WINGS



News

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Welcome Aboard

The Wings News

It's always a wonder, and amazing adventure to witness the birth of an idea that quickly grew into a real news letter. We need to be informed. The members of Wings over Wendy's deserve to know all the things that keep us involved.

Art Sherman and the Thursday lunch guys met at the West Hills Pizza Company on Fallbrook and talked about the content of this rag. Neil Baliber our publisher had a masthead design on his computer. Art had four different places that "WOW" was invited to attend, and Ed Moreno had just interviewed Ed Nolan for a story about his life.

Then the conversation turned to who was going to pay for the printing and as usual our mediator and fearless leader came up with an answer, "we need a sponsor" and I piped in, and a place for paid advertisement.

All this was said in jest until Howard and Neil went to talk with the owner Steve.

In a short time they came back with a business card and \$10.00 for the printing of the Wings News.

It was like a our gang comedies of years ago, or a Mickey Rooney saying to Judy Garland in the movie Babes In Arms, "Let's Put On A Show".

Well we're still here and we all get damn early every Monday morning to take part in our twelve year old organization. I have great concern for the good health and well spent days of fellow members. The Wings News will help us come together for a long and bright future.

Fred Kaplan April 24, 2014 Editor Master at arms

*New Members*Ethel Margolin, Robert A Williams,
Ramoth Mosley.

Looking for Volunteers to Call Shut-ins:
Please let Shirley Andrews know if you will do this

Members In Retirement Homes

Clint White, Al Yossel, Bill Krause, Bud Lindal & Al Gorenbein

Welcome Back: Richard (dick) Kinder

Those Unable To Come Or Need Rides:

Darrell Huston, Hugh Stevens, George Jacobs, Alan Hitterdal, & Al Olivari, Dale Stephens

Possible Future trip

Trip to see the Space Shuttle, using the light rail system, will cost \$2.50 if return is started by 3pm, after 3pm \$3.40. Date to be determined

May 21 Wednesday 8:30am Memorial Service at St. Marten's School 7136 Winnetka Ave. Winnetka, CA

May 24 Saturday 9:45am Valley Beth Shalom 15739 Ventura Blvd. Encino, 91436, lunch at noon panel discussion at 12:30pm. Info Harvey Keenan 818-480-1800.

May26 Monday 9:00am Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade Starts at Sherman Way & Owensmouth Fred Kaplan in charge.

June 7 Saturday 10:00am 70 th Anniversary at Berth 49 in San Pedro for WWII Veterans and their guests. We will tour the SS Lane Victory, Art Sherman has Info

June 21 Saturday 3:00pm to 5:00pm Conversations With Heroes at the Studio City Library, located at 12551Moorpark St. Studio City, Barney Leone and Lee Levitan will be the speakers.

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There he was. This decorated U.S. Marine who served in the South Pacific. He sat stoically in the booth by the window reading the L.A. Times. Ed has been walking every day to McDonalds for many, many years from Sale and Kittridge Streets. He is in very good health for a young man of 90 plus. He greeted me and asked me to join him

Before I started the interview, Ed began to spell out his involvement . . . in the Battle of the Philippines, the Battle of Leyte's, the Battle of Mindoro and the Battle of.. .

"Hi Ed!" interrupted his exploits as an aviation mechanic attached to the 1st Marine Air Wing. The tennis lady began to speak to us. Soon a mutual friend who was having problems with a neighbor's fence joined us. Ed, the tennis lady and I gave him advice.

This friendly Marine proudly added that he had a total of 4 Bronze Stars on his Asian Pacific Ribbon. This also included his tour in China. His Air Wing also received a Presidential Commendation. He bragged about how Japanese Admiral Yamamoto was sending over 40,000 troops to the Philippines and his First Marine Air Wing sunk all of the Japanese ships.

As a kid he enjoyed making model airplanes...some even flew. Next Ed began to outline his training at an aviation school in 1940 before he enlisted.

"Hey guys, let me tell you this story about these two characters!" Pat then continued to tell his joke as if he were on stage playing the role of Hamlet or Othello. After a few chuckles, Ed and I applauded and Pat left. This young senior shared his favorite music; "Call Me" by Tom Jones, "I'll

Never Smile Again" was his wife's and his favorites. Perhaps out of Ed T. Nolan's collection of 2000 records, tapes, and CDs, the Nelson Riddle arrangements of Frank Sinatra favorites surface the most memories. Ed continued to recall his favorite actors and actresses. It included Humphrey Bogart, Judy Garland, Elizabeth Taylor and especially Vivian Leigh in "Gone With The Wind."

"Let me tell you another one," whispered Pat as he returned and leaned on the table. As soon as Pat left, Ed got up to open the doors to the playground for two little boys, He started to explain his training at the Aero Technical Institute in Glendale in order to expand his knowledge and skills as an aviation mechanic.

"Hey guys" broke his train of thought. It was our mutual friend Howard. After a few comments, Ed and I had appointments. I drove him to his son's home on Kittridge

Perhaps at another time he will share why he had wives. Maybe he will recount the different planes he worked on.

> Ed Moreno April 27, 2014

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The 100 dollar entrance fee for the Memorial Day parade will be waved by the CPK/West Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you Boyd Davis, WOW and Chamber of Commerce Member.

Viset his Next Chapter Book Store to say thanks @ 21616 Sherman Way CP, 818-347-7685.

Fred Kaplan

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