

The Judge

The meeting was over. Some members left and others were milling around chatting about their experiences. Then I heard a commanding voice ask . . .

“Do you want to have Chinese for lunch?” inquired Don Foster.

“Sure”, I replied, where?”

To make a long story short, we ended up at P.F. Chang sharing Honey shrimp and Almond chicken dishes. I had brown rice and Don had white rice. We returned to his home in his electric Volt so he could relate his life as a judge.

In his family room he pointed to his grown children – three girls and his son. Next to the kids is the photo of his very lovely wife, Elayne. They were married sixty-three years. The judge pulled out two Drumsticks out of the fridge. His will help him remember and mine will help me spell the big words.

His law career began in 1947 by his attending La Salle Law School in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He did not finish because he was hired as a statistician at North American Aviation in Inglewood, Calif.

He finished his law studies at Southwestern Law School. It is the deco Bullock’s building on Wilshire Blvd. His employment at these times consisted of investigator, claims adjuster and finally when he passed the bar he joined the legal department at triple A. Later at the National Auto and Casualty Co. he served as their Chief Counsel. He continued growing professionally by joining several private law firms. At these firms Don Foster handled the workmen’s compensation cases. While employed as a general practice lawyer in Beverly Hills he took a judge’s exam and placed on the list.

In 1972 he became a judge handling all workmen’s compensation cases in Bell Gardens. He was promoted to presiding judge in Norwalk in 1982. He continued to make decisions about workmen’s compensation cases until he retired at age 70 in 1991.

This very experienced civilian and military pilot and most distinguished judge is not sitting back on his laurels. Let me list a few activities he engages in.

1. He has been an advisor to law firms.
2. He has studied and advised firms how to use computers to expedite workmen’s compensation cases.
3. He is busy with the Shiners and active in the Hollywood Lodge of the Masonic Order.
4. He enjoys participating in Dandelions - a flying club of military pilots who have flown all classes of planes and helicopters. He is active in Wings Over Wendy’s.
5. He has a great interest in computer clubs.
6. His call letters are KA6 TJK. On Okinawa, I used the call letters J9AAW.

PS I used them only when (our CO) Lt. Ed Day was safely asleep at 3:00 a.m. in his quarters. He never solved how he was talking to a ham in Argentina in Spanish.

7. Finally he reminded me of his favorite hobby – touring the United States on his motorcycle at 70 years of age. He has gone to Canada six times and even rode on his bike to T.J., Mexicali and Ensenada.

As the dialogue finished, I wondered how much more the judge would have remembered if it would have been a dish of chocolate rocky road with nuts and marshmallows instead of a simple Drumstick.

Ed Moreno
Reporter

Clyde's Table

We have suffered a loss with the recent passing of Clyde East. For the past ten years, he was the charming Virginia gentleman who shared "WOW" breakfasts with Steve Politis and me.

We always had our special table. Each of these men have greeted me as a "pal" and living veteran of WWII, as a wife and widow of T/Sgt Henry Stone, who was a meteorologist in the CBI theater in India. So many times in the past Clyde would take my hand, and kiss it in a graceful good bye. Well farewell old friend and happy landings.

Alice K. Stone
Wings News proofreader

September Limerick

It was early last September as near as I can remember
while strolling down the lane in tipsy pride.
Not a word did I utter as I lay down in the gutter,
And this pig came up and lay down by my side.

Not a soul was I disturbing as I lay there by the curbing
When this high toned lady stopped and I heard her say
You may tell someone who boozes by the company he
chooses.

And the pig got up and slowly walked away.

-Unknown Awesome Person

A Letter to the Editor 57th Bomb Wing Journal

Dear Victor (editor 57th Bomb Wing Journal)

Nice talking to you this morning. About the group of veterans, mostly aviation, however any branch of service of course is welcome. “We are called Wings over Wendy’s”, named after a fast food restaurant in West Hills, CA. Two WWII veterans got together one morning for coffee, telling their stories in 2002. Then the group grew into our 100 members now. We get together every Monday morning from 9-10:30. The Wendy's owners allow us to use their facility. We do our salute, our pledge to our country, and then we welcome new members.

We have a raffle, donated things pertaining to the service, books, movies, whatever, and a lot of fun. As an enthusiast of the warbirds of WWII and the plotting of them. Attending any air show close enough drive there. I frame the photos and put them in the ticket drawings.

Now we have, important and famous guest speakers. We also have the honored hero, medals Pilot of the P51. He has a section of wall at the Reagan Library (Clyde East) Simi Valley, CA. Anyways my Dad Lt. Robert "Keith" Murchland pilots of the B25J, "Ruptured Duck" a LM of the Tourn. 447th squadron 331 Bomb group. Article about him in the summer 2013 Issue page 9. A member will tell a story of his or her war events of all sorts- catasthorpic, heroes, POW to hunger- act- We are getting better known and are growing. A lot of WWII, Korea & Viet Nam, veteran heroes. Donuts & coffee, bagels & cream cheese. Monthly birthdays acknowledged with cake "Wings over Wendy's" was in the Memorial Day parade in Canoga Park and I decorated my 1952 five window pickup, Chevy truck & rode my 9 year old grandson "Adam" & self in the bed. And my son Tracy Bisset drove. It was the hit of the parade "old blue" I call the truck. Kindly Rusty & tattered like most of us. I looking forward to the reunion in Dallas, my dad & I plan to attend, for sure. Signing off for sure now I am M Peggy Jean Bisset



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- Neil Huston-September 26, 1931
- Terry Beushausen-September 11, 1930
- George Jacobs III September 19, 1935
- Gil Rendon-September 1, 1921
- Barney Leone-September 25, 1924
- Tack Kenned-September 23, 1924
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- Dale Edmundson-September 16, 1932
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Correction
Letter from the Editor

The Wings staff and I are very proud of our monthly presentations.
Please accept our apology for the incorrect spelling and faulty printing in this issue.
We are new at this, and we always endeavor to do our very best for all of our veterans and their families.
Thank you for understanding.

Fred Kaplan
Neil Baliber
and Staff