



End of an Era

Wings Over Wendy's Incorporated

The team formed to determine the best form of legal entity for Wings Over Wendy's: David Anderson, Gordon Fell, and Bill Ratner, who have previously formed nonprofit organizations, met with Ed Reynolds and Marion Lovelace on February 20023.

They decided the best form for Wings Over Wendy's is to file as a 501(c)(7) Social club "organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofitable purposes."

Social clubs are exempt from federal income tax under IRC 501(a) as organizations described in IRC 501(c)(7) if they are "organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofitable purposes." They were originally granted exemption from federal income tax in the Revenue Act of 1916.

On February 10, 2023, Ed Reynolds filed with the State of California and was granted the following:

Initial Business Filing Approval

02/21/2023

Entity Name: Wings Over Wendy's

Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Mutual Benefit

Entity No.: 5503645

Document Type: Articles of Incorporation - CA Nonprofit Corporation - Mutual Benefit

Document No: 5503645

File Date: 02/10/2023

The next steps will be to write the By-Laws, elect a board of directors, and obtain the IRC 501(c)(7) from the IRS.

On February 15, 2023, Ed Reynolds obtained a General Liability Insurance policy for the group to hold meetings in the Auditorium.

Howard Swerdlick "Flew West" on February 15th



We were sad to learn that Howard Swerdlick lost his battle with cancer on February 15, 2023. Howard could be called "Mr. WingsOver Wendy's." He was an integral part of the organization, Art Sherman and Ed Reynolds' right-hand man.

Howard joined the meetings following the death of his wife, Gail, in July 2004. Several months later, the meetings moved from lunch to the morning. He joined the table setup crew, arriving early, and soon became the setup team leader.

He designed the Wings Over Wendy's logo, ordered the hats and shirts, arranged the Bi-Annual pictures, ran the weekly raffle, interviewed newcomers and guests, conducted auctions, and assisted in: organizing tours, the annual luncheon, the weekly luncheon and promoting the organization. (Continued page 2)

When Wings Over Wendy's had a display in the San Fernando Valley Museum, Howard served as a docent; he helped find a location for the Tuesday Meeting and organized their first meetings.

Howard was a key member of the crew that set up the Wendy's on Ventura Blvd meetings. In 2019 he negotiated the use of the ECRCHS North Campus Auditorium.

Born on December 7, 1936, in Boston, Massachusetts, he married Gail, his childhood sweetheart, and moved to California in 1956, where he could play golf all year round. He started working in a meat packing plant, soon became a butcher, and worked in the grocery business until he retired.

They had three boys, Paul, Bruce, and Barry, living in Canoga Park in the area that became West Hills.

Howard was a friend to all. His loss is the end of an era – he will be missed and impossible to replace.

February 2023

Meetings

February 6, 2023



Photo by Larry Kushner

Christine MacIntosh joins Wings Over Wendy's

On February 6, 2023, Christine MacIntosh, widow of a USAF pilot and a friend of Nancy Eisenhart, attended the meeting and joined Wings Over Wendy's.



Photo from Zoom

Lt Col Justin "Astro" Elliott, Commander and leader of the USAF Thunderbirds

The featured presentation on February 6, 2023, was a talk by Lt Col Justin "Astro" Elliott, Commander and leader of the USAF Thunderbirds.

Larry Kushner had met and told Lt Col Elliott about Wings Over Wendy's at the International Convention for Air shows in December 2022. As a result, he accepted an invitation to speak to Wings Over Wendy's via Zoom.

Lt Col Elliott is a native of Houston, TX, and earned his USAF Commission via ROTC at Yale University. He became a Combat Pilot in F-15E's flying over Afghanistan, graduated from the Air Force fighter weapons school, and became a Test Pilot in the F-35 and F-15EX developments.

In 2020 he joined the Thunderbirds as the Commanding Officer (Thunderbird One).

The Thunderbirds are one of the elite organizations in the United States. One of the institutional organizations is there to create a beacon of excellence in the name of service to something bigger than ourselves. That is our mission, and it has been that way throughout our existence. And so when we talk about leading an organization with an elite identity like that, it is challenging to find those lessons in books.

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You can read all the leadership books you want, but unfortunately, they failed to account for some of the environmental changes we see consistently throughout history. The most recent one that's easy to understand is the COVID-19 pandemic. Obviously, it's shattered our nation. It divided us in our ideologies. It was a challenge, and you know it made for an environment that needs a uniting force.

But what I've learned, even in my 20 years of military service, is that there's always a COVID. You know, when I entered service, it was 2001. 911, 2005 inflation, 2008 a market meltdown, and 2013 sequestration shut down the budgets of the Air Force. We had to rethink everything it was doing. And now you have 2020 with the pandemic, so you know, my take away from that is that the leadership environment will continue to change, and you're always gonna have a crisis that you can choose to blame for your problems. If you want to, you must stick to your values because those crises will always happen.

I talk about some macro crises because if you accept those as the reason for things breaking down. Well, you missed that some of this stuff is repeated in history. Then it really. Just takes a recommitment to values to move forward through this.

One of the most striking things to me when I started looking back at some of our histories was Jimmy Carter's speech in 1979, the crisis of confidence speech. Some of you probably remember. And some of the lines he used in that speech in 79 could very well represent what's happening in the United States right now. And his conclusion really stood out to me.

It was fascinating when he started saying things like we must stop crying and start sledding. Stop talking and start walking, and when you look at Americans today, you know inflation is just coming out of a war that we effectively lost. And a 10-foot-tall giant adversary that you know was the USSR back in 1979. Today, it's the People's Republic of China. So any way you look at it, there are many parallels, giving me confidence as a leader in today's Air Force. We've been relatively here before and. We, as Americans, know how to get through this. So that's the macro-level picture of the environment today from my perspective. At the micro level, organizations have crises as well.

Lt Col Elliot told us about the mishaps the Thunderbirds had experienced by crashing airplanes and killing pilots, having commander leaders fired. It showed that sometimes it's challenging to see culture creep into an organization. It's not. When you look at that picture of the diamond. Pass in a review that was widely spread across Google and Wikipedia, by the way. What was that? You

could see that things had started to break in the Thunderbirds. Leadership took a lot of time to break down and figure out why. What was the root cause? Was it training? Was it hiring? Was it just that the Air Force was falling apart, and the Thunderbirds reflected that? Was that that the country was falling apart, and the Thunderbirds were a reflection of that? Not necessarily, you know, did all of those things factor into it maybe a little bit, but when you really broke it down to what was affecting us as a team came down to a wave of self-promotion. Put bluntly, people were joining the Thunderbirds to build their personal brand using our 70-year-old brand instead of pouring themselves into building this Thunderbirds brand, this Air Force brand, and the American brand. It was always the reason this team existed. Still, people were joining for the wrong reasons.

This somewhat reflected the direction of society. You started in 2007, when the iPhone came out, followed very shortly by social media platforms, which you had as an environment ripe for self-promotion. You know, when I was a kid, we used to say we used to call people a self-promoter. That was bad. You grow up now and say, "Well, if you can't sell yourself, who will sell you? You know our language has changed. Social media did not help the United States. It's funny that it took us this long to recognize. How at odds this? The culture of self-promotion was without the Air Force's and the country's values. But sometimes the answer is right before you, so my wing. The 57th wing that the Thunderbirds are under has a motto. It's a leadership motto, and it goes like this. "Be humble - Be credible," and I think we can all see those values that we can get behind and should get behind. The funny thing is, there's nothing humble about a selfie. There's nothing approachable about anonymity. There's nothing credible about a platform that rewards the most extreme views over those of experts and professionals. And that was the environment we found ourselves in as a team. As a nation, even. As I said before, the Thunderbirds have a more difficult charter. An elite team and elite teams are responsible for planting the flag as society drifts and saying, here's who we are. Here's who we are. Do you join us or don't you? That's fine too. But if you are on this team, you join us. And here's who we are, and here's what we represent.

My predecessor and I had to make a pretty difficult decision. Do we allow ourselves to drift with the current culture and the current environment of self-promotion or do we say no? This is not what we do here. We pour ourselves into building the American brand. That's our job. And you can join us or you can not. And sometimes you know if you're going to play with that flag and say. Here's who we are. Join us if you want. Well, you better know who you are. And so for us, we really had to dig into our history, to our team history as the Thunderbirds to figure out what that was. And I'll tell you a little bit about that history.

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So in 1946, a demonstration team was formed in the United States. It was not the Thunderbirds. It was called the Blue Angels. Blue Angels were Navy and the Blue Angels were founded with a very specific purpose. And that was to keep pilots in the Navy.

So if you think about it. Just after World War Two. There was this thing about the start in 1947 called the Air Force, and this Air Force was probably going to take all the pilots right because it was, it was going to be a new organization in the Department of Defense, and the Navy was afraid of losing those pilots. So they found the Blue Angels in 1946, and if you look at them, it tells you everything you need to know, right? They're blue and gold. They're Navy. They've got U.S. Navy in huge letters across the bottom of the wings. They are there to recruit for the United States Navy. That's their mission. It's a very important mission.

In 1953, the Thunderbirds were founded. It's a very different mission. We are not blue and silver. If you look at the airplanes behind me, they are not Air Force colors; they're American colors. They're red, white and blue. The red, white and blue because the Thunderbirds were founded to connect the American population to its military in the jet age. People didn't trust jets. Jets were new, and propellers were reliable. And the Air Force wanted jets to happen, so they built this team to connect the American population to its military. That was the mission of the Thunderbirds. It always has been.

Once you understand that mission, it really changes how you think about it. The Thunderbirds are not a recruiting tool. Recruiting is important, sure, but if all I cared about was recruiting, all I'd have to do is take a couple of cool pictures and post those on many platforms. I'd fly a lot of flyovers.

I would do things that are massively public but weren't necessarily excellence in the name of achievement. But because the Thunderbird mission is different because it connects the American population to its military, you know it has a role similar to the US Marine drill teams. It is meant to be inspiring. It's meant to be a beacon of excellence, and the name of service is something bigger than ourselves.

You get that Beacon beacon of excellence, right? If it truly is extraordinary. Then you unite the American population in the most divided of times, like the one we find ourselves in right now. You inspire people, not just kids but adults, to give to something bigger than themselves. You draw the best people from around the world to American shores in pursuit of that same level of commitment to excellence. That is the mission of this team, and the difference is subtle. But it's important, you know, when we perform for the American population, we recognize.

February 13, 2023



FORTY 737s BUILT EVERY MONTH

On February 13, 2023, we watched the Youtube video: *Really Amazing: A must watch for all aviation maintenance personnel -Boeing Assembly Line*. The video took us through the building of a B-737, from the hull's arrival in the assembly plant to its test flight. It averages just 18 hours to complete the process. Very few of our members that build model aircraft can assemble one in that time.



Photo from Zoom

Paul Delanoe Veterans Alliance Benefits

The featured speaker on February 13, 2023, was Paul Delanoe to discuss obtaining VA benefits. His company, Veterans Alliance Benefits, assists veterans in how to qualify for the Maximum Benefit authorized.

Paul talked to us about the following slides. As he pointed out, the VA provides the benefits but does not assist in completing the paperwork to obtain the funds.

His company can do that work. They show you how to restructure your Trust to create a Trust to cover your Activities of Daily Living (ADL).

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Aid & Attendance Pension

AVAILABLE TAXFREE BENEFITS (NON-SERVICE CONNECTED)

- ▶ **Surviving Spouse** \$1,432
- ▶ **Single Veteran** \$2,229
- ▶ **Married Veteran** \$2,642
- ▶ **Two Married Veterans** \$3,534

4 million Could Qualify ONLY 153,000 are receiving

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4 Criteria to Qualify for the VA Aid & Attendance

1. Service During a War Period
2. Medical Need for Some Help
 - (65 + 1 ADL)
 - Cleaning, Managing Meds, cooking, dressing, toileting
3. Income
 - Personal Caregiver Contract
4. Assets
 - GIT, GAT, Annuities

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Qualification #2 Age 65 and Medical Need

Activities of Daily Living (ADL)
Only need **ONE** of these to Qualify

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| ▶ Bathing | ▶ Cooking |
| ▶ Dressing | ▶ Shopping |
| ▶ Grooming | ▶ Managing Medications |
| ▶ Oral Care | ▶ Using the Phone |
| ▶ Toileting | ▶ Housework |
| ▶ Transferring | ▶ Doing Laundry |
| ▶ Walking | ▶ Driving |
| ▶ Climbing Stairs | ▶ Managing Finances |
| ▶ Eating | |

If under 65 – Must be
Permanently Disabled

7/10 Married
Couples, 1 spouse
will need LTC

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Veterans Alliance Benefits would design an ADL Trust and transfer the funds into the ADL Trust from your Living Trust to reduce your Living Trust below the \$150,000 asset cap set by the VA to qualify for the ADL funds.

Paul handed out brochures to those in attendance that explained the program and his company's assistance.

February 20, 2023



Photo by Larry Kushner

Barney Leone Sings the Shoeshine Boy Song

On February 20, 2023, we were entertained by Barney Leone. As a youth in the Bronx, New York, he earned money shining shoes. He kept his shoe shine box and brought it to the meeting. He showed us the box and sang the Shoeshine Boy song.



Photo by Larry Kushner

Bill Wentz Introduces "The Evolution From Arrows To Artillery In Weapon Technology"

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February 27, 2023



The video titled "The Evolution From Arrows To Artillery In Weapon Technology" on YouTube is an informative and engaging exploration of the development of weaponry from ancient times to the modern era.

The video begins by tracing the evolution of arrows and bows, which were first used by humans around 64,000 years ago, and was gradually developed into more advanced weapons, such as the longbow and the crossbow. Next, it discusses the development of firearms, from the earliest gunpowder weapons in China to the more advanced muskets and rifles of the 18th and 19th centuries.

It delves into the development of artillery, including the first cannons and how they were used in medieval warfare. And also covers the evolution of tanks and aircraft and how they transformed warfare in the 20th century.

Overall, the video is well-researched and presented in an engaging and accessible way. The visuals are clear and relevant to the topic, and the presenter has a clear and confident speaking style that keeps the viewer's attention throughout.

Overall, "The Evolution From Arrows To Artillery In Weapon Technology" is a well-made and informative video that provides a comprehensive overview of the development of weapons throughout history.

Note the review was generated by ChatGPT



Photo by Larry Kushner

Victoria Yeager 101 Chuck Yeager-isms

On February 27, 2023, the featured presentation was a talk by Victoria Yeager about the life of her husband, General Chuck Yeager, the first pilot to break the sound barrier. Chuck flew west on December 7, 2020, but his wit and wisdom live on.

Victoria talked about all aspects of Chuck's life and career without notes. It was an impressive performance.

She started describing his life growing up in West Virginia, learning mechanics. When WWII began, he wanted to be a fighter pilot, but lacking a college education, he was instead assigned to aircraft mechanics. Soon the need for pilots was so great he entered pilot training and earned his wings.

He was sent to Europe and was flying combat missions. On March 5, 1945, he was shot down near Bordeaux, France, and hidden by the French Underground. Victoria told us stories about his hiding with the Underground. They helped him get to Spain, and from there, he returned to England, arguing with his CO to let him return to combat flying. Eisenhower let him stay but not fly combat. Instead, he was to train pilots and serve as a Maintenance Officer.

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Photo by Larry Kushner

Ed Reynolds presents Bill Wentz with a Certificate of Appreciation and Wings Over Wendy's Bumper Stickers

**Ed Reynolds presents Victoria Yeager with a
Certificate of Appreciation and Wings Over Wendy's
Bumper Stickers**

In Other News

On October 12th he shoots down 5 aircraft. In November, he shoots down 4 on one mission. When the war ended in Europe he returned to the US, married Glennis and selects Wright Patterson AFB as a Maintenance Officer performing flight tests. Colonel Boyd picked him to fly the X-1 and attempt to break the sound barrier. During his test flights he discovered adjustments to the control that had prevented fly through the barrier without a lot of shaking.

Victoria told us in great detail how Chuck found the problem and recommended a solution. She then described that Chuck went horseback riding, fell, broke two ribs and a shoulder on his right side. Went the next day to a vet off base. He didn't want to go to the flight doctor because he'd be grounded. So the vet tapes him up. She then describes Chuck's flight that broke the sound barrier and celebrated at Poncho Barnes.

Chuck's next assignment was to a fighter unit in Germany. Unfortunately, when the Astronauts were selected, he was not eligible because he lacked a college education, but he trained them. He was flying to 104,000 when the thruster motor failed, and he entered a flat spin. Chuck knew he had to get below 6000 feet for a safe punchout. When he got below 6000 feet, he was descending at 100 miles an hour. He punched out at 100 miles an hour, and his rocket seat got caught in the shroud lines, firing down on his face mask. He knew if he had to, he had to get his face mask up to stop the oxygen. He's gulping in the air, burning the whole left side of his face. Chuck got cut, and the blood came over his eye, and the fire seared that blood over his eye. When he landed, he got the helmet off. Usually, it takes three people, but somehow he got it off.

In 1966 Chuck was transferred to Vietnam, flew 127 combat missions, then was promoted to General and returned to Germany, and represented the USAF in Pakistan during the Pakistan-India War. In 1973 he became Director of USAF Safety and retired in 1973 and became a consultant test pilot at Edwards AFB.



(AP Photo/Darron Cummings)

This photo taken Nov. 27, 2013, shows caregiver Warren Manchess helping Paul Gregoline, a WWII veteran, with his shoes and socks, in Noblesville, Ind.

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Military.com | By John Paul Stroup

John Paul Stroup is an Air Force veteran and lives in Sacramento, California.

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**We Served Our Country.
Now We Need Our
Country to Help Provide
Quality Home Care
Services.**

I am 75 and have had many medical issues -- back surgery, two knee replacements, and a recent battle with a couple of cancers to name a few -- so I have gotten to spend a good deal of time at my local Department of Veterans Affairs hospital.

There's a phrase painted on the side of the VA shuttle vans: "All Gave Some, Some Gave All." Each and every one of us made sacrifices, and now we should be given the support needed for a decent quality of life. But too often, when I have returned home from my hospital visits, the home care support I needed wasn't there. The VA needs to create a wider range of home care programs for the well-being of vets across the country. (Continued page 8)



Photo by Larry Kushner

I served as a medic in the Air Force from the mid-1960s to the mid-70s, and was deployed during the Jordanian Civil War. Since getting out, in addition to the physical ailments I've racked up, I've dealt with invisible wounds including post-traumatic stress disorder and clinical depression.

About six years ago, my doctor prescribed home care services for me. Like a lot of veterans, I resisted getting help at first, but the caregivers turned out to be life-changing. Home care workers made sure I got in and out of the shower safely; prepared my meals; cleaned house and saw to my laundry; reminded me to drink water and take my medications; and took me grocery shopping, among many other duties.

I came to view one caregiver as an angel who seemed to have come to me by God's grace. She didn't just tend to my physical needs, she also became a full-fledged emotional companion who lifted my mood and cheered me up. She would assist me with activities that brought me pleasure, such as working in my garden. Twice, she even drove me nearly an hour south so I could visit my mother's grave.

Sadly, that caregiver is no longer with me, and I've seen way too much turnover with home care workers since. When a caregiver leaves, it can be very painful. Home care can involve extremely intimate, personal tasks -- such as help with toileting -- and each time a stranger comes along, clients can feel very exposed.

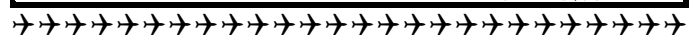
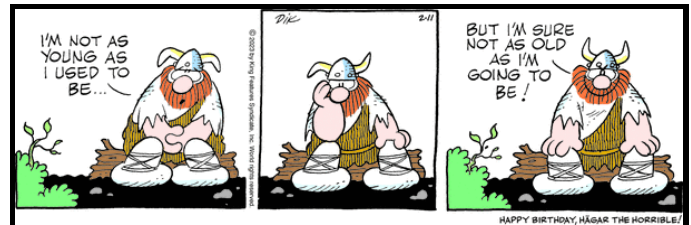
At the root of this turnover are outrageously low wages, meager benefits and haphazard training, all of which hurt the ability to attract and retain skilled, competent caregivers. This problem has become a lot worse as other industries have recently raised their pay.

Another issue is that currently the VA offers only a limited number of home care options, which makes it difficult for many veterans who want to choose their own caregivers, such as friends or family. This restricts the pool of available workers at a time when vets are getting older and need more help. We Served Our Country. Now We Need Our Country to Help Provide Quality Home Care Services. Home care services than ever before. There are We Served Our Country. Now We Need Our Country to Help Provide Quality Home Care Services. age of 65. Increasingly, many vets like me simply can't find qualified workers to care for them.

The VA has the ability to solve this growing crisis by broadening the range of home care programs available to vets. Veterans should be empowered to choose their own caregivers more easily, if they like, while also receiving help with clerical burdens such as payroll for the caregiver. This would allow veterans more access to care -- even from fellow veterans, especially those who already have medical experience. The VA also needs to ensure that caregivers have much higher wages, good benefits and standardized training.

Home care workers are crucial for veterans. They allow us to remain in our own homes longer with independence and avoid being forced too soon into a nursing home or pushed toward homelessness. We need to make home care a sustainable, middle-class career opportunity that workers can stick with over the long term, so vets receive continuity of care from competent people we trust.

Right now, I am waiting for the next caregiver to be assigned to me, and in the interim I do not have any assistance with my daily activities at home. As I have suffered through and started to recover from cancer, this hit-or-miss caregiving has taken a toll. Veterans across the country are dealing with similar struggles and worse. It's past time for the VA to take action to expand home care services.



These 4 US Presidents Were Also War Heroes

Many of the men who have served as president of the United States also served in the military -- 31, to be exact -- and some of them are considered war heroes for their courageous acts. These are just a few of their stories.



George Washington
1st president of the United States: 1789-1797
General and commander in chief, Continental Army: 1775-1783

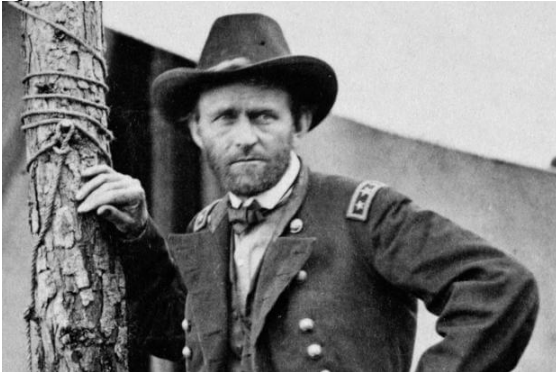
Washington was commissioned as lieutenant colonel in 1754 and fought in the French and Indian War. The next year, as an aide to Gen. Edward Braddock, Washington distinguished himself at the Battle of Monongahela. After a French ambush, he was the only officer to survive the battle: Four French bullets left holes in his coat, and one shot off his hat but miraculously, he was unscathed.

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From 1759 until the outbreak of the American Revolution, Washington lived on his plantation with his wife, Martha. Washington, like many planters during that time, felt exploited by British merchants and hampered by British regulations. In 1775, he was elected commander in chief of the Continental Army, took command of the troops and spent six grueling years in battle.

Ever the brilliant tactician, one of his war strategies was to give the impression of falling back slowly, then striking in an unexpected manner with his men. In 1781, with the aid of French allies, Washington and the Continental Army soldiers forced Gen. Charles Cornwallis to surrender at Yorktown.

Once a new Constitution was ratified, the Electoral College elected Washington to be the first president, thus making him the nation's founding father. He served two terms. At his farewell address, he urged his countrymen to beware of focusing too much on political parties and geographical distinctions.



Ulysses S. Grant

18th president of the United States: 1869-1877
General, U.S. Army: 1866-1869

Grant served under Gens. Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott in the Army during the Mexican-American War. Leading his company into the battles of Resaca de la Palma, Monterrey, Palo Alto and Veracruz, he was credited for his bravery under fire. In Monterrey, Grant risked his life by carrying a message on horseback through a sniper-riddled street; in another battle, he saved his friend and future brother-in-law, Fred Dent, after Dent had been shot in the leg. Grant rushed to pull him off of the battlefield and was almost killed by a Mexican soldier. Another soldier saved him just in time.

In 1861, when Confederate troops attacked Fort Sumter, South Carolina, Grant volunteered his services to the military again. Under scrutiny, he was assigned to command "an unruly 21st Illinois volunteer regiment." He used lessons learned from Taylor and Scott to get his regiment ready for battle in short order.

From 1862 to the end of the Civil War, his regiment was successful in myriad battles, including some of the earliest significant Union victories. Earning the nickname "Unconditional Surrender Grant," his military objectives were to take down Confederate armies rather than claim

territories. With that in mind, he set out to track down and destroy Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. From March 1864 to April 1865, Grant doggedly hunted for Lee in the forests of Virginia, all while causing innumerable casualties to Lee's soldiers.

On April 9, 1865, Lee met Grant to surrender and sign a peace agreement, thereby bringing the Civil War to an end. In 1868, he was elected as president at the age of 46. Hallmarks of his presidency are the ratification of the 15th Amendment and the establishment of the National Park Service.



Theodore Roosevelt

26th president of the United States: 1901-1909
Colonel, U.S. Army (Volunteers): 1898

After his younger years were riddled with illnesses and asthma, his father encouraged Roosevelt to develop a physical regimen to include boxing and weightlifting. He worked in law and then politics until Feb. 14, 1884, when his mother and wife died on the same day.

He took a two-year break in the Badlands of the Dakota Territory where he worked through his grief while living as a cowboy and cattle rancher. He returned to politics in 1886, and at the beginning of the Spanish-American War, he left his post of assistant secretary of the Navy to gather a volunteer cavalry called The Rough Riders.

The Rough Riders, under the direction of Col. Leonard Wood, participated in two important battles in Cuba. The first action they saw occurred at the Battle of Las Guasimas on June 24, during which seven Rough Riders were lost and 34 wounded. Roosevelt narrowly avoided bullets buzzing by him into the trees, showering splinters around his face. After leading his troops to flanking positions, the Spanish fled, and American forces then assembled for an assault on the city of Santiago through the San Juan Hills. Col. Wood was promoted in the field, and in response, Roosevelt happily wrote, "I got my regiment."

The Battle of San Juan Heights was fought on July 1, which Roosevelt called "the great day of my life." He led a series of charges up Kettle Hill toward San Juan Heights on his horse, Texas, while the Rough Riders followed on foot. He rode up and down the hill, encouraging his men with the orders to "March!" (Continued page 10)

Wings Over Wendy's Future Events:



MOAA/MOWW CHAPTER MEETING
15 February 2023



Our speaker for this month is Dieter John Dupont, Lieutenant Colonel, US Army (Retired).

LTC Dupont served on the General Staff of the United States Special Operations Command, US Africa Command, US European Command, US Special Operations Command Africa and the US Special Operations Command Europe. He was the primary planner to deploy medical resources in humanitarian relief missions to assist in the aftermath of natural disasters, such as the 2005 earthquake in Pakistan.

The title of his presentation is

"War in the Border Land - The Ukraine Conflict"

He will talk about the historical development of the conflict and progress at the 1st anniversary. Additional topics are broken promises, the breakdown of the international order, and NATO's Eastern flank.

Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

Check in starts at 5:30

Buffet line starts at 6:30

Program starts at 7:30

RSVP to Dan Pemberton at dhpinto@aol.com
or 805-807-7788

NLT 10 March

Los Robles Greens Banquet Center
299 S. Moorpark Road,

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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



20th Anniversary
9409 Owensmouth Ave, Chatsworth

March 18th

Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm

Sign up to attend @

<https://www.operationgratitude.com/events/los-angeles-fob-assembly-day-20-birthday/>

Prayers

Unfortunately, several of our most active members are at home, recuperating from their injuries or illnesses.

Our prayers are for a speedy recovery and a return to our meetings:

Memoriam

During February 2023, **Howard Swedlick** of Wings Over Wendys "Flew West." See page 1 & 2.

New Members & Guests

We welcomed the following new member to the February 2023 meetings: **Christine MacIntosh**.

March Birthdays

Michele Croson	March 01, 1956
Monte Merken	March 01, 1948
Phil Binderman	March 02, 1939
Joan Mueller	March 04, 1956
Franky Ortega	March 09, 1982
Rod Boyce	March 10, 1950
John Boiko	March 12, 1946
Bob Stiles	March 22, 1937
Loren Tyler	March 22, 1949
Chip Stevens	March 28, 1958
Ron Boggess	March 30, 1945
Fred Kaplan	March 30, 1938
Byron McKibben	March 31, 1926

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Ron Boggess	Paul Boghossian
John Boiko	Rod Boyce
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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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Reminder

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



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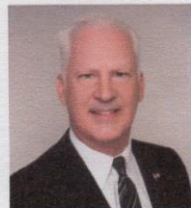
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