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The Getty Villa Tour, April 18, 2019

Twenty members car pooled in five cars, from the Platt Village parking lot on April 18, 2019 to ride to The Getty Villa, Pacific Coast Highway in Pacific Palisades. After parking in the VIP area of the underground garage, the group was met by WOW member John Kennedy, a Docent at the Villa at the Entry Pavilion. After having a group picture taken the group proceeded to the Museum Entrance in back of the Outdoor Theater. Inside off to the right of the entrance on first floor the group saw a fifteen-minute film on the Getty Villa.

J. Paul Getty wanted visitors to experience Greek and Roman art in a setting that would bring the objects to life. He decided to build a new museum on his property overlooking the Pacific, a site that closely resembles the

ancient Mediterranean coast.

The resulting Getty Villa was modeled on the Roman Villa dei Papiri, a grand country residence on the Bay of Naples that was buried by the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. Most of the Villa is still underground, but Getty's architects adapted a plan of the exposed part drawn by 18th-century excavators and incorporated details from other ancient houses in nearby Pompeii and Herculaneum to realize his vision.

The Getty Villa, which opened in 1974, embodies Getty's love for classical art and architecture. Today the museum provides an enduring home for his collection, evoking ancient spaces filled with fountains, and aromatic gardens. (Continued Page 2)



Photo by Larry Kushner

John Kennedy The Getty Villa Docent

Following the film, the group split up for self-guided tour of the two story Museum. One the first floor there were Galleries for Greek Art; Etruscan Art; J. Paul Getty and the Villa and The Classic World in Context. Outside the Museum was the East Garden with a replica of one found in the *House of the Large Fountain at Pompeii* and the *Outer Peristyle* with the large reflecting pool which is so often used as the landmark of the Museum.

The second floor contained the Roman Art Gallery. There are approximately 30 rooms or galleries with displays and the group spent two hours touring.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Warren Weinstein

Those attending the tour included: Lee Auger; Mark Ax; Ron Boggess; Barry Chapman; Howard Davis; Jan Edwards; Dick Guyer; Fred Kaplan; John Kennedy; Larry Kushner; Mike LaVere; Barney Leone; Kurt Rademacher; Bill Ratner; Ed Reynolds; George Rothman; Bob Stiles; Howard Swerdlick; Leon Waldman; Warren Weinstein; and Bill Wishard.

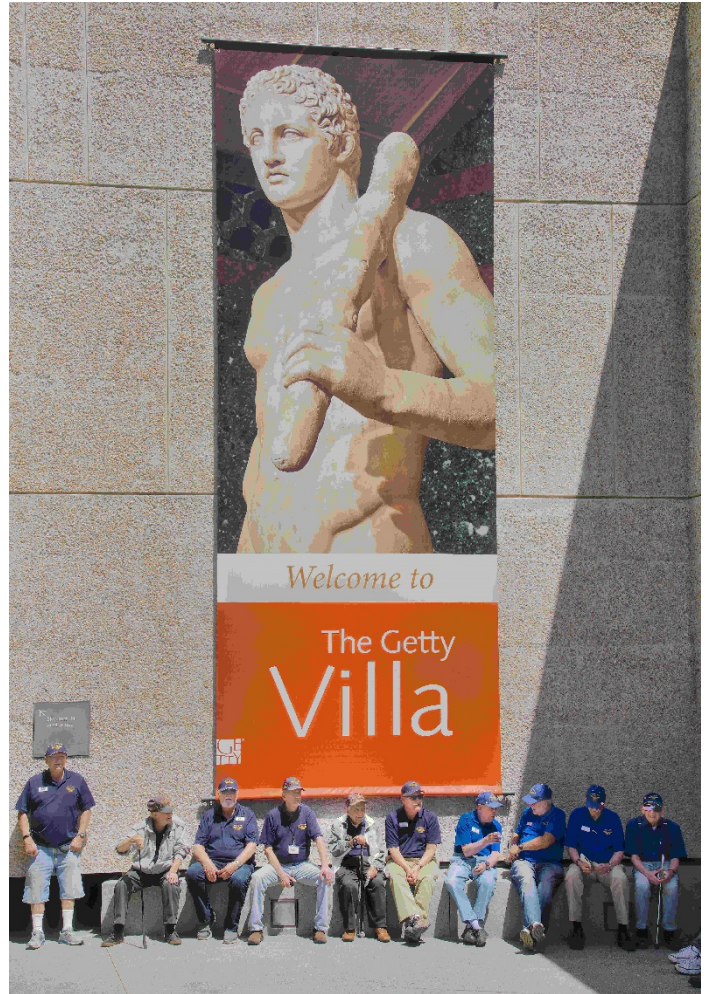


Photo by Larry Kushner

Following the tour the group drove a mile along Pacific Coast Highway to Gladstone's Restaurant for lunch. Many members of the group had not visited Gladstone's for a number of years and were surprised to find the floor was no longer covered with peanut shells and the barrels of peanuts were no longer around.



Photo by Howard Swerdlick

Lunch at Gladstone's

April Speakers

April 1, 2019

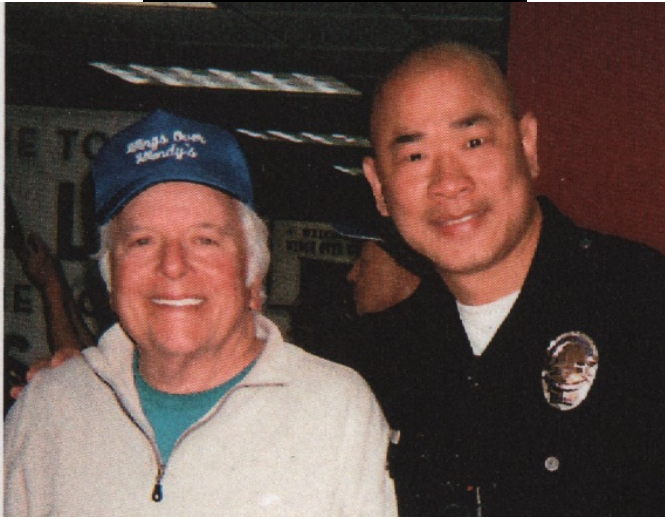


Photo by Larry Kushner

On the first meeting in April we were visited by our friends Dennis McCarthy and SLO Duke Dao. Dennis was in attendance to interview Barney Leone who had just returned from a trip to Iwo Jima.

Duke was there to give up an update on the latest activities by the Topanga Community Police. Duke also thanked Dennis for an article about the “keychain kid” who made flat paracord bracelets and sold them to raise \$5,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society children’s cancer research. After Duke told him over the phone about 12 year old Daniel Adelson, Dennis wrote the column. At the April 1st meeting it was the first time Duke and Dennis had met face to face.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Malcom Dipperstein

We were pleased to see the return of Malcom Dipperstein to our Monday meeting. Malcom had lost his driver’s license and had medical ailments that made it difficult to attend the meetings.

He took to the microphone to thank the Wings Over Wendy’s members for their prayers, cards and best wishes. We hope he can continue to attend on a regular basis. We miss his thoughtful questions of the speakers.



Barney Leone Iwo Jima Trip Report

Barney Leone gave us a report on his trip to Iwo Jima at the invitation of the World War II Museum and actor Gary Sinise. He was one of six veterans invited to the annual return to Iwo Jima. The Japanese Government only allows one trip by tourist a year.

He started by telling us that he was looking at the battle with binoculars from his gun position on the USS Nemasket, a fuel ship anchored 150 yards off shore when he shouted out: “Hey, that’s our flag up there – OUR FLAG!”

Six battle-weary Marines using every last ounce of strength to raise the American flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima 74 years ago.

When the photograph of that moment hit the newspapers the next day, the entire nation got a collective case of the goose bumps. Our boys in the Pacific were winning.

The USS Nemasket, was the last ship the Marines going in would see.

Barney stood on the exact spot where photographer Joe Rosenthal snapped his iconic picture.

“I never expected to come back here,” Barney told the young Marines who escorted him up the 555-foot mountain. He had brought a worn, old flag with him and they asked him about it.

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Barney looked down at the ocean below where his ship was anchored that day in February 1945 when the first wave of Marines went ashore. He tried to explain, but his emotions got the best of him, and he broke down crying.

"Imagine that," Barney said "A 94-year-old guy crying like that, but I just couldn't help myself. I thought about all the Marines who gave their lives for me and so many others to make it back."

One of the Marines on the mountain put an arm around Barney's shoulder to comfort him. "That's okay," he whispered. "We appreciate what you did, too."

"I didn't do anything but survive," Barney said. "We dropped anchor offshore and refueled the landing crafts. I looked at the faces of the first wave of Marines as they passed my ship, and gave them the high sign."

"Not one Marine looked over and acknowledged it," Barney said. "They just stared straight ahead, clutching their rifles straight up in front of their faces."

As if they knew a hell storm was coming.

It was a bloodbath on Iwo – almost 7,000 Marines killed and another 17,000 wounded – and not until he looked through those binoculars and saw our flag being planted on the highest point of the island did he and his shipmates know we were winning.

Barney wiped away the last of his tears, and began to tell his Marine escorts the story of why he brought his old flag with him to this hallowed ground. He said he got goose bumps that day watching the flag go up, and had turned to look up at his own ship's flag.

The weather had beaten it up pretty badly, and Barney knew it would be taken down soon, burned in a flag retirement ceremony, and replaced with a new flag. It didn't seem right after all the battles it had been through to let it die.

"I went to the quartermaster and asked if he would save it for me when they took it down. He said he would. I put it in my locker and never told anybody on the ship I had it. When I got home, I put it in the closet and never talked about it, even to my father who had served in World War I."

For the next 55 years, that flag stayed in the closet until Barney moved to California in 2001 after retiring from his evangelical ministry in Ohio. He bought a home in West Hills and soon joined a group of local veterans who meet every Monday morning at a Wendy's in Woodland Hills.

It was early 2010 when Barney got a call asking him to speak at a WW II history class offered as an elective to senior students at a local high school.

That's when he thought about his old flag in the closet. It had been in mothballs since the end of World War II. Maybe it was time to return it to active duty. That was in 2010, and Barney and his flag are still making the rounds of high schools and veteran's groups that want them.

He's got shoeboxes filled with touching letters written

by students thanking him for opening their eyes to just how lucky they are to enjoy the freedoms those Marines on Iwo Jima died protecting.

It's not war that Barney tells these kids at the end of class, it's peace. It's finding a way to reason, not fight.

Barney then told his story after Iwo Jima when his ship was sent to China.

"I was in Shanghai on shore patrol duty at the end of the war when I came across two Chinese men arguing angrily in the middle of the street," he tells them. "It went on for 20 minutes and I thought for sure they were going to get into a fistfight, but they never did. They just broke up and left."

"I asked a well-dressed Chinese gentleman standing near me how come they didn't fight? In China, he said, if two people are arguing the first person to raise their hand to hit the other automatically loses the argument because they have nothing more to say. Now doesn't that make sense?"

"It's okay to debate with one another, you can have a difference of opinion. But if you think you're going to convince someone by beating them up, you lose already because you have nothing more to say. They've won the argument."

With that, Barney left the meeting early with his old flag to give his trip report to Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Darlene Birgel

Darlene Birgel stopped by the meeting to tell us how much Wings Over Wendy's meant to her late husband Steve Birgel. They had lived in Texas for many years but when Steve became ill moved in with their children in Woodland Hills. Not knowing very many people outside of the family it was suggested he attend Wings Over Wendy's meetings. They became his circle of friends. He attended every Monday and Tuesday meeting taking part in the discussions. Darlene invited everyone to his Celebration of Life at the Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, 5700 Rudnick Ave, Woodland Hills, April 28th at 2pm.

April 8, 2019



Photo by Larry Kushner

Bradley Gerber

Our youngest member is growing up. Bradley Gerber, now 18 years old visited our meeting for the first time since we moved from the Platt Village location. Bradley gave us an update on his current activities working in the office of State Assemblymember Jesse Grabrail.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Barney Leone

On April 8th Barney Leone continued his trip report by answering questions about the flight over and back and the lodging in Guam. He finished by reading the sermon that the Chaplain had delivered during the ceremonies on Iwo Jima

April 15, 2019



Photo by Larry Kushner

North Valley Military Institute Quartet Serenade

Tax Day was a good day for Wings Over Wendy's as we were greeted to a performance by the North Valley Military Institute (NVMI) Quartet, led by TSgt George Carganilla (USAF Ret), Cadets: Flor Reyes, Justyn Arriezza and Estevan Soloria. They serenaded us before the meeting started and then played the National Anthem and a medley of the military services anthems.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Art Sherman Returns to Meetings

After the initial serenade by the NVMI Quartet we were surprised by the arrival, after a lengthy absence recovering from a fractured hip, of Art Sherman, Chairman Emeritus of Wings Over Wendy's return to the meetings. He was assisted by Tony Cubarrubia and greeted at the door by his sisters and the NVMI Quartet.

Art lead the meetings from 2007 to 2015 and it was good to see him out and about again.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Robin Hutton

We dispensed from conducting a raffle to listen to a fascinating talk by Robin Hutton. Robin has spent her adult life working in major event productions and the motion picture business. She was the writing and producing partner of Tom Laughlin (the legend of Billy Jack fame) for over thirty years until his death in 2013.

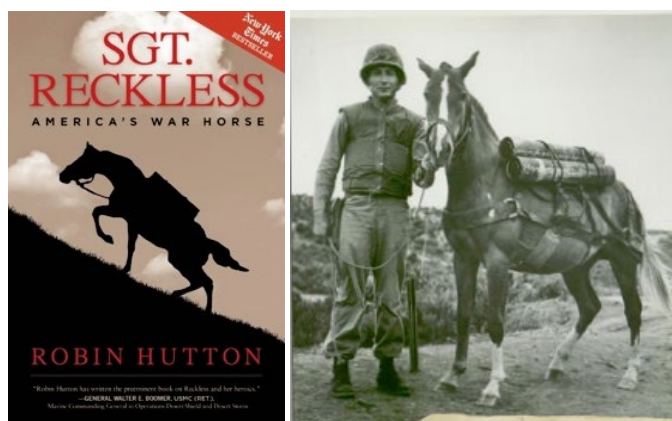
Currently she is President of Angels Without Wings, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that spearheaded the development and dedication of three national monuments to Sgt. Reckless, the famous Korean War horse - the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA on July 26, 2013; MCB Camp Pendleton, dedicated on October 26, 2016; and the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY, dedicated on May 12, 2018.

Her first book, *Sgt Reckless: America's War Horse*, was a New York Times Bestseller, as well as the 2015 Equine Book of the Year from American Horse Publications, and a 2016 Gold Medal winner from Military Writers Society of America.

Her new book, *War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of World War II*, was recently released and promises to be as successful as Sgt Reckless.

The heroes in this book have inspired a new project in the Washington, DC area - the International War Animals Museum - a permanent museum to commemorate these war animals who fought side-by-side with our military war heroes.

Robin gave us a slide presentation documenting Sgt Reckless and then she talked about her new book *War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of World War II*



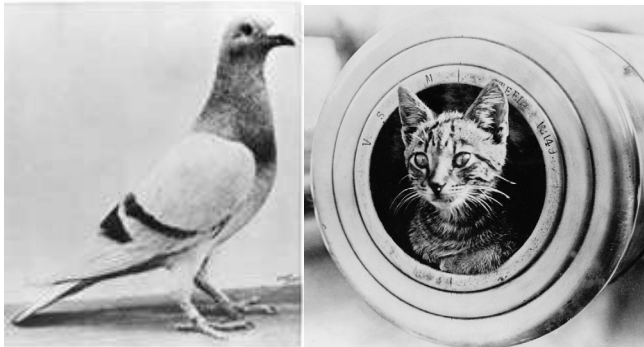
Sgt Reckless at Balmoral Park
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SGT Reckless at Camp Pendleton

In *War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of World War II*, Robin tells the incredible, inspiring true stories of the fifty-five animal recipients of the PDSA Dicken Medal during WWII and the lesser-known stories of other military animals whose acts of heroism have until now been largely forgotten. Founded in 1943, the prestigious PDSA Dicken Medal is the highest award an animal can achieve for gallantry and bravery in the field of military conflict.

She told us about War Dogs; War Birds; War Horses (and Mules); and a War Cat.



Overall it was a fascinating presentation.

April 22, 2019



Photo by Larry Kushner

David Timmerman

On April 22nd David Timmerman brought two large pictures to the meeting that he wanted veterans to sign. One was for the Korean War veterans and the other was for the Vietnam War veterans.

April 29, 2019



Photo by Larry Kushner

Ed Reynolds & WOW Receive Commendations from Supervisor Kuehl

On April 29th Ken Meyer on behalf of LA County Supervisor, Sheila Kuehl, presented Ed Reynolds and Wings Over Wendy's a County of Los Angeles Commendation *In recognition of dedicated service to the affairs of the community and for civic pride demonstrated by numerous contributions for the benefit of all the citizens of Los Angeles County.*



Photo by Larry Kushner

Ray DeTourney

We welcomed Ray DeTourney to Wings Over Wendy's on April 29th. Ray is a long time Woodland Hills resident that recently moved from Cass Street into The Motion Picture and Television Fund home.

He told us about his service in the US Army during the "Cold War" assigned to Armed Forces Network in Orleans, France as a disk jockey.

He continued in the entertainment business after his service formed a TV Production Company and at one point was head of production for LA CBS2.

While in Europe he purchased a 1955 MG-TF which he toured Europe in with his wife. Forty years later he returned to Europe with the car (after restoring it) and toured again before selling the car for top dollar before returning to Woodland Hills.

He and Ed Reynolds were members of the California MG T Register until it folded, and members transferred to the Vintage MG Club of Southern California in Orange County.

Ray also told us about writing a novel about a 14-year-old boy who moved, with his nurse mother, into a Minnesota home for unwed mothers in 1950. "I was with 10 Salvation Army women, who were like nuns, and 50 teenage girls who were not." He recently shared a "book signing" with another MPTF resident about his life as a "cross dresser" We imagined the two stores would be very humorous.

Now that he has discovered us, we hope that Ray continues to attend our meetings.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Dave Steinbacher

After taking a 28 day cruise on the Princess Cruises Star Princess to the South Pacific, Dave Steinbacher returned to our meetings and gave us a trip report of the tour.

He told us about stopping in Hawaii and talking with a native who had land engulfed by the volcano and how he still owns the land, but it will be decades before he can return to it. In Tahiti he observed trees that were grown from seeds dropped by birds from hundreds of miles away.

On his visit to American Samoa he visited a village that was recovering from a tsunami that struck the island in 2009.

The Star Princess had over 3,000 passengers. Dave was surprised at the number of veterans on board. Most were from the Vietnam and Desert Storm period but he did have one WWII veteran. Dave told us the ship's Captain was Italian and was "out and about" all the time.

This is the last season for the Star Princess after its summer cruises to Alaska it is being sold to P&O Cruises Australia.



Northrop's last N9M flying wing test aircraft destroyed in aviation accident



Northrop N9M. Photos courtesy Planes of Fame Museum.

Northrop Aviation began experimenting with flying wing airplanes by building the 39-foot-wide N1M in 1940, and the only known example of the N1M is now in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. Following N1M preliminary testing, Northrop then designed the 1/3-scale, 60-foot-wide N9M planes in 1942 as a test bed for the 172-foot-wide B-35 heavy, long-range bombers for the U.S. military. Only four of the N9M prototypes were built. N9M1 was destroyed during field trials, N9M2 and N9MA were disassembled for scrap after the B-35 programs were cancelled. That left the N9MB as the only surviving Northrop experimental flying wing test plane that was still airworthy. That was until Tuesday, when it was destroyed during a flight over Southern California, killing its only occupant.

The aircraft had been owned by the Planes of Fame Air Museum since the 1950s. It was restored in the 1980s and then once again in 2010, after an in-flight fire in 2006. It had been flown at air shows in the Chino, California, region for several years since its last restoration and was flown at the 2018 Planes of Fame Air Show in Chino last May. The general opinion is that the plane was flying Tuesday in preparation for this year's Planes of Fame Air Show happening in a few weeks. The plane crashed onto the grounds of a correctional facility in Norco, California, and was utterly destroyed. There were no injuries to anyone on the ground, however, the pilot, David Vopat, an employee of the museum was killed.

The N9M flying wing originally employed two Menasco Buccaneer 8-liter six-cylinder air-cooled inline propeller engines on the rear of the wing, however, during the restoration, they were replaced with twin Franklin OX-

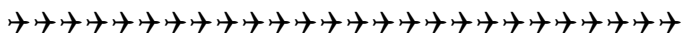
540 eight-cylinder engines that were capable of air speeds of 220 mph and a fuel range of 480 miles. The metal and wood air frame weighed almost 5,900 pounds. The N9M planes were the first aircraft to utilize a total hydraulic flight control system that gave feedback to the crew based on air speed. The yellow-above and blue-below paint scheme was exclusive to the N9MB, the other three models were all painted differently to tell them apart.



Prototype N9M1 was first flown on December 27, 1942, and the surviving N9MB, the last of the four prototypes, first flew in 1944. One of the more important things Northrop learned with the N1M and N9M planes was that the flying wing was very hard for a single pilot to maneuver in flight, which ultimately led to the military's cancellation of the manned XB-35, YB-35, and YB-49 flying wing bombers. With the advancements of electronic stability and fly-by-wire technology in the 1980s and 1990s, the flying wing once again became a popular air frame choice and was used in the design of the B-2 Spirit stealth bombers commissioned by the military and placed into service in 1997. It was also one of the designs that was the basis for the unmanned XB-47 and X-47B carrier-based bombers, a program that has also been recently cancelled.

Memorial for Last Doolittle Raider

The Air Force has announced a memorial service to celebrate the life of retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" E. Cole, the last of the famous Doolittle Tokyo Raiders of World War II, who died April 9 at age 103. The service was held at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, on April 18, officials said in a recent news release. Cole was the co-pilot for then-Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle in a B-25 Mitchell bomber during the April 18, 1942, mission by the U.S. Army Air Forces to strike the Japanese home islands. The memorial also marks the 77th anniversary of the Doolittle Raid. Air Force senior leaders, family and friends are expected to attend. Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia will be Cole's final resting place.



Peggy Jean's Hanger

A monthly column by Peggy Jean Bassett

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It's all relative

By Peggy Jean Bassett

As I was a missing member for most of March, this is what was going on in my neck of the woods. My home was being spruced up for the coming of family members. The occasion was for a celebration of life for my very dear and close aunt; Martha H Travis (nee Brubaker). Martha lived to be 101 years old. Aunt Martha was one of five sisters and one brother; Second Lieutenant, William Brubaker. My uncle "Billy" was killed when his training plane crashed at Greenwood Flying Center, Greenwood, MS.



Photo Courtesy of Peggy Jean Bassett

2ndLt William Brubaker

Bill was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Oren Brubaker of Detroit, MI. My grandfather never recovered from that tragedy, he was despondent and brokenhearted until his demise. I was a girl of five-years-old and I remember seeing my grandpa standing over his workbench in the basement of their big two-story stone house, he was engraving a plaque for Billy's grave site with a photo of him in uniform. He "hand tooled" and chiseled a wonderful likeness and it was bronzed and beautiful. Because of that tragedy, one of the Brubaker girls, my aunt Alma "Judy" Brubaker joined the WAC's in 1944 in his honor and to represent the Brubaker family in service.



Photo Courtesy of Peggy Jean Bassett

Alma "Judy" Brubaker

Aunt Martha was laid to rest next to her husband William Travis at Eternal Valley Memorial Park, in Santa Clarita. It wasn't a sad funeral as aunt Martha was a devoted follower of a Christian religion called the Truth. The reception was a gathering of immediate family at the Olive Garden in Santa Clarita. I saw so many cousins, and to my awe one of my second cousins is Captain Robert (Bob) Travis, grandson of aunt Martha. Captain Bob is a pilot for UPS (United Parcel Service), "OMG" said Plane Peggy "I love it!". Bob has served as Captain on the Boeing 747, McDonnell MD-11 and is currently a Captain on the Airbus A-300. He has flown as the first officer for UPS on the 757, 767, and A-300 as well as DC-8 flight engineer. Captain Bob is the fourth term president of the Independent Pilot Association (IPA).

Bob graduated from UCLA in 1985 with a political science degree. After graduation he was accepted into the United States Air Force pilot training program. He flew the F-111 in Europe and later became an instructor pilot flying the T-38 Talon. After the military Bob became an American Airlines pilot where he flew on the Boeing 727. He also flew briefly for the regional carrier American Eagle on the ATR-72 and was the MD-11 fleet instructor training representative for the IPA. Cousin Bob resides in Dallas, TX with his wife Julie and son Austin. My newly discovered cousin was impressed about my love of the warbirds and my flying experiences in them. I shared photos and videos with him, also telling him about Wings Over Wendy's, our veterans and supporters' organization of all branches of military service. (Continued Page 11)

A Warm Sunny Sunday in May 1947

I got up at 6:00 a.m. Took a shower, shaved and used plenty of Old Spice. Then I drove the Weapons Carrier to the Community Mess.

Coming to the valley

The Travis family moved to Panorama City in the San Fernando Valley in the late 1940's where they bought one of the early valley track homes. Soon after in 1951 my family followed and purchased a track home in Reseda. My parents both worked at Douglas Aircraft in Culver City and back in the day they had to drive the old Sepulveda Pass. If you managed to get to the tunnel at the top without overheating your vehicle you did good. Folks were kinder, and they often stopped to offer help. Uncle Bill Travis was employed by Rocketdyne, mainly at the Canoga Park facility. Sometimes his work would take him up Woolsey Canyon to the Santa Susanna Field Laboratory. Uncle Bill was with Rocketdyne until his retirement around the late 1960's, he was a valued and prominent employee. Uncle Bill shared many exciting stories like times with the astronauts. His son Tom and grandson Bob followed in his footsteps.

Around 9:30 a.m. I returned to quarters. The sleepy heads were still trying to sleep. In about a half hour Mamasan and her niece arrived to collect the dirty fatigues and underwear. Mamasan and her niece washed, rinsed and spread the clothes on bushes and plants so the sun could dry them. In late afternoon we would find our clothes neatly folded on our bunks.

Things that are not there anymore

Rocketdyne provided a fitness park for their employees and families, it was 13.7 acres at the north end of Fallbrook in Canoga Park. It was amazing with three swimming pools, tennis courts and so much more for the kids to do, like climbing up a Rocketship Tower. The park was demolished about one year ago, and now 90 single family homes take its place. I miss the abandoned park as I would go there often, my private "Rocketship Park" as my grandson Adam would call it. Now it's called The Oaks of West Hills. Oh, but the Rocketship to climb on has been saved and will be relocated to the SSFL (Santa Susanna Field Laboratory) when it is converted to a park.



Niece & Mamasan

As the girls entered our Quonset hut, I walked toward Mamasan and knelt in front of her and began praising her beauty in Spanish: "bellisima doncella, con labios color de rosas, dientes de perllas, pelo negro como la noche ,"

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I praised her in Spanish for a good fifteen minutes. The sleepy heads were laughing at me and her facial expressions. Did she enjoy all this flattery or , , , ? Everybody was quiet. The clothing was not being collected.

I returned to my bunk, Mamasan approached me. Her niece stayed in the doorway as Mamasan approached me. I sat still with the mosquito net hanging behind me. About six feet from me she bowed and began: "VALIENTE CABALLERO DEL REY, guardia del Rey y guardia de toda doncella virgin todo el pueblo esta listo para servirle." Mamasan praised me for over fifteen minutes in perfect Spanish.

The sleepy heads and I wondered where she had picked up Spanish. Native Okinawan's speak Japanese, many speak Chinese and those employed by the Armed Forces spoke broken English. In Spanish I asked her where she learned Spanish.

Speaking in Spanish, Mamasan told us about a Japanese freighter that would pick up workers along the islands near the equator. Since the late 1920s her family participated in this "bracero" program. On arrival at Peru, the workers would go to pick the cotton and then other farm products. In Mamasan's village, the older women and the young men would board the freighter and the older men, and the unmarried girls stayed home to prepare the rice for the harvest when the ship would return from Peru.

The entry of Japan in WW II prevented the workers from coming home All were stranded in Peru. Mamasan learned to speak Spanish living in Peru. A decade ago the elected President of Peru was of Japanese heritage. Both Peru and Brazil have welcomed Japanese persons as workers, professionals and as citizens.

In the next few months Mamasan taught us Okinawan culture. Why do some tombs on the hillside look like turtle shells and other tombs are smooth? She informed us that the oldest virgin in the family scrapes the flesh from the bones of the deceased family member. She listed the possible items of value that might be placed in the tall clay jars with the bones.

Why did a 50-year-old pottery maker dance like Charlie Chaplin in the film "The Dictator"? Okinawans watched American movies before the hostiles.

The urban and sophisticated lady gave us insights into their culture. When I left in December of 1947, she gave me the address of her sister in Honolulu. A dozen years later I tried to locate her. Sadly, I could not find her.



Photo courtesy of Ed Moreno
Mamasan's Sister

In Other News



Photo by Larry Kushner

Jonna Doolittle-Hoppes At the Hawker Senior Squadron 128 of the Civil Air Patrol

On April 15, 2019 Jonna Doolittle-Hoppes, Granddaughter of General James (Jimmy) Doolittle gave a presentation on the life of her Grandfather, General James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle and her Grandmother, "The Duchess," Mrs. (Joe) Doolittle at The Park VNY North Terminal Building.

Her presentation was arranged by the Hawker Senior Squadron 128 of the Civil Air Patrol.

Jonna talked about the early life of her Grandfather and the reasons she wrote the book: *Calculated Risk: The Extraordinary Life of Jimmy Doolittle* in response to the film, *Pearl Harbor*, to correct inaccuracies about her grandfather's character and actions during World War II. Although *Calculated Risk* presented the achievements of Jimmy Doolittle, the book also included many details about the family such as Doolittle's wife of 71 years, Josephine Daniels.

Attending the presentation from Wings Over Wendy's were Alex Daunis; Bob Donovan; Anarg Frangos; Lou Kridelbaugh; Larry Kushner; Joe Mueller; Kurt Rademacher; Ed Reynolds; Michael Sugar and Leon Waldman.

After her presentation past Presidents of the Air Force Association's General Doolittle Chapter, Lou Kridelbaugh and Ed Reynolds, presented Jonna with a Bronze bust of the General and a cartoon from the *Dennis the Menace* cartoon strip signed by the cartoonist.

War in Europe Teacher Course, March 30th:



Photo by Franky Ortega

Leon Waldman and Richard Kinder

Continuing the "Salary point class on WWII" course described in the April Wings News. Educators and curriculum leaders met on March 30th to listen to Leon Waldman and Richard Kinder tell of their experiences in WWII.



Photo by Franky Ortega

Richard Kinder with POW Camp Self-Portrait

Together they came to the **Museum of the San Fernando Valley** to talk for 1 hour and 15 minutes each. Leon spoke at length. Then Richard showed an original copy of a self-portrait he drew at one of the POW camps that he was at as well as the letter informing his parents of his capture and a letter of commendation for his service.



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Leon Waldman Daniel Pearl Magnet HS

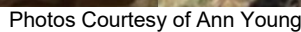
Leon Waldman came to talk to Franky Ortega's 10th Grade World History class Wednesday, April 10th. He brought in some original artifacts of his service along with photos. He spoke of his service and his combat experience including interesting stories.



Photo by Franky Ortega

Jimmy Weldon Daniel Pearl Magnet HS

Jimmy Weldon came to speak to Franky Ortega's 5th and final class and fourth overall visit to Daniel Pearl Magnet High School in the past 2 months. Talk about service. The kids LOVE him. He has an excellent program that includes a prayer with all kids holding hands and then he hugs all the kids.



John Young
October 24, 1919 to
February 6, 2019

After he received his degree he decided to move to Los

Bob Bermant



Samuel Leland Anderson Jr.
Dec 8, 1925 – Apr 4, 2019

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May Birthdays

Pieter Vanevery	May 1, 1942
Stanley Salmore	May 3, 1924
Milt Weintraub	May 3, 1925
Glenn Gates	May 4, 1947
Richard Decurtins	May 5, 1947
Tom Carey	May 6, 1948
Bruce Troe	May 7, 1952
Bob Bermant	May 12, 1940
Malcom Dipperstein	May 12, 1930
Michael Sugar	May 12, 1946
Hillard Lewinson	May 13, 1926
Ernest Dutcher	May 16, 1920
Karen Vegtel	May 16, 1950
Fred Phillips	May 18, 1923
Stanley DeCovnick	May 22, 1932
Maurice Vasquez	May 22, 1968
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(now get this...)
- The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
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