westview H.S.



Cadet Nathaniel Mora with Proud Dad, Carlos



Gen. J. P. Holland Chapter Treasurer Diane Herbka, (center) with SDYLC Top Student C/LTJG Jacob Halt from Westview H. S. and C/PO1 Sierrah Grissler, both in the Top Group of this year's SDYLC



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In remembrance of those who "Gave All"

About six miles from Maastricht, in the Netherlands, lie buried 8,301 American soldiers who Died in "Operation Market Garden" in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall/winter of 1944. Every one of the men buried in the cemetery, as well as those in the Canadian and British military cemeteries, has been adopted by a Dutch family who mind the grave, decorate it, and keep alive the memory of the soldier they have adopted. It is even the custom to keep a portrait of "their" American soldier in a place of honor in their home.

Annually, on "Liberation Day," memorial services are held for "the men who died to liberate Holland." The day concludes with a concert. The final piece is always "Il Silenzio," a memorial piece commissioned by the Dutch and first played in 1965 on the 20th anniversary of Holland's liberation. It has been the concluding piece of the memorial concert ever since.

A few years ago the soloist was a 13-year-old Dutch girl, Melissa Venema, backed by André Rieu and his orchestra (the Royal Orchestra of the Netherlands). This beautiful concert piece is based upon the original version of taps and was composed by Italian composer Nino Rossi. <http://www.fliixxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

The sites of Cemeteries where our American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen were laid to rest in the War to Free Europe

1. *The American Cemetery at Aisne-Marne, France... A total of 2289*
2. *The American Cemetery at Ardennes, Belgium... A total of 5329*
3. *The American Cemetery at Brittany, France... A total of 4410*
4. *Brookwood, England - American Cemetery... A total of 468*
5. *Cambridge, England... A total of 3812*
6. *Epinal, France - American Cemetery... A total of 5525*
7. *Flanders Field, Belgium... A total of 368*
8. *Florence, Italy... A total of 4402*
9. *Henri-Chapelle, Belgium... A total of 7992*
10. *Lorraine, France... A total of 10,489*
11. *Luxembourg, Luxembourg... A total of 5076*
12. *Meuse-Argonne... A total of 14,246*
13. *Netherlands, Netherlands... A total of 8301*
14. *Normandy, France... A total of 9387*
15. *Oise-Aisne, France... A total of 6012*
16. *Rhone, France... A total of 861*
17. *Sicily, Italy... A total of 7861*



Total 96,828



For the Good of the Order

“Freedom is Fragile”

Chaplain (MAJ) Dave Korinek



“Freedom is Fragile”

It's the time of year when we gather at ceremonies, speeches, parades, concerts, picnics, ballgames and fireworks displays to celebrate our nation's cherished declaration of independence. Rightly so. Every generation since the founding fathers has participated in this celebration that recalls the first generation of patriots who fought to secure our freedom, as well as generations of patriots in the centuries since that have also sacrificed much to preserve those freedoms.

A quarter century ago, President Ronald Reagan reminded Americans that “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed down to them to do the same.” Sadly, it seems like fewer and fewer Americans are willing to endure personal sacrifice to preserve our nation's freedoms. Less than one percent of our population today serves in the military. They carry a heavy burden on their shoulders. We owe them our thanks and prayers. And we should also pray that God will raise up future generations of patriots willing to share this burden.

President Abraham Lincoln, who governed this country through the greatest period of internal strife it's ever seen, once warned that “America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” Based on events we've seen unfold in recent decades it seems that many in Washington are bent on reinterpreting our constitution and weakening America from within. Our nation's leaders would be wise to take President Lincoln's warning to heart.

However, wise national leaders and a strong military are not enough to guarantee our freedoms. In the final analysis, the greatest guarantee of our freedoms rests in divine providence. History clearly shows that our founding fathers understood the role of divine providence in the establishment of our nation. Subsequent generations of American leaders have also seen the hand of the divine, in the preservation of this great nation. In addition to doing all we can as Americans to defend the constitution and pre-

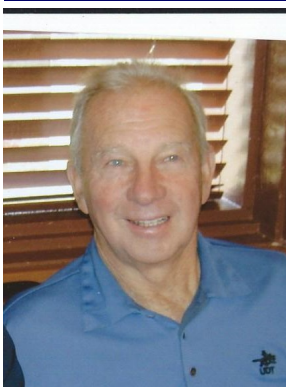


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serve our freedoms, in the final analysis we must entrust them to God for safekeeping.

Dr. Martin Luther, the 16th century church leader and scholar, once said “I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that, I still possess.” In like manner it's time for Americans to take our national motto “In God we trust” to heart. May we and future generations truly entrust our nation into God's hands. It's the only way to ensure that there will be many, many more generations of 4th of July celebrations in this land.

Keep the faith and be a blessing,
Chaplain Dave Korinek



Guest Speaker Chairman Carl Swebston secures Tours of the Navy Marine Mammal Program. Chapter Companions, Family and Friends of the Chapter are invited to participate. The tours will take place in San Diego Bay, in the Navy Marine Mammal Training Program area of operations. Tours are tentatively scheduled for August 7th and August 28th, and may last up to 2 hours. Tours start at 1200. To reserve your place on the tour, contact Carl by email at retseal@sbcglobal.net.

