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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
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Postscript, Prop'wash

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