

Wings Over Wendy's Veterans Honored During November

With schools and Veterans Service Organization relaxing the COVID lockdowns, Wings Over Wendy's members were invited to more events than in the last two years.



West Valley Christian Church School

The first event was at the West Valley Christian Church School Memorial Day Assembly. on Wednesday November-02, 2022. The Assembly is organized by our good friend, Susan Emslie, as she had done for so many years at St. Martin in-the-Fields Church School in Winnetka. When the school closed, Susan moved to the West Valley Christian Church School and implemented a similar program that Wings Over Wendy's always enjoyed.

As in the program at St. Martin in the Fields, the keynote speaker was Earnest "Gunny" Napper, dressed in his USMC uniform. Attending the event was: Peggy Jean Bassett, Ron Boggess, Bob Donovan, Joseph Mueller, Ed Reynolds, Maria Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, Maurice Vasquez, Lucie Volotzky, and Bill Wentz.



Photos by Larry Kushner and Dave Anderson

Canoga Park Woman's Club Lunch

The next event Wings Over Wendy's members attended was the Annual Canoga Park Woman's Club Lunch honoring veterans on Saturday, November 5, 2022. The lunch included the POW/MIA Missing Man Table ceremony conducted by Dave Worley. Entertainment was provided by Rick Jerret.

Attending the lunch was: David Alvarez, Dave Anderson, Mark Ax, Tony Cubarrubia, Gerald Detamore, Bob Donovan, Marilyn Hauck, Fred Kaplan, Victor Korechoff, Larry Kushner, Barney Leone, Marion Lovelace, Thomas Maiden, Rebecca Maiden, Ethel Margolin, Chuck Mathews, Bill Ratner, Ed Reynolds, Maria Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, Earl Roth, Bob Stiles, Sharon Fine, Lucie Volotzky, and Dave Worley.

California State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel was the keynote speaker and awarded each Wings Over Wendy's luncheon attendee a California Legislature Assembly Certificate of Recognition.



Photos by Larry Kushner

Ernest Lawrence Middle School Assembly & Lunch.

After several years of absence, Wings Over Wendy's was invited to attend the Ernest Lawrence Middle School Assembly and Lunch on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Similar to past years, the attendees met in the School Library and were individually interviewed by students from the school Leadership Group.

At the lunch bell, the veterans paraded into the auditorium decorated with red, white, and blue balloons to sit at decorated tables. The school orchestra played patriotic songs and a hymn for each branch of the service.

The Reseda Charter High School ROTC Honor Guard conducted the Presentation of Colors.

In addition to the fine musical program, Student Body President Audrey Choi, John Lee, Principal Marilu Pigliapoco, Mary Melvin, and LAUSD District 3 Board Member Scott Schmerelson spoke.

The lunch was provided by the Van Nuys-Reseda Elks Lodge, #2790.

Wings Over Wendy's members attending the event included: **Tony Cubarrubia, Larry Kushner, Erick Lace, Jill Lace, Barney Leone, Thomas Maiden, Rebecca Maiden, David Plumb, Ed Reynolds, and Bill Wentz.**



Canoga Park Elks Lodge Veteran's Dinner

Also, on November 10, 2022, the Canoga Park Elks Lodge held its annual Veteran's Dinner. As in the past dinners, Edra Rowe did an outstanding job of coordinating the event. The dinner was served by the Langley Division of the Navel Sea Cadet.

Randy Lewis, Exalted Ruler of the Lodge, welcomed the veterans. Ed Reynolds was the Guest Speaker.

Wings Over Wendy's members attending the event were: **David Alvarez, Lee Auger, Cherie Auger, Mark Ax, Peggy Jean Bassett, Ron Boggess, Tony Cubarrubia, Bill Garland, Dolores Garland, Marilyn Hauck, Abe Hoffman, Sue Hoffman, Erick Lace, Jill Lace, Barney Leone, Marion Lovelace, Yaffet Matindas, David Plumb, Ed Reynolds, Maria Rodriguez, Ray Rodriguez, Bob Stiles, Sharon Fine, and Joe Weber,**



San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade

When Veterans Day finally arrived on Friday, November 11, 2022, Wings over Wendy's members were split between many events honoring Veterans.

We entered a float in the 19th Annual San Fernando Valley Veterans Day Parade, as we have done in each year the parade was conducted.

Galpin Ford provided Wings Over Wendy's with a truck the attendees decorated, honoring and promoting Wings Over Wendy's.

Fred Kaplan was the organization's point person for the parade.

Mark Ax drove the truck.

Wings Over Wendy's participating in the parade were: **Lee Ambers, Mark Ax, Ron Boggess, Max Carlisle, David Greenberg, Fred Kaplan, Marion Lovelace, Bill Ratner, and Joe Weber.**



Photo by Larry Kushner

Malibu Veterans Day Public Ceremony

Also, on Veterans Day, Ethel Margolin and Ed Reynolds were two of the four veterans honored on stage at the 23rd Annual Malibu Veterans Day Public Ceremony, held this year in the Malibu Jewish Center.

The City of Malibu, Douglas Elliman Malibu Association of Realtors, Malibu Navy League, and Pepperdine University, collaborated to commemorate Veterans Day.

Friends of Wings Over Wendy's Sophie Kidian, Heidi, Bernard and Ani Dermenjian were Committee Members. Dan Stark provided a bus from West Hills to Malibu.

Attending the event from Wings Over Wendy's were: **Kathi Bromley, Arlyn Coro, Peter Helm, Neil Houston, Larry Kushner, Hillard Lewinson, Ethel Margolin, Stephanie Pofcher, Ed Reynolds, and Dan Stark.**



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Mayor Garcetti's Veterans Day Thanksgiving Feast

The last Veterans Day event attended by Wings Over Wendy's members was Mayor Garcetti's Veterans Day Thanksgiving Feast on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at The Getty House.

Mayor Eric Garcetti, First Lady Amy Wakeland and the Getty House Foundation invited the City's veterans to a Veterans Day Thanksgiving Feast at the Getty House, the Mayor's residence in Hancock Park on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

The Mayor personally served each guest and then had a photo taken with each table.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Bill Dillon and Mayor Eric Garcetti

Attending from Wings Over Wendy's was: **Tony Cubarrubia, Bill Dillon, Tanya Kaiser, Bob Donovan, Andy Kopetzky, Larry Kushner, Barney Leone, Frank Lopez, Chuck Mathews, Yaffet Matindas, Ed Reynolds, Bob Stiles, Sharon Fine, and Michael Sugar.**



Photo by Larry Kushner

Councilmember John Lee 9th Annual Educator's Roundtable

Shifting from Veteran's Day events, Wings Over Wendy's members attended Councilmember John Lee's 9th Annual Educator's Roundtable and Breakfast at New Horizons on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Wings Over Wendy's had a booth promoting the WOW "Conversations With Heros" program.

Manning, the WOW booth was Bill Tapp. Ed Reynolds led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Bob Donovan, and Larry Kushner promoted the program with the School Principals in attendance. Fourteen signed a sheet expressing interest in the program.

The program was conducted again before the West Hills Neighborhood Council meeting on November 29, 2022, at the Pomelo Community Charter School.

Bob Donovan and Ed Reynolds attended the meeting, including Principals who had not attended the November 16th meeting.

Ed Reynolds talked about the Conversations with Heroes program, and Bob Donovan about the Operation Gratitude program.

Six more Principals expressed interest in the Conversations with Heroes program.

On November 12, shortly after 13:20, a P-63 King Cobra collided with a B-17 Flying Fortress, killing five people on the B-17 and the sole pilot of the P-63. The aircraft were flying as part of the Wings Over Dallas air show held at Dallas Executive Airport, which featured several aircraft from the World War II era.

Anne Marie has flown a b-17 in airshows and she knew some of the pilots lost in the crash



Photo by Larry Kushner

Karen Light Visits Wings Over Wendy's

On November 14, 2022, Karen Light, daughter of Martain Light visited the meeting from Pflugerville, Texas



Into Flight Once More Documentary

The featured presentation on November 14, 2022, was the documentary *Into Flight Once More*, narrated by Gary Sinise. It brings the history of June 6, 1944, to the present through the lens of one squadron and their epic recreation

journey across the North Atlantic to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. Along the trip, we see interviews of some of the last remaining D-Day Veterans and younger generations of men and women who re-charted their path to honor their sacrifice and thank them for their service.

The journey took the film crew across the United States and on to Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Scotland, the UK, and finally to, France. It documented the history and significance of these locations during wartime and the challenges the crews faced in completing the journey.

One of the reenactment paratroopers in the video is Wings Over Wendy's member and local History Teacher, Franky Ortega

November 21, 2022



Jumping Into Normandy 75 Years Later

On November 21, 2022, the featured presentation was Reenactment Paratrooper and History Teacher Franky Ortega talking about his life and experiences in jumping out of a C-47 over Normandy, France, on the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

Franky tells his story behind the scenes of the documentary *Into Flight Once More* we watch at the previous meeting. He starts his talk telling us about his background as a Yaqui Indian and growing up along the us-Mexican border as his mother worked in the fields picking crops on both sides of the border.

He graduated from UC Santa Barbra and decided to become a World History Teacher. His studies drew him to concentrate on WWII, and he joined a reenactment group. He attended Jump School in 2014 and in 2018, joined the D-Day Reenactment Paratrooper Team to participate in the 75th Anniversary of D-Day.

Franky then showed a slide presentation of his experience training and jumping into Normandy. He showed pictures of the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team training in Frederick, Oklahoma

Commemorating D-Day- The WWII Airborne Demonstration Team owns 2 flyable aircraft: C-47 and C-49. (Continued Page 7)



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- ▶ LODGING (\$500)
- ▶ PLANE TICKETS (\$1,000+)
- ▶ DAKS REGISTRATION (658 GBP = \$901)

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"D-Day Doll"
A C-53D
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The trip home includes stops at Albany, NY Oshkosh, WI Omaha, NE Albuquerque, NM Riverside, CA


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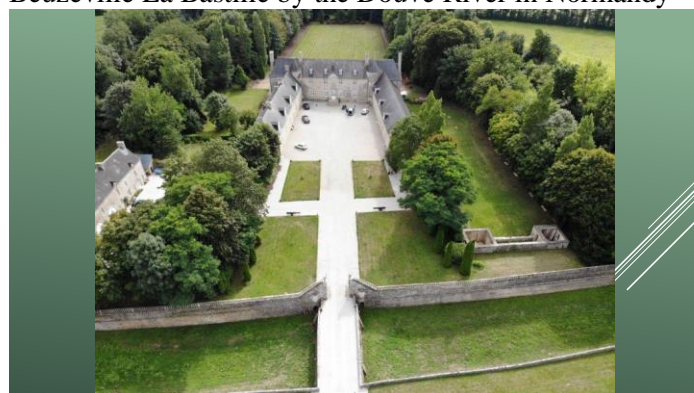
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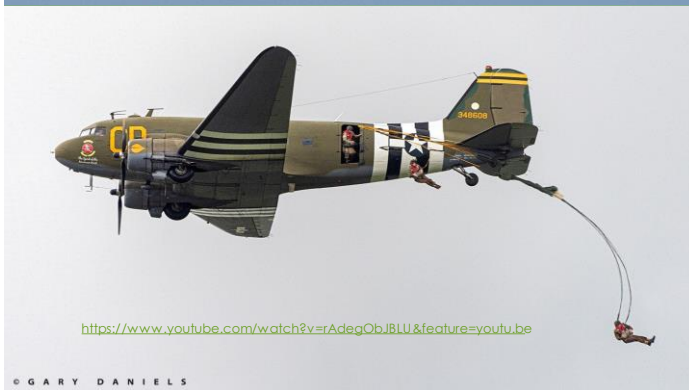



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On June 6, the team had to re-pack their parachutes for the jump on the 7th –Drop Zone C

Franky continued on about the ADT activities after the jump. He toured the area, the American Cemetery, Pointe Du-Hoc, Baily Bridge, Filthy 13 Monument, Hill 30 and many other sites the WWII Paratroopers fought in after D-Day.

Franky's passion for history began at an early age growing up with a hardworking mother, and although she

dropped out of an American middle school to work as a farmworker, as a migrant son Franky realized what a privilege it was to be born in a country full of opportunity and risk. Living a constant life of change and often struggle allowed him to see the benefits of always challenging yourself. He has been teaching history for 14 years at several Los Angeles County high schools including more recently at the remaining buildings of the WWII Birmingham Army Hospital.



Photo by Larry Kushner
Ed Reynolds presents Franky Ortega with a Certificate of Appreciation and Wings Over Wendy's Bumper Stickers

November 28, 2022

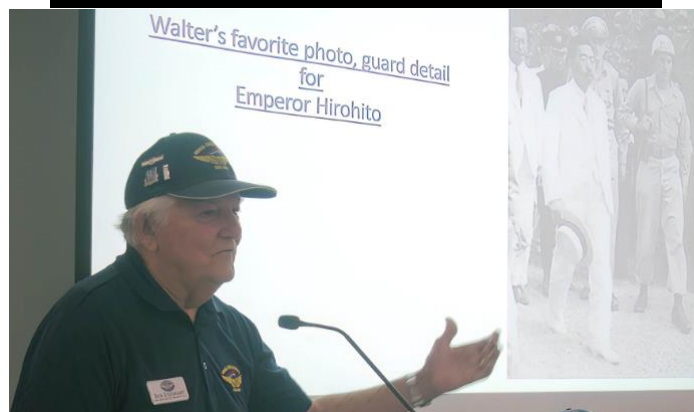


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Walter Junkel's Post WWII Pictures in Japan

On November 28, 2022, Bob Eisenhart gave a short presentation he had been developing with Walter Junkel before Walter died.

Bob showed Walter's pictures of his time in the US Army at the end of WWII. Walter was on his way to Okinawa when the war ended and was sent to Japan to help stabilize the country.

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His favorite photo was taken during his assignment to guard Emperor Hirohito. Other photos showed the destruction of Hiroshima, the Japanese he worked with, city and village scenes.

One series of pictures showed his working on a Mosquito Abatement project.

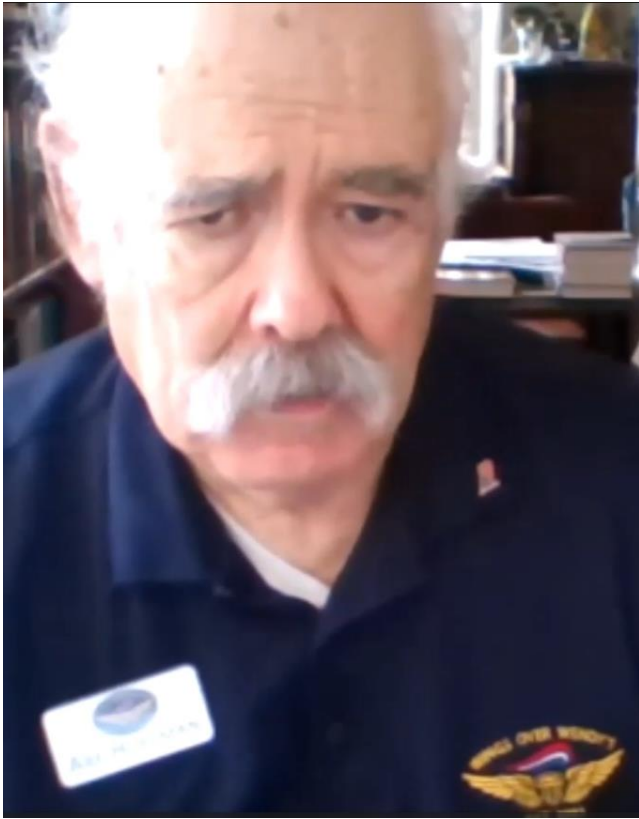


Photo from Zoom

Abe Hoffman – History of Patriotic Holidays

On November 28, 2022, the featured presentation was by our esteemed historian: Abe Hoffman. Unfortunately, Abe tested positive for COVID, so his presentation was remote via Zoom.

Every Year two similar holidays are **observed**. Abe believes “**observed**” is more appropriate than “**celebrated**.” They are Veterans Day and Memorial Day. It has been half a century since Memorial Day was made an official Federal Holiday in 1972, and only since 1978, Veterans Day, both holidays bounced around the calendar for many years. Veterans Day has its roots in a specific date, November 11, and somewhat surprisingly, so does Memorial Day.

Memorial Day originated after the Civil War, but with plenty of argument over who started observing the holiday and how it was observed. Finally, on May 1, 1865, a thousand newly freed African Americans and some white residents gathered in Charleston, SC to pay tribute to over

250 Union dead buried in a mass grave. The bodies were exhumed and placed at a proper burial after they had been buried near a race track.

Three years later, Governor John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued a decree naming May 30 as a nationwide day of commemoration for all soldiers killed in the Civil War. Logan called the event “**Decoration Day**, as the date didn’t fall on the anniversary of a Civil War battle. It may have also been picked as a spring day when flowers bloom.

Before Logan’s observance, Southern women’s groups started placing flowers on the graves of Confederate soldiers. However, different states held similar observances on other dates. As of today, nine southern states officially have a **Confederate Memorial Day**. Some pay tribute to Jefferson Davis on his birthday; even General Stonewall Jackson is similarly honored.

Southern variations notwithstanding, more than 27 states were observing Decoration Day, and by 1896 all the states sent representatives to attend a cemetery at Arlington National Cemetery. This went on for fifty years and was confined to the Civil War dead. After the two World Wars, Decoration Day was sidetracked until 1971, when Decoration Day was changed to Memorial Day.

This change was made because Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968. The law changed a bunch of previous holiday observances. Washington’s birthday became Presidents Day, Columbus Day shifted from October 12 to the third Monday in October, Decoration Day—soon to be called Memorial Day—went from May 30 to the last Monday in May, and later on Martin Luther King’s Day was the third Monday in January, and more recently, Juneteenth Day was made a Federal holiday. Labor Day was already fixed as the first Monday in September. Some dates will never be changed: Fourth of July, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day. Thanksgiving Day has a history all its own.

All these days had four things in common: 1) they created three-day weekends, 2) don’t bother going to your mailbox, 3) it created opportunities for sales on everything from automobiles to mattresses, and 4) it gave federal employees a paid holiday.

Because of the number of versions regarding the date of Memorial Day, several cities have competed for the recognition of being the first to create Decoration Day. Boalsburg, PA. Carbondale, IL. Columbus, GA, Columbus, MS, and Waterloo, NY. LBJ decreed Waterloo the “official birthplace of Memorial Day.”

Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day has a definite day in history. Both sides agreed on a truce in the Great War that all sides would cease fire on the 11th day of the 11th hour of the 11th month. Note that this wasn’t the war’s end—it just stopped the fighting.

Abe then talked about the history of World War I.

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History of WWI

World War I, known as the Great War until World War II, was especially horrific for the numbers of the dead—12 million, plus 21 million wounded, a general term that doesn't mention amputated arms and legs and lives ruined by poison gas. In many ways, it was a stupid war that involved a pointless arms race and colonies dragged into a royal family feud.

The family feud stemmed from the offspring of England's Queen Victoria. She and her husband, Prince Albert, had nine children. It was the descendants of Victoria that helped bring on the Great War. One daughter married Tsar Nicolas I, so their son, the future Nicholas II, was one of Victoria's grandsons. Another daughter married Frederick William of Prussia, heir to what would be modern Germany. His father, Wilhelm I, was a military man who lived too long. When he finally died, Frederick William became the new Kaiser, and unlike his military father, he proposed a program of progressive reforms. Unfortunately for history, he developed cancer a few months into his rule and died, as did his reforms. His son, Kaiser Wilhelm II, the villain of the Great War, was thus another of Victoria's grandsons. He had a difficult childbirth in which the obstetrician used forceps that pulled him from the womb and permanently crippled an arm. The result was an embittered boy who bore resentment against his parents and a love for the military might inherited from Grandfather Wilhelm I. Wilhelm II enjoyed military parades and fancy uniforms and jealousy against the British and their military strength.

What resulted in the Great War was the fact that England's George V, Wilhelm II, and Nicholas II were first cousins, blood relatives. Wilhelm spent many summers with his Grandmama Victoria as a child and was fully bilingual. It would have been nice if the three cousins untangled their countries from the treaties that brought on the Great War, but they weren't up to the task. Several decades before the war began, England and Germany started a competition about which country could build bigger and better battleships with long-range guns. The battleships were called dreadnaughts. Although Britain ruled the waves, Germany was determined to even things up with England.

Along with the naval contest came significant developments and technology in new weapons. Both countries had colonies in Africa, as did France, Italy, and Belgium, and revolts by the native people were put down with the liberal use of heavy machine guns. The machine gun, unlike the rifle, was an impersonal killer. It didn't matter if a soldier was courageous. The machine gun would mow him down as quickly as it did a frightened coward.

The spark that lit the Great War was lit by Gavrilo Princip, 19 years old and a Serbian nationalist. He was

determined to assassinate Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian Empire. He had his chance when the Archduke and his wife came to Sarajevo, a city in Bosnia then under Austrian control, in June 1914. Austria blamed Serbia for the assassination and made unacceptable demands on the smaller nation. Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm pledged rashly to support Austria.

Despite the relationship of George V, Nicholas II, and Wilhelm II, they were not able to or capable of stopping the treaties their nations had made. Germany backed Austria, Russia backed Serbia, and France supported Russia. When the German Army marched through Belgium to get at France, England backed Belgium. Somehow Turkey got into the mix as an ally of Germany. And so began the biggest, most tragic war in modern world history. Opposing sides were named the Allies and the Central Powers. Italy signed a treaty as one of the Central Powers but early on broke it and joined the Allies. As did Australia, New Zealand, and Canada, colonies in Africa and Asia also entered the war.

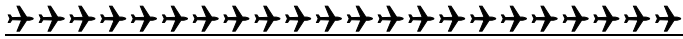
During all this turmoil, President Woodrow Wilson insisted on neutrality. The war was not an affair for Americans as the United States had the Atlantic Ocean as a significant barrier to Europe's problems. Gradually, Americans came to support the British, who were more effective in producing propaganda than the Germans. Artists drew dramatic pictures depicting Germans as Huns, apes, and rapists of nuns. Wilson ran for reelection in 1916 with the slogan, "He kept us out of the war."

After Wilson's inauguration in 1917, circumstances dictated a new policy. First, Germany's submarines were resuming unrestricted warfare despite the controversy over the sinking of the Lusitania two years earlier, along with several other American merchant ships. A second reason, likely the main reason, was the Zimmermann Telegram, a message sent to Mexico's President Carranza promising support of a Mexican invasion into the United States to regain territory lost in 1848.

The United States entered the Great War, bringing fresh troops to go "over there" and aid the tired Allies. It took several months to train and equip the Army before the doughboys, as they were called, went to Europe. By the fall of 1918, it became clear to the German generals that they could not sustain their efforts to continue the fighting.

Both sides negotiated an agreement for a cease-fire, to take place on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month—November 11, 1918, to stop the killing. A formal ending to the war was scheduled to take place months later in 1919.

The formal meeting was the Versailles Conference in France, with the four major Allies—the U.S., Great Britain, France, and Italy presenting a treaty that singled out German for the harshest punishment—reparation payments and loss of territory. (Continued Page 12)



In Memoriam

During November, we learned three Wings Over Wendy's members "flew west."



Photo by Larry Kushner

Walter Junkel

04/22/1926–10/30/2022

Walter Junkel, a 1st generation American, was born November 22, 1926 in Kenosha Wisconsin. He later moved to California with his wife Marion and sons where he ran a successful paint contracting business with his brother and sons for over 50 years. He loved Jazz, loved to play the trumpet, was a Boy Scout leader for many years and an active member of the VFW Post 2805. Walter was also recently honored by participating with Honor Flights in Washington DC.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife Marion, his two brothers, Bob and Frank and his son Mark. He is survived by his 4 sons, Paul(Sylvia), Peter, John(Patti), and Matthew(Sharon), his 6 Grandchildren and 13 Great-Grandchildren. Water will be interned at the Bakersfield Veterans Cemetery at a later date. Honorarium in his name to VFW Post 2805.

Walter grew up in Kenosha Wisconsin, son of German and Danish immigrants. Like so many others, he received the call from President Roosevelt to serve in the United States Army during time of war. The year was December 1944. He answered the call and was inducted into general military service in January of 1945 at the young age of 18 years and 2 months. He reported to basic training at Camp Robinson Arkansas completing this in May of 45. Soon after, Walter was told to pack his gear, "you're headed to Army Language School at Presidio Monterey, CA." to study languages.

Following his tour at language school, SSgt. Junkel was ordered to report to the war in the Pacific Theater.

However, a typhoon delayed the departure until November, 2 months after Japan had surrendered; the war was over.

He arrived in Yokohama Japan aboard the US Army Transport General William Weigel as part of the military government's occupation force. He was assigned to the 8th Army HQ & HQS Company, 88th Military Government Team, Fukushima Japan and was part of the Public Health Section. His unit was tasked with setting up and maintaining public health for the GI's and the local population. Dysentery and malaria were rampant so his unit was responsible for disinfection of health care facilities, spraying for mosquitos and training the local population on sanitary practices.

During his time in Japan, Walter was selected to be part of the honor guard to accompany Emperor Hirohito. Although the Emperor was more of a figurehead to the United States he was worshiped as a god by the Japanese people. Walter's guard unit would escort the emperor during trips around the local prefecture.

Walter was fascinated by the people, culture and country of Japan. He truly enjoyed helping them restore after the war. Given this, he reenlisted for another tour in 1946. He considered staying in the Army as a career but was weary of the conflict that was brewing in Korea. In the end he figured he was lucky once but didn't want to chance it a second time. He was Honorably discharged in 1949.

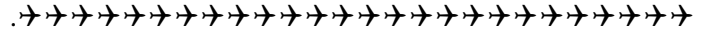


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Howard Davis
07/07/1936-11/17/2022

On June 1st, 1964, he became an officer for the Beverly Hills Police Department. Howard served for 30 years. (Continued page 15)

His service is scheduled for 10:00, Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks-Griffin Mortuary & Crematory & Pierce Brothers Valley Oaks Memorial Park, 5600 Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362.

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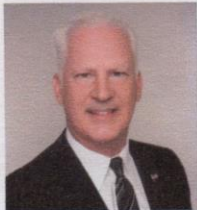
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