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In Loving Memory of Phil & Joan Aune



Friday, September 24, 2021 - Rose Goldwater Community Center

On Friday, September 24, 2021, a small group of Wings Over Wendy's attended the funeral service at the Valley Luthern Church, West Hills, CA, for Phil and Joan Aune.

Following the service, a large group of Wings Over Wendy's members joined with members of the Quiet Birdman, Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge, Cowboy Palace, Condor Squadron, Association of Naval Aviators, American Legion, and friends gathered at the Rose Goldwater Community Center to honor the memory of Phil and Joan.

September 2021 Meetings September 6, 2021



GOING SUPERSONIC
with USAF
Thunderbirds! Pulling
7 G's in an F-16



At the September 6 meeting, we watched a video made by Destin Sandlin, an American engineer and science communicator who produces the video series Smarter Every Day on his YouTube channel.

Destin traveled to Keesler Air Force base to meet the Thunderbirds, a group of 12 highly trained pilots and hand-picked group of 120 support personnel. He was scheduled to fly with Thunderbird pilot Maj. Jason Markzon whom had previously flown in a T-38. Destin got suited up in a fitted g-suit, which will help his body later when they reach dangerously high g-forces on their flight.

The Thunderbird plane is the amazing F-16 jet. Right after takeoff, they entered a 16,000-foot vertical climb. Once Maj. Markzon reached the right height, he started the extreme maneuvers with two intense 180-degree turns, where they reached a peak of 6.7 g-forces. To stay safe in such a high force, one needs to clench every muscle in their body and make sure they are breathing very well. Afterward, Markzon brought them up to Mach 1, also known as the speed of sound. It is hard to even tell the difference between Mach 0.99 and Mach 1, but you can feel a tiny little bump, and the altimeter will begin to act up.

Next, they performed a Split-S maneuver where 7.2 G's were reached. After this, Destin decided to tap out. The forces were so intense his head continued to spin after Markzon leveled off the plane. We learned later in the video that this sensation is due to fluid and cells in your head continuing to spin, even after you have physically stopped spinning. The official Thunderbird pilots deal with high gforces multiple times a week. During shows, they will reach up to 9 G's on certain maneuvers. Although Destin could not take more than 7 G's the Thunderbird pilots are incredibly strong and experienced, and they have gotten used to even these extreme forces and how to fly in them safely. It goes to show how incredible, talented, and one-of-a-kind each Thunderbird pilot is.

After the flight, Destin visited NASA's Lab in Houston, Texas, where Sharon, a physiology expert, demonstrated the sensation he experienced during his flight in a spin chair. The video showed how disoriented he can get with what is called the Coriolis effect. Several WOW members felt dizzy after watching the demonstration.

Destin closed the video with an interview with Maj Michelle Curran, who flys the number 7 lead solo position. She described how she trains to endure 9 G's.

September 13, 2021



9/11 The Moment the World Changed 20 years On Under Investigation

At the meeting of September 13, we reflected on 9/11 by watching a video produced by an Australian TV show titiled *Under Investigation (UI)* which seeks to solve crimes, uncover new evidence, hear from people who have never spoken publicly, while harnessing great knowledge and skill with exciting and innovative storytelling techniques.

UI documented details of the tragedy. As we know, 9/11 majorly affected not only those who were hurt and killed, but it affected the entire country and even the entire world. After the events, terrorism was a top focus in the United States. President George W. Bush launched the War on Terror to stop any more tragedies like these from happening in the future. However, some suspicions were proven wrong in Iraq when no weapons of mass destruction were found. The War on Terror also resulted in increased racism against people of Muslim descent around the United States.

On the other hand, some conspiracy theorists may believe that details of 9/11 have been covered up by the US government. 30% of the US population still believes that the government had direct involvement in these attacks. There are accusations that the collapse of each building was a controlled demolition, some saying that jet fuel can't melt steel. These theories are constantly debunked.

We honor and remember those many civilians who lost their lives in the World Trade Center that day, as well as the firefighters who gave their lives to save others. Never Forget.

September 20, 2021



From Los Angeles Daily News

Councilmember Bob Blumenfield

On September 20, 2021, Councilmember Bob Blumfield visited our meeting. He spoke to the group about the Homeless crisis in his district. He informed us about the rules and regulations preventing quick action to relocate homeless people from sidewalks and underpasses to homeless shelters. He discussed the various shelter options.

He told us about the Homeless Housing and Recovery Project he has launched. In addition, the Councilmember told us about the innovative drug treatment program he created and his recent success in getting the Los Angeles City Council to approve funding for Bridge Housing in the West Valley.

Both the Zoom participants and members in the auditorium asked the Councilmember questions about issues of concern, which he answered.

It was a very informative and productive session and we look forward to his visiting us in the future.



Leon Walman - From the video

"Our Worst Mission" WW2 Bomber Gunner

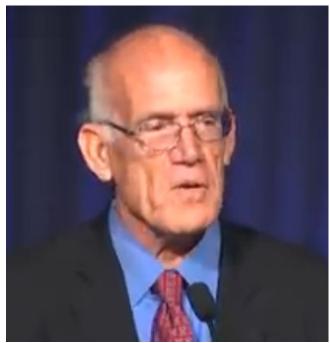
We were shocked to learn over the weekend of the passing of our member Leon Waldman. In honor of Leon, we played the video of Leon describing his worst mission in WWII he had recorded for the Miltary History Project.

September 27, 2021



Bill Dillon

On September 27, 2021, Bill Dillon returned from his trip to Europe. He reported to us that on his return, he found that the VA had approved his hearing aids and will provide compensation for other aliments he received during his years in the US Navy.



rom the video

Victor Davis Hanson Lecture September 8, 2021

On September 27, 2021, our featured presentation was a video of Victor Davis Hanson's lecture at Hillsdale College on September 8, 2021.

The subject of his lecture was the dying citizen. He explained the decline and fall of the once cherished idea of American citizenship.

Human history is full of the stories of peasants, subjects, and tribes. Yet the concept of the "citizen" is historically rare—and was among America's most valued ideals for over two centuries. But without a shock treatment, Victor Davis Hanson warns that American citizenship may soon vanish as we have known it.

In the lecture, Hanson outlines the historical forces that led to this crisis. The evisceration of the middle class over the last fifty years has made many Americans dependent on the federal government. Open borders have undermined the idea of allegiance to a particular place. Identity politics have eradicated our collective civic sense of self. And a top-heavy administrative state has endangered personal liberty, along with formal efforts to weaken the Constitution.

Professor Hanson told us that as in the revolutionary years of 1848, 1917, and 1968, 2020 ripped away our complacency about the future. But in the aftermath, he stated that we as Americans can rebuild and recover what we have lost. The choice is ours.

In Other News

People in the News

Valley News Group September 23, 2021



Valley News Group

Ethel Margolin was honored by the Woodland Hills Woman's Club on the occasion of her 99th birthday.

Margolin was a World War II veteran, having served in the Women's Army Corps. She was stationed at the Air Transport Command of the 8th Air Force in Cincinnati. As a vet she has received letters from two sitting presidents.

She is still an active member of Wings Over Wendy's aviation veterans group, and is known as an inspiration for her indefatigable spirit and zest for life.



Capt Adrian Herrera
Donates Flag to
Wings Over Wendy's

Capt Adrian Herrera sent WOW a flag that flew in an F-15E on a combat sortie over Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel on August 22, 2021.

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Thursday, October 21, 2021 Hybrid meeting at Lulu's Restaurant Topic: Voices From The Tomb

Montgomery College was granted special behind-the-scenes access to the Tomb Guards and Arlington National Cemetery in order to capture the painstaking preparation and rigorous testing that each Tomb Guard must undergo. The documentary features interviews with Tomb Guards from the past and present as well as rare photographs, never before seen by the public.

Zoom Meeting, 6:00 PM Pacific Time. To join the zoom meeting,

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4041566382?pwd= dGtMTnVUNXNSV1RmRndkRlhSdVFzdz09

Meeting ID: 404 156 6382 Passcode: ANATBF

Reminder

Wings Over Wendy's monthly food drive is Monday, October 4



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:

Howard Davis, Ginger Lyons, Jack Tobe, Dick Guyer
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In Memoriam

In September 2021, we lost two former members of the Wings Over Wendy's management team. Leon Walman, the original Treasurer of the group and Al Lewis who maintained the roster for several years following Fred Belchman's death.

They were both faithful attendees of meetings, lunches, tours, and events. Their presence will be missed!



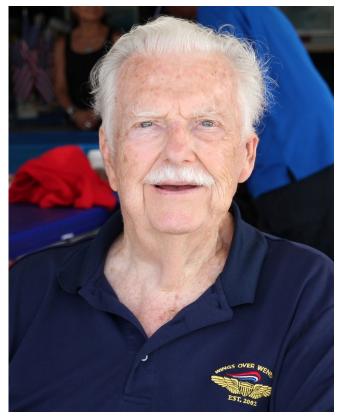
Leon Waldman AUG 16, 1924 to SEP 17, 2021

Leon Waldman was born in New York City on August 16, 1924. After graduating high school in the Bronx, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps in November 1942. Basic Training was in Miami Beach, where they stayed in a hotel and trained on a golf course. Initial training was to be an aircraft mechanic at Gulfport with additional training at the Douglas plant in Long Beach. After losing a coin toss, he was assigned as an aerial gunner rather than a flight engineer, and he went to Small Arms Training in Utah before attending Gunnery School in Las Vegas. Crews were formed in Salt Lake City, and he was placed in the newly formed 483rd Bomb Group for additional Training in Rapid City and Tampa. His crew flew one of 72 new B-17G's from Georgia to Europe via South America and the South Atlantic. After a two-week stopover in Tunisia, they continued to Italy.

Their new plane was taken from them, and they inherited "Bad Penny," a veteran of 100 missions. Between April and August 1944, he flew 50 combat missions to Yugoslavia, Austria, France, Italy, Germany, and several to Ploesti. His worst mission was his 40th to Memmingen, Germany, on July 18, 1944. They were attacked by 75 to 200 German fighters and lost 14 of 26 airplanes in their formation. His squadron was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation and was credited with destroying 75 enemy planes. After 50 missions, he returned to the United States in September 1944 and was sent to Kingman, AZ as an aerial gunner instructor. After V-E Day, he started Flight Engineer Training preparing for the war in the Pacific. The dropping of the atomic bombs changed everything, and he was discharged on September 6, 1945. His decorations include the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Presidential Unit Citation, and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

Leon relocated to Los Angeles in 1953, where he lived for the remainder of his life. He was still active after more than 6 decades as a financial planner. He was the Treasurer of the 483rd Bomb Group Association for nearly 20 years and Wings Over Wendy's.

He is survived by his son, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, extended family in New York, and many of his closest friends. He will be missed.



Charles Allyn Lewis JAN 30, 1924 to SEP 27, 2021

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Charles Allyn Lewis was born January 30, 1924 in Holdrege, Nebraska and grew up in the Omaha area. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Aviation Cadet Program in December, 1942 and after initial pilot training in Santa Ana, California was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in May, 1944. Further B-17 training followed, and in January 1945 he deployed to England with his flying unit to join the 384th Bomb Group. Charles flew 25 combat missions as a B-17 pilot to targets over France and Nazi occupied areas.

On one mission his aircraft was significantly damaged in a mid-air collision with another B-17 in bad weather and he was able to land safely in Charleroi, Belgium.



During the post-war occupation, his bomb group flew French refugees from North Africa back to mainland France.

His significant decorations included four Air Medals, the EAME Campaign Medal with 3 battle stars, and the World War II Victory Medal. Charles' post-war career was focused on institutional financing of real estate and financial advisory services. He retired in 1990 and along with his wife Dolores of 68+ years they enjoyed extensive traveling around the world.

They resided in Woodland Hills, California and their extended family includes children Thomas and Merrin, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

New Members & Guests

We welcomed the following new members, guests, friends, and relatives to our physical and Zoom meetings during September 2021:

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October Birthdays

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Charles Dubman	October 03, 1928
Annette Kanarek	October 07, 1929
Andy Romanisky	October 07, 1947
Dan Stark	October 10, 1933
Larry Schlesinger	October 11, 1921
Harvey Krasner	October 12, 1924
David Tostenson	October 12, 1946
U. S. Navy	October 13, 1775
Patrick Hubuchon	October 13, 1935
Dick Guyer	October 15, 1924
Douglas Gordon	October 16, 1926
Carl Ehrlich	October 17, 1928
Carl Joers	October 18, 1933
Toni Mattock	October 19, 1951
Bob Shattuck	October 20, 1948
Bill Garland	October 22, 1943
Darwin Miller	October 22, 1924
Howard Lewis	October 23, 1946
Michael Castro	October 24, 1958
Wayne Hanson	October 27, 1934
Joe Weber	October 27, 1926
Bruce Schultz	October 28, 1949
Bill Tapp	October 28, 1936
Chris Voronin	October 29, 1981
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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

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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.

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With Arlington Groundbreaking, Air Force Memorial Will Soon be Inside Cemetery

Sept. 14, 2021 | By Abraham Mahshie

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers broke ground Sept. 14 on an expansion of Arlington National Cemetery intended to add 80,000 gravesites and to make the Air Force Memorial the face of a new southern entrance to the cemetery.

The expansion, which will include the site where the Navy Annex once stood and the slope between the Air Force Memorial and the Pentagon, will add 50 acres to the cemetery, realign roads, relocate the service complex, and incorporate access to the Air Force Memorial. Planners believe the expansion will draw thousands more visitors to the site. Officials hope the additional space will ensure the cemetery can remain active for another 150 years.

"Our fabulous Air Force Memorial will continue to shine," said AFA President retired Lt. Gen. Bruce "Orville" Wright. "From the beginning, it was always the expectation that the Memorial would eventually be incorporated into Arlington Cemetery. This design, with the Memorial as a major point of entry, will ensure even more visitors will come and experience its soaring spires and the Airmen the site memorializes."

The project breaks down into two pieces: the road work and the cemetery expansion, which cannot begin until the road work is at least 70 percent complete. Estimated to take six years, the expansion plan will cost about \$350 million, of which the first \$60 million came from the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act.

The road project will realign and replace roadways and construct new pedestrian and bicycle paths. New parking facilities and a new operations complex, to include an office building, warehouse, and maintenance bays, is also planned.

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth and Maj. Gen. Joel D. Jackson, commander of the Air Force District of Washington, attended the ceremony. Unlike most national cemeteries, which are controlled by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Arlington is operated by the Army.

Internment at Arlington National Cemetery is limited to retired veterans with more than 20 years of service; service members who were killed or wounded in action and awarded the Purple Heart Medal; decorated combat veterans awarded a Silver Star or higher; former prisoners of war; and service members who died while on Active duty. A 2018 advisory panel recommended above-ground internment for the remaining World War II and Korean War veterans who do not otherwise qualify.

An Arlington National Cemetery spokesperson said the 150-year extension of the cemetery's operational life presumes revised eligibility criteria. Rule-making is underway, and proposed criteria are expected to be released next year.

Arlington National Cemetery hosts 25 to 30 funeral services each day and 10 on Saturdays for a total of 3,000 to 5,000 yearly burials.

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WOW Events Calendar Additions

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.

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2021 VETERANS DAY CELBRATIONS RETURN!

After just a flew in-person Veterans Day celebrations in 2020 due to COVID-19, organizations are opening up and inviting Wings Over Wendy's to events honoring Veterans this year.

As of October 1st Wings Over Wendy's has been invited to the following events:

West Valley Christian School Veterans Chapel 10:00 AM Wednesday November 3, 2021

Susan Emslie and Gunny Naper, who conducted the St. Martin's School Veterans Chapel are now at West Valley Christian School, 22450 Sherman Way, West Hills. They are conducting a Veterans Chapel at the school at 10:00 am on November 3, 2021 and have invited Wings Over Wendy's members to attend and veterans honored.

Canoga Park Women's Club Veterans Luncheon 11:30 AM Saturday November 6, 2021

Lunch is FREE to Veterans. Guests are \$5.00. Reservations required, RSVP to Cyndy Keely by email: keelscyndy@hotmail.com or call 818-437-2232. Seating is limited.

LtCol Dave Woorly will conduct the POW/MIA Ceremony, followed by Steve Oliva with popular and familiar music renditions. Plus, a personal account of service to our country by each veteran.

Ronald Reagan Library Veterans Day Commemoration 11:00 AM Thursday November 11, 2021

To honor the men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library will be hosting its annual Veterans Day Event on Thursday, November 11. The day's activities include live musical entertainment, a civil war encampment, a military vehicle display and a program honoring all branches of our military.

The program, which begins at 11:00 a.m., includes an honor guard, live music, and keynote remarks by U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam veteran Bob Parsons. Parsons is the recipient of the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Ribbon and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. An American entrepreneur, he is best-known as the founder of GoDaddy.com and PXG. He and his wife are also the founders of The Bob & Renee Parsons Foundation which provides transformational grants to nonprofit organizations including those who focus on the needs of wounded veterans and military families.

Outdoor events and the program are free to attend; however, reservations are recommended to attend the program.

Canoga Park Elks Lodge Veterans Day Dinner 6:00 PM Thursday November 11, 2021

The Canoga Park Elks Lodge will have their annual Veterans Day dinner on Veterans Day this year at 6:00 pm at their lodge, 20925 Osborne St, Canoga Park.

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Raquel Ramsey & Tricia Aurand Foreword by Major General Jeannie M. Leavitt, USAF

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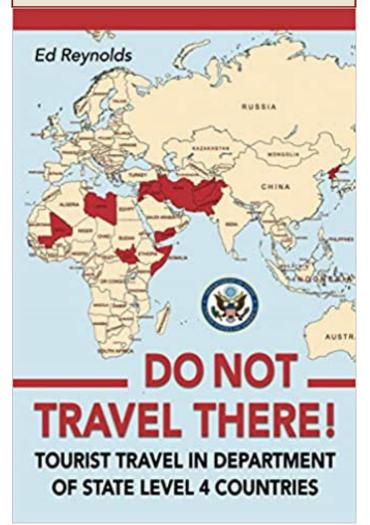
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