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# Wings Over Wendy's has gone nationwide with hybrid meetings



#### Photo by Ed Reynolds AUDITORIUM @ 7401 Shoup Ave. West Hills, CA

Since our first face-to-face meeting on Memorial Day, Wings Over Wendy's has increased attendance in the El Camino Real Charter High School North Campus Auditorium and still has nationwide Zoom participation of thirty members.

It has been a team effort with David Greenberg and Fred Kaplan leading a setup crew of Lee Auger, Bill Ratner, and early arrivers. Howard Swerdlick and Alan Hill have assisted Ed Reynolds with the head table and sound system. Barry Chapman, Mark Ax, Abe, and Sue Hoffman have run the coffee and donut stand. Bob Donovan and Ron Boggess helped were needed.

Everyone pitches in; to set up chairs and fold them at the end of the meeting.

Bob Eisenhart has scheduled interesting and informative programs and speakers for each meeting.

We continue to have Zoom participants in AZ, NY, GA, MA, TX, VA, FL, WA, and California from outside the San Fernando Valley. In addition, we have been able to keep our homebound members participating in our meetings.

It hasn't been without problems: in one meeting, the Zoom participates could not hear what was taking place in the auditorium; in another meeting, the auditorium attendees could not hear the video sound while the Zoom participants could.

The auditorium air condition failed during the heat wave. The sound system failed, the coffee didn't perk correctly at one meeting, Ed Reynolds failed to call on Jasmine to sing the National Anthem at the start of a meeting.

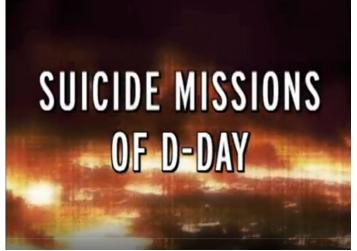
We worked through the issues, conducted the raffles, talked face-to-face with friends we had not seen for over a year.

To make it work and have fun we have set up three computers. The podium is the host Zoom computer, the high school has loaned us a SurfacePro which Ken Mayer walks around with to interview attendees so they can talk to the Zoom participants.

Jasmine Mirfakhraei continues to start our meetings with the national anthem and Jimmy Weldon continues to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

We strive to keep both our attendees and Zoom participants engaged as we continue to grow the group.

## <u>June 2021</u> <u>Meetings</u> June 7, 2021



Youtube.com

## **History Channel: D-Day**

On June 7, we watched a History Channel segment titled *The Suicide Missions of D-Day*. The video focused on the three units that made moves and took risks during the morning of June 6, 1944. The men from these three units were responsible for the success of the invasion of Normandy.

The Invasion of Normandy came into plans in 1944 when the Allies noticed Stalin's frustration towards America and Britain. He had felt that America and Britain hadn't been doing enough to help Russia in the war. As a result, the Allies felt a need to invade France in 1944 if Stalin had made any sort of alliance with Hitler. Hitler expected the Allies to strike from across the English Channel, which prompted him to order the construction of the Atlantic Wall with bunkers, guns, and trenches along the beaches of Normandy.

The invasion was set to occur on the morning of June 6, 1944. Dwight Eisenhower believed that due to the complexity of the operation, there was only a 50/50 chance it would be successful. He recorded two radio messages beforehand: one taking responsibility for their success and the other taking responsibility for their defeat. The first men to go in were the US Army paratroopers known as pathfinders. Pathfinders quickly dropped into German gunfire, and they all had to proceed with caution while maneuvering the landscape and setting up the lights that

would lead the way for more planes. They only had 30 minutes to set up their equipment before more C-47s came in, carrying 20,000 more paratroopers.

The next men to roll in were part of the British 9th Parachute Battalion. These men would be responsible for taking out German guns and bunkers along the Atlantic Wall. Pilots were confused and did not drop them out at the correct spot. Less than 150 men reached the rendezvous point. However, the battalion needed to carry on. They navigated their way through minefields and cut barbed wire using only their bare hands and bayonets. They took heavy losses as they stormed the German bunkers. However, many soldiers in the bunkers were actually Russians, who refused to die on their post and surrendered instead.

The next to arrive was the US Navy Combat Demolition Unit (NCDU). Just like the pathfinders and 9th Parachute Battalion men, they were met with immediate gunfire. They were promised German weaponry would be taken out by the British paratroopers, aerial bombing, and naval gunfire, but this didn't quite happen. Instead, the NCDU's had to swiftly use explosives to blow up traps and defenses set up by the Germans for the many boats full of soldiers that would come in later that day.

These three units are essential because they paved the way for the success of the Invasion of Normandy, also known as D-Day. Many men from these units lost their lives, but for a good cause. Their help made an impact on the fight against Hitler and World War II as a whole.

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Photo by Larry Kushner LAPD Capt Todd Hankel Topanga Police Station (Continued page 3)

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On June 14, 2021, LAPD SLO Duke Dao introduced Captain Todd Hankel, the newly assigned Captain of the Topanga Community Police Station. Captain Hankel gave us a short history of his career in the LAPD.



Rural Radio Network

## **Flag Day Celebration**

Following Captain Hankel's talk, Wings Over Wendy's celebrated National Flag Day. Honoring the commemoration of the adoption of the United States flag on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.

We started the celebration with a video of Jimmy Weldon's "I Am The Flag," followed by Ed Reynolds reciting "The Flag," a poem by Baxter Black

### **The Flag**

By: Baxter Black, 1988 Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the flag That flew over Valley Forge Was torn in two by the gray and the blue And bled through two world wars. I give you the flag that burned in the street In protest, in anger and shame, The very same flag that covered the men Who died defending her name. We now stand together, Americans all, Either by choice or by birth To honor the flag that's flown on the moon And changed the face of the earth. History will show this flag stood a friend To the hungry, the homeless and lost That a mixture of men as common as clay Valued one thing beyond cost. And they've signed it in blood from Bunker Hill To Saigon and Toko Ri. I give you the flag that says to the world Each man has a right to be free.





## History and Evolution of the American Flag

Following the poem, we watched a documentary on the: History & Evolution of the American Flag. The flag has undergone many changes, from its start as a cross into the 50 stars and 13 stripes we know today.

As the first Europeans settled in America, creating Jamestown, the flag that was flown was the cross of St. George. This was also the flag of England at the time. Once England and Scotland united, the flag became the new British Union flag still flown in Great Britain today. Right around this time, the settlements started to stand on their own as the 13 Colonies. In 1773, after the occurrence of the Boston Tea Party, a new British Union flag with the word "Liberty" added would be flown in New England. However, for obvious reasons, British troops despised this flag and cut it down whenever spotted.

In 1775, a newer flag emerged as patriots gathered on Bunker Hill. It was a primarily black flag, with a cross and pine tree located on the upper left. This flag evolved into another pine tree flag, with the phrase "An Appeal To Heaven." Then, the iconic "Don't Tread On Me" flag with the rattlesnake appeared around 1776, as well as a new black flag with the word "Liberty." Finally, in the summer of 1776, as the Declaration of Independence was signed, the new Grand Union flag flew high, with the British Union flag in the corner along with 15 red and white stripes as a mark of a new, independent nation that is not yet completely free of British control.

In 1777, Congress decided to make more steps to stand apart from the British and created the new flag with 13 stars and 13 red and white stripes. Many variants of this flag existed, but the important part is that they all would eventually become the stripes and stars we love today. As more states were added, the number of stars grew. For example, when Vermont and Kentucky were added as the 14th and 15th states, the flag featured 15 stripes instead of 13. It didn't last long, as the flag later reverted to the 13 stripes as the number of stars grew. Despite the introduction and use of the Confederate flag during the Civil War, the stars and stripes stayed strong, and now all 50 states are represented in the 50 stars on the American flag we fly today.

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## June 21, 2021



Photo by Larry Kushner Rosalie Rifkin

On June 21, 2021, we welcomed a new attendee to our Monday meetings. Rosalie Rifkin, a widow of a Korean War veteran. She told a short history of her association with the military, and we were happy to see her at the meeting on June  $28^{th}$  and hope to see her every week.

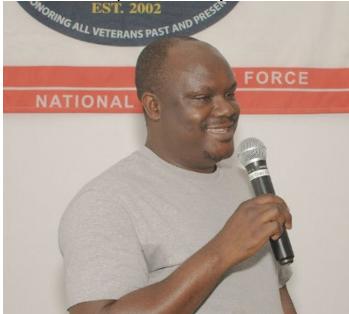


Photo by Larry Kushner **Dithan Paul Mawanga** Also, on June 21, 2021, we welcomed Jimmy Weldon's Caregiver, Paul, to the meeting.



Photo from YouTube

### **USS Midway Musem**

We started the presentation on June 21<sup>st</sup> with a video about the USS Midway Museum. The twenty-five-minute video tells the story of the USS Midway and the aircraft displayed on the deck and in the hanger deck. In addition, a tour of the command center, crew work areas, and crew quarters are shown in the video.

Leon Waldman and Barney Leone then told us about their trip to San Diago to attend the Retirement Ceremony of Captain Steve Sheppard, conducted June 14<sup>th</sup> on the USS Midway's deck.



From Facebook Captain Shapard and his family

### Captain Steve Shepard's Retirement Ceremony

We finished the meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup> with an edited video of Captain Steve "Shep" Shepard's retirement ceremony on the deck of the USS Midway. Captain "Shep" had a distinguished career in the US Navy, but as he has said, a highlight of his service was his participation in the Honor Flight Network. (Continued page 5)

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Honor Flights are conducted by non-profit organizations dedicated to transporting as many United States military veterans as possible to see the respective war memorials they fought in Washington, DC, at no cost to the veterans.

Serving to escort veterans on those flights, Shep met Leon Waldman and Barney Leone. He stayed in touch after the trips and attended Wings Over Wendy's meetings. During the last year, he was a faithful participant in our Zoom meetings, signing in from his quarters in Virginia.

During the retirement ceremony, Captain Shepard gave special recognition to the World War II veterans in attendance, including Leon and Barney.

## June 28, 2021



Photo by Larry Kushner

## Andrew Negrete Frames for Heroes

On June 28, 2021, we were visited by an old friend of Wings Over Wendy's: Andrew Negrete. Andrew has produced a picture frame of the war record for members: Don Foster, Mike LaVere, Barney Leone, Elmo Maiden and Leon Waldman. It was nice to see him again.



Photo by Larry Kushner

## Skip Madsen

Also attending the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> was Skip Madsen, a member since 2003. Welcome back Skip! (Howard wants to know, "where is your hat and shirt?)



Photo by Larry Kushner Lucie Volotzky

Visting our meetings for the first time was Lucie Volotzky, local businesswoman and friend to many Wings Over Wendy's members.

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Photo from Zoom

## My Career in the U.S. Navy, Sr. Chief Gary Tegel

On June 28, 2021, our featured speaker was Sr. Chief Gary Tegel, USN (Retired).

Chief Tegel talked about his life and times as a Maintenance Technician and Surface Warfare Specialist.

Gary grew up in Newport Beach, enlisted in the US Navy in 1980, and told us about his training, duty stations, shore visits, and homeport in Japan.

He described his duties on the ships, the "Cat and Mouse" experiences with the Russians, and rescuing Vietnamese "Boat Refugees."

At the end of his first tour of active duty, he joined the US Navy Reserves and got a job at the Water Company.

From 1987 to 2013, his active duty tours involved Operation Iraqi Freedom with shore duty and logistics operations. In 2011 he led a team to Yokosuka Naval Base one day after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake.

Gary gives his presentation to high school kids and empathizes the positive benefits of enlisting in the military.

He listed all the places in the world he visited during his military tours of duty.

Gary's moto is: "99% of all you do is attitude so have a good one no matter what and you will do well." **ᢣ**ᢣᢣᢣᢆᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣᢣ





Lt Col Dave Worley and Jimmy Weldon Photo by Ken Mayer

## **MOWW Annual Awards** Saturday, June 26, 2021

On Saturday, June 26, 2021, the Military Order of the World Wars, G/A Omar Bradley - Colonel Thaxton Hanson Chapter (CA-186) conducted their Annual Awards Luncheon.

Chapter Commander, Lt Col Dave Worley, USAF (Retired), announced that the conferences and seminars conducted by MOWW Chapters on the west coast as part of the MOWW Community Outreach pillar of Youth Leadership and Patriotic Education will be named: the Jimmy Weldon Youth Leadership Conference and Jimmy Weldon Youth Leadership Seminar, to recognize Jimmy's patriotic contributions to the United States.

Lt Col Worthy stated: "Jimmy Weldon's name attached to the conferences and seminars set the proper tone for the participating students."

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## In Other News

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## **Honor Flight Set to Restart Trips for WWII,** Korean War Vets to **Nation's Capital**

#### Military.com | By Oriana Pawlyk

More than a year after the pandemic forced the Honor Flight Network to halt trips to Washington, D.C., the group is ready to once again fly veterans to the nation's capital to visit memorials and share their stories with fellow vets.

The organization announced it will resume full operations Aug. 16. Participants must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or provide negative test results taken within 72 hours of departure, according to Honor Flight spokeswoman Carol Harlow.

With no trips taking place, Honor Flight had to get creative over the last year to honor veterans across the country through their local chapters.

Athletes, journalists, actors and even World War II veteran and former Sen. Bob Dole issued video messages of support through what the organization calls "<u>Operation Reassurance</u>" to vets who were <u>awaiting their turn</u> to fly to D.C. but were instead stuck at home.

Honor Flight began drive-by celebration parades for veterans' birthdays; hosted drive-through "salute to veterans" events; and even sponsored a skydiving outing for a vet who turned 100 years old earlier this year.

For Military Appreciation Month this past May, T-Mobile and Helium, a virtual human performance channel, partnered to issue virtual reality goggles and headsets so vets could tour each war memorial and the National Mall from the comfort of their own homes.

"It's been kind of a continuous effort throughout the country to try to do something, to continue to say, 'Thank you," said David Smith, chairman of Honor Flight's board of directors, in a recent interview. The Honor Flight Network has more than 125 independent hubs across the country.

"We're working with all the hubs to make sure they understand what the guidelines are," said Smith, who founded the San Diego, California, chapter in 2010. Participants also include "guardians," who travel with veterans to make sure they get safely from place to place. Local hubs have been asked not to take any flights on their own for health and safety reasons.

As the program restarts, the organization predicts demand from vets will be higher than before because of the long delay.

In 2020, only one flight from St. Louis made it to D.C. in March for a three-day trip before the country began shutting down. During 2019, 22,764 veterans and 18,072 guardians made the trip, with another 42,355 on the waitlist. The majority of them were Vietnam War vets, according to statistics provided by the organization.

World War II vets are usually bumped to the top of the travel list, Smith said. However, they tend to make up 20% or less of each Honor Flight. In 2019, fewer than 2,000 WWII vets made it the trip, compared to 6,135 Korean War vets and 12,880 Vietnam vets. Trips can take anywhere from five to 200 vets at a time.

"That population is shrinking, [and] our effort has always been to honor our most senior veterans," Smith said.



## THE OIL PATCH WARRIORS OF WORLD WAR II

Almost 80 years ago, a Band of Roughnecks went abroad on a top secret mission into Robin Hood's stomping grounds to punch oil wells to help fuel England's war machines.

It's a story that should make any oilman proud.

The year was 1943 and England was mired in World War II. U-boats attacked supply vessels, choking off badly needed supplies to the island nation. But oil was the commodity they needed the most as they warred with Germany.

A book "The Secret of Sherwood Forest: Oil Production in England During World War II" written by Guy Woodward and Grace Steele Woodward was published in 1973, and tells the obscure story of the American oil men who went to England to bore wells in a top secret mission in March 1943.

England had but one oil field, in Sherwood Forest of all places. Its meager output of 300 barrels a day was literally a drop in the bucket of their requirement of 150,000 barrels a day to fuel their war machines.

Then a top secret plan was devised: to send some Americans and their expertise to assist in developing the field. Oklahoma based Noble Drilling Company, along with Fain-Porter signed a one year contract to drill 100 wells for England, merely for costs and expenses.

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42 drillers and roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma, most in their teens and early twenties volunteered for the mission to go abroad. The hands embarked for England in March 1943 aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth. Four National 50 drilling rigs were loaded onto ships but only three of them made landfall; the Nazi U-boats sank one of the rigs en route to the UK.

The Brits' jaws dropped as the Yanks began punching the wells in a week, compared to five to eight weeks for their British counterparts. They worked 12 hour tours, 7 days a week and within a year, the Americans had drilled 106 wells and England oil production shot up from 300 barrels a day to over 300,000.

The contract fulfilled, the American oil men departed England in late March 1944. But only 41 hands were on board the return voyage. Herman Douthit, a Texan derrickhand was killed during the operation. He was laid to rest with full military honors, and remains the only civilian to be buried at The American Military Cemetery in Cambridge.

"The Oil Patch Warrior," a seven foot bronze statue of a roughneck holding a four foot pipe wrench stands near Nottingham England to honor the American oil men's assistance and sacrifice in the war. A replica was placed in Ardmore, Oklahoma in 2001.

It is by no means a stretch to state that without the American mission, we might all be speaking German today.

Special thanks to the American Oil and Gas Historical Society.

"There are no noble wars, just noble warriors!"

### For Help with your Zoom Connection Contact Charles Scott (818) 448-1737

#### pcinfoman@gmail.com.

The link to the WOW Zoom Equipment GoFundMe account is: gf.me/u/x9pst6.

Charles has offered to help Wings Over Wendy's members with their computer problems for FREE.

## Monday Zoom Meeting Agenda

The URL is always the same: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/661372701?pwd=NEZCWjl MUTArRW1tREtWUWRLNmpDQT09 Meet & Greet starts at 8:00 am.

• The formal meeting starts at 9:30 am.

- Visitors and guests interviewed about 9:40 am.
- The presentation starts around 10 am Meeting ID: 661 372 701 Password: 200220

## THE MEETING ID and PASSWORD DO NOT CHANGE

## Please rename yourself to the name you are listed in the WOW Roster.

If you didn't enter the name when you joined the Zoom meeting, click on the name, and a box will appear in the middle of the screen, and you can change it. Note that it only changes it for the session. If you drop off and rejoin during the meeting, you should change your name again.

## WINGS OVER WENDY'S YANKS AIR MUSEUM TOUR JULY 22, 2021

Park at the Fallbrook Mall Burlington Coat Factory lot West Hills, at 08:15 am. Bus to the museum, tour museum, lunch and bus back to West Hills.

Make your reservations with Warren Weinstein, (805) 4945-8727, email: wflyboy3@gmail.com

## Yanks Air Museum

Nestled in the humble town of Chino, CA – Yanks Air Museum is a rare gem. A museum filled with ancient aircraft. Gleaming in chrome and polished aluminum. Perfectly restored, patiently waiting to take to the skies once again.











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Thursday, July 15, 2021 Hybrid meeting at Lulu's Restaurant, Zoom Meeting, 6:30 PM Pacific Time. To join the zoom meeting, https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041566382?pwd= dGtMTnVUNXNSV1RmRndkRlhSdVFzdz09 Meeting ID: 404 156 6382 Passcode: ANATBF



## Navy Fighter Pilot Veteran Tom "Boot" Hill



(Department of Defense)

### 7 Reasons Why Marines Love Chesty Puller So Much

Military.com | By Blake Stilwell

Even Chesty couldn't explain why he picked up the nickname. Born Lewis Burwell in 1898, the man who would retire as Lt. Gen. Puller almost denied the United States Marine Corps one of its most legendary heroes by trying to join the Army in 1916.

The Corps should hang a portrait of Martha Puller in the Marine Corps Museum for refusing to allow him to join the military before he was old enough.

Lewis was the kid who grew up listening to the romantic stories of the Civil War. These were not just stories about the big names of men who led armies and won battles. Puller grew up listening to the personal tales of the veterans who fought in those battles. He wanted to have stories of his own. He probably never thought he'd be the most decorated Marine ever -- or that telling him goodnight would be a Marine Corps slogan for the next century (or more).

Here are just a few more facts about Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller that will explain the Corps' love for this one man.

#### 1. He's Relatable to Every Marine.

No matter what kind of Marine you are, Chesty's been there. He's the Marine's Marine because he's been both an officer and enlisted, served on both active duty and the Reserves and in peacetime and in war. Chesty Puller, who died in 1971 at the age of 73, did it all in his 37 years of service.

He not only worked his way up from private to lieutenant general; he had to earn a commission twice. He first attended Virginia Military Institute but wanted to get into World War I so badly that he enlisted and went to boot camp at Parris Island. He never made it to Europe, but he went to NCO training and officer candidate school. Despite pinning on second lieutenant bars, postwar force reductions meant he got bumped back to corporal and sent to the Reserves. (Continued page 10)

#### 2. He Served in Four Wars.

Some historians tend to gloss over those years between World Wars I and II as the "interwar years" when it comes to the United States, but it was an important and busy time for United States Marines. Puller was sent to Haiti, where he fought some 40 battles with Haitian rebels and earned his promotion to second lieutenant.

Puller later was sent to the occupation of Nicaragua, where he earned his first two Navy Crosses fighting Sandinista rebels over some three years. He commanded Marines in China and in the United States before World War II and the Korean War kicked off.

#### 3. He Really Is the Most Decorated Marine.

Although he never was recommended for the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest award for valor in combat, he doesn't need one to be considered the most decorated Marine ever. Over the course of his four wars, countless engagements and instances of solid leadership, he earned more than his share of chest candy.

He was awarded the second-highest award six times, five Navy Crosses and one Army Distinguished Service Cross, along with the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit with combat "V," a Bronze Star with combat "V" and three air medals -- just to name a few.

#### 4. Chesty Is Also the Most Quotable Marine.

If not the most quotable U.S. military officer ever. Which is saying a lot, considering U.S. military personnel used to say the coolest lines all the time, as if they had their own team of writers. None of them ever will come close to the bon mots Chesty Puller used to drop, even in official correspondence during a war:

"All right, they're on our left, they're on our right, they're in front of us, they're behind us ... they can't get away this time."

"Great. Now we can shoot at those bastards from every direction."

"Take me to the Brig. I want to see the real Marines."

#### 5. He Didn't Let His Fellow Marines Down.

Letting down a Marine was, in Puller's words, the worst thing you could do as a Marine. And when the stuff hit the fan, he really lived those words. At Guadalcanal, three companies of his Marines were cut off from the main force by a much larger Japanese force. Marines tried to break through to them, but some believed they were lost.

Nope. Puller went out to the beach to flag down the U.S. Navy destroyer USS Ballard and organized a relief force to land on the beach again. He also coordinated the destroyer's guns to shell the Japanese, allowing the trapped Marines enough latitude to make an escape. A week later, Chesty and his Marines came back to this part of the island and wiped out the Japanese defenders.

#### 6. Chesty Puller Did Not Accept Defeat.

Later in the fight for Guadalcanal, Chesty's battalion of Marines and a battalion of soldiers from the U.S. Army's 164th Infantry Regiment fought and held Henderson airfield on Guadalcanal from a larger Japanese force. Despite being outnumbered, they held the field, inflicting a heavy toll of more than 1,400 casualties on the enemy.

The intensity of the fighting earned Puller his third Navy Cross. He recommended two of his own Marines for Medals of Honor during the firefight, one of them being Marine Corps legend John Basilone.

#### 7. He Was Not Intimidated by Anything.

When Puller and his Marines landed at Inchon during the Korean War, the North Koreans held much of the peninsula. The United Nations forces were landing deep behind enemy lines and faced the possibility of being pushed back into the sea. The Marines didn't flinch and were moving and fighting within a day.

Looking at a potential combat death in the face didn't stop at Inchon. When the Marines advanced within mere miles of the Yalu River, North Korea's border with China, the Chinese intervened. A massive force of Communist soldiers surrounded the Marines at the Chosin Reservoir. Massively outnumbered, Puller was quoted as saying, "We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That simplifies things."

It wasn't just bravado, the Marines fought their way south while putting so much hurt on the Chinese that nine out of the 10 attacking divisions never saw action again.

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Because of Wings Over Wendy's members' high participation 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: kswpwdaeovnb1jans4

## **Prayers**

Unfortunately, several of our most active members were hospitalized or 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:

Ginger Lyons, Kurt Rademacher, Joe Weber Jack Tobe and Dick Guyer

## <u>In Memoriam</u>

In June 2021, we lost two of our Korean Aera veterans.



### Malcolm Dipperstein May 12, 1930 to June 19, 2021

Malcolm Dipperstein was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 12, 1930, to his parents Jacob and Sarah. He had an older sister Marcia, who survives him.

He grew up in the Boston area, where he continued his education through High School.

Malcolm enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 and participated in combat during the Korean War.

After his discharge, he returned to Massachusetts but soon joined his sister Marcia and her family in the Los Angeles area.

He initially worked in a shoe factory warehouse, where he was in charge of shipping and other duties.

In January 1966, Malcolm was introduced by a cousin to Esther. Esther was in college at that time, completing her academic work in the Education Department. Malcolm and Esther dated for about five months and were married on July 3, 1966. They were together for 55 years.

They first lived in the Fairfax area of Los Angeles later moved to North Hollywood and then to Reseda.

He worked at the Van Nuys Airport for Beach Craft

West in the shipping department till the mid-'70s. He later worked for the L.A. Parks Department as a gardener until he retired in 2001.

Malcolm and Esther have two sons, Michael and Ari. Ari later married his wife, Krissy, and Malcolm became a grandfather at 83 to grandson Parker.

As his sons grew up, Malcolm and Esther were part of a wide circle of friends. They were avid RV Campers and active in an RV Camping group, a Dog Park group, Jewish War Veterans, and Wings Over Wendy's.

Malcolm was a great dad, always involved with his children and their activities. He was a devoted and loving husband to his wife, Esther, and was close to his sister Marcia.

He was a great conversationalist, outgoing and personable. He was always asking questions of other people in his life. Although he was a worrier, he never publicly complained about his troubles. Instead, he was a kind, considerate and generous man.



Photo by Howard Swerdlick

### Eddie Zangwill JAN 17, 1932 to JUN 21, 2021

Eddie Zangwill was born in Canada on January 17, 1932, to a couple who immigrated to the Bronx borough of New York City a year later. He attended schools in the Bronx and enlisted in the US Army in 1950 at the start of the Korean War. However, his baseball talent kept him from going overseas, and he spent his tour assigned to the Honor Guard unit in Washington, DC.

Following his discharge, he moved to California and married Shirley. They had two sons: Joe and Philip. He established several businesses in the San Fernando Valley. At one time, he had the largest Aquarium store in the Valley.

He also established the Reseda Discount Pottery, which is run by his sons today.

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### **July Birthdays**

	July	Diftinuays
	Marge Callahan	July 03, 1927
	Steve Morse	July 06, 1948
	Dave Steinbacher	July 06, 1937
	Howard Davis	July 07, 1936
	Kurt Rademacher	July 07, 1961
	Gary LaPook	July 08, 1947
	John Kennedy	July 09, 1926
	Avery Willis	July 11, 1943
	Thomas Cleaver	July 13, 1946
	Warren Phelps	July 16, 1936
	Anita Green	July 17, 1938
	Carl Wakamoto	July 21, 1961
	Nathan Wolfstein	July 21, 1949
	Jack Taube	July 23, 1927
	Patric Daly	July 24, 1946
	Steve Eide	July 24, 1946
	Charles Scott	July 25, 1962
	Oscar Stein	July 27, 1923
	David Timmerman	July 31, 1963
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### New Members & Guests

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