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Quilt of Valor for Colonel Steve Pisanos

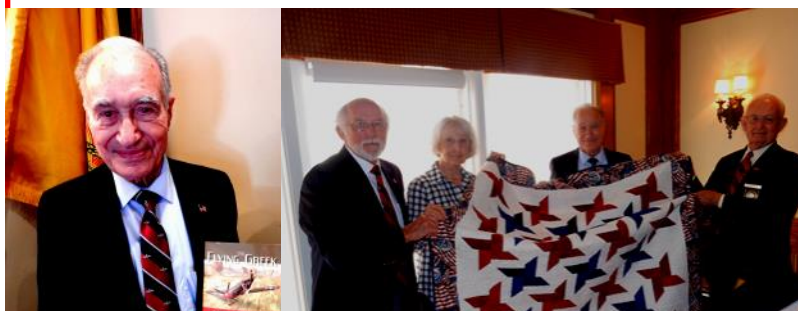
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Steve Pisanos (born November 10, 1919 as Spiros Pisanos is a USAF Colonel (retired) who served successfully as a fighter pilot with the British Royal Air Force (RAF) and the United States Air Force (USAF) 4th Fighter Group. In World War II, Steve was credited with 10 victories and thus considered a double ace. By the end of his career in 1974, he received 33

decorations and distinctions. He is author of the book *The Flying Greek*, published in April 2008, where he has meticulously recorded all of his personal adventures and detailed war fighting experiences. During the war Steve was shot down over France and hidden from the Germans by the French Resistance. Steve remained with the French Resistance, working with OSS agents until the Germans were forced out of Paris.



Steve Pisanos with his
book the "Flying Greek"

Tom/Kay Lettington, Steve Pisanos and
Don Hershberger display Quilt of Valor

Steve Pisanos is a most intriguing man to listen too. His stories are exciting, humorous, and Heart warming. His Patriotism and Love of America is obvious in each and every



Steve displays his Quilt of Honor

word that he speaks. America is Blessed to have such a wonderful immigrant from Greece who "fell in love with "America" and will do everything that he can to defend and protect his "adopted country."



For the Good of the Order

Old Bold Pilots

Oceanside, CA



"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared"

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 Colonel Robert (Bob) Stoffey, USMC. Bob was born in Coaldale, Pennsylvania on December 27, 1934. He graduated from Pennstate University, School of Engineering in 1955. In 1957, Bob was drafted and went to Naval Aviation Flight School, Pensacola, FL. It was here that Bob flew his first of 24 military aircraft in his 25 years of service



Aviation Officer Candidate
Bob Stoffey 1957



SNJ Trainer



1957 The Bell HTL-6 helicopter, used at Ellyson to train helicopter pilots. 4 WEEKS 1



1957 Blades fore and aft—Ready to go up at Ellyson Field. 4 WEEKS 2
A.L.F. ELLYSON FIELD 1957



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OLD BOLD PILOTS *(Continued from page 2)*

In 1958, Bob received his Pilot's Wings and was commissioned as a 2nd LT in the USMC. His first Squadron was HMR-163, where he flew the HRS-3 helicopter, in Oppama, Japan. In 1959, Bob flew the AD-1 Spade in Iwakuni, Japan and in VMO-2, the OE-1 "Bird Dog" and the HOK-1 helicopter on Okinawa.



HRS-3



AD-1 Spade



OE-1 "Bird Dog"



HOK-1

In 1960, Bob took time off from the Marine Corps to marry Eleanor R. Dedinsky, in New York City.

From 1962-1964, Bob flew the H-34 helicopter in HMM-161, Kaneohe, Hawaii. In 1964, Bob was the OIC 3rd Brigade, 1st ANGLICO, Camp Smith, Hawaii and flew the F-9F and the T-33 at Barbers Point. Bob's first deployment to the Republic of Vietnam (1965-1966), he reported to MAG-16, at Marble Mountain Airfield, in DaNang, where he flew the UH-1E and the H-34 helicopters



CH-34



F9F "Panther"



T-33



UH-1E Iroquois

After three years in the States, with a stop at Amphibious Warfare School, Quantico, VA and Base Special Plans and Operations Officer for MCAF Santa Ana, Bob returned to Vietnam for his 2nd Tour of Duty. From 1969-1970, he became a Forward Air Controller with VMO-2, in the OV-10A "Bronco" and the UH-1J "Cobra." In 1971 Bob was assigned to VMO-1 as a Forward Air Controller flying the OV-10A, in New River, NC.



OV-1A "Bronco"



UH-1J "Cobra"

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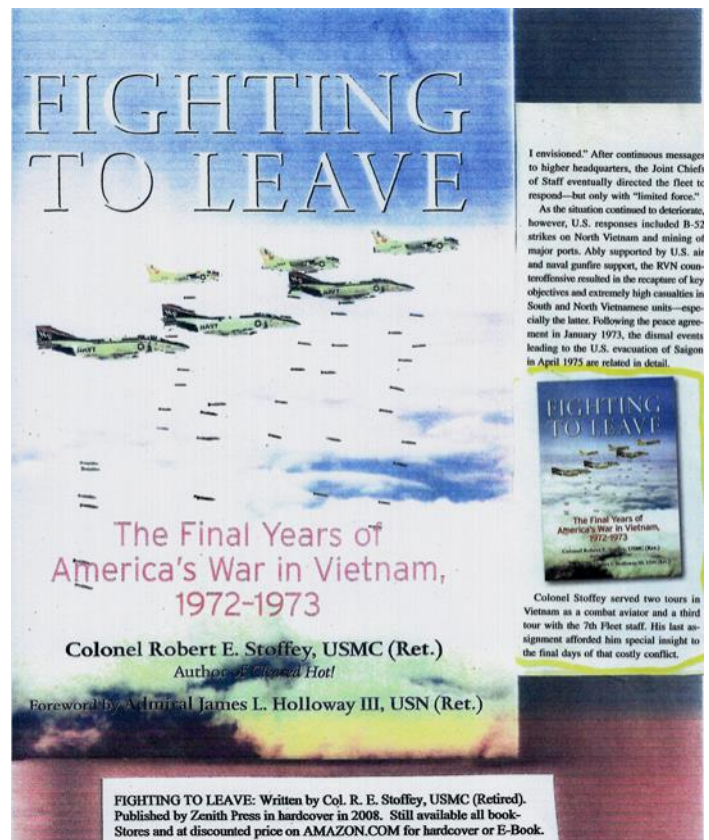
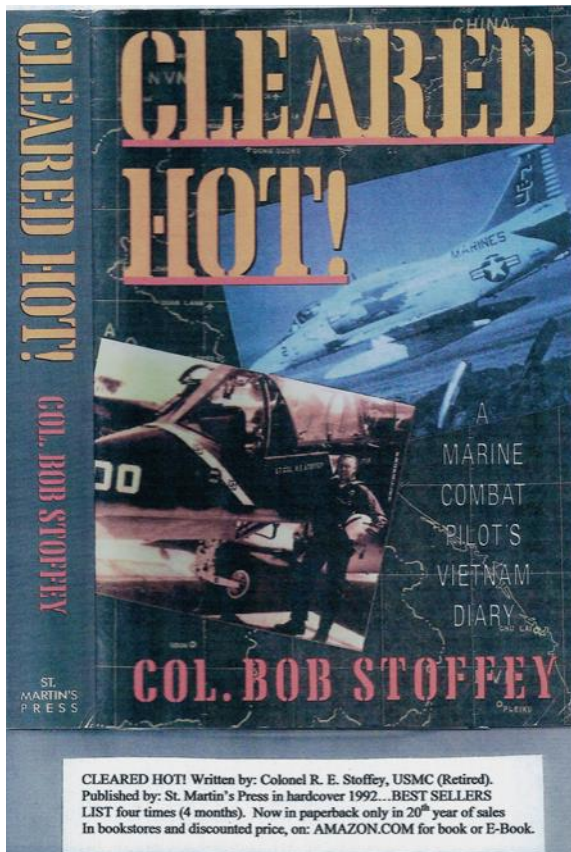
In 1971-1973, Bob was on his third deployment to Vietnam as the Amphibious Warfare Officer and Marine Air Officer on the 7th Fleet Staff of Admiral Holloway, Commander, 7th Fleet aboard the USS Oklahoma City (7th Fleet Flag Ship off the coast of North and South Vietnam).

After his 3rd tour to Vietnam, Bob was assigned as the XO/CO of Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment (three Squadrons), Detroit, Michigan, 1973-1975. Returning to the West Coast, 1975-1977, he served as the CO of VMO-2, Camp Pendleton, CA and XO/CO of MAG-39, Camp Pendleton, CA (1977-1978). From 1978-1979, he served as the Logistics Officer, 1 Marine Amphibious Force (1MAF), Camp Pendleton, CA.

Bob retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1979. **Colonel Robert Stoffey wrote two very exciting and informative books after his retirement.**

Retired from the Marine Corps with the rank of Colonel after flying 25 years in 24 types of aircraft.

Military decorations include: the Marine Corps Medal for Personal Heroism, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and twenty-five Air Medals.



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OLD BOLD PILOTS (Continued from page 4)

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting a gold star in lieu of the second DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS to

MAJOR ROBERT E. STOFFEY

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For heroism and extraordinary achievement in aerial flight while serving as a Pilot with Marine Observation Squadron Two, Marine Aircraft Group Sixteen, First Marine Aircraft Wing in connection with combat operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam. On the afternoon of 23 April 1969, Major Stoffey launched as Tactical Air Controller (Airborne) aboard an armed OV-10 Bronco aircraft assigned the emergency mission of supporting the extraction of an eight-man long-range reconnaissance patrol which was surrounded and had sustained three casualties while heavily engaged in combat with an estimated North Vietnamese Army platoon four miles west of An Hoa. Arriving over the designated area, he was briefed by the Bronco pilot whom he relieved and was informed that the beleaguered Marines were located on a steep hillside and that one of the casualties had fallen over a cliff after having been struck by hostile fire. Requesting fixed wing attack aircraft, Major Stoffey then assumed control of all flights in the area while the previous controlling aircraft returned to its base to refuel and rearm. Skillfully delivering highly effective suppressive fire upon the enemy, he provided cover while the Marines moved down the slope to the base of the cliff to recover their fallen comrade. Undaunted by the adverse weather conditions which restricted visibility and the extremely heavy volume of North Vietnamese fire directed against his aircraft, Major Stoffey fearlessly maneuvered his Bronco on repeated low-altitude rocket and strafing runs and delivered his ordnance and white phosphorous smoke rockets with such devastating effectiveness that the embattled team was able to move to a more suitable pickup site for subsequent extraction. Major Stoffey's courage, superior airmanship and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger were instrumental in the accomplishment of the hazardous mission and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service."

FOR THE PRESIDENT,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "H. W. Buse Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

H. W. BUSE, JR.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL, U. S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC



For the Good of the Order

Navy Marine Mammal Program Tour

March 18, 2016



Holland Chapter Companions and Guests

The San Diego Navy Marine Mammal Program (NMMP) facility is one of three such facilities in the United States. Two more NMMP facilities are found in Bangor, Washington and Kings Bay, Georgia. These facilities train Seals and Dolphins to respond to their trainer's commands. The mammals receive training at the base facility and in open water. These animals are trained to sound the alarm if intruders are detected and are able to put a metal cuff on the intruder's leg, to keep him from evading capture.

Tours of the San Diego facility are open to the public, if scheduled in advance and sponsored by a military person, active duty or retired. The Advanced interns working at this facility are extremely knowledgeable and well spoken. We were fortunate to have Ashley Warkentin as our Tour Guide.



For the Good of the Order

Old Bold Pilot Colonel Jay Walker

Colonel Jay Walker, World War II pilot, passed in his sleep on Sunday, May 1, 2016. Jay was 93 years young. This was one day after Jay had been invited, with fellow “Old Bold Pilots,” to take a (last) flight on a B-17, that Jay once flew and now would ride from his wheel chair. Jay will be missed by all of his fellow Old Bold Pilots. He was a B-17 “Flying Fortress” aviator who never got a “Milk Run” during any of his 35 Combat Flights. As a 1st Lieutenant, Jay was assigned as Group Flight Leader on the most dangerous missions. After being promoted to Captain, Jay was assigned as the Wing Flight Leader, guiding often, hundreds of B-17s over their targets. His leadership was recognized by his superior officers and utilized to ensure the success of the Mission.

THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

IS AWARDED TO

CAPTAIN JAY F. WALKER

Captain Walker distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a B-17G bomber pilot with the 384th Bombardment Group, 8th Air Force from 1 November 1944 to 14 April 1945. During this period, Captain Walker flew thirty combat missions from Grafton-Underwood Airfield in England, to targets deep inside Germany. He was the lead pilot, or deputy lead pilot, on twenty one of these demanding missions. On 30 March 1945, Captain Walker further distinguished himself as Wing Lead/Air Commander of a formation of one hundred and fourteen B-17 aircraft tasked with destroying submarine building yards in Bremen, Germany. Despite heavy anti-aircraft defenses, and marginal weather conditions over the target area, this mission resulted in catastrophic damage to a strategic military complex; further crippling the enemy war effort. His outstanding leadership contributed directly to a minimum loss of aircraft and air crews. Captain Walker's keen professional competence; coupled with his superlative aviation skills, and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself; the United States Army Air Force, and the United States of America.



Colonel Jay Walker poses in front of a B-24 “Liberator” with fellow “Old Bold Pilots.” Jay rode in a B-17 “Flying Fortress” on his last flight in the aircraft, he once piloted. Jay also flew the B-17 in WWII.



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In Honor of the Military Helicopter Pilot

Only a handful of people have won both the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes in literature. One of them was iconic American novelist John Steinbeck. His incredible body of work stretched from “Tortilla Flat” to “Of Mice and Men”, “Grapes of Wrath”, “Cannery Row” to “East Of Eden.” He had a gift for the language that few, before or since have possessed.

Not widely known is the fact that in 1966-67, a year before his death, he went to Vietnam at the request of his friend Harry F. Guggenheim, publisher of Newsday to do a series of reports on the war. The reports took the form of letters to his dear friend Alicia Patterson, Newsday's first editor and publisher. Those letters have been published in a book by Thomas E. Barden, Vietnam veteran and professor of English at the University of Toledo. The book is entitled, “Steinbeck on Vietnam: Dispatches From The War.”

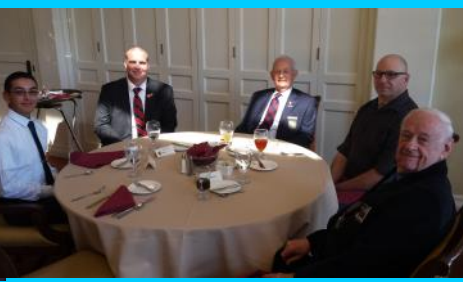
On January 7, 1967, Steinbeck was in Pleiku, flying with Shamrock Flight, D Troop, 10th Cavalry:

“...We are to move to the Huey of Major James Patrick Thomas of whom it is said that he has changed the classic sophist's question to how many choppers could Thomas sit on the point of a pin. Alicia, I wish I could tell you about these pilots. They make me sick with envy. They ride their vehicles the way a man controls a fine, well-trained quarter horse. They weave along stream beds, rise like swallows to clear trees, they turn and twist and dip like swifts in the evening. I watch their hands and feet on the controls, the delicacy of the coordination reminds me of the sure and seeming slow hands of (Pablo) Casals on the cello. They are truly musicians hands and they play their controls like music and they dance them like ballerinas and they make me jealous because I want so much to do it. Remember your child night dream of perfect flight free and wonderful? It's like that, and sadly I know I never can. My hands are too old and forgetful to take orders from the command center, which speaks of updrafts and side winds, of drift and shift, or ground fire indicated by a tiny puff or flash, or a hit and all these commands must be obeyed by the musicians hands instantly and automatically. I must take my longing out in admiration and the joy of seeing it.” Sorry about that leak of ecstasy, Alicia, but I had to get it out or burst.”



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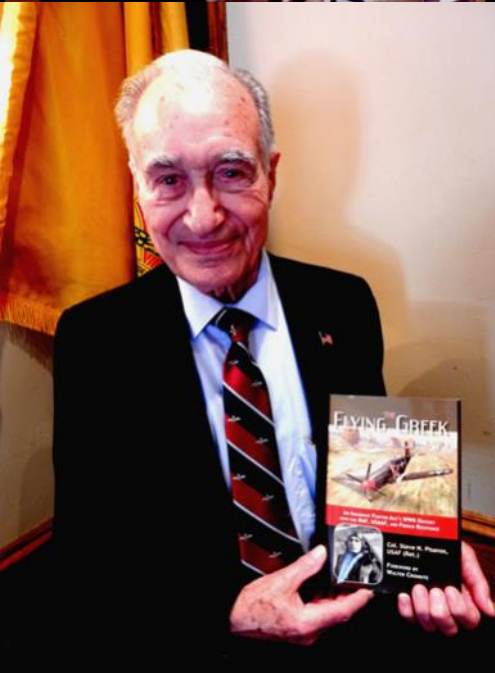
Pictures from March Meeting





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Pictures from April Meeting





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Commanders Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter—This is the month we talk about and take action to support the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC). March 5th, the CEO and President of the SDYLC, and Holland Chapter member, Travis Putnam, addressed the Holland Chapter on the details of the SDYLC for 2016. Our Companions and Friends donated \$1400. A MOST important part of our Preamble is “To promote and further patriotic education in our Nation.” I also believe that donating to send Our young Men and Women to the SDYLC is one of the best ways to invest in the Future of our Great Country, the United States of America. The Staff Officers agreed, at our last Business Meeting, to expand the number of Students we send to the SDYLC. I ask each and everyone of our Companions and Friends of the Chapter to open up their hearts and give what they can to make this year a great success. Last year we helped six students to attend this most dynamic and inspiring Conference. This year this number will increase to eight. Please send donation to SDYLC, 15561 Paseo Jenghiz, San Diego, CA 92129. I also invite our membership to attend some portion of the Conference, June-28—1July.

This Day in History

May

4th Battle of Coral Sea begins 1942
6th Bob Hope’s 1st USO Show, March AFB, CA 1941
8th V-E Day 1945
30th Memorial Day observed

June

1st Soviet “Iron Curtain “ isolates West Berlin 1952
4th Battle of Midway begins 1942
6th D-Day 1944
14th US Army established 1775

Calendar of Events

General Meeting-May7th

GSP – Capt Tom Reeve—
Can Capitalism reduce
poverty and challenge sec-
ular terrorism.

Business Meeting—May 26th, 0900, Dennys MCAS

General Meeting-June 4th,

GSP– VADM Dan Marto-
glio, US-China Relation-
ship

Birthdays

May

NONE

June

5th Diane Herbka

Anniversaries

4th Kay and Tom Lettington

NONE





For the Good of the Order

Guest Speakers for May-LCDR Tom Reeves

“Can Capitalism Defeat Poverty and Challenge Secular Terrorism?”



“What does a review of economic and political history over recent decades demonstrate about the possibility of people in extreme poverty rising out of their poverty? Can a process that permits the extremely poor to rise out of their poverty, also deny recruits of secular terrorists? The speaker, distinguishing capitalism from cronyism will show, that when permitted, capitalism enabled 1,000,000,000 (billion) people to rise out of extreme poverty. Using an example, the Peruvian defeat of the Shining Path terrorists, the speaker will show that aggressive military opposition coupled with capitalism-expanding national economic opportunity can deny recruits for and defeat secular terrorists. He will also suggest lessons learned.”

Tom Reeve graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1969. As a Surface Warfare Officer he deployed to the western pacific. He was selected for and attended law school, where he was a teaching assistant in International Law to Thomas Buergenthal, former Judge of the International Criminal Court. After law school, he served in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (including 3-1/2 years in Spain), where he handled foreign criminal jurisdiction matters, command advice, and defended/prosecuted courts-martial (becoming the Navy's West Coast major case prosecutor).

Later, at the Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, San Diego law firm, he focused on complex litigation and also represented the family of un-retained POW, Colonel Shelton. He was appointed an Assistant United States Attorney, where he tried federal civil cases (Constitutional torts, medical malpractice and personal injury/death claims, agency matters, and border fence cases), and was a Department of Justice civil trial and continuing education instructor. Admitted by examination to the New York, Washington, D. C., and California Bars, he is also a Barrister of the American Inns of Court.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker June 4th US-China Relationship



Vice Admiral (VADM) Martoglio is an advisor, speaker, lecturer, and mentor to a wide variety of activities including academic, healthcare, and civic organizations, as well as the US Government. Drawing on his extensive background leading large elements of our US military, VADM Martoglio's focus is on national security affairs and leadership.

VADM Martoglio spent about half of his military career in the US Navy at sea in cruisers, destroyers, and aircraft carriers. While at sea, he commanded USS FITZGERALD (an Aegis destroyer), Destroyer Squadron Twenty-Three (during the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom), and the RONALD REAGAN Aircraft Carrier Strike Group.

VADM Martoglio spent the other half of his career developing strategy and policy, fostering international relations, and conducting operations, initially for the US Navy then for all US military forces. His real-world responsibilities included crisis management, strategic planning, contingency planning and execution, military force management, US Government interagency operations, strategic leadership, international relationship management and coalition building, and civil-military planning and operations.

VADM Martoglio is recognized as one of the Defense Department's preeminent strategic thinkers, with proven expertise in contingency planning, international relations, and operations execution. In addition to five tours of duty at the Pentagon, he has served in Asia, the Middle East, and, most recently, in Europe as the Deputy Commander of all US military forces in Europe, Eurasia, and Israel. Previously, he had served as the Director for Operations (J3) at U.S. Pacific Command. In various capacities he has developed the US Navy's Strategic Plan, led security-related organizations through significant change, headed the planning effort for some of our nation's most complex contingency plans, and has overseen the integration of the US Government Interagency into Defense Department operations in both Asia and Europe.

VADM Martoglio is a 1978 graduate of the US Naval Academy. He also served as the senior Mahan Scholar at the US Naval War College, graduating with highest distinction and earning a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. VADM Martoglio retired from the US Navy in 2014 after 40 years of service. He and his wife, Darlene, a multi-award-winning commercial banker, are active in the San Diego community and live in Coronado, California.

Region XIV 2016 Convention

The Region XIV 2016 Convention will be held in **Thousand Oaks on June 24** (dinner and social) & business in the morning, perhaps Red, White & Blue Ball in evening. Any Companion interested in attending our Region's convention, please reply by May 7th. Please contact Ed Holt for more details. Your RSVP doesn't represent an unchangeable decision, just your best evaluation at this time.

LT Ed Holt, USNR (former), Adjutant, Region XIV, MOWW

295 Bethany Court, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360-2013

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For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker August 6th

Tom Marshall - Evolution of Presidential Power

Captain Tom Marshall will follow the “Evolution of Presidential Power” from its initial definition in the Constitution to present day. He gives examples of how it has expanded over the years beginning from Jefferson to Lincoln, FDR, Eisenhower and Johnson to President Obama. Captain Marshall explains the actions taken by each of these presidents, which was not specifically given to the president in the constitution, and how each justified their actions. He also cites how each of these actions have become a precedent for actions taken by later occupants of the Oval Office.

Captain Thomas J. Marshall, Jr. MC USN, retired from active duty in December of 2011. During his 24 years of service, he commanded a combat medical unit during the assault phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, served as Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Naval Medical Center, San Diego (2006-2008) and served aboard ten ships including four aircraft carriers, five amphibious assault ships and a submarine. In addition to his Medical Degree, he also has a Masters Degree in Military History. Since his retirement he has served the San Diego Chapter as Senior Vice-Commander and is presently Chapter Historian.

Military Records/DD-214 Update 05 ► Available Online

It's official; DD-214s are NOW Online. Please pass on to other vets. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> or try <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>. This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time. [Source: Vet Council - St Johns Cnty FL | Michael Rothfeld | March15, 2016 ++]



For the Good of the Order

Awards for March and April



Letter of Appreciation Gerdy Ungerer

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for the sharing the incredible story of an extraordinary 13 year-old Dutch girl, You, who was taken from her home and imprisoned in a Japanese

Interment Camp. Your stories of terror and triumph made us laugh and cry. We wish you the Very Best in your future endeavors.



Letter of Appreciation Steve Pisanos

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank for sharing your incredible story of your journey from Greece to the United States as an extraordinary Aviator and Ace with ten victories. We were most intrigued with your adventures with the French Underground and Service with the OSS. We

wish you the Very Best in your future endeavors.



For the Good of the Order

Rancho Bernardo Veteran's Memorial Association

Rancho Bernardo Historical Society
11th Annual



Pancake Festival

Honoring Our Military

Monday, May 30, 2016

at **Webb Lake Park** in Rancho Bernardo

- ★ Pancake Breakfast 8 am - 11 am
- ★ Veterans Memorial Ceremony 11 am

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★ FREE to veterans,
active military and
children under age 3

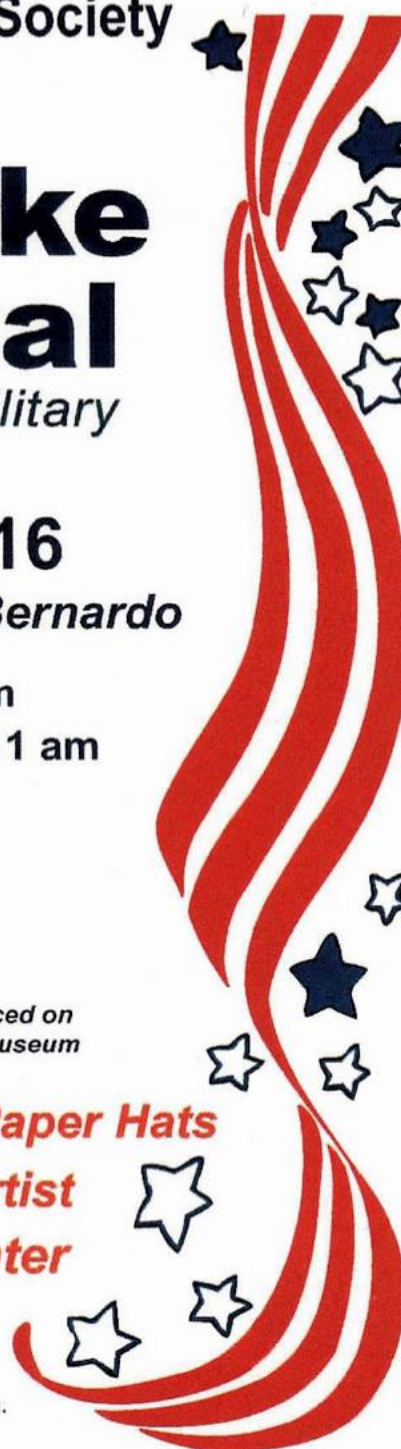
★ Bring your military photo to be scanned and placed on
The Wall of Honor at the RB Historical Society Museum

- ★ **Live Music**
- ★ **Patriotic Paper Hats**
- ★ **Raffle Prizes**
- ★ **Balloon Artist**
- ★ **Tile Painting**
- ★ **Face Painter**



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Chaplain's Corner



Rabbi Dr. Bruce H. Charnov, Ph.D. J.D. FRAeS

“Blinded by The Light”

“Blinded by the light” is a song with virtually unintelligible lyrics and a catchy-refrain – so much so that few remember that it was written by Bruce Springsteen, admittedly the product of lightly tripping through a rhyming dictionary and appeared on his 1973 debut album *Greetings from Asbury Park*. While eventually critically received (named by *Rolling Stone* as #379 of the 500 greatest albums of all time), it only sold 25,000 copies the first year. Recorded by others with slightly altered but not-more-understandable lyrics, the song would go on to great success with the almost hypnotic refrain “Blinded by the light . . . “ And the truth is that light does blind . . . it’s part of the essential nature of light that it travels approximately 186,000 miles *per second* while sound pokes along at 1,126 feet/second – thus common wisdom tells one to count the seconds between seeing the lightening and hearing the thunder – for every five seconds, the lightening is approximately a mile away.

But **the speed of light** also begins to explain essential facts of human development – what we *see* is more important (for survival) than what we hear because that information is available much quicker – the optic nerve is the shortest neural pathway into the brain and the brain’s interpretative centers of visual data are located much closer to that nerve entry into the brain – evolutionarily, human beings are ‘wired’ to evaluate and value visual information much more quickly than auditory input – so the old adages of “I’m from Missouri, *show me!*”, “actions speak louder than words” and even the motto of the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point “Acta Non Verba” (deeds, not words) are truisms. And this may begin to explain a mystery found in the Ten Commandments.

Exodus 20:12 commands that one should: “Honor thy father and thy mother: that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee” The mystery flows from the wording – it does not command honoring one’s parents so that *their* days will be long upon the land, but that *your* days be extended. So how is this to be . . . ? That is the question, and perhaps the following story (one of many versions) illustrates the power of the speed of light in all of this:

A man married later in life, and to his joy, became the father of a delightful son. And the man, his wife, son, and aged father lived in the same house which was blessed by good fortune. The wife came to her husband and suggested that as they now dined on fine china and drank from crystal, they spare the aged and increasingly infirm father any embarrassment of breaking their expensive furnishings by providing him with a low table, a wooden bowl and spoon to eat with. This made sense to the husband who did as suggested, and so it was for several years until the father faltered and eventually passed away. The father’s table, bowl and spoon were put out to the curb, but the husband saw his beloved son moving the table, the spoon and bowl back into the garage. Puzzled, he asked his son the reason for recovering that which had been discarded upon the father’s death – the son replied “I am saving the table, the bowl and spoon so that when you are old and come to live with me, you will have something to eat with.”

So the Biblical commandment makes brilliant sense – our children learn to honor us when they *see* how we honor *our* parents. Truly in honoring our parents, we show our children how to honor *us* and make *our days* long upon the earth. **Actions really do speak louder than words . . . and have consequences too!**