

May 2019, Our Very Busy Memorial Month

Every year Wings Over Wendy's is asked to participate in Memorial Day events throughout the San Fernando Valley. The following are reports on the events we participated in May 2019.

Aviation Career Day Van Nuys Airport



Howard Swerdlick pointing to our new flag and the curved pop-up display

This year's Aviation Career Day was held on May 2, 2019 under a tent at The Park, Van Nuys Airport instead of the Clay Lacy Hanger as it has been in the past. For the first time we used a curved pop-up display wall provided by Ken Mayer's Architecture firm. Over twenty Wings Over Wendy's members supported our booth.



Photo by Howard Swerdlick

Daniel Pearl Magnet HS PearlCon IV



On May 11, 2019 Wings Over Wendys' had a booth at the Daniel Pearl Magnet High School PearlCon IV event. We used the curved pop-up display again. Roscoe Frazier and Barney Leone had their displays.



Jimmy Weldon told the story of Old Glory at PearlCon IV in one of the classrooms. In addition, Hillard Lewinson and Ed Reynolds displayed cars in the Car Show.

North Valley Military Institute Memorial Day Pass in Review



LtCol Dave Worley, Col John Moriarity & Brig Gen Dan Pemberton

On May 17, 2019, Dave Worley and Dan Pemberton were part of the reviewing party for the North Valley Military Institute Memorial Day Pass in Review Remembering Our Fallen Heroes, Change of Command and 12th Grade Senior Military Ceremony. Several other Wings Over Wendy's members were also in the reviewing stand.

ONEgeneration Senior Symposium



Photo by Ken Mayer

On May 18, 2019 Wings Over Wendys' had a booth at the annual ONEgeneration Senior Symposium. Roscoe Frazier, Ed Reynolds, Leon Waldman, Ken Mayer and Ron Boggess staffed the booth explaining Wings Over Wendy's to passerby's and inviting them to attend our meetings. At least three new members resulted from their efforts. Several other Wings Over Wendy's attended the Symposium and dropped by the booth including Bob Stiles and Dennis Zine. We met Darryl Markowski's wife Mirielle and Darryl helped us pack up the decorations.

St. Martin's Veterans Memorial Chapel



GySgt Earnest Napier, Susan Emslie & Roscoe Frazier

On May 22, 2019, St Martin In the Fields School held their annual Veterans Memorial Chapel with Guest Speaker: Catherine Ehlers Metcalf, the Daughter of MOH Recipient, Walter Ehlers. Jimmy Weldon told the students the story of Old Glory and a hot brunch was provided by "Gunny" Earnest Napper. Bob Donovan recited the poem "In Flanders Fields" and Roscoe Frazier told about events he experienced under fire in Vietnam.

Temple Valley Beth Shalom, Annual Veteran's Shabbat



Ed Reynolds and Art Sherman at the Shabbat
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Saturday, May 25, 2019 Valley Beth Shalom, held their annual Veterans Shabbat Shiur/Panel Discussion and lunch, honoring Wings Over Wendy's veterans. Art Sherman and Ed Reynolds were seated on the bimah representing the organization. Frank Lopez showed a documentary on the WWII Philippine Campaign. after the documentary he introduced Filipino veterans and US veterans that fought in the region. Ed Reynolds and Mark Thurston participated in the Panel Discussion

Memorial Day

On Memorial Day May 27, 2019 our members were active around the area. Jim McMichael lead the Memorial Day ceremony in Westlake Village which Barney Leone attended. Dave Worley, Jimmy Weldon, Bob Donovan, Joe Mueller and Lou Kridelbaugh attended the ceremony in Burbank. The bulk of our members participated in the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade.



"Wendy" (Tylei Morris), Ed Reynolds & Ken Mayer walked in front of the Wings Over Wendy's floats.



Wings Over Wendy's lead float driven by Ron Boggess



Photos by Duke Dao

Wings Over Wendy's second float driven by Bob Jacobi

Bill Ratner was instrumental in organizing the parade. The Grand Marshall was Sandy Adams, RDML, USN (Ret), but this year veterans from every era were honored. From Wings Over Wendy's we had for WWII: Mike LaVerre and Ethel Margolin; for the Korean War: Nonie Lann; and for the Cold War: Richard Kinder.

Fred Kaplan lead the effort to organize the floats. Ron and Diane Ross provided Wendy's hamburgers to all parade participants at the end of the parade route.



Jim McMichael at the Memorial Day ceremony in Westlake Village

American Legion BBQ



Photo by Larry Kushner
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Also, on May 27, 2019, American Legion Post 826, held their annual Memorial Day BBQ after the parade. It was attended by many Wings Over Wendy's members. It was nice to see longtime members Ellie Harrison, Alice Stone and Skip Madsen who have not been able to attend meetings at the BBQ.

Northridge Academy High School, Memorial Day Assembly



Photo by Erika Figueroa

Our last event was on May 28, 2019 at the Northridge Academy High School Annual Memorial Day Assembly Honoring Wings Over Wendy's. David Alvarez, Elmo Maiden, Tom Maiden, Bob Shattuck, Richard Kinder and Ed Reynolds joined by Anarg Frangos who happened to be a substitute teacher at the school that day attended the Assembly.

The program started with the tradition flag lowering ceremony and the adjourned to the auditorium where the students asked the group questions which each attendee answered. After a break small groups of students recorded an interview with each veteran. Lunch was provided by the Academy.

May Speakers **May 6, 2019** **Frank Ferry**



Photo by Ed Reynolds

Frank Ferry, a candidate for City Council District 12 stopped by our meeting on May 6, 2019 to introduce himself to the group.

Joe Herrington

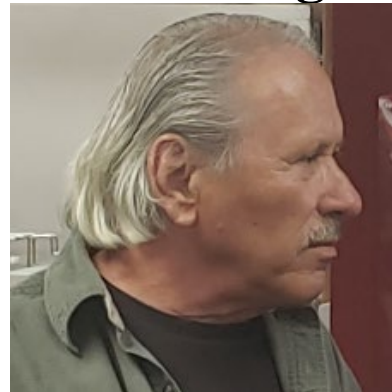


Photo by Ed Reynolds

Joe Herrington, USMC Veteran from North Hills, visited on May 6th. He served in the 1st Marine Division during the Vietnam War.

Bonnie Winings



Photo by Ed Reynolds

We were also honored on May 6, 2019 with a visit from Bonnie Winings a friend of Art Sherman. She had heard so much about Wings Over Wendy's from Art and his friend Dorie that she had to come see for herself.

Barry Michaels

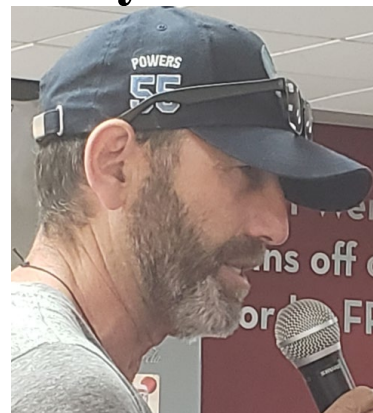


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Barry Michaels, actor and comedian visited. He had met many of our group at the Aviation Career Day.

May 7, 2019

Oscar Stein

Escape from Vienna



Photo by Ed Reynolds

At the WOW2 meeting in Tarzana on May 7, 2019 Oscar Stein read to us his memoir on his escape from Vienna, Austria in 1939. Germany had just invaded Poland and all male Jews of a certain age were required to register at a local Police Station. Oscar and his father stood in a long line on a Friday morning. As they waited, they observed that no one was leaving the Police Station, so his father became very suspicious and as they rounded a corner they left the line and slowly walked home.

Years later on a trip to Israel he saw a picture of men lined up at a Vienna Police Station in a Museum. The curator told him that all the men that registered were sent to the Dachau concentration camp. 10,000 men died.

His mother told him they could not be seen on the street; they could not leave the country even to a country that would welcome them with open arms. (His older brother had left earlier and was living in Palestine).

She found a "safe house" and he and his father moved there for three days while his mother found a Hungarian woman that smuggled Jews across the border.

Hungary had a train that sent Day Laborers to Vienna every morning and returned them every evening. They dressed in working clothes and purchased a ticket on the train and blended in with the laborers. The woman would be on the train as would a guide. Oscar and his father would not contact them. When the train reached the boarder, the laborers would exit down an embankment and turn left to cross a bridge on the boarder. Oscar and his father were to turn right to follow the woman and the guide at a safe interval.

At the border he found it was a dark moonless night. Oscar exited the train and followed the man at a safe distance. His father was behind him. As he walked along the road, he did not hear his father's footsteps. He called out in a low voice and got no response so raced up to the guide and asked him to wait as he would back track and find his father. The guide reluctantly agreed, and Oscar raced back along the road calling out his father's name. Soon he heard a response and his father greeted him and told him he had turned left. They returned to the woman and guide and were instructed to cross a creek and wait for the woman's son to greet us. She and the guide had to return and cross the bridge to get their passes stamped.

The son arrived and took them to the woman's house where they spent the night. The next morning, they took the train to Budapest to Oscar's mother's family.

Oscar's immigration to the US, enlistment in the US Army and return to fight in Germany is another set of stories we are anxious to hear.

May 13, 2019

Arthur Hershey



Photo by Ed Reynolds

Our guest speaker on May 13, 2019 was Arthur Hershey, docent at the Ronald Reagan Library.

The first thing Arthur told us about was when he met Charles Lindbergh. In the late 1930s, Lindbergh was doing barnstorming. Around this time, Arthur was five years old and living in Brooklyn. His dad used to take him to Floyd Bennett Field to watch the planes take off and land. On one of these days, Lindbergh walked up to him and his father and asked them if they wanted to go on a plane ride. After his father and Lindbergh negotiated a price, they got a plane ride above Brooklyn. That was his first story.

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The next thing Arthur talked about was his overall experience in the army. In the summer of 1956, he was just out of college, working in Hartford, Connecticut, when he decided to enlist in the army. He was called to active duty in the spring of 1957. He served for a little while until he took a week off to take a vacation to Miami Beach. He was having a drink in the Atlantic Beach Hotel when he met a very interesting man from England. They talked about many things along the span of the week that Hershey was in Miami Beach. He went back to the Army the next week and served for about a year.

When he left active duty, he was ordered to the Adjutant's office in Fort Dix. The Adjutant told Arthur that he was told good things by a man from MI6, the British equivalent of the CIA. The Adjutant then said that he was very impressed with him and asked him where he was going to go. He mentioned that he was planning on living in San Francisco, so the Adjutant told him to meet with the Adjutant in San Francisco. The Adjutant there offered him a position where he would do undercover work for Army Intelligence along with a group of selected individuals.

Hershey accepted, and this led to a five-year career in Army Intelligence. What he did was he went around without a uniform and talked to people in a way where he could get useful information for intelligence. At the same time, he also worked with the Civil Affairs Military Government (CAMG), now just known as Civil Affairs. He took training for this, where he was given many stories, articles, and general information about geopolitical affairs. He was also given information about terminology. In this training, he was exposed to non-verbal communications (reading people by the movement of eyes, lips, and tongue), deviant behavior, and how to tell what people were keeping secret.

After 5 years of serving with Army Intelligence, he resigned due to conflicts with his civilian job.

May 20, 2019

Peter Hankoff



Photo by Larry Kushner

The Cold Blue

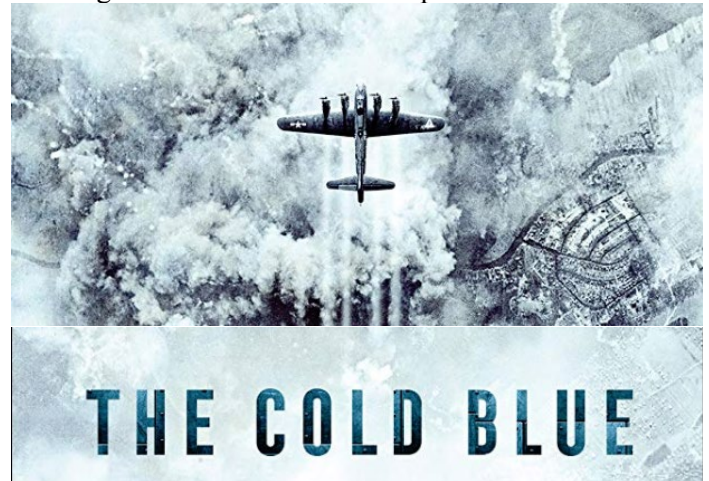
On May 20, 2019 we were honored to have Peter Hankoff, a man who has been creating World War II documentaries for the last two decades be our speaker. He has recently produced a film named *The Cold Blue*. The film is about the *Memphis Belle*, containing old footage from the original *Memphis Belle: A Story of a Flying Fortress* documentary. He showed us part of the trailer for it.

Peter also shared with us the backstory of this movie. The videos used in the film were shot by William Wyler, a German Jew that wanted to take part in the war. He shot so much footage that not even the original documentary showed it all. So, Peter and the director of the movie, Eric Nelson, came up with the idea of using the leftover footage to make a movie.

Hankoff went ahead and interviewed many people about this topic. Attending an 8th Air Force Reunion he interviewed Wings Over Wendy's members: Elmo Maiden, Tom Maiden and Shannon Muchow. He also took the original footage and remastered it to a higher, more-detailed resolution. After he shared this with us, he answered some questions.

The distribution rights are owned by HBO so he could not pass out or sell DVDs of the film. It will be shown on the HBO Channel.

Peter is negotiating with HBO to allow for a private showing to WWII veterans. We hope he succeeds.



May 27, 2019

Memorial Day

**The Shirley Andrews &
Howard Swerdlick Show**

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Photo by Larry Kushner

On Memorial Day, May 27, 2019 while Ed Reynolds and half of our regular attendees were at the Canoga Park Parade and other Memorial Services, Shirley Andrews and Howard Swerdlick conducted the meeting attended by 55 attendees and guests. Tylei Morris dressed as “Wendy” who would later walk the Parade route in front of the Wings Over Wendy’s floats was an honored guest.

Richard Raskoff



Photo by Larry Kushner

The Amazing Tale of Ralph Bagnold

On May 27, 2019 Richard Raskoff gave one of his enthusiastic talks, this time on Ralph Bagnold, a British Officer and Scientist.

In the mid-1920s, the British Army posted Bagnold to Egypt. The desert entranced him - its immensity, its mystery, the alluring fact that so much of it was unknown. “In Cairo we had at our very doorstep the edge of a vast field for real exploration,” he wrote in his memoir. The eastern Sahara is “the most arid region on Earth, waterless and lifeless save for a few artesian oases scattered several hundred miles apart.”

Bagnold’s peers told him the sands couldn’t be crossed in a motor vehicle. “This struck me as an irresistible challenge,” he recalled. Peace-time soldiering allowed him plenty of time to explore.

With friends, he started venturing into the wastelands with the sturdiest machines he could find.

During these years of experimentation, Bagnold drove some 20,000 miles, much of it in trackless territory.

After retiring from the army and returning home, Bagnold set out to record and photograph the ways in which wind at varying strengths moved different-size grains, and how the grains interacted on the ground and in the air.

Among Bagnold’s key discoveries was that windblown grains jump, a movement known as saltation: They briefly rise into the air, crash back to the ground, and bounce up again. In the process, they can transfer energy to larger grains on the ground, nudging them forward in a process called surface creep.

After five years of research, he had enough data to write a book, *The Physics of Blown Sand and Desert Dunes*.

But before the book could be published, World War II broke out. Summoned back to the army, Bagnold found himself once again in Egypt. There, Britain’s troops faced off across the Sahara against a larger Italian fascist force in Libya. Examining maps of the region, Bagnold realized that his eccentric hobby could be converted into a practical weapon.

In 1940, with Italy plainly preparing to invade Egypt from Libya, Bagnold pitched the British commander, Gen. Archibald Wavell, on his idea: a specially trained, fast-moving commando force that could strike from deep in the desert. Wavell was sold. He gave Bagnold a free hand to sow whatever havoc he could in Libya. He formed the Long Range Desert Group (LRDG).

In July 1941, at age 45, finally weary of the heat and harsh living conditions, Bagnold handed over the LRDG command and took a post in Cairo. The group fought on until the Axis was defeated in Africa in 1943. It went on to missions in Greece, Italy, and the Balkans before disbanding at the war’s end.

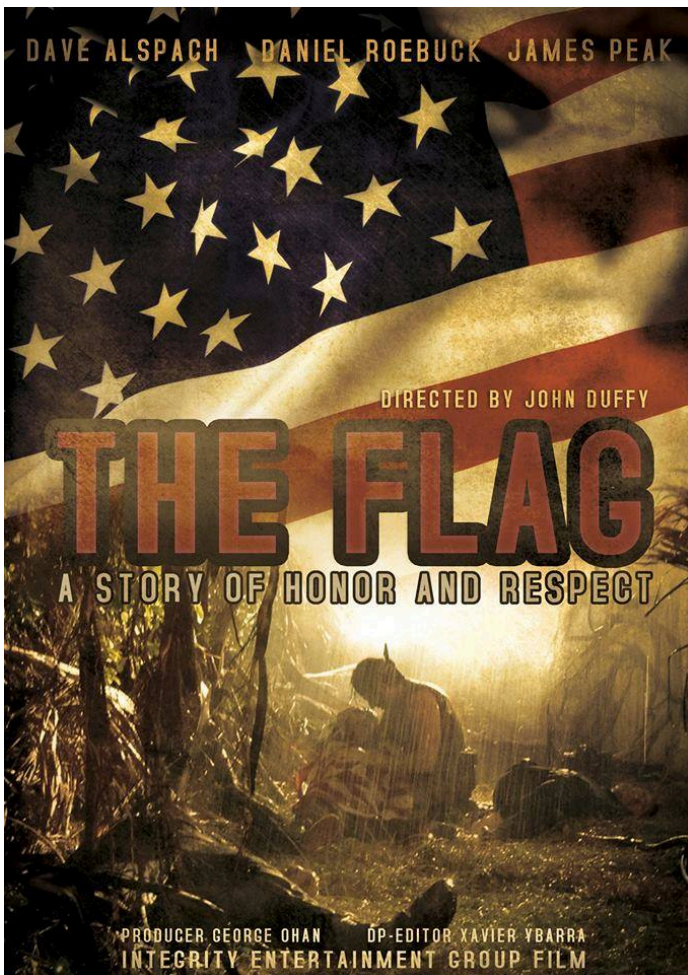
Bagnold’s career could have ended with World War II, and he would still be assured a place in the history books. But there was one more phase to come. In the 1970s, NASA called. It wanted him to apply his knowledge of earth science to another planet.

For several years, Bagnold worked with the agency, including co-authoring a paper with Carl Sagan. Bagnold wrote later in his autobiography. “It was fascinating for an old man of eighty-one to listen to their casual talk of navigating a spacecraft two hundred million miles away as easily as an airplane. Man had not begun to fly at all when I was born.”

Almost until the end of his life, the old soldier-scientist stayed active, publishing his final papers—one, oddly, includes an analysis of the random distributions of word lengths in different languages—in the 1980s. His last paper appeared in 1986, when Bagnold was 90 years old. He died four years later.

May 28, 2019

John Duffy



At the WOW2 meeting in Tarzana, John Duffy, Film Producer, Motivational Speaker, and Professor gave a Presentation to the Wings over Wendy's group.

John shared his journey "From the South Bronx to Hollywood" and his political journey "From Mao to Reagan". John also showed the short film he directed "The Flag".

John's life journey is summarized by the Helen Keller quote that "Life is a great adventure or is nothing".

His life has been truly a great adventure.

John shared growing up in the poorest and what some consider the worst neighborhood in the Bronx and dropping out of high school at age 15. His personal journey of survival took him through many jobs including working in the Post Office for 5 years, acting, producing over 35 feature films and teaching film as a Professor at a John Paul the Great Catholic University. A turning point in John's life was participating in a "firewalk" seminar in NYC with Tony Robbins which led to his quitting his job at the Post Office and moving to California to pursue his dream in the entertainment industry.

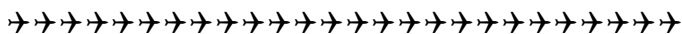
John's political journey took him from being an alienated radicalized youth hanging with the Black Panthers and Black Muslims in the Bronx to becoming a communist leader and leading a trip to China at the age of 26 to becoming disillusioned with communism and after 9/11 becoming what he calls a "Born Again American".

John has gone on to work with the USMC on a few training videos and becoming active in veteran support in the Hollywood film industry.

John remains active in producing feature films, giving motivational and political speeches, teaching and is working on rewriting his first Memoir "Black Irish - Not Your Average White Boy" and working on a second memoir. "Mao to Reagan - A Born Again American".



Photos courtesy John Duffy



Peggy Jean's Hanger

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DAKOTAS OVER NORMANDY

Dakotas Over Normandy will be a once in a lifetime event held between June 2nd to June 9th, 2019 in the skies over the United Kingdom and Normandy, France. The skies will be filled with DC-3s & C-47/53 Dakotas. Over thirty planes will participate in this spectacular event, flying in from all over the globe. There will be paratroopers performing a mass practice jump over the United Kingdom on June 4th.

On June 5th up to twenty C-47/53s & DC-3s from 13 countries will fly in formation over the English Channel and paratroopers (including Wings Over Wendy's member, Franky Ortega) will perform a jump into the original 1944 drop zone in Normandy. History will not be forgotten, especially on this 75th commemorative spectacular D-day event. The C-53D *D-Day Doll* hangered at the Riverside Airport, CA, which we see at the Camarillo Air Show will participate as well as *Willa Dean* from the Lyon Museum It is an honor that California will have planes and paratroopers participating this this historical event.



Photo by Franky Ortega

Franky Ortega in WWII Uniform

CAREER DAY VISIT

Arriving at Van Nuys Airport May 2nd at the new hanger entrance off Stagg Street, I was impressed with the layout and landscape designed like a courtyard with each hanger's individual entrance, the façade architecture is very attractive. Walking through a side gate and onto the tarmac is where the Aviation Career Day was being held. I noticed school children were boarding the busses and the booth participants were folding up their displays early, only 1:15pm. Looking for where the WOW booths were set up I passed by Clay Lacy's P-51 Purple Mustang with Snoopy painted on the tail. I thought of Ethel Margolin, our Wings Over Wendy's WWII WAC veteran, Ethel is an aficionado of Charlie Browns "flying ace" Beagle, Snoopy. I've made my way over to Clay Lacy's striking DC-3, one of the finest Dakota's (which still flies), however, Clay's DC-3 will not participate in the "Daks over Normandy" on June 5th this year.

Captain Clay Lacy is a pilot's pilot, an aviation legend of our time, "I am so honored to have met him in the past" said Plane Peggy. Approaching the Wings Over Wendy's display area I see handy Howard Swerdlick trying to figure out how to fold up a display apparatus, we exchanged "hellos". Our Ed Reynolds was out front loading up some WOW's booth equipment. I also saw that Elmo Maiden and Paul Boghossian were still there, so I'll try get a few photos... aren't we a fine trio! LOL.

Time to go, a short but sweet visit.

A KNIGHT AT VAN NUYS AIRPORT

A continuation of my day at Van Nuys Airport, before I drive away, I notice that one of the hangers is where the Relics Museum from Chatsworth has relocated. I just had to stop by and visit "my" knight Sir Lawrence as I named him some thirty years ago.

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That's All Brother



Hamilton remembered, “I pulled just down to the bottom of the cloud bank, broke out, gave them the green light, and out they went. It took about ten seconds to get 20 air troopers out.” Of the twenty men who jumped from Hamilton’s C-47, six were shot before they reached the ground. Hamilton’s plane was shot up and lost the tip of one wing but was able to return to safety.

The refurbished plane in this photo was the lead plane of the Pathfinder mission and was named “That’s All Brother” after a popular Mae West song with a message to Hitler that “your time is up”. This plane was found in a bone yard in Wisconsin in 2014. The Commemorative Air Force found the old bird and restored it to nearly original condition.

Hamilton flew the 14th plane of the twenty-four-plane advance Pathfinder group. David Hamilton is the last living Pathfinder pilot from D-Day. He flew in this refurbished and rebuilt C47, but not in the command seat.

The Commemorative Air Force will return to those same skies over France in June with two of the airplanes that flew in that aerial armada. The lead aircraft, this C47, *That's All Brother*, along with the C-53 *D-Day Doll* – to honor men like Hamilton and the thousands of others who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Pictures of the *That's All Brother* preparing for the journey are on the following page.



A few years ago, I heard of the Relics Museum and thought that would be the perfect place for Sir Lawrence to be retired. I donated my faithful friend in August 2016. Now even better he is standing guard at a favorite place of mine, the Van Nuys Airport in the Relics Museum.

A little history.... The Queen Arms on Ventura Blvd in Encino opened in 1956. The architecture was an ornate medevil castle with dining fit for a king. A most popular dish was the “flaming sword” a brochette of beef served on a flaming sword. Many celebrities often dined there; Dick Van Dyke and Steve Allen were frequent guests. There were themed waiters to serve. Renaissance themed murals covered the walls. Many top-notch entertainers performed in the Queens Arms lounge. In the 1970’s the restaurant fell on hard times, so in 1975 the Queens Arms closed her drawbridge for the last time.

Signing off Plane Peggy

Signing off June 1988

In Other News

Jimmy Weldon

Jewish War Veterans of America



Photo by Ken Mayer

On May 7th, Wings Over Wendy's member, 94 year old, WW2 veteran Jimmy Weldon, did what he does best at our meetings...he recited from memory a four minute poem about Old Glory, lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and continued leading all attending in singing "God Bless America." However, this time it was at the Reagan Presidential Library as a guest of the Jewish War Veterans of America. It was their Annual Gala honoring Jewish and other veterans, in particular those Jews who had received the Congressional Medal of Honor. It was a very touching event and we were very proud of our super patriot, Jimmy.

Ed Reynolds

Daniel Pearl Magnet HS

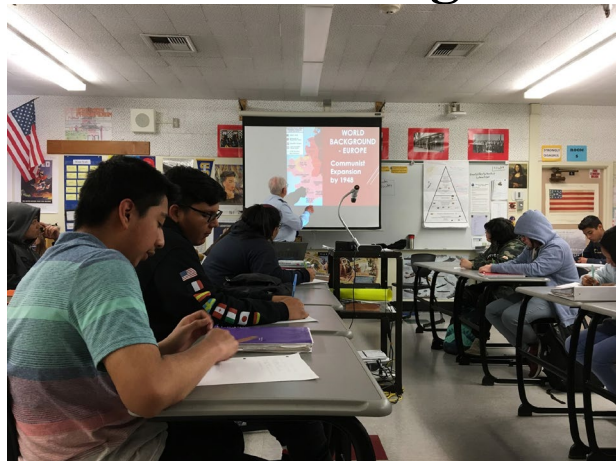


Photo by Franky Ortega
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On May 17, 2019 Ed Reynolds gave a Cold War curriculum-based lecture in Franky Ortega's class at Daniel Pearl Magnet High School. His students were completing a Cold War Museum project and the lecture helped them complete their final assignment.

High Tech LA Modern US History Class



Photo by Aditi Doshi

On May 21, 2019, Bill Ratner, Bob Donovan and Ed Reynolds were interviewed on their Vietnam experiences by High Tech LA 11th grade students in a Modern US History class; that have been studying the Vietnam War for a semester.

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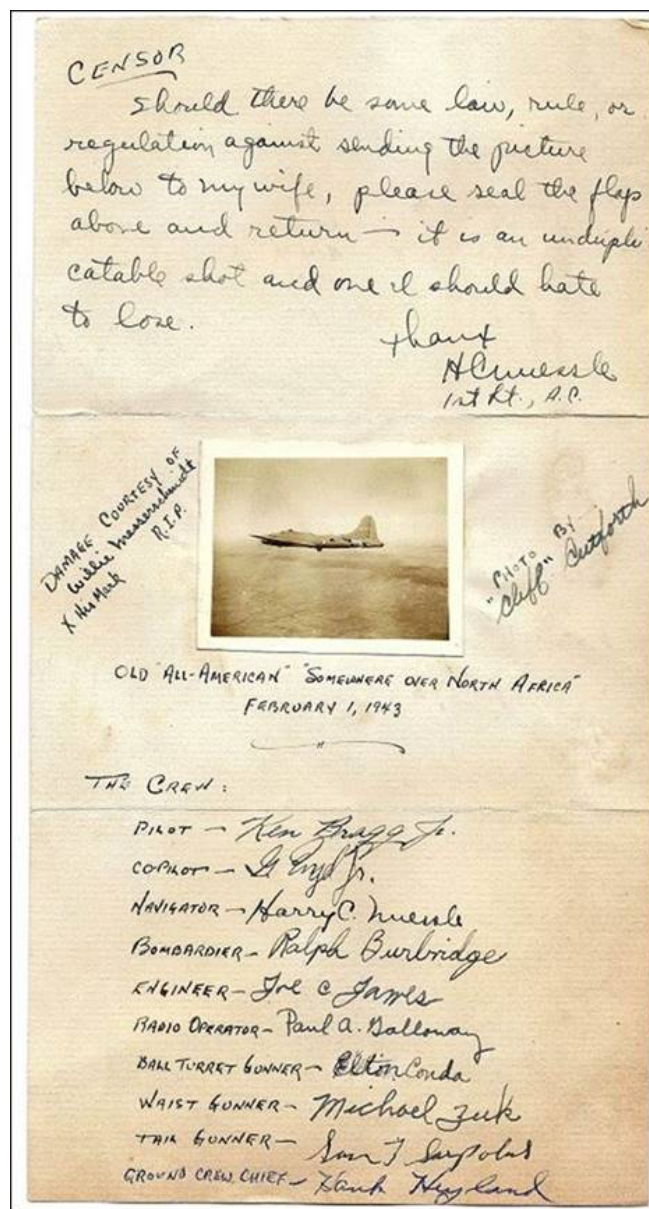
Members of Wings Over Wendy's aviation veterans group



Wings Over Wendy's member and WWII Veteran
Ethel Margolin

The Valley News Group May 30, 2019 issue had the above pictures in their coverage of the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade.

A real miracle - from WWII



B-17 "All American" (414th Squadron, 97BG) Crew:
Pilot- Ken Bragg Jr., Co-pilot- G. Boyd Jr., Navigator- Harry C. Nuessler, Bombardier- Ralph Burbidge, Engineer- Joe C. James, Radio Operator- Paul A. Galloway, Ball Turret Gunner- Elton Conda, Waist Gunner- Michael Zuk, Tail Gunner- Sam T. Sarpolus, Ground Crew Chief- Hank Hyland

1943 a mid-air collision on February 1, 1943, between a B-17 and a German fighter over the Tunis dock area, became the subject of one of the most famous photographs of WW II. An enemy fighter attacking a 97th Bomb Group formation went out of control, probably with a wounded pilot, then continued its crashing descent into the rear of the fuselage of a Flying Fortress named *Old All American* Piloted by Lt. Kendrick R. Bragg, of the 414th Bomb Squadron. When it struck, the fighter broke apart, but left some pieces in the B-17. (Continued Page 13)

The left horizontal stabilizer of the Fortress and left elevator were completely torn away. The two right engines were out and one on the left had a serious oil pump leak. The vertical fin and the rudder had been damaged, the fuselage had been cut almost completely through. Connected only at two small parts of the frame, and the radios, electrical and oxygen systems were damaged. There was also a hole in the top that was over 16-feet long and 4 feet wide at its widest; the split in the fuselage went all the way to the top gunner's turret.



Although the tail actually bounced and swayed in the wind and twisted when the plane turned and all the control cables were severed, except one single elevator cable still worked, and the aircraft miraculously still flew!

The tail gunner was trapped because there was no floor connecting the tail to the rest of the plane. The waist and tail gunners used parts of the German fighter and their own parachute harnesses in an attempt to keep the tail from ripping off and the two sides of the fuselage from splitting apart. While the crew was trying to keep the bomber from coming apart, the pilot continued on his bomb run and released his bombs over the target.



When the bomb bay doors were opened, the wind turbulence was so great that it blew one of the waist gunners into the broken tail section.

It took several minutes and four crew members to pass him ropes from parachutes and haul him back into the forward part of the plane.

When they tried to do the same for the tail gunner, the tail began flapping so hard that it began to break off. The weight of the gunner was adding some stability to the tail section, so he went back to his position. The turn back toward England had to be very slow to keep the tail from twisting off. They actually covered almost 70 miles to make the turn home. The bomber was so badly damaged that it was losing altitude and speed and was soon alone in the sky. For a brief time, two more Me-109 German fighters attacked the *All American*.

Despite the extensive damage, all of the machine gunners were able to respond to these attacks and soon drove off the fighters. The two waist gunners stood up with their heads sticking out through the hole in the top of the fuselage to aim and fire their machine guns. The tail gunner had to shoot in short bursts because the recoil was actually causing the plane to turn.

Allied P-51 fighters intercepted the *All American* as it crossed over the Channel and took one of the pictures shown. They also radioed to the base describing that the appendage was waving like a fish tail and that the plane would not make it and to send out boats to rescue the crew when they bailed out.

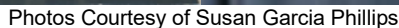
The fighters stayed with the Fortress, taking hand signals from Lt. Bragg and relaying them to the base. Lt. Bragg signaled that 5 parachutes and the spare had been "used." So five of the crew could not bail out. He made the decision that if they could not bail out safely, then he would stay with the plane to land it.



Two and a half hours after being hit, the aircraft made its final turn to line up with the runway while it was still over 40 miles away. It descended into an emergency landing and a normal roll-out on its landing gear.

When the ambulance pulled alongside, it was waved off because not a single member of the crew had been injured. No one could believe that the aircraft could still fly in such a condition. The Fortress sat placidly until the crew all exited through the door in the fuselage and the tail gunner had climbed down a ladder, at which time the entire rear section of the aircraft collapsed.

This old bird had done its job and brought the entire crew home uninjured.



Reuben M. Garcia
April 28, 1924 -
April 21, 2019

Reuben was born and raised in Santa Monica, California. He loved the ocean and played high school football. In 1943, he joined the Navy and served two years on SC 1003, a wooden hull sub chaser that patrolled the waters off the Philippines and throughout the South China Sea. At 110 feet long and 17 feet wide, it was one of the Navy's smallest commissioned warships. Reuben's love affair with the ocean served him and his shipmates well when the waters were rough, and the waves were high.

After the war, Reuben married, began a family, and bought a home in the San Fernando Valley. He entered the trades and joined the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, eventually running jobs at myriad Southern California landmarks including USC, UCLA, CSUN, and the San Onofre Nuclear Power Plant. He retired after completing The Getty Center in 1997. His love of the trades also compelled him to earn a California State Teaching Credential. Reuben taught for the Union and North Valley Occupational School for 25 years.

Reuben joined Wings Over Wendy's in 2017 and attended the Tarzana meetings while he was able. His memorial service was held at St. Stephen Presbyterian Church, and he was interred at Oakwood Memorial Park and Cemetery.

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, David Plumb, Ed Moreno, Maurice Portnoy, and Tom Villanueva**



June 20th surprise event
Details to be confirmed

For details on the events view:

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Thursday, June 20, 2019

**Dinner Meeting at Marie Callender's Restaurant,
19310 Business Center Drive, Northridge, CA**

1800 Check in and social hour

1900 Call to Flight Quarters

1915 Dinner is served

2015 Feature Presentation:

USAF Capt Adrian Herrera

Please RSVP No Later Than 1600, Friday 14 June 2019 – Call in Reservations to (818) 800-0698 or email gshindler64@earthlink.net .

Special Note to Wings members: If you want to just to hear the speaker and not dine, that's OK.

Captain Adrian “Heist” Herrera is a USAF Officer, and an F-15E Instructor Weapon Systems Officer. He has over 900 flight hours in the F-15E, with over 400 combat hours flying over Syria and Iraq in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. His talk emphasizes the role of support in life, using anecdotes from his military flight training and his coming out story during “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”



Assembly Day

June 22nd

Sunday, 9am - 1pm

Sign up to attend @

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**WOW's monthly food drive is
Monday, June 3rd**



We all want raffle prizes!

Please search your closets and garages and bring your items to the next Wings Over Wendy's meeting.

Suggested Items: Military books, magazines, DVD's, tools, etc. **Thank you!**



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Hugh McDonald	June 12, 1936
Marcus Richter	June 16, 1930
Jan Edwards	June 19, 1931
Steve Klausner	June 20, 1938
Bill Ratner	June 22, 1948
Karen Velarde	June 23, 1958
Warren Weinstein	June 23, 1929
Alan Archer	June 24, 1934
Maurice Portnoy	June 25, 1928
Bill Wishard	June 26, 1941
Francis Tully	June 27, 1936
Jeffrey Cohen	June 28, 1948
Shannon Muchow	June 28, 1972
Anarg Frangos	June 30, 1927

New Members

We welcomed the following new member during the month of May 2019:

**Allen Brandt,
Joe Herrington,
Arthur Hershey,
Barry Michaels,
William Moalem,
Roland Roscoe**

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Old Dr. Geezer

An old physician, **Doctor Gordon Geezer**, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's Clinic. Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000".

Doctor **Digger Young**, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So, he went to **Dr. Geezer's** clinic.

Dr Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from the box 22 and put 3 drops in **Dr. Young's** mouth".

Dr Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is Gasoline!

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory I cannot remember anything."

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr Geezer "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500".

Dr Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything".

Dr Peezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr Young: "But this is only \$10."

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of the story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer".

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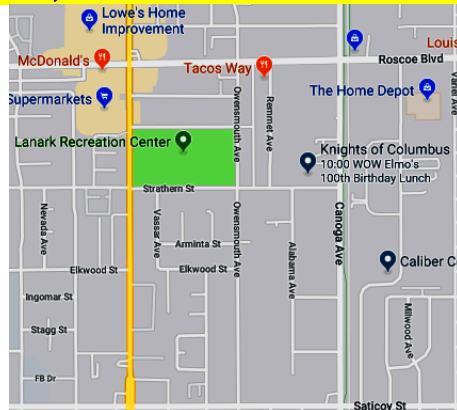
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