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Howard Swerdlick, Ed Reynolds, Mike LaVere, Fred Kaplan, Lazar Saunders Photo by Harlis Brend

#### **COSTCO Pre-Black Friday Sale**

On November 17th we took advantage of Costco's preblack Friday sale on Samsung 55inch TVs and purchased one for the Wings Over Wendy's Monday meetings. Ron Ross gave us permission to install the TV on the northwest wall of his restaurant, so on Saturday, November 18th, Fred Kaplan and Ed Reynolds installed a full range bracket on the wall. They were then assisted by Mike LaVere in attaching the TV to the bracket. Howard Swerdlick and Lazar Saunders then arrived and along with Fred installed the power cord to the set. Mike configured the set to receive HDMI input from a speaker's laptop.

It was a total team effort to find a discount, purchase and install the set and enjoy a Saturday morning. (You can never have too many electricians in an organization.) Reported by Ed Reynolds

### November Group Events **November 1, 2017 Castlebay Lane Charter Elementary School Patriotic Assembly**



Photo by Elaine Woo

Wings Over Wendy's was invited to over 20 events honoring veterans during the month of November. The first event was on November 1st at the Castlebay Lane Charter Elementary School Patriotic Assembly in Porter Ranch. Bob Stiles, Ed Reynolds, Dick Kinder, Patric Daly and Richard Hernadez attended the assembly, were awarded certificates and letters of appreciation.

## **November 4, 2017** Canoga Park Women's Club Veteran's Luncheon



On Saturday, November 4th over twenty Wings Over Wendy's members attended the Canoga Park Women's Club Veterans Luncheon. Among the attendees were David Alvarez, Shirley Andrews, Mark and Jeanne Ax, Neil Baliber, Peggy Jean Bassett, Duane Buckley, Patrick Daly, Howard Davis, Jerry Detamore, Fred Kaplan, Lou Kridelbaugh, Elmo Maiden, Tom and Rebecca Maiden, (Continued Page 2)

Ethel Margolin, Ed and Barbara Moreno, Richard Raskoff, Ed and Judy Reynolds, Bob Stiles, and Alice Stone. Honorary members State Senator Henry Stern and Councilmember Bob Blumenfield were among the featured speakers.

## November 8, 2017 Carlos Santana Arts Academy Veterans Assembly



Students presenting Bill Ratner with a handmade flag

Bill Ratner and Bob Donovan along with members of the VFW and American Legion attended the Carlos Santana Arts Academy Veterans Assembly on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. They were honored and participated in the assembly.

#### San Fernando Valley Academy

Three members of Wings Over Wendy's attended the Veterans Assembly at the San Fernando Valley Academy in Northridge. They were warmly received and so impressed that they have invited Wings Over Wendy's members to attend their annual Christmas Concert on December 8th at 7:00 p.m. Their location is 17601 Lassen St, Northridge CA 91325.

#### West Valley Christian School

Also on November 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am Ron Boggess and David Plumb of Wings Over Wendy's attended the Veterans Day Chapel at the West Valley Christian School, West Hills.

## Los Angeles City Council Honors City Veterans On November 8th in City Hall the Los Angeles City

On November 8<sup>th</sup> in City Hall the Los Angeles City Council members honored veterans leading up to Veterans Day as "Veterans of the Year" in their respective districts. Councilmember Bob Blumenfield nominated Ed Reynolds from Wings Over Wendy's for the honor in his district.



Bob Blumenfield presenting a Certificate of Recognition to Ed Reynolds

#### A Bohemian Barbeque

Imagination Connection, a Mobile Arts Program that brings arts to Seniors and Veterans hosted a creative evening of food, fun and art making at Rosie's BBQ & Grillery, Northridge.



Lee Auger, Barney Leone, Bill Wishard, George Rothman, Ron Boggess



Kurt Rademacher, Ed Reynolds, Bob Donovan, Warren Weinstein plus a presentation to Mitchell Englander by Ted and Shonzael Faye Photos by Larry Kushner

Attending the event was Lee Auger, Bob Bermant, Ron Boggess, Bob Donovan, Richard Kinder, Larry Kushner, Barney Leone, Kurt Rademacher, Ed Reynolds, George Rothman, Warren Weinstein, and Bill Wishard. A fun evening and good food was experienced by those who attended. A big thank you to Ted and Shonzael Faye for arranging and hosting the event.

## November 9, 2017 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Veterans Assembly

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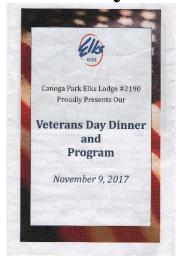
On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Art Sherman, Abe Rosenzweig and Bob Donovan attended the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Veterans Assembly. As World War II veterans, Art and Abe were presented with plaques honoring their service.

North Valley Military School Veterans Day Pass & Review



Also on November 9<sup>th</sup> The North Valley Military Institute held a march in review honoring military veterans. Over 500 students from grades 6 through 12 lined up in formation and marched to the music of John Philip Sousa as they filed past active and retired members of the military on their school parade grounds. Ed Reynolds, Phil Shapiro and other Wings Over Wendy's members were in attendance.

## Canoga Park Elks Lodge Veterans Day Dinner



Three tables of Wings Over Wendy's members attended the Canoga Park Elks Lodge #2190 Veterans Day Dinner and Program, Thursday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>. It was a delicious turkey dinner. The program included a talk

by a representative of the Honor Flight, Southland, serving Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Orange counties. She described the program and encouraged WWII and Korean veterans that have not taken a flight to apply.



## November 10, 2017 Oaks Christian School Veterans Day Assembly



On Friday, November 10th, Oaks Christian School, conducted their annual Veterans Day Assembly. Barney Leone lead a group of Wings Over Wendy's veterans attending the assembly

## Ronald Reagan Library Veterans Day Commemoration



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Also, on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation held their Veterans Day Commemoration. Many Wings Over Wendy's members attended the event including, Ed & Judy Reynolds, Bob Stiles, and Warren Weinstein. They sat in the auditorium for the musical ceremony, the flyover by the Tiger Squadron and the keynote remarks by wounded warrior triple amputee, author and stuntman: Bryan Anderson.

Bryan gave an inspirational talk on his life experiences which he has documented in the book *No Turning Back: One Man's Inspiring True Story of Courage, Determination and Hope.* His talk was followed by the documentary *The Weight of Honor.* The film follows five caregivers, who provide 24/7 care to their catastrophically wounded veterans who reveal their struggles and hopes for the future, giving a voice to these often overlooked caregivers.

Outside the auditorium there were displays of military equipment and re-enactments of the Civil War provided by the Washington Artillery of New Orleans. After the Commemoration, veterans were able to tour the Museum and the Titanic, and Air Force One exhibits.

## November 11, 2017 SFV Veterans Day Parade



Photo by Kay Deitch

A dozen Wings Over Wendy's members manned a truck in the annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade. As in the past, Fred Kaplan drove the truck which was graciously supplied by Galpin Ford. Lee Auger, Neil Baliber, Tom Bates, Ron Boggess, Barry Chapman, Ernest Dutcher, David Greenberg, Richard Gross, Lezar Saunders, Sam Schultz and Alice Stone, also participated.

MalibuUSA Veterans Day Public Ceremony



Photo courtesy of Mike LaVere

Wings Over Wendy's dominated the MalibuUSA Veterans Day Public Ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Malibu Chamber of Congress provided a Shuttle Bus to transport 14 Wings Over Wendy's members from the Platt Village to the Malibu City Hall where the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremony was conducted. The Master of Ceremonies was our own Bob Donovan and one of the five veterans speaking on the theme "Honoring Veterans Who Continue to Serve" was Ed Reynolds.

The Malibu local newspapers featured Wings Over Wendy's veterans on their front page:



George Rothman sings along to "God Bless the USA"

## The Malibu Times

Members of Malibu's Boy Scout Pack 119 take part in the annual tradition of handing out pins to veterans at the City of Malibu's 18<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Public Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11



Speakers at the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Veterans Day Public Ceremony pictured from left: Lt. Col. James Stitt, Lt. Scott Wagenseller, Lt. Colonel Ed Reynolds, Major Katie Nash and Staff Sgt Thomas Sells

Photos by Devon Meyers, The Malibu Times

## American Legion 826 Veterans Day BBQ



American Legion Post 826 held their annual Veterans Day BBQ at the Legion Hall on Fallbrook Avenue, Woodland Hills, at noon on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Duane Buckley and many other Wings Over Wendy's members attended. Conflicts with the timing of other Veterans Day events reduced the number of members from attending.

### Fairwinds Veterans Special Lunch

Fairwinds – West Hills Senior Living Community, held their annual Veterans Special Lunch on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The lunch was open to all residences, guests and veterans. Several Wings Over Wendy's members attended the lunch including: Marion Lovelace, Elmo Maiden and Bob Stiles.

## **Temple Aliyah Shabbat Aft Service Honoring Veterans**

On Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, Temple Aliyah conducted their annual Shabbat Aft Service Honoring Veterans. Because this years Veterans Day fell on a Saturday and Wings Over Wendy's had so many events to support, attendance was not as great as in the past. I am sure there will be greater attendance at this event in future years.

## Thousand Oaks Veterans Day Service



Thousand Oaks Acorn

Dave Worley was the keynote speaker at the Thousand Oaks Veterans Day Service. Several Wings Over Wendy's members including Dan Pemberton and Jim McMichael were in attendance The ceremony saluted Newbury Park resident Cheryl Bryerly's nephew, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stephen Cribben, Green Beret, killed in Afghanistan on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Tony Cardenas Veterans Day Forum



Photo by Kay Dietrich

Veterans Day ended after a busy number of activities for the Wings Over Wendy's crowd with a delicious dinner at Congressman Tony Cardenas' Veterans Day Forum. Among those attending the event were: Neil Baliber, Ron Boggess, Paul Boghossian, Kay Deitch, Anarg Frangos, Richard Gross, Neil Houston, Mike & Boots LaVere, Ginger Lyon, Jamie Pellegrini, Ed Reynolds, Phil & Roz Shapiro, Art Sherman, Bob Stiles, Maurice Vasquez, and Nathan Wolfstein.



Paul Boghossian, Art Sherman, Bob Hertzberg, Mike LaVere Ed Reynolds

Art and Tony left a little early leaving Mike LaVere to have the honor to cut the cake as the oldest veteran in the room.



# November 14, 2017 Pomelo Community Charter School Conversations with Heroes



On Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> Pomelo Community Charter School held their Conversations with Heroes event. It is the most popular event attended by Wings Over Wendy's members with over 40 attending along with First Responders and other veterans. The program included an honor guard from El Camino High School who stood in the hot sun as WWII era songs were played (**no National Anthem was played**) then retired without the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, that was followed by a performance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders reciting the Pledge in voice and sign language. Veterans then introduced themselves with a short bio of their service.

A buffet lunch prepared by the student's mothers was served and TV Channel 5 interviewed some of the veterans while students gathered autographs.

### November 15, 2017 St. Martins Episcopal School Veterans Day Service

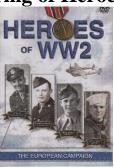


Photos by Susan Emslie

Two dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended the St. Martin Episcopal School's Veterans Day Service. The event featured a chapel service, flag ceremony including Jimmy Weldon's reciting "Old Glory" and USMC Gunnery Sergeant Ernie "Gunny" Napper conducting the flag folding ceremony with members of the

California Chapter of Rolling Thunder, Inc., (See Peggy Jean's Hanger for details), a fly over of the Condor Squadron, a hand shake of each veteran by each student, and then a warm breakfast provided by Gunny.

#### Conejo Valley Military Officers Association of America & the Military Order of the World Wars "A Gathering of Heroes Dinner"



On the evening of November 15<sup>th</sup>, the Conejo Valley Military Officers Association of America and the Military Order of the World Wars proudly hosted a dinner honoring World War II veterans. Among those honored were Wings Over Wendy's members: Art Sherman, Elmo Maiden Mike LaVere Dick Kinder Ethel Margolin Barney Leone and Leon Waldman. A feature of the evening was the showing of the documentary *Heroes of WW2* which included many scenes with Guy Chookoorian, Al Lewis and Elmo Maiden telling of their experiences during European campaign.

## November 16, 2017 Valley Alternative Magnet School





Photo by Franky Ortega

Franky Ortega, Social Studies Teacher with the National WWII Museum and a member of the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team arranged for a "Conversation with Heroes" session at two classrooms at the Valley Alternative Magnet School where he teaches. Attending the sessions were Don Foster, Lee Levitan, Ed Reynolds and Phil Shapiro in one classroom and Ron Boggess, Bob Stiles and Maurice Vasquez in the other classroom. Paul Boghossian supported the group. Lunch was provided by the teachers.

## **November Speakers**

**November 6, 2017** 

**ABC7 Salutes Wings Over Wendy's** 



On Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> we were visited by Darsha Philips and her cameraman from ABC7 Eyewitness News. Darsha interviewed a number of people including Mike LaVere, Ethel Margolin, Marion Lovelace and Ed Reynolds. The interviews were aired that afternoon.



Photo by Harlis Brend

#### **Shonzael Faye**

Shon displays his talents with a picture he drew.



Photo by Harlis Brend

#### **Nigel Sanchez**

Nigel Sanchez, Veterans Field Representative for Congressman Tony Cardenas invited Wings Over Wendy's to the Congressman's Veterans Day Forum on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.



Photo by Harlis Brend

#### **Bob Donovan**

Bob Donovan reported on a function he attended at the Ronald Reagan Library on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The event included Ivanka Trump who joined U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to speak on tax reform.

#### George Rothman

George Rothman provided a follow up report on the October Soaring Valor trip he took with the Gary Sinise Foundation on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### **November 13, 2017**

Due to the number of events the group attended the previous week there was no scheduled speaker but instead people reported on the events they attended. The details are written up on pages 2 to 5.

## November 20, 2017 "Wings" to "Wings" Presentation



Photo by Harlis Brend

Franz Lopez, on behalf of the Wings Over Camarillo, Camarillo Wings Association presented Wings Over Wendy's a plaque *In appreciation for your outstanding dedication and support for the 2017 Camarillo Air Show*.



Photo by Harlis Brend

## Herb Hutchinson Profiles in History of the USAF F-16 Fighting Falcon



On November 20<sup>th</sup>, Herb Hutchinson, USAF F-16 Chief Systems Engineer, Wright-Patterson AFB christened our new TV with a presentation on the development of the F-16. He started with a history of jet fighters and then gave us the history of USAF aircraft projects in the 1970s. He was a Project Engineer for the light weight fighter (LWF).

Herb showed the following slides on the YF-16:

#### Advanced Technologies Considered/Selected (For YF-16 LWF Prototype Design and Construction)

- Near Fully Developed Propulsion System (P&W F100-PW-100 from F-15) -25,000 lbs Thrust SLS Max A/B [T/W~1.2 @ Start Combat Wt.]; Smokeless
- Clipped Delta Wing; Blended Wing Body Design
- Wing Root Leading Edge Extension For Vortex Lift
- Bubble Canopy (No Bow Frame for Pilot 360<sup>0</sup> Visibility)
- Ventral Fins For Improved Directional Stability
- All Electric Fly-By-Wire Flight Control System (Computer Controlled)
- Side-Stick Pilot's Flight Controller Small Displacement 2 Axis
- All-Movable One-Piece Horizontal Tail Surfaces (Stabilators)
- Slight Negative Static Stability Margin
- Automatic Leading Edge & Trailing Edge Flaps (Setting Per Flight Mode)
- 9 g's Maneuvering Load Factor Limiter
- Seat-Back Angle Reclined 30 Degrees and Raised Heel Rest

#### Internal Equipment

- Emergency Power Unit (Safety Loss of Main Generator)
- Jet Fuel Starter for Rapid Engine Start
- 9 External Stores Stations (Multi-Mode Capability)
- 20 mm 6-Barrel Gatling Gun (580 Rounds)
- Survivability and Maintainability Features Designed-In At Start

#### DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE GOALS FOR LWF (No Priority Order)

- Low weight less than 20,000 pounds at start of combat;
- Unequalled performance and maneuverability in the transonic (Mach 0.8 1.5), high-g, combat arena (especially at attitudes between 20,000 and 40,000 feet);
- Use of in-being or late developmental stage propulsion system to provide TA\(\frac{N}{2}\) NLT 1.2 at Start of Combat (P&W F100-PW-100 turbofan engine in single engine application preferred);
- Combat radius on internal fuel of about 225 NM, with increase up to 700 NM with external tanks (jettisonable);
- Limited supersonic capability at Sea Level (Mach 1.0 1.2), increasing to about Mach 2 at altitude as constrained by fixed geometry inlets optimized for the transonic battle arena;
- Mission essential avionics (clear weather, day conditions) with capability to be upgraded later to all-weather & all-light conditions;
- Armament to include a representative state of the art/ high muzzle velocity gun (20 mm M61-A1 Vulcan 6-barrel Gatling preferred with minimum of 500 rounds of ammunition in a reloadable drum), and effective low-cost air-to-air missiles;
- · Structural hard-points and systems to give a credible air-to-ground support capability;
- · Outstanding pilot visibility (bubble canopy preferred);
- · Excellent handling qualities optimized for the air combat arena.

He showed us a slide on the comparisons of maneuverability between the YF-16 and the F-4E. Then he told us about a Soviet MiG-21 that the USAF had secretly obtained and showed us the Sustained Maneuver Performance Comparison between the YF-16, F-4E and MiG-21.

The engine was a key to performance and he discussed the different engines they considered. Herb told of the study he participated in battle damage on the F-4. The result was that the mechanical controls of the F-4 where often damaged. The recommendation was "Fly-By-Wire" would be the key to the aircraft becoming a "Fighter Pilot's Fighter".

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## The First No-Bow-Frame Bubble Canopy ~ "Can't fight 'em if you can't see 'em"



#### **Key Milestones**

	· ·
13 Apr '72	GD YF-16 and Northrop YF-17 Selected for fly-off
13 Dec '73	Rollout of prototype YF-16 #1 at Fort Worth, TX
2 Feb '74	First flight YF-16 #1 (tail no. 01567) with Phil Oestreicher
9 May '74	First flight YF-16 #2 (tail no. 01568) with Neil Anderson
9 Jun '74	First flight Northrop YF-17 #1 with Hank Chouteau Pilot
13 Jan '75	Full Scale Development award to General Dynamics F-16
Jan '75	U.S. Air Force announces F-16 as its Air Combat Fighter
8 Aug '75	F-16 Low Rate Initial Production manufacturing begins
8 Dec '76	First flight of F-16A FSD no. 1 ( <u>#75-0745</u> ), the first Full- Scale Development aircraft, at Fort Worth, TX.

### **Professional Recognition**



#### **Special Recognition & Thank You**

HARRY J HILLAKER - Chief Designer at GD/FW of the B-58, F-111 and F-16 External Configurations

COL. JOHN R. BOYD - USAF Fighter Pilot, Creator of Energy-Maneuverabilty Concept Improving Air Combat Tactics - (USAF Fighter Weapons School founder)

CHUCK MYERS - Pentagon Office of Sec of Defense, Director of Air Warfare (Gladiator for LWF Prototype Program)

Others in the "Fighter Mafia" (reinforcing John Boyd's Efforts in Pentagon):

Pierre Sprey Pentagon, Civilian Advisor for Fighter Aircraft Requirements

Col. Everett "Rich" Riccioni - In Pentagon and AFSC Fit Dynamics Lab - Fighter Technology Advisor Thomas Christie - Mathematician and Air Combat Tactics Analyst at Eglin AFB

Without HILLAKER, BOYD and MYERS, the F-16 and F/A-18 would not exist so that's why their names are in BOLD CAPS

It was a very informative presentation for the members that served in aviation.



### **November 27, 2017**



Photo by Harlis Brend

#### **Robert Lanthier**

Robert Lanthier, President of "The Reel Cowboys" thanked Wings Over Wendy's for attending the Silver Spur Award dinner this year and invited us to the September 21, 2018 Silver Spur Awards dinner. He told us about his project to build the world's largest Motion Picture Studio in Simi Valley and Moorpark called Golden Trinity Entertainment which he plans to staff with veterans.



Photo by Harlis Brend

Jim McMichael Flying the USAF F-16 Fighting Falcon

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Jim McMichael continued the presentation on the F-16 started the week before by Herb Hutchinson. Herb presented the design and development from an Engineer's point of view. Jim presented the F-16 from a pilot's point of view.

We could tell that Jim really enjoyed his career flying the F-16 except for the strain it caused on his spine pulling "G" forces so many times.

The following is a copy of his slides. It tells his story better than paraphrasing from my tape of his presentation.



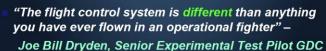






#### What the Viper is and isn't

- No single word sums up the F-16 but there are four "d" words
  - Not difficult
  - Not devious
  - Not dangerous
  - The F-16 is different





#### F-16 Fighting Falcon

Different flight controls

- Computer provides direct control to flight surfaces
  - Except Weight-on-Wheels (WoW) or Manual Pitch Override (MPO)
- Different aerodynamics
- Different engine characteristics
- Different cockpit



#### **Did You Know?**

S. AIR FORCE

- Multi role fighter
- 27 versions
- F-16 A/B Block 1,5,10 and 15
  - F-16C/D Block 20 and 30 series
  - F-16 F Block 60

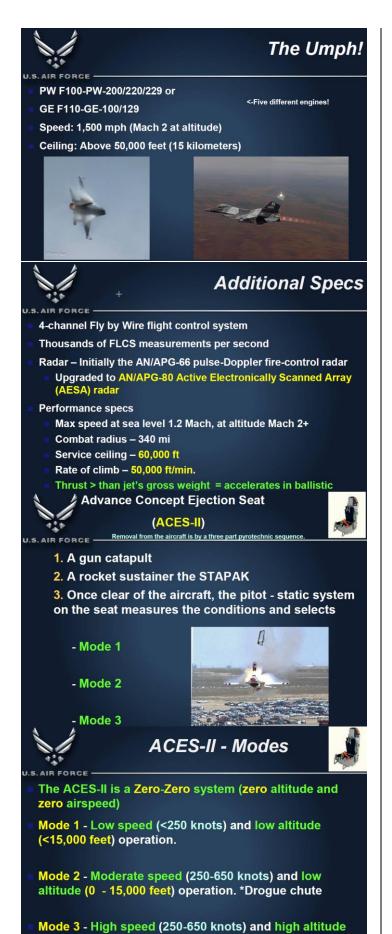


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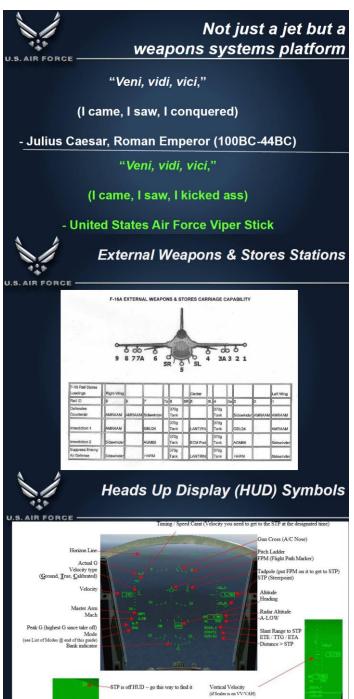
- Range 500 miles
- Nine G capability with full internal fuel
- Bubble canopy laced with gold
- ACES-II ejection seat built-in recline of 30 degrees... (Why?)
- Side stick (HOTAS) Hands-on-Throttle-and-Stick
- Weight 19, 700 lbs.
- Thrust 27, 000 lbs up to 29,450 lbs
- Max takeoff weight 37,000 lbs
- 49' 5" in length, height 16 ft, wing 32'8"



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(>15,000 feet) operation. \*Drogue chute



Jim concluded with a video of his last flight in the F-16 out of Joint Base Carswell. He set up a video camera of his Heads Up Display that took us from taxi out, to takeoff, flying straight up and then through acrobatic maneuvers over the airfield and surrounding area. In the video he pointed out the changes on the Heads Up Display symbols identified in the above chart.

It was a thrilling, realistic end to his presentation and we almost had to issue "barf bags" to some of the Wings Over Wendy's audience.

Thank you Jim for another informative presentation!

## State Senator Bob Hertzberg visits Wings Over Wendy's



Mike LaVere, Senator Hertzberg, Shirley Andrews, Ed Reynolds Photo by Harlis Brend

Following Jim's presentation Wings Over Wendy's was visited by California State Senator Bob Hertzberg. He gave us a bio of his life. Telling us about his parents from the mid-west and his father who served in the USN and settled in Southern California after his service. Bob was born in Los Angeles, and grew up in the area.

He earned a law degree and practiced law in Los Angeles. He was elected to the State Assembly where he became Speaker of the Assembly. After he "termed out" he become involved in alternative energy traveling the world as a consultant but stayed active in politics.

The things he saw and learned in other countries lead him back to California politics where he hoped he could effect changes and improvements.

Bob was elected to the state Senate in 2014 and is running for reelection in 2018.

After Bob's short talk and the meeting adjournment he stayed around Wendy's for over an hour talking with those that stayed after the formal meeting.

## **Where Eagles Dare**

The Dutch started this. It's probably something we should be doing too. It couldn't hurt to put our national bird to work.

French military using winged warriors to hunt down rogue drones. This is amazing.



A golden eagle grabs a flying drone during a military training exercise at Mont-de-Marsan French Air Force base, Southwestern France.

Following incidents of drones flying over the presidential palace and restricted military sites – along with the deadly2015 Paris terror attacks – the French Air Force has trained four golden eagles to intercept and destroy the rogue aircraft.

Aptly named d'Artagnan, Athos, Porthos and Aramis – an homage to Alexandre Dumas' "The Three Musketeers" – the four birds of prey have been honing their attack skills at the Mont-de-Marsan in southwestern France since mid-2016.

"A drone means food for these birds," Gerald Machoukow, the military base's falconer, told FRANCE 24. "Now they automatically go after them." The use of hunting birds – normally falcons and northern goshawks – by militaries around the globe is common practice in the fight to scare other critters away from runways and so cut the risk of accidents during take off or landing. But it wasn't until 2015 when the Dutch started using bald eagles to intercept drones that other militaries started to see the benefit of these winged warriors.

The French bred the four golden eagles—three males and one female — using artificial insemination since eagles are a protected species and harvesting wild eggs is strictly forbidden. They chose the golden eagle because of the birds hooked beak and sharp eyesight. Also weighing in around eleven pounds, the birds are in a similar weight class as the drones they're sent to destroy and clocking in at a top air speed of fifty miles per hour, with the capability of spotting its target from over a mile away, the eagles are deft hunters. To protect the eagles from drone blades and any explosive device that might be attached to them, the French military designed mittens of leather and Kevlar (an anti-blast material), to protect the bird's talons.

A golden eagle carries a flying drone (2017). "I love these birds," Machoukow told Agence France-Presse. "I don't want to send them to their death." (Continued Page 13)

The birds are first taught to attack in a straight line before graduating to diving from heights. Soon they'll be patrolling the skies over the Pyrenees Mountains in southern France and could possibly be deployed at airports and special events, such as political summits and soccer tournaments. The French air force already expects four more eagles to join the fleet.

#### **Honor Guard Protocol**

After the embarrassment at the Pomelo school I thought the following would be helpful.

There are a lot of people who don't understand the proper protocol when it comes to a color or honor guard presenting the colors at a sporting or other event.

#### **Posting the Colors:**

When the event is ready for the presentation of colors, the caller commands,

#### "Color guard prepare to present colors!"

The caller then requests the audience, "Please rise."

The caller waits 5 seconds, then commands, "Color guard, ATTENTION"

The caller waits one second, then commands, "Color guard, ADVANCE"

The color guards all start by stepping forward with their right foot. Allow the American flag to take a slight lead.

When the color guard reaches the front of the room, the flag bearer carrying the U.S. Flag stops, makes a sharp left turn and proceeds to their position behind the flag base. The other two flag bearer's stop at the front of the room, make a sharp right turn and proceed single file to their position behind the flag bases.

When Honor Guard is in position behind the flag bases, the command is given to present colors. The U.S. Flag stays vertical; the other flags are tilted at 45 degrees. Flags are held in this manner until singing of National Anthem, Pledge to the American Flag, or both.

After the command to Present Colors, the caller politely requests the audience to, "Please remove headgear, if appropriate, and then join in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Below is an announcement to help you remind attendees of the proper procedure when it comes to the National Anthem.

"Ladies and gentlemen, at this time, please rise and direct your attention to [color/honor guard entrance location] for the presentation of the colors for today's event. Presenting the colors for today's event, please welcome the [color/honor guard name] from [where they are from]. Ladies and gentlemen, we remind you to remain standing at attention until the colors have been retired, following the singing/performance of our National Anthem by [National Anthem singer name]."

## **PROFILES**

## Major Heather Penny, USAF (Ret.)

Submitted by Ed Moreno



Fellow American,

Late in the morning of September 11th, I took off from Andrews AFB in an F-16. Heading west with my flight lead, we searched low for the other airliner inbound towards Washington DC. The Pentagon had already been hit, and we knew another was coming. But our fighters didn't have any live ammunition or missiles. All we had were some dummy bullets left over from a training mission.

This meant that the only way I could protect our nation's capital was to become a kamikaze pilot. Fortunately, because of the courageous and selfless actions of the heroic passengers of Flight 93, my sacrifice was not needed.

Perhaps you think my service as a military pilot is unique. It is true that I was the first female pilot in the 121st Fighter Squadron of the D.C. Air National Guard. And I was among the first wave of women to sign up when Congress opened up combat aviation to women. But I am less of a trailblazer than you might think...

The Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), or Fly Girls as they were called by the media, were my inspiration to become a military pilot. In 1942, a small and elite group of ground-breaking women answered a desperate nation's call to man the stateside flying missions of the Army Air Force. Their patriotic and selfless service made it possible for me to serve 50 years later.

These 1,102 women helped tow targets, flight test airplanes, ferry fighters and bombers, and train men to fly in World War II. Thirty-Eight Fly Girls died serving our nation.

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And while General Hap Arnold strongly supported making them members of the military, for years they were denied their rightful status as veterans. Their service and story was forgotten.

The National WASP WWII Museum is in the process of a major expansion that will feature interactive exhibits and a teaching theater, and tell the important history of women in aviation from the early barnstormers to today's female pilots.

Every Memorial Day weekend the Museum hosts a HOMECOMING that WASP from around the nation attend. (In 2015, 21 of the 121 WASP still living came to event. This year just a dozen were able to attend.)

Sadly, the number of Fly Girls who are able attend HOMECOMING goes down each year. While it's true you and I can't defeat "father time," we can make sure these women are permanently remembered.

That's all these women want from you and me.

Written by Major Heather Penny, USAF (Ret.)



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## Peggy Jean's Hanger

A monthly column by Peggy Jean Bassett pibflyer@gmail.com



## Happy Holidays to All!

As this year is a wrap. well almost, I'm thinking outside of the Aircraft Hangar for this writing.

I want to thank all of the thoughtful members and persons that do so much to make our Wings over Wendy's an enjoyable gathering to come to and be a part of. I especially want to mention two very special members:



Photo by Peggy Jean Bassett

Lady Marion: Thank you for another year of those generously filled bags of assorted munchies that you put together for our raffle every Monday and the time, talent and energy that you put together for our Veterans' Organization. Also, The letters of thanks to all our event givers and the mailing of them, your phone calls, and more. Thank you, Lady Marion.

"Surely Shirley" (bet you have heard that one before!) Our other WOW, little in stature, big in generosity, kindness and care giving. Thank you especially for all of the thoughtful greeting cards that you pass around and have signed with many words of wisdom and encouragement from our members. I so appreciated them during my 2 1/2 months of illness — a Monday without Shirley would be like a member fella without his WOW cap. "Gotta have it", said Howard.

Written by Peggy Jean Bassett.

## Texans, T-6's Flyover and Rolling Thunder at St. Martin's



A veterans' organization of mostly motorcycle riders out of the Thousand Oaks Chapter of the Rolling Thunder Motorcycle Club were guests at the Veteran's Day event at St. Martin's in the fields school and chapel with Wings Over Wendy's and other veterans as guests. The event began in the chapel with the elementary school children performing skits, (several skits honoring each branch of service). That was very heartfelt and special. Then we were escorted to an outdoor area for the flag ceremony.

Leading the ceremony were seven members of The Rolling Thunder. This began with the Pledge of Allegiance, the reciting of "Old Glory" by Jimmy Weldon and after that part they lowered the flag of our country; next there was a ceremony of the folding of the "Stars and Stripes", while the meaning of each fold was told. *Taps* were played, and the grand finale was of the Condor Squadron flyover of two T-6's Texans as each student shook the hand of each attendee. All was a wonderful tribute for a walk to the school's cafeteria for a generous breakfast provided by Gunny, catered by Henri's and conversation, with a photo finish. There was also a gift box from Operation Gratitude for each veteran. A wonderful time was had by all.

#### About the organization "Rolling Thunder"



Rolling Thunder team at St. Martins with Gunny Photo by Susan Emslie

In 1987 two Vietnam War veterans met to discuss how they could bring awareness to prisoners of War (POWs) and those missing in action from the Vietnam War. Out of that meeting by Artie Miller and Ray Manao "Rolling Thunder" was born. Every year in May, along with thousands of other veterans they ride into Washington D.C. to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in unison flying the Stars and Stripes beside stark black POW/MIA flags.

The organization gets its name from the bombing campaign against North Vietnam and that was code named "Rolling Thunder". Their club is a non-profit organization comprised of Veterans, many of whom ride motorcycles. Their motto is "We will never forget". Their address is P.O. Box 6672, Thousand Oaks, California 91359. Info: Rolling ThunderCalif.com.

Reported by Peggy Jean Bassett.

#### B-26 Marauder "Charley's Jewel"



Great progress is being made on the restoration of the MAPS (Military Aviation Preservation Society) Martin B-26 in Canton, Ohio, at their Air Museum in the last three years, as told by Dave Pawski.

The Martin 250 turret was provided by Carl Scholl of Aero Trader, and is under restoration.

ENGINE COWLS: The team had to fabricate almost all of the cowlings with only one original part. An Oil Cooler section is also from Carl Scholl.

MAIN LANDING GEAR DOORS: The jewel was without any of the four main gear doors; they had to be scaled on a copier machine to full size from drawings, and there was so much fabrication.

MARTIN 250 GUN TURRET: A big break again from Carl Scholl. He came through with the Martin 250 turret, and threw in some extra parts.

NOSE CONE: well, it's done. It was made in eight

equal sections of molded plexiglass. A support ring was made to mount to the fuselage. Ribs were fabricated and riveted to the ring, etc.

TAIL GUNNER'S CANOPY: was scratch built from pictures and photos of an early model tail canopy, with thin plexiglass panels for the windows

WING LEADING EDGES: work continues on scratch building of all the wing leading edges.

BOMB DOORS: The forward bomb doors were installed and actually function manually.

FUTURE PROJECTS: It needs many interior parts. Well, that's an update for now, folks. It's been twenty years in the works to restore. "She's shaping up and will be sparking like a jewel".

The B-26 Charley's Jewel. Researched by PLANE PEGGY from Air Classics.

P.S. The 1940 Martin B-26 Marauder was an American War II twin engine medium bomber. It became a safer aircraft once the crews were re-trained and after aerodynamic modifications were made, longer wings, lengthened fuselage and larger vertical fin and rudder. Over 5,000 Marauders were built and went on to have the lowest combat attrition rate of any American aircraft in the 9th Air Force.

Researched from Wikipedia.com.

#### THE ICONIC 747 RETIRED



On September 7th, 2017 Delta flew its last commercial domestic flight with the Boeing 747. United flew its own final Farewell Vintage flight on November 7th from San Francisco to Honolulu. The jumbo jet has been a staple for long-haul flight for more than fifty years, and flew its first version of the jet in 1970.

Now as more efficient aircraft have reached the market, the onetime Queen of the Skies is slowly being replaced, winding down the entire commercial fleet of 747s owned by domestic commercial carriers.

United's final flight, was one heck of a party. The final flight departed from San Francisco International Airport at 11 A.M. on November 7th. It was a tribute to the years the aircraft was in service. Flight attendants donned retro uniforms to serve 1970's inspired meals while the inflight entertainment pumped out vintage content, sending the Queen after more than four decades of flying of the skies in her glory.

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Arrival in Hawaii

The tribute flight garnered special attention from the aviation community and actually sold out in two hours.

United Airlines received its first Boeing 747 in 1970 and operated the fleet on mostly long haul flights between the US and Asia and Europe. It has been replaced by the more efficient Boeing 777 models. The 747 is a massive aircraft with a wing span of over 200 feet and room for 568 passengers in its high capacity wide body. Its length is 231 feet and height, 63 feet 8 inches and is often referred to as Jumbo Jet or Queen Jet, its original nicknames. It became the dream of every airline pilot to become Captain of the Oueen 747.

Sadly, as to the future of the retiring 747s, they will most likely be parked in an airline graveyard near the Mojave Desert and Victorville.

Oh, in case you are interested in purchasing a 747 you can buy one on E-Bay or Yahoo for only \$28,000,000 complete or only \$300,000 without engines or electrical systems. Got a restaurant in mind? Or for an extra special Christmas present said Plane Peggy. (From Forbes).

#### In Memoriam

I am happy to report that we did not lose a veteran member during the month of November 2017.

#### **Prayers**

Unfortunately, several of our most active members were hospitalized or are either in Nursing Homes or at home recuperating from their injuries or illnesses. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery and a return to our meetings:

Ellie Harrison Mort Green
Bruce Monkman Richard Myers
Steve Politis Marty Snyder

## WOW's monthly food drive is Monday, December 4th.



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### **December Birthdays**

December	Diftiuays
Jeffrey Taylor	December 01, 1957
Chuck McNary	December 03, 1937
<b>Shirley Andrews</b>	December 04, 1936
David Greenberg	December 04, 1965
Marty Snyder	December 04, 1923
Perry Sperling	December 04, 1954
Dave Worley	December 05, 1953
David Plumb	December 07, 1952
<b>Howard Swerdlick</b>	December 07, 1936
Roscoe Frazier	December 08, 1939
Jay Guerrero	December 08, 1931
Manny Iglesias	December 10, 1929
Judy Reynolds	December 11, 1936
Dan Pemberton	December 13, 1939
Alex Daunis	December 15, 1940
Larry Kushner	December 15, 1946
Cliff Rose	December 16, 1926
Julio Jimenez	December 17, 1944
Arnold Perlin	December 17, 1930
<b>Sharon Para-Lavender</b>	December 18, 1946
Peggy Jean Bassett	December 20, 1938
Jerry Watts	December 21, 1946
Ken Deitch	December 22, 1947
Peter Helm	December 22, 1944
Alan Hill	December 22, 1966
Lee Auger	December 23, 1929
Juan Camacho	December 24, 1945
Don Foster	December 24, 1920
John Helm	December 24, 1929
Lee Levitan	December 24, 1923
Barbara Wright	December 24, 1931
Claude Maugein	December 28, 1952

#### **New Members**

We welcomed the following new members during the month of November 2017.

John Boiko
Mark Casala
Carl Ehrlich
David Freeman
Tom Guzman
Manny Iglesias
Julio Jimenez
Liliane Pofcher
Henry Siderman
Dorothea Ulyate

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