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Bi-Annual Group Picture Scheduled for March 14, 2022











It is time for Wings Over Wendy's bi-annual group picture to be taken. We have scheduled the picture for March 14, 2022, at the auditorium, 7401 Schoup. With LA County's guidance that indoor masking is no longer necessary, Larry Kushner will take the photo indoors with the group spread across the auditorium stage. A successful test was conducted following the meeting on February 28.

Please let Howard know if you plan on attending. Remember the time changes on the 13th. "Spring ahead!" (Continued page 2)

Zoom Participants

For out-of-town Zoom participants, send Ed Reynolds a picture wearing a WOW hat and shirt or a blue shirt and dark ball cap with a plain background. We will photoshop you into the photo.

We now have twenty regular Zoom participants who are not local. Out of towers: Bill Wishard, Rob Swihart, Marlon Ruiz, Howard Waldman, Alan Hill, Richard Chambers, CAPT Shep, and Howard Lewis have participated in over half of our meetings.

The February 28's meeting was the 100th weekly Zoom meeting, and we went international with Rob Swihart's son-in-law, Steve Orr, who participated from the UK. Over 300 have participated in our Zoom meetings

February 2022 Meetings February 7, 2022



Photo by Larry Kushner

Joe Weber Receives Certificate of Recognition from the LA City Council

On February 7, 2022, Ron Rubine presented Joe Weber with a Certificate of Recognition from the Los Angeles City Council for service in WWII on behalf of Councilmember John Lee.

Joe showed the group an x-ray of his recent ankle replacement.



Photo by Larry Kushner

David Greenberg Awarded Certificate of Recognition from the LA City Council

Also on February 7, 2022, Ron Rubine presented David Greenberg with a Certificate of Recognition from the Los Angeles City Council for his support of Wings Over Wendy's on behalf of Councilmember John Lee.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Chip Stevens Awarded Certificate of Recognition from the LA City Council

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Ron Rubine also presented Chip Stevens with a Certificate of Recognition from the Los Angeles City Council for his support of Wings Over Wendy's on behalf of Councilmember John Lee.

The certificates for David and Chip read:

The City of Los Angeles and the Twelveth Council District hereby recognize you for your commitment to serving our veteran community through your tireless work at Wings Over Wendy's. On behalf of the City of Los Angeles and the Twelveth Council District, we thank you for your dedication and wish you success in all of your future endeavors.



Secrets of War – The Gulf War Steel Rain

On February 7, 2022, the featured presentation was another episode of the *Secrets of War*. This one was titled *The Gulf War Steel Rain*.

The video provides insights into how the U.S. planned its air attacks against Iraqi forces during the Gulf War. For example, we saw some of the remote-controlled devices that American forces launched to thwart Iraq's radar system. among other sequences.

As this program reveals, the Iraqi forces occupying Kuwait stood little chance against the superior air power of the U.S. Several pilots who flew highly sophisticated spy planes like the RC-135 are interviewed during this video, as well as such designers of the air war as Major General (Ret.) Larry Henry, and Dr. Robert Hopkins III, former pilot of, and an expert of the various RC-135 aircraft that participated in the operation.

Charlton Heston provided the show's narration.

February 14, 2022



Photo by Larry Kushner

Osvaldo Ramirez Presents Valentines

Osvaldo Ramirez, Congressman Tony Cardenas' Field Representative, visited the February 14th meeting and handed out Valentine Cards from local school children addressed to veterans. He had more than the people at the meeting, and the remainder was given to Operation Gratitude.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Steve Klausner -Laser Weapon Systems

On February 14, 2022, Steve Klausner talked to us about the development by Hughes Aircraft Company of Military Laser (Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation) Weapons. Steve was the project manager at Hughes during the development and deployment of the weapon systems. (Continued page 4)



Photo by Larry Kushner

Steve talked about five Military LASER Systems:

NPT Navy Pointer Tracker (High Energy Laser)

LDT Laser Target Designator

MULE Moduler Universal Laser

G/VLLD Ground/Vehicle Laser Locator Designator F/A-18 Pod

FLIR LTD/R Forward Looking Infrared Laser Target
Designating/Ranging System

He showed us pictures of the systems in different configurations as he discussed each system.

He went into great detail about the configuration and use of the G/VLLD Ground/Vehicle Laser Locator Designator:

- Targets Azimuth, Range, and Elevation
- No spotting rounds, first round hits
- Pulsed LASER (1,000 codes)
- 13X Magnification
- 7 1/2 inch Dia. Objective Lens (Very bright picture)
- Max Range = 5 kilometers (3.1 miles)
- Demonstrated handoff = 18,000 m (11.2 mi)
- Operator LASER placed 90% energy on target at 9,000 meters (5.6 miles) with 95% confidence



Steve discussed that all LASER guided weapons in inventory and development in the United States. They include:

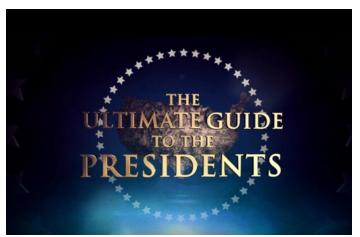
- Cannon launched guided projectile, Hellfire missile and Copperhead missile.
- LASER guided bombs
- Aircraft launched Maverick missile.

Steve finished with pictures of deployements:

- Backpack
- Humvee
- Bradley Fighting Vehicle
- Fast attack vehicle (Dune buggy)
- Helicopter

He noted that the LASER Systems are employed by several allied countries

February 21, 2022



How the Presidency was Formed (1789-1825)

On February 21, 2022, we saw the episode *How the Presidency was Formed* (1789-1825) from the History Channel series *The Ultimate Guide to the Presidents*.

The United States of America was a bold invention of enormous risk. An 8-year war of independence, followed by intense political debate, produced a government of, by and for the people,

The episode discussed how Congress decided on how to choose a President. The first Presidental Election and then how to address the President.

When George Washington was elected President, it described how he conducted the office, the idea of a cabinet of advisors, and where to locate the seat of government.

Once an area between Virginia and Maryland was determined, the episode described how Washington oversaw the construction of the capital.

Washington determined the best foreign policy for the new government was to be neutral in European Wars.

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We also learned that President Washington started the option of only serving two terms. The episode then discussed differences in the Presidency of John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and James Monroe. The significance of the Louisiana purchase, the War of 1812, and Dolly Madison saving items from the British burning the White House.

It was a good review of the residency to be shown on Presidents Day.

<u>February 28, 2022</u>



Photo from Zoom

Wings Over Wendy's goes International with Steve Orr!

On February 28, 2022, Rob Swihart's son-in-law, Steve Orr, participated from Lincolnshire, England.

Steve is a veteran of the UK Navy, has trained in the US with the US Navy SEALS, and served with the NATO Forces in Afghanistan.



Photo from Zoom

The Causes and Consequences of the Ukraine Crisis Why is Ukraine the West's Fault? by John J. Mearsheimer

On February 28, 2022, BobEisenhart and Ed Reynolds reviewed videos that would best explain the current Ukraine crisis. Unfortunately, it is so new we could not find a video that addresses the current conflict. Still, Bob found a 2015 analysis that addressed the Crimea crisis in Ukraine and discovered that the issues and the US decision-makers are the same in 2022 as they were in 2015.

Dr. Mearsheimer started by discussing the divide in language and ethnic background in Ukraine.

Ethnic Breakdown of Ukraine



The above slide showed that the country is divided with Russians or Russian-speaking people living in the east and south while ethnic Ukraine live in the west.

Mearsheimer then displayed slides showing that the same divide appears with the east voting for Russian candidates and the west voting for Ukraine candidates in elections. A similar split was shown in slides that listed polls that show the people in the western area cities favor Ukraine joining NATO and the EU while the people in the eastern cities do not.

The professor concluded that NATO countries should not push to have Ukraine join NATO or the EU. Instead, develop a compromise economic system and make Ukraine a neutral buffer zone between NATO and Russia.

It was a very thought-provoking lecture.

<u>In Other News</u>

Canoga-Owensmouth Historical Society

7 PM, February 9, 2022

Canoga Park's Fire Station 72 & & Other Remembrances from Battalion Chief Joe Weber, LAFD Retired







Joe Weber Spoke at the Canoga-Owensmouth Historical Society

On February 9, 2022, Joe Weber was the featured speaker at the Canoga-Owensmouth Historical Society monthly Zoom meeting.

Following WWII, Joe joined the Los Angeles Fire Department in 1948. His first assignment was Fire Station #66, east of Culver City. He was promoted to Autofireman (Apparatus Operator) in 1951, to Engineer (Driver Pump Operator) in 1954, and Captain in 1957. In the mid-1960s, he was assigned as Acting Battalion Commander, Battalion 15, which included Station #72 housed in the building that now serves as the Historical Society museum.

Joe was promoted to Battalion Chief in 1967 and assigned to Battalion 5B in Hollywood. He retired in 1979.

He described the typical duties, the different positions they manned on duty, and the differences in living in big fire stations versus the small stations.

Joe talked about incorporating the Paramedics and ambulance service into the Fire Department and his challenges as a Battalion Chief accommodating the first female paramedics in the stations in 1978.

Service in the LAFD was a family affair, and Joe talked about his oldest brother Arlyn who retired as a Captain in 1954 and his older brother Roy who retired as a Captain in 1972.



Arlyn, Roy and Joe

Joe then shifted to talk about the history of the Owensmouth Fire Station.





Pre-1931 location on Remmet Street



Canoga Park Fire Station: 1931 to 1978 (SEAGRAVE 750 GPM Pumper)

Joe's family were on the Zoom call, and a lively discussion of his life took place during the Q&A session.

Following his talk at the Historical Society, Joe and Bill Ratner gave a presentation to the current LAFD Station #72 located on De Soto Avenue in Canoga Park.

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16 March 2022 DINNER MEETING



General William J. Begert graduated from the Air Force Academy in the Class of 1968 and earned his wings at Randolph AFB the following year. During the Vietnam War he flew 300 combat missions as a Forward Air Controller in the 0-2. After the war he flew the C-5 at Dover AFB. During his Air Force career he flew over 6900 hours in a

variety of aircraft including the C-5, C-141, KC-10, KC-135 and 0-2A. He held command positions at the Squadron and Wing levels prior to Commanding the Air Force Air Mobility Warfare Center and Vice Commander of U S Air Forces in Europe. He was also Assistant Vice Chief of Staff in the Pentagon for 2 years. Prior to retirement he was Commander of the Pacific Air Force based in Hawaii.

Check in starts at 5:30 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

RSVP to Dan Pemberton no later than 11 March 2022

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Cost is \$30 payable by check or cash at the door.

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Twelve Commandments For Seniors

- #1 Talk to yourself There are times you need expert advice.
- #2 "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
- #3 You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
- #4 Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- #5 The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
- #6 "On time" is when you get there.
- #7 Even duct tape can't fix stupid but it sure does muffle the sound.
- #8 It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!
- #9 Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
- #10 Growing old should have taken longer.
- #11 Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up
- #12 You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

And one more:

"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house!

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, and Nancy Eisenhart

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New Members & Guests

We welcomed the following new members, guests, friends, and relatives to our physical and Zoom meetings during February 2022:

Bill Vetters Steve Orr

March Birthdays

Monte Merken	March 01, 1948
Michele Croson	March 01, 1956
Phil Binderman	March 02, 1939
Steve Danz	March 03, 1945
Joan Mueller	March 04, 1956
Franky Ortega	March 09, 1982
Allen Brandt	March 11, 1931
John Boiko	March 12, 1946
Tony Velarde	March 16, 1946
Ginger Lyon	March 20, 1927
George Bielert	March 21, 1950
Bob Stiles	March 22, 1937
Loren Tyler	March 22, 1949
Louis Mowbray	March 24, 1945
Chip Stevens	March 28, 1958
Fred Kaplan	March 30, 1938
Ron Boggess	March 30, 1945
Byron McKibben	March 31, 1926

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For Help with your Zoom Connection Contact: Charles Scott

(818) 448-1737

pcinfoman@gmail.com.

The WOW Zoom Equipment GoFundMe account link 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

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.

Reminder

Wings Over Wendy's monthly food drive is Monday, March 7rd



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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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In Memoriam

We learned that one of our WWII hero members had passed in the last week of January 2022.



Richard G. Guyer 10/15/1924 to 01/29/2022

PROUD, BRAVE, ACCOMPLISHED

Richard "Dick" Guyer was one of Wings Over Wendy's great WWII US Army veterans.

Dick grew up in Minnesota and enlisted in the US Army upon his High School graduation. He was a member of his high school's ROTC unit and worked as a lifeguard.

The United States entered the war during his Senior year and with many of his classmates, he enlisted in the miltary the day after graduation. He was underage and had to wait until he turned 18 to go on active duty. Dick had signed up to be a photographer but was sent to California to train as a Radio Operator at UC Davis.

Six months later, he was shipped to the east coast to board a boat that he thought would take him to Europe but instead, his ship traveled thru the Panama Canal to the South Pacific.

While stationed in New Guinea, he was assigned as a radio operator for the Alamo Scouts of the 6th Army. All through the re-conquest of the Philippines, the Alamo Scouts roamed many miles through territory held by the Japanese and sent back priceless information for the guidance of our advancing troops. The Scouts ranged far north of the island during the Leyte operations, organizing guerrillas and setting up crucial coastal watching stations. From these stations, the Alamo Scouts sent the first news of Japanese convoys rushing reinforcements to Leyte so that a few hours later, our Air Force was able to sink more than twenty transports, liquidating thousands of Japanese troops.

Dick was one of the radio operators relaying the information. Because of their exploits, the Alamo Scouts received numerous decorations. These include fifty four Silver Stars, two of those with Oak Leaf clusters; thirty-three Bronze Stars, eleven of these with Oak Leaf clusters and four Soldier's Medals and three awards of the Distinguish Service Cross.

A more complete story may be read in an article in The Saturday Evening Post, June 30, 1945.

Following the war Dick returned home obtained a degree from the University of Minnesota, married, had four children and settled in California.

He was very proud that one of his sons served in the Army but unfortunately, his two sons did not outlive Dick.

Dick was a very proud and active member of the American Legion Post 817, Wings Over Wendy's and the Alamo Scouts Historical Foundation. He would bring a copy of a book of their history to the Wings Over Wendy's meeting and readily shared stories with those sitting near him. He will be missed. RIP Dick.

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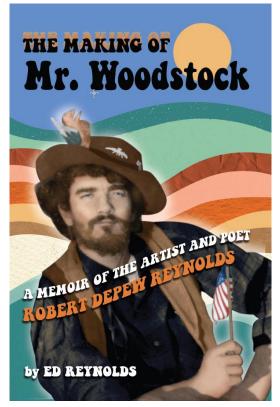
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