

Monday Meeting String Broken

686 Monday Meetings Since Christmas 2006

After 686 Monday meetings in a row, Wings Over Wendy's had to cancel their meetings on March 16th, 2020, due to the Governor Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Garcetti request to limit meetings to stop the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Following the initial announcement a small group of members planned on having breakfast at the Wendy's Restaurant in Woodland Hills, on Monday, March 16th, to keep the string going, but the Sunday night decree by the Mayor closed the restaurant dining room and limited customers to just the drive thru, thus the streak was broken.

Since then we have for the most part been staying home and only venturing out to get food and essentials. We have been contacting each other and at the time of this printing to my knowledge none of our members have contacted the virus.

New Meeting Place

When Wendy's Restaurant's nation-wide began to serve a breakfast menu and Wings Over Wendy's attendance continued to grow the crowded conditions in the Woodland Hills Restaurant put a strain on the local Wendy's staff as they built their breakfast business.

The time was right to accept the offer extended by David Hussey, Executive Director, El Camino Real Charter

High School to use the North Campus Auditorium and kitchen at 7401 Shoup Ave., West Hills. to conduct our Monday morning meetings in the larger room in the El Camino Real Charter High School North Campus.

Barry Chapman, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Branch Chief Food Service Division - Pacific Area, set up a coffee and donut program for the meetings at the facility. He was assisted by David Greenberg, Mark Ax, Bob Donovan, Sue Hoffman, Paul Boghossian and several others.



Photo by Ed Reynolds

AUDITORIUM @ 7401 Shoup Ave.

The room has state-of-the-art audio visual facilities and we gained an additional handheld mic and a large screen, so the meeting times are extended to 11am to accommodate our speakers and their presentations.

The meeting room required less setup time post meeting time and effort. The seating arrangement provided more space between rows of tables.

The Campus has a large parking lot with the entrance off Valerio St., one block and traffic light north of Sherman Way.

March 2020

Events

In Loving Memory of Martin Snyder



December 4, 1923 – March 5, 2020

Honoring the Life of Martin Snyder March 12, 2020

A group of Wings Over Wendy's members joined Martin Snyder's family and friends to honor his life on Thursday, March 12, 2020. A Funeral Service was conducted by Rabbi Didi Thomas in the Eternal Light Chapel at Eden Memorial Park, Mission Hills.

The service had an outstanding video about the life of Marty designed by his son-in-law Jeff Oliver. It chronologically documented his life from growing up in New York City, the US Army, Marriage, College, family, move to Los Angeles and his Practice in Canoga Park.

It was raining so the military honors were conducted in the Chapel by the United States Army Honor Guard.

Following the service, Martin was interned in the Court of David, Mt. Jerusalem Lot.

A rain was falling, and the casket could not be lowered into the ground on the first attempt. It turned out that the casket selected by the family was damaged on shipment and a wider casket was substituted at the last minute without informing the grave diggers. They had to pry off the handles to lower the casket into the plot as the crowd stood in the rain.

Following the interment, a gathering was held at The Odyssey Restaurant, Granada Hills. Attending the services and gathering were: Bob Donovan, Dick Gross, Joe and Joan Mueller, Kurt Rademacher, Ed Reynolds, Bill Tapp and Bill Wentz.

It would be the last gathering of a group of Wings Over Wendy's members as the Mayor's order three nights later closed seating in restaurants and meetings of over ten people.

March 2020

Meetings

March 2, 2020

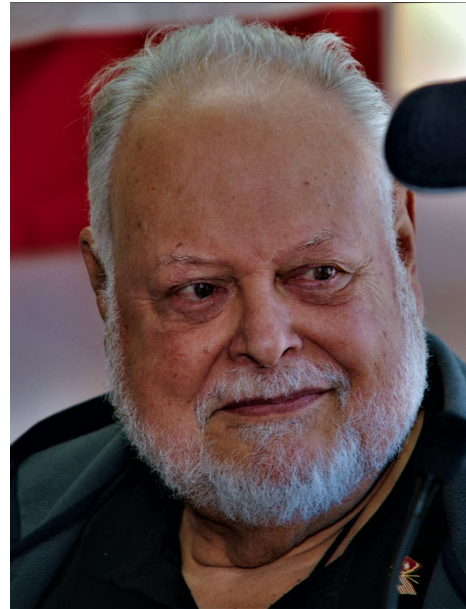


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Tom Cagan

Attending the last meeting to be held in the Woodland Hills Wendy's Restaurant was new member Tom Cagan, a friend of Mike Sugar. Tom served in the USMC from 1965 to 1969 with a tour in Vietnam. He is an avid Ham Radio Operator with the handle KB6NQW and lives in West Hills.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Tom Maiden

Tom Maiden addressed the group about the plans for his father's Celebration of Life.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Mark Reed **Internet-radio show,** **“The Voice of Reason”**

The featured speaker at our last meeting at the Woodland Hills Wendy’s Restaurant on March 2nd, 2020 was Mark Reed. He spoke to us about his Internet-radio talk show “The Voice of Reason” on LA/Radio. He co-hosts the show with Ted Durden, a Southern Democrat to talk about political issues in a civil manner finding commonality on the issues.

Mark’s talk to us on the 2nd was first on the manufacturing of vaccines in China. He made the point that these Chinese vaccines could be causing diseases like autism, and it should be closely monitored to find out if they are.

Next, he discussed the issues with the curriculum in American schools. Specifically, the curriculum surrounding sexual education. Mark informed us of the many changes that have been made in the past few years and how they could be negatively impacting American school students.

The details that they are taught could be described as pornographic if they were demonstrated outside the classroom.

March 9, 2020



Photo by Larry Kushner

First Meeting in the **Auditorium**

On March 9th, 2020 Wings Over Wendy’s held their first meeting in the Auditorium of the El Camino Real Charter High School North Campus.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Lisa Ring **Site Director of the** **ECRCHS North Campus**

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Lisa Ring, El Camino Real Charter High School, North Campus Site Director and Assistant Principal, Alternative Education welcomed the group to the facility.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Kitchen Crew Barry, Mark & Bob

Coffee and donuts sales were provided by our own members. Barry Chapman setup the operation assisted by many members including Shirley Andrews, Mark Ax, Paul Boghossian, Bob Donovan, David Greenberg, Richard Hernandez, Sue Hoffman, Don Robbins and several others.



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Bob Eisenhart

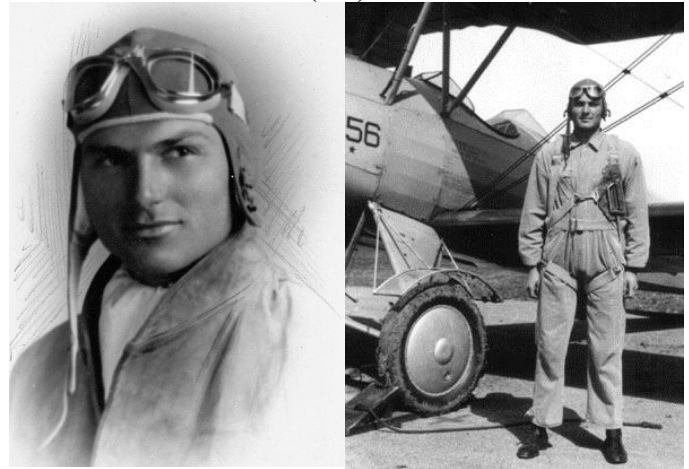
The featured speaker at our new meeting facility, tested out the new audio visual capabilities we have, was Bob Eisenhart with a presentation on his fathers' career in the USAF.

Presentation to Wings Over Wendy's

In Memory of
Col. D.W. Eisenhart, USAF
WWII Command Pilot
1911-2003

March 9, 2020

Dr. Robert (Bob) L. Eisenhart



Cadet – 1933

At last, a plane of his own



Headquarters Building, Randolph Air Field, San Antonio Texas



Cadet D.W. Eisenhart,



first soloed in a PT-11, 1933



2 Feb 1934

CADET LEAPS FROM PLANE, SAVES SELF

The bony fingers of death were cheated this morning near Dodd Field when Flying Cadet D. W. Eisenhart of Kelly Field leaped with his parachute from his spinning plane.

The fast pursuit ship, falling crazily out of control, crashed and was demolished near Dodd Field, north of Fort Sam Houston.

Cadet Eisenhart made a safe landing with the parachute and was uninjured.

Cadet Eisenhart reported the accident took place at 10 o'clock this morning.

He was on a student training flight at several thousand feet altitude when the single-seater whipped into a flat spin, a situation extremely difficult from which to recover. The 23-year-old student pilot battled at the control until he had fallen to the 1,000-foot level and then cut his ignition switches and plunged over the side of the ship.



Training Command, Jimmy Stewart appears and wants to be a bomber pilot. He has a head start with already 200 hours of flight time and quickly earns a Commission and flight status in the Army Air Corps.

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER
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1941

By Louella O. Parsons
Motion Picture Editor, International News Service.
HOLLYWOOD, May 2.—

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JIMMY STEWART could sing "You Had a Busy Day, Little Man" and mean every word. His one day in Los Angeles kept him on the move and he departed this morning by plane with **Lieutenant Eisenhart** for camp. He went to the Earl Carroll night club with the Lieutenant and greeted all his friends.

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- Major Disruption in the Operation – **Pearl Harbor!**
- 1942-1943 Flight Training becomes a HIGH PRIORITY with a tremendous expansion of the Western Training Command.
- Now Capt. Eisenhower is coordinating training all around California at Moffett, Bakersfield and Santa Ana AFs
- August '43, Moved up two acting grades, Lt. Col. Eisenhower is sent to B-17 school in Ohio and then
- January '44, Takes Command of 395th Combat Crew Training School, Ardmore, OK



May-July '44, Initial Bomber Training in B-17s

- May '44, now acting Col. Eisenhower is tasked to form the 9th Bomb Group (VH) at McCook Air Field, NE, preparing for deployment to the Pacific.



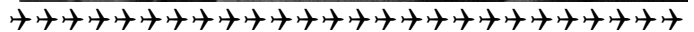
July '44, 1st B-29 Received in McCook

- December 1944 - Approximately 48 planes picked up at Herington, Kansas over a period of 3 weeks, and flown by the crews to Tinian Island in the Pacific.
- By January 18, 1945, All flights have arrived in Tinian from McCook, Nebraska.
- February 9, first combat mission flown to the island of Truk, with only one B-29 runway on Tinian completed at this time.
- March 3, 9th BG "Dinah Might" lands on Iwo Jima 2 weeks after invasion

Iwo Jima was mainly used as an emergency base for damaged bombers. It was used for 2251 B-29s, damaged or low on fuel (saving almost 25,000 men from ditching at sea).

From the 1st combat flight in February until the last in "Missions of Mercy" in Sept., the 9th Bomb Group flew 75 missions' of 2012 sorties, including 1515 bombing and 328 mining. 27 men were killed with 96 missing in action, and lost 19 B-29s. The Group was awarded two Presidential Unit Citations

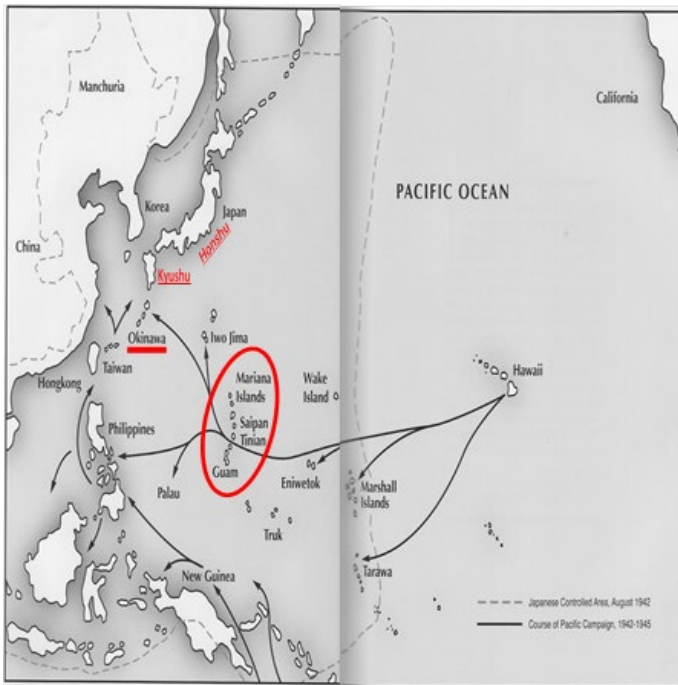
- From February to July '45, Col. Eisenhower participated in 7 missions in combat with over 100 hours leading flights from Tinian.
- On March 7th, he was reassigned as Chief of Staff of 313th Bomb Wing
- His duties included coordinating efforts within the 313th Wing for the attached 509th Composite Group (Silverplate) which started arriving in mid-May.
- August '45, Col. Eisenhower was reassigned as Operations Officer 1st Air Div., Okinawa. Fortunately for all, Japan surrendered on August 15th. He remained at Okinawa until May 1947 at Kadena AFB.
- Subsequent assignments after the Pacific were throughout the U.S. and Paris, France.
- He retired after 33 years of service in 1966.



Pacific Campaign 1942 to 1945

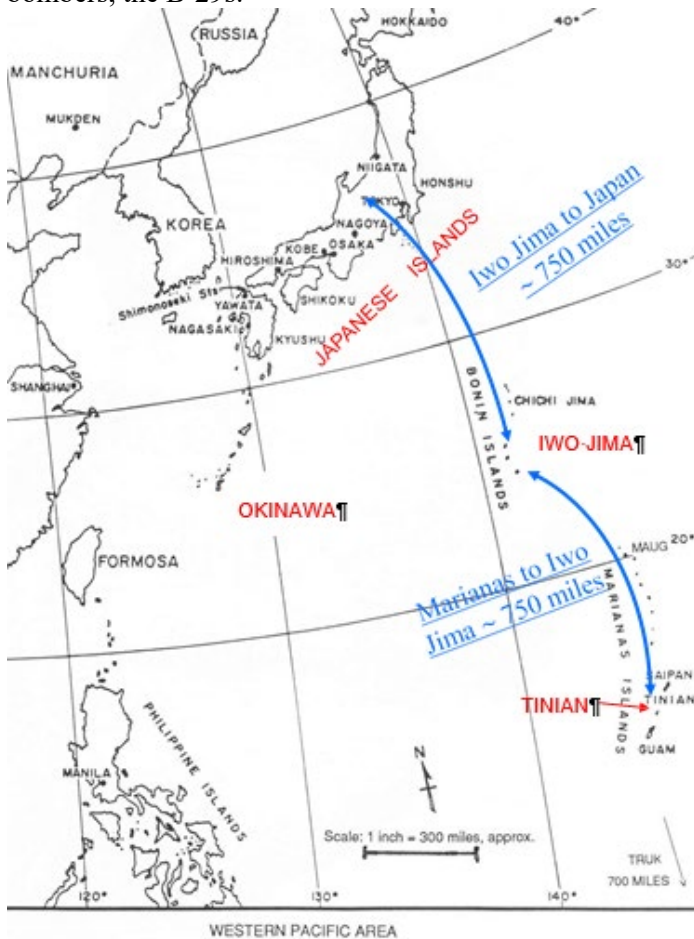
After the presentation on his father Bob spoke about the Pacific Campaign 1942 to 1945.

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Why is Tinian involved?

Tinian just happened to be one of the best islands with enough “level” area to support a large air base, and at the same time have Japan within range of the new heavy bombers, the B-29s.

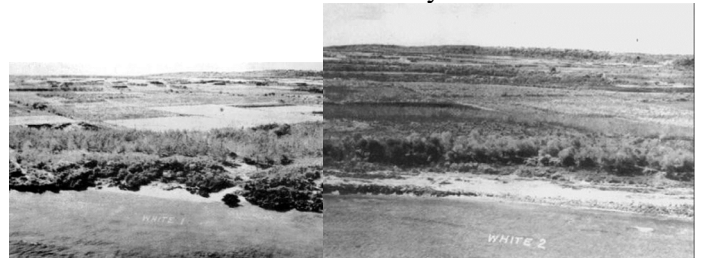


None of the early planning anticipated the overwhelming success of the B-29 attacks, much less the addition of the Atomic Bombs.



Tinian Invasion Plan

The Americans employed a deception landing off the coast of Tinian Town, lower left, holding Japanese forces there while the main landings occurred at White Beaches on the northwest side of Tinian. The deception force then proceeded north and joined the landing at White beaches 1 & 2. The island was secured in 9 days.



White 1

White 2

Along most of the beaches were 8 foot embankments, which needed to quickly be overcome to move men and equipment inland.

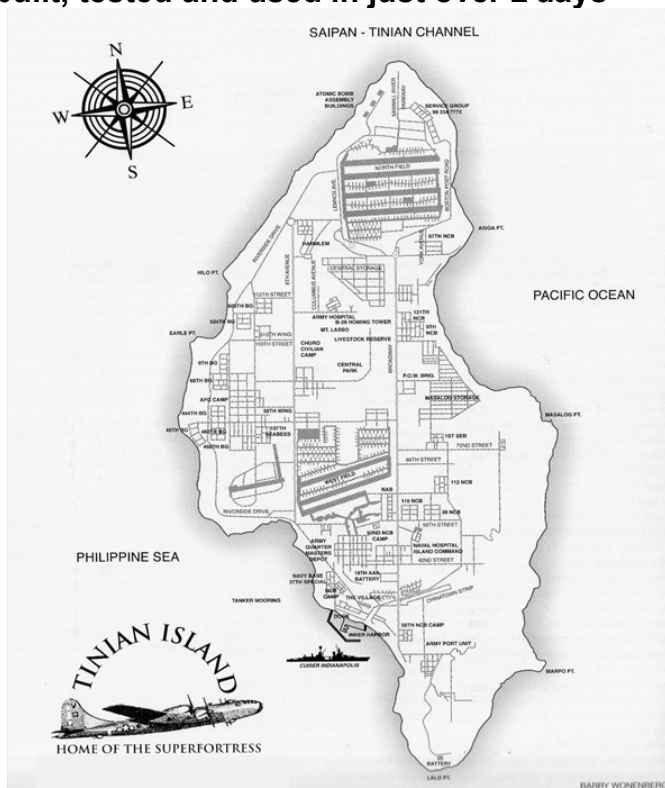


On the Spot Innovation

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“Doodlebug” landing ramps improvised by the SeeBees for the Tinian Invasion, designed, built, tested and used in just over 2 days

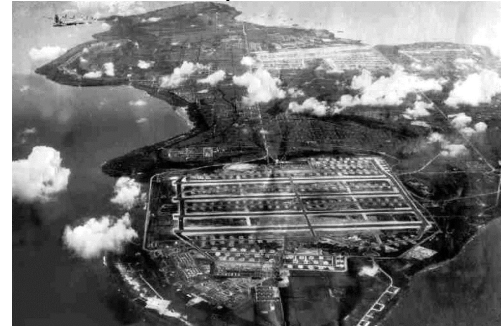


Tinian Island Development

Give credit to the SeaBees who built the airports and the rest of the island infrastructure. Fifteen SeaBee battalions contributed to the construction, which was a bigger project than the Panama canal, with the first runway completed in only 5 months, and a city that could house 50,000.

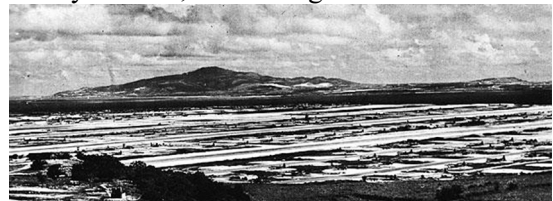


Pre-war, Japanese air base

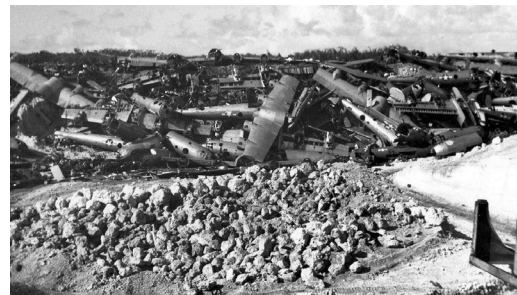


Post-war, USAAF North Field

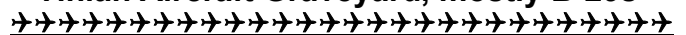
North Field Tinian, the largest airport in the world. Four runways each 8,500 ft. long.



North Field on Tinian with runways and hardstands for about 400 aircraft



Tinian Aircraft Graveyard, mostly B-29s



In Memoriam

A close-up portrait of an elderly man with short, white hair. He is wearing dark-rimmed glasses and a red and green plaid shirt. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. The background is dark and out of focus.

Martin ‘Marty’ Snyder
DEC 4, 1923 – MAR 5, 2020

part of his life was his family. he was so proud of his entire family. He is remembered by his loving 3 daughters, Donna Snyder, Suzi & Jeff Oliver, Ellen & Tim Deubner, His Grandchildren, Sara, Justin & Lily, Elyshia & Brandon, Heather & Stefan, His nephews Mark & Neal, and his great grandchildren Stefan, Nevaeh, Braylin, and Damian. He lived life to the fullest.

Prayers



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**WOW's monthly food drive is
TBD**

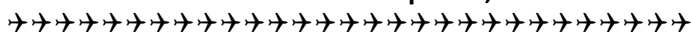


Suggested Items: Military books, magazines, DVD's, tools, etc. **Thank you!**



April Birthdays

Liliane Pofcher	April 01, 1954
Marilyn Brooks	April 04, 1930
Thomas Maiden	April 04, 1949
Jim Glennie	April 06, 1948
Mark Ax	April 07, 1949
Nonie Lann	April 07, 1929
William Lashbrook	April 09, 1937
Jim McMichael	April 09, 1955
Richard Burns	April 11, 1927
Steve Holohan	April 14, 1944
Steve Radford	April 15, 1949
Vincent Cicone	April 16, 1941
Marion Lovelace	April 16, 1927
Margot Marty	April 16, 1991
Marty Fentress	April 17, 1952
Bob Johnston	April 19, 1928
Erwin Rhodes	April 20, 1943
Tom Bates	April 21, 1940
Connie Hein	April 24, 1947
Morris Litwack	April 24, 1941
Andy Kopetzky	April 25, 1951
Joseph Mueller	April 26, 1949
Peter Marshall	April 30, 1940



New Members

We welcomed the following new member during the month of March 2020: **Tom Cagen**

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- ANA Meetings
- MOAA/MOWW Meetings
- Non WOW Events
- Operation Gratitude Events
- WOW Events/Tours
- WOW Meetings

WOW Events Calendar Additions

Because of the high participation by Wings Over Wendy's members in their events the **teamup.com WOW Events Calendar** has been extended to include: ANA Meetings, MOAA/MOWW Meetings and Operation Gratitude Events. The key is: **kswpwaecovnb1jans4**

We will start virtual meetings on “Zoom”
9:30 April 6th details to be sent out by
Sunday April 5th.

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