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# HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS 2019

Wings Over Wendy's members and spouses celebrated the holidays in two events during the month of December 2019



Photo by Mike Sugar

## Field Trip to Solvang Julefest (Yule-Fest) December 10, 2019

A group of Wings Over Wendy's members traveled by a bus courtesy of Council District 12, on December 10, 2019 to Solvang one of the top 10 most "Christmassy" towns in America to enjoy a tour of the festive town.

The tour started at the Elverhoj Museum which is housed in the former home of a Solvang family. The museum is devoted to Danish culture the Danish-American experience and displays the history of the Danish Colony of California which grew to be the town of Solvang. Esther Bates, Executive Director of the Museum welcomed the group with a traditional "Danish" pastry.



Photos by Larry Kushner and Mike Sugar (Continued page 2 column 1)



Photo by Avi Ben-Shabat

### Hanukkah Dinner at Ben-Shabat Home December 29, 2019

A small group of Wings Over Wendy's attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hanukkah Dinner at Avi and Liat Ben-Shabat's house on December 29, 2019. Liat provided an extensive spread of Moroccan and Israeli dishes for the buffet dinner.



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Photos by Larry Kushner

The Director of the Tourist Bureau and Mayor Ryan Toussaint and former Mayor Jim Richardson also greeted the group at the Museum. After a cup of coffee, a "Danish" and tour of the museum the group boarded jeeps driven by Solvang Veterans for a tour of the town.



Photo by Mike Sugar

Following the ride around town stopping at various tourist spots the group was treated to lunch at the Chompers Restaurant.



Photo by Larry Kushner Following lunch, the group visited the local "Christmassy" shops before boarding the bus.

Attending were Phil Aune, Tom Bates, Anita Green, Fred Kaplan, Larry Kushner, Barney Leone, Kurt Rademacher, Ed Reynolds, George Rothman, Bob Stiles, Sharon Fine, Michael Sugar, Helen Sugar, Howard Swerdlick, Leon Waldman, Warren Weinstein, and Jimmy Weldon.

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Photo by Larry Kushner

Avi lead the group in song and we were treated by his daughter, Gali playing the Harp in the background.

Attending the dinner from Wings Over Wendys was Paul Boghossian, David Greenberg, Richard Gross, Larry Kushner, Hillard Lewinson, Frank Lopez, Ethel Margolin, Earl Minkin, Ed Reynolds, Bob Stiles, Sharon Fine, Maurice Vasquez and Warren Weinstein



Photo by Howard Swerdlick

## Council District 12's 2019 Holiday Breakfast December 12, 2019

A group from Wings Over Wendy's attended the Council District 12 Annual Holiday Breakfast held at the Greig Smith PALS Youth Center on December 12, 2019. Among those attending were Tom Bates, Paul Boghossian, Barry Chapman, Bob Donovan, David Greenberg, Larry Kushner, Barney Leone, Hillard Lewinson, Earl Minkin, Jamie Pellegrini, Ed Reynolds, Bob Stiles, Howard Swerdlick, Maurice Vasquez, Warren Weinstein, and Nathan Wolfstein

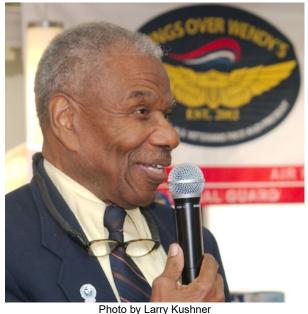
# December Meetings December 2, 2019



Photo by Larry Kushner

### **Ron Rubine**

Ron Rubine stopped by to invite Wings Over Wendy's members to Council District 12's 2019 Holiday Breakfast on December 12, 2019. It will be held at the Greig Smith PALS Youth Center.



Novarro "Doc" Stafford

New member Dr. Novarro "Doc" Stafford recently retired at the age of 83 after an outstanding 52 years within the healthcare industry attended our meeting on December 2, 2019. He recently relocated from Texas. During his career he specialized in Family Medicine, Trauma, Ketamine and Anesthesiology.

He served 24 years in the US Army earning pilot wings flying both fixed wings and helicopters retiring as a LtCol.



Photo by Larry Kushner

### **Charles Scott**

Charles Scott visited our meeting again. He showed us various hat pins he can manufacture with the Wings Over Wendy's logo.

# **December 09, 2019**



Photo by Larry Kushner

### Manny Iglesias Surprise Birthday Visitors

On December 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 the day before Manny Iglesias' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday he was surprised when his daughters, one from the Bay Area, attended the meeting paid for the members coffee and donuts and lead in the singing of "Happy Birthday".

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#### Photo by Larry Kushner

## Dan Pemberton The Military Aviator

Also, on December 9, 2019 Dan Pemberton read the following poem to the crowd. It was written by Joe Crecca, who was shot down in a F-4 in 1966 over North Vietnam and held as a POW until 1973.

#### For my Brothers

#### The Military Aviator

I think I've known a million lads Who say they love the sky Who'd all be aviators, And not afraid to fly!

For Duty, Honor, Country Their courage I admire! But it takes more than courage, son To get to be a flyer

When you are only twelve years old Of course you want to fly! And tho' you know not what is Death, You're not afraid to die.

But of the million, more or less, All must have perfect eyes, So only half a million now, Can dream of future skies

Then comes high school, science and math, Some choose the easy way: Football, cars, and dating girls; Teen pleasures hold their sway. And of the quarter million left, One half go on to schools, The other half will dream and drift, And never learn the rules

Now comes the day of testing, Eight hours of Stanine Hell, On every subject known to man Four fifths will not do well

The one in 5 who pass this test Apply for flying schools. The Application Boards will now Eliminate the fools.

Then comes two days of nakedness, Flight surgeons poke and prod To pass this Flying Physical, One needs to be a God

And now, five hundred lucky souls Will start their Pre-Flight days, Endure demerits, hunger, cold, As upper classmen haze

One half survive this mental game, And go to Primary schools, But only half will hack the course, Move on to Basic rules

Two Hundred fifty now will try To pass those Basic tests, Formation flight soon separates, The "tiger" from the rest

One hundred twenty-five will then Pin on those pilot wings The best become "Top Gun" jocks, The rest fly other things

Some will die while learning those Essential combat skills Some will die in combat Some will score their "kills"

But they have learned a lesson Sometimes lost on you and me We must always fight for Freedom Because Freedom's never free

He's a knight in Shining Armor That the cruel Tyrants fear He's that deadly drop of venom On the tip of Freedom's spear

Engaging him in Battle is a course That only fools would choose He's the world's fiercest warrior For he had the most to lose (Continued page 5) So when you see that aviator, Standing at the bar Taking out the garbage Or tuning up his car

You'd best walk up and offer him Your thanks, extend your hand. He's that rare "One in a million" Who protects this sacred land.



Photo by Larry Kushner

## Abe Hoffman The History of The Pledge of Allegiance

On December 9th Abe Hoffman discussed the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. It's not in the Declaration of Independence or the Constitution, and the nation spent more than a century before one was created. Francis Bellamy, editor of the children's magazine Youth's Companion, created the Pledge to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America being celebrated in the 1892 Chicago World's Fair.

At one time a different pledge, created by Civil War veteran George T. Balch, overlapped Bellamy's. For some twenty years one or the other of the pledges were used by different organizations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Grand Army of the Republic. The National Flag Conference in 1924 standardized flag rules and accepted Bellamy's version as the official pledge.

Over the years the Pledge has undergone several revisions, most notably the ending of the outstretched arm as too similar to the Nazi salute. The words "under God" were inserted in 1954 as the U.S. government distinguished its ideology from the Soviet Union's "Godless Communism."

# **December 16, 2019**



Photo by Larry Kushner

### Oscar Rivera Appreciation Award

On December 16, 2019, Fred Kaplan, on behalf of Wings Over Wendy's presented a plaque to Oscar Rivera stating:

With Our Greatest Appreciation Wings Over Wendy's Hereby Honors

Oscar Rivera

Valley Operations Manager Galpin Truck Rental, Van Nuys A Veteran himself For

Outstanding support in Wings Over Wendy's participation in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade November 11, 2019

In October when Fred Kaplan contacted Galpin Truck Rental to reserve a truck for Wings Over Wendy's participation in the San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade he was told that there were no trucks of the size required available on the dates required.

Fred then contacted Oscar Rivera, the Valley Operations Manager to see if he could arrange a solution. Oscar contacted the companies that had the size trucks on long term rentals and found one that was willing to turn one in for Wings Over Wendy's to rent for the parade. He saved the day!

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Photo by Larry Kushner

## Gabriella Karin Holocaust Survivor

We were honored on December 16, 2019 to have as our guest speaker Gabriella Karin, to tell us of her experiences surviving the holocaust in her native Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. She was 8 years old when WWII started and told of the restrictions placed on Jews and then in 1942 the deportation of Slovenia. The surprising and tragic thing was is was not by Nazis or Germans but carried out by Slovakians.

Gabriella was separated from her parents and placed in a Slovakian convent that was run by nuns, and she had false papers with false identification. She didn't make friends in fear of Anti-Semitism and cried herself to sleep every night for two years. Then when the deportations began she was hidden in an apartment building in Bratislava across the street from the Slovak Gestapo office.

The Gestapo searched every building in Bratislava except the building she was in because when it was built it was prohibited from occupation, rental or sale to Jews. She lived an existence like Anne Frank except she survived.

After the war, she moved to Israel and then to the United States. When she studied art suppressed memories of her past came flooding back once she began to fashion sculptures dealing with the Holocaust. Despite the emotional difficulties associated with revisiting her youth, she regularly talks in schools and synagogues.

Gabriella is a docent at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust and participates in the Righteous Conversations Project which unites survivors and students through the medium of art.

It was a fascinating slide presentation and talk. She showed many pictures of her art works and answered questions from the audience.

# **December 23, 2019**



Photo by Harlis Brend

### **Remembering Bob Rose**

The meeting on December 23th started on a sad note when we were informed that our dear friend and loyal member Bob Rose had "flown west" on the previous Friday. Many members spoke to the group about how he had touched their lives.



Photo by Harlis Brend Ethel Margolin Annual Holiday Poem

Ethel Margolin read her annual Christmas Poem on December 23, 2019.



Photo by Harlis Brend

### **Bob Donovan**

Bob Donovan concluded the meeting reciting the following Christmas poem.

### **A Christmas Poem**

The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light, I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, My daughter beside me, angelic in rest Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe, Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, Secure and surrounded by love, I would sleep, In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near, But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear. Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow. My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, And I crept to the door just to see who was near. A lone figure stood his face weary and tight. A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old, Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled, Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment, it's freezing out here! Put down your pack; brush the snow from your sleeve, You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!" For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts, To the window that danced with a warm fire's light. Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right, I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night." "It's my duty to stand at the front of the line, That separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore, I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before. My Gramps died at Pearl on a day in December." Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas Gram always remembers."

"My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ' Nam ', And now it is my turn and so, here I am. I've not seen my own son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures; he's sure got her smile."

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag, The red, white, and blue... an American flag. "I can live through the cold and the being alone, Away from my family, my house and my home I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet, I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat. I can carry the weight of killing another, Or lay down my life for my sister or brother, Who stand at the front against any and all To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall."

"So go back inside," he said, "Harbor no fright, Your family is waiting and I'll be all right." "But isn't there something I can do, at the least? Give you money," I asked, "Or prepare you a feast? It seems all too little for all that you've done, for being away from your wife and your son." Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, "Just tell us you love us, and never forget To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone, To stand your own watch, no matter how long For when we come home, either standing or dead, To know you remember we fought and we bled Is payment enough, and with that we will trust, that we mattered to you as you mattered to us."

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,

# **December 30, 2019**



Photo by Larry Kushner

### **Dan Stark**

Dan Stark address the group on December 30, 2019 to tell us how much he will miss Bob Rose. He told that not knowing until later, Bob and Dan served at the same time on the USS Shangri La during the Korean War.



Photo by Larry Kushner

### **Franky Ortega**

Franky Ortega, History teacher, a National Board-Certified Teacher at Daniel Pearl Magnet High School, return to Wings Over Wendy's on December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to give as abbreviated version of the two hour lecture, he gave November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Museum of the San Fernando Valley on the. history of Birmingham General Hospital.

### **Peggy Jean's Hanger**

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



# **Profile Reprint**

I thought it would be appropriate to reprint the profile from the October 2017 Wings News.

Reprint from October 2017 Wings News

### Rose Was Valley Dentist and a Lot More Before Joining Wings

By Ray Rosenbaum & Ed Reynolds



Photos provided by Bob Rose

Bob Rose, a member of Wings Over Wendy's for several years, has had an interesting career. He was a Junior Navigation Officer aboard the USS Shangri La during the Korean War (Is it over yet?).

Serving on that historic aircraft carrier, Rose was involved in its last deployment before it went east from San Diego.

His real fame came, however, came through his activity with the Tuskegee Pilots, a group of 992 aviators, all black like himself.

In those days, one tenth of one percent of the Navy was non-white, but times have changed, thank God. "Today a large part of the military is comprised of blacks, going all the way up to admirals and generals," says Rose.

Bob was born and raised in Waukegan, Ill., went through Navy ROTC at Northwestern University and was commissioned upon graduation. He served aboard the Shangri La and was discharged in 1958. It was then he became involved with the Tuskegee men and he has been their historian ever since.

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He's written a book on their exploits, called the *Lonely Eagles*, and several articles as well. Obviously, he's become very close to the men who were organized in 1944 and were finally integrated in the Navy in 1947. "It took a long time, but was worth it," says Bob.

When his enlistment was up he returned to college finally earning a degree in dentistry and he set up practice in the San Fernando Valley. Today he lives in Sylmar, actually Rancho Cascades. (Over a 20-mile drive to Wendy's.)

Married to his wife, Harriett, for 62 years, they have two children, Robert, Jr., a graduate of Dartmouth, and Verna, a USC grad.

Bob is very active in Wings Over Wings both at the meetings, after and between meetings when he would visit members that were either home or retirement home-bound. He was close to Clyde Reynolds before he passed away and now visits Guy Chookoorian and sometimes brings Dick Kinder to meetings. **He is faithful to all.** 

But his real love is for those Tuskegee men who broke the color barrier while winning fame for their aerial exploits in World War II. He has other loves and talents. As a Dentist that is skilled at small places and exacting work he is a very detailed model builder. Using his skills on larger things he has a love of old cars. He has owned and restored 9 cars over his lifetime including an Indianapolis 500 1957 Chevrolet Pace Car. (Sam Hanks, the 1957 Winner, is a personal friend.) [This publisher is very jealous of three of his early cars which were 1941 Ford convertibles, dual spot lights, fender skirts and dual exhaust. Oh, how I wanted one of those when I turned 16! Bob has owned three, 3!!! Can you imagine three 1941 Ford Convertibles, plus three, yes 3, Ford T-Birds! I should have been a dentist.]

The following is from the back cover of his book, Lonely Eagles. Robert A. Rose, D.D.S. has been involved in various phases of aviation since his days as a lieutenant, USNR stationed in San Diego, California. Aside from an active practice of dentistry in the San Fernando Valley section of California, he finds time to devote himself to World War I and II aviation history. As a former book reviewer and associate editor of the Journal of the <u>American Aviation Historical Society</u>, plastic modeler, and model kit reviewer for Sentry Books, his interest was further stimulated to do the Tuskegee story upon discovering so little had been written on the subject, and considerable controversy and misunderstanding surrounded the role of the black man in the Army Air Corps.

Oh, did I mention in addition to being a skilled dentist, an author, historian, old car restorer, model builder, friend to our members, he is a jazz musician playing the alto sax! He is one very talented man!

# **In Other News**

## Everything You Need to Know About Vets' and Caregivers' New Base Access

New commissary and exchange customers will be granted on-base access in two phases, based on whether they have a Department of Veterans Affairs health insurance card, according to new information released by the Pentagon.

The VA and Defense Department have fleshed out some of their plans to let 4.1 million new customers enjoy access next year to commissaries, military exchanges and recreation facilities located on secure military installations.

Here's what the latest plans mean for eligible veterans and their caregivers:

#### Are You eligible?

Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, veterans with any service-connected disability and caregivers registered with the VA's Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers program will be able to shop beginning Jan. 1. Reserve members who fit this description will also have access.

These veterans and caregivers will be able to shop at commissaries and exchanges and use some MWR facilities, such as golf courses, bowling alleys and movie theaters. Services that rely on appropriations to operate, including military uniform items and child development programs, will not be available.

The DoD has been working with the VA, Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Treasury to give these new customers access, integrating them into the complex security systems of military installations.

Retired service members, Metal of Honor recipients and veterans with a service-related disability rating of 100 percent will continue to have access to on-base facilities and can obtain a DoD identification card to get on base.

Veterans with a VA's Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) will be able to shop online and get on base to shop in-person at commissaries, exchanges and some MWR facilities.

Veterans who don't have a VHIC will be able to shop only online, with access to MWR online and AmericanForcesTravel.com, until the DoD figures out how to give them secure access to bases, officials said.

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"When DoD and VA identify a credentialing solution for all Veterans eligible under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018," the guidance states, "DoD will roll out a new phase of access to accommodate current veterans who are not eligible to obtain a VHIC but are eligible for these privileges."

Currently, all honorably discharged veterans can shop online through the Veterans Online Shopping Benefit. They can set up an account for any of the military exchange websites: Army and Air Force Exchange System, Coast Guard Exchange, Marine Corps Exchange, Navy Exchange Command, and the Veterans Canteen Service.

Veterans with a VHIC can check in with the base visitor control center to gain base access beginning Jan. 1. Everyone will have to pass a basic, on-the-spot background check with initial access, and have an automated check each subsequent time. Veterans or caregivers with felony convictions, felony arrest warrants or derogatory information related to criminal history or terrorism will be prohibited from entering.

Depending on the type of installation, these VHICcarrying veterans will be able to enroll in recurring access, which lets them bypass the visitor control center each time by entering through the gates.

### What is a Veteran Health Identification Card and can I use a Veteran Identification Card?

VHIC cards are issued to veterans enrolled in VA health care. In order to use the VHIC, it must display the veteran's eligibility status, like Purple Heart, former POW or service-connected disability.

The VIC is issued to any honorably or generally discharged veteran and is not an accepted identification to provide access to the installations.

More information about the VHIC card can be found at Va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic. The guidance states the VA expects it might see an increase in the number of veterans requesting consideration for service-connected disability ratings and applying for health care benefits to obtain a VHIC.

#### What is the process for a caregiver?

The process for caregivers registered in the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers to access the commissaries, exchanges and MWRs is similar to that of VHIC-holding veterans. However, caregivers will receive a letter issued by the VA Office of Community Care saying they qualify as a primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran.

To be admitted on base and to purchase items from the commissary or exchange, they will need to bring the VA letter plus one of the following types of identification:

- DoD common access card
- REAL ID-compliant driver's license or other ID issued by a state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia

- U.S. passport or passport card
- Foreign passport bearing an unexpired immigrant or non-immigrant visa or entry stamp
- Federal personal identity verification card
- VHIC
- Transportation Worker Identification Card

Within 30 days of receiving their eligibility letter, caregivers will be able to shop at the exchanges online like non-VHIC holding veterans, except for the Veterans Canteen Service.

Caregivers who are not a part of the VA's official program do not qualify for shopping privileges. The DoD might expand access to non-registered caregivers in the future, the policy says.

#### Can my spouse shop on my behalf?

No, at least not right now. Currently, an authorized caregiver will be classified only as someone approved and designated as the primary family caregiver of an eligible veteran under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers.

The DoD said in this new guidance it will consider expanding caregiver privileges to the disabled veteran's spouse when the VA formalizes approval and designation of general caregivers under the program.

In the meantime, there's nothing to stop a spouse from getting a base visitor pass and going to the store with the veteran. However, like all base visitors, they will need to pass a background check.

### I already have access to shop in commissaries and exchanges. How will this affect me?

The guidance states most locations will "experience little to no impact on current operations," but there might be a "low to moderate impact" to installations in high costof-living areas.

"Commissary, exchange and morale, welfare and recreation retail facilities are preparing to welcome home these patrons without disrupting the current service experience for authorized patrons," it states.

#### What will it cost me?

The commissary sells its grocery items at cost and boasts "an average worldwide savings of 23.7 percent over commercial grocery shopping." While it has no state or local food tax, it imposes a 5 percent surcharge meant to help with store upkeep and construction of new stores.

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As required by the Act, these new customers will have to pay an additional charge if they use a commercial credit card or debit card. These credit cards or a Signature debit card will result in an additional 1.9 percent user fee, while other debit card transactions will have a 0.5 percent user fee. This fee will not be refunded when returning a product.

Veterans and caregivers can avoid these fees by using cash, check or the credit card offered by the military resale system, the Military Star card. Customers using electronic benefit transfer cards, like Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, will also avoid the fee.

There will be no such charge at exchanges or for MWR purchases.

### New US Space Force Hub Renamed 'SPOC'

The 14th Air Force, at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, has been renamed. It will now live long and prosper as Space Operations Command, or **SPOC**, according to a recent service announcement.

The change was made in accordance with the transition from Air Force Space Command to the U.S. Space Force, effective Dec. 20 when President Donald Trump signed the fiscal 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), establishing Space Force as the sixth branch of the U.S. military.

"Every day, all around the planet, people count on us to make a difference -- to provide a space-enabled combat edge to the warfighters that keep our country, our allies, and our partners safe. We will not let them down," Maj. Gen. John E. Shaw, commander of the newly redesignated SPOC, said in the release.

Shaw is also U.S. Space Command's Combined Force Space Component Commander.

SPOC will assume the majority of the mission previously held by the 14th Air Force, including operational command and control.

Additional responsibilities include "space domain awareness, space electronic warfare, satellite communications, missile warning, nuclear detonation detection, environmental monitoring, military intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), navigation warfare, and positioning, navigation and timing" on behalf of the Space Force (USSF), Space Command (USSPACECOM) and other combatant commands, the release states.

Roughly 16,000 active-duty and civilian personnel who used to make up units within Air Force Space Command are now assigned to the Space Force.

During the NDAA signing ceremony, Trump appointed Gen. Jay Raymond as the first chief of Space Operations. Raymond, who also leads U.S. Space Command, will report to the secretary of the Air Force and sit as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Over the next 18 months, Air Force officials will identify more personnel to transfer branches and become part of the U.S. Space Force.

Within 60 days, the service will reach out to uniformed airmen "to inform them whether their specialty code is organic to the Space Force, organic to the Air Force, or shared between Air Force and Space Forces," according to a Space Force factsheet.

Ahead of the NDAA's signing, Raymond told

reporters that plans are in motion to redesignate Air Force units with a space-only mission and realign bases for the space mission.

That includes various Colorado facilities, including:

Buckley Air Force Base,

Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station,

Peterson Air Force Base

Schriever Air Force Base

As well as the Army's Redstone Arsenal in Alabama, Vandenberg, and Patrick Air Force Base in Florida.

For example, "Patrick Air Force Base" may be renamed "Patrick Space Base," or something to that effect, the general said during a briefing at the Pentagon.

While the U.S. Space Force will be headquartered at the Pentagon, some of those bases are under consideration to house the Defense Department's newest unified combatant command, U.S. Space Command, which is responsible for planning and conducting space military operations.

A large portion of SPACECOM's work is currently being conducted at Peterson, which was originally home to the now-defunct Air Force Space Command.

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### Wings Over Wendy's Buttons and Pins

Thanks to Charles Scott Wings Over Wendy's has 2.5 inch magnetic back pins and pin-back pins with the Wings Over Wendy's logo for **\$2 each**.



Magnetic back pin



### Pin back pin

## Here's a New, Fast Way for Veterans to See Their Health Records

A new integration between the Department of Veterans Affairs and Apple lets veterans easily access their VA health records from their iPhone.

Using the Health app, which is automatically installed on iPhones as part of Apple's package of applications, veterans can sign up to integrate their health records into the app's database.

The capability first rolled out late last month, although the VA did not officially announce it until Nov. 6.

So how easy is it to use? Our test found that as long as you have your VA.gov log-in handy, the process is basically seamless.

To set it up, veterans will first need to open the "Health" app. Once inside, they should scroll down to "Access Your Records," and then tap "Get Started."



That will lead them to a search page.

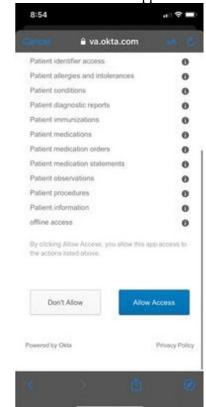
By searching "VA," they can pull up and then

- tap the "Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA)" option,
  - then tap "connect account."

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From there, it's as easy as signing into VA.gov and granting your iPhone permission to access the records. After the process is complete, all of the records in the online system will be viewable from the app.



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# <u>In Memoriam</u>

During the month of December 2019, one member of Wings Over Wendy's "Flew West".



### Robert A. Rose October 23, 1930 to December 20, 2019

Robert A. Rose, D.D.S. a beloved and very talented member of Wings Over Wendy's, ANA and other veterans organizations, succumbed to pneumonia and Valley Fever on December 20, 2019. Bob is a veteran the USNR and was assigned to several posts in Naval Aviation.

After his service he opened a dental practice in the San Fernando Valley and devoted his spare time on the study of WWI and WWII aviation history. He was a writer, book reviewer, associate editor of the Journal of American Aviation Historical Society, plastic modeler and model kit reviewer for Sentry Books. He wrote the book *Lonely Eagles, The Story of America's Black Air Force in World War II* about the Tuskegee Airman. Initially published in 1976 it is still available on Amazon.com.

He was a warm and friendly member who will be missed by all those he knew him. **Bob's Memorial Service** will be at the Hollywood Hills Forest Lawn Memorial Park on January 28th at 2:30.

# **Prayers**

### Association of Naval Aviation **TWO BLOCK FOX SQUADRON**



#### Thursday, January 16, 2019 Dinner Meeting at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys CA

1800 Check in and social hour1900 Call to Flight Quarters. 1910 Dinner is served2000 Feature Presentation to 2100



#### **Bob Rose Memory & Celebration of Life**

January meeting will be devoted to the memory and celebration of the life of our Squadron Chaplain and a dear friend of all.

Please RSVP No Later Than 1600, Friday, 10 January 2020 – Call in Reservations to (818) 800-0698 or email <u>gshindler64@earthlink.net</u>.

Late Arrivals – If stuck in traffic call 818-476-6032 and say you'll be late. Please try to arrive early.

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### No Assembly Day or Family Day in January 2020

httpswww.operationgratitude.com/assembly-day-schedule/

### WOW's monthly food drive is Monday, January 6th



### 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!** 



### **December Birthdays**

David McAlexander	January 01, 1965
David Loppnow	January 02, 1934
Gary Archer	January 02, 1965
Ray DeTourney	January 03, 1935
Jerry Knotts	January 04, 1938
Stephen Sherman	January 10, 1921
Bob Harris	January 10, 1949
Bill Carter	January 13, 1946
Tom Guzman	January 15, 1948
Stan Opatowsky	January 17, 1931
Hal Landy	January 18, 1922
Don Eisenberg	January 18, 1931
Sam Mulley	January 19, 1946
Montes Lorenzo	January 21, 1995
Gary Rocklin	January 23, 1941
Ron Lallone	January 25, 1934
Abe Rosenzweig	January 27, 1924
Al Lewis	January 30, 1924
Buck Haegele	January 31, 1929
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