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# Wings Over Wendy's "Sweetheart" Honored By The Greater Los Angeles Chapter Of Childhelp



Photo by Ed Reynolds

On February 13, 2025, The Greater Los Angeles Chapter Of Childhelp honored Marion Lovelace with their Annual Sweetheart Award. A real estate client introduced Marion to International Orphans, Inc. (IOI) in 1959. She then "adopted" one of the Vietnam orphans, which meant she paid for his support and stayed in contact. After the war, the Baby Lift brought children to the USA and the arms of foster families and adoptive parents, but her child was not one of them. She was never to learn his destiny.

At the request of Nancy Reagan, then First Lady of California, Childhelp turned its focus to child abuse, the best-kept secret in our Country. IOI became Children's Village and, subsequently, Childhelp, Inc. (Continued page 2)

Since Marion could not become a full-time Chapter member due to business demands, she remained involved in fundraising events and selling Christmas cards from companies that donated 50 percent of sales. After Marion and a coworker became actively involved with Childhelp, they adopted a 10-year-old girl from the Village. Sherri is now 51 and, with her husband, spends a good deal of time looking after 97-year-old Aunt Marion.

In 1979, Marion's husband took over the business, which allowed her to become a full-fledged active member of the Los Angeles Chapter. She credits Childhelp founders Sara (Buckner) O'Meara and Yvonne (Lime) Fedderson for having the most influence on her life and, mainly, her faith.

Wings Over Wendy's is proud of the work she performs for our organization. She started attending the Monday meetings over a dozen years ago, driving WWII veteran Darrell Huston to the meetings. Darrell started the practice of donating the Grand Prize for the weekly raffle. When Darrell "flew west" in 2015, Marion continued the practice of providing the Grand Prize. She also took on the role of meeting secretary, processing the roster information form, the Get Well and Conolance Cards, and writing all the WOW thank you letters. At the age of 97, she continues to drive to the meetings and now takes Joe Weber to them.

She is proud that she doesn't need glasses or hearing aids and still has all her teeth. She is WOW's sweetheart!



### B-47 Stratojet | Six Engined Nuclear Capable Strategic Bomber.

On February 3, 2025, the meeting featured a documentary titled "*B-47 Stratojet / Six* Engined *Nuclear Capable Strategic Bomber*."

The documentary discussed the Boeing B-47 Stratojet Strategic Bomber.

The Boeing B-47 Stratojet was a long-range, sixengine, turbo-powered strategic bomber designed to fly at high subsonic speed and high altitude to avoid enemy interceptors. Its primary mission was as a nuclear bomber capable of striking targets within the Soviet Union. The B-47 was the perfect strategic weapon for its time, but it also suffered losses on a scale that would be intolerable today. Over its lifetime, 203 aircraft, or about 10% of the total procured, were lost in crashes with 464 deaths. The B-47 arose from an informal 1943 requirement for a jet-powered reconnaissance bomber. Boeing's initial design, the model 424, was a scaled-down version of the piston-engined B-29 Superfortress equipped with four jet engines. The design evolved into a formal request for proposal to design a new bomber with a maximum speed of 550 miles an hour, a cruise speed of 450 miles an hour, a range of 3,500 miles, and a service ceiling of 45,000 feet. The B-47 was the first line of America's strategic nuclear deterrent, often operating from forward bases in the UK, Morocco, Spain, Alaska, Greenland, and Guam. The B-47 was the backbone of the Strategic Air Command until 1959, when the B-52 began to assume nuclear alert duties, and the number of B-47 bomber wings started to be reduced.

The narrator discussed the operation and features of the B-47 aircraft, emphasizing the importance of proper mission planning and adherence to safety protocols. Key points included the need for careful fuel management, the use of the drag chute for landing control, and the importance of understanding the aircraft's stall characteristics and critical Mach number.

After the documentary, Ed Reynolds shared his anecdotes about the B-47's unique refueling requirements and a humorous incident involving a Volkswagen hidden in the aircraft's bomb bay.





Photo by Larry Kushner (Continued page 3)

# Lucy Volotzky and Mercy Alpert send WOW a Valintine Card

On February 10, 2025, Lucy Volotzky and Mercy Alpert attended the meeting and presented attendees with Valintine candies and a Valintine card.



## B-52 Stratofortress Strategic Bomber | USA Long-Range Subsonic Jet Aircraft

The featured presentation on February 10, 2025, was a documentary titled *B-52 Stratofortress Strategic Bomber / USA Long-Range Subsonic Jet Aircraft.* 

The Boeing Company began working on various designs for a long-range bomber, eventually leading to the development of the B-52. The aircraft was designed with a top speed of 490 knots and the potential to deliver a 10,000-pound bomb load over a range of 5,320 miles. The B-52 was tested and developed over three years, with many improvements made, including a change in the crew seating configuration. The YB-52 was introduced to the public in 1955 and was used by the United States Air Force during the Cold War. The aircraft was designed to be airborne 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, as part of Operation Chrome Dome, a plan to encircle the Soviet Union.

The discussion revolved around the strategic importance of the B-52 bomber during the Cold War and its role in maintaining peace. The B-52 was armed with up to four thermonuclear weapons, each more powerful than the bombs dropped on Japan. The crew's alertness was crucial as they were responsible for delivering these powerful weapons. Despite the hardships and training, the crew's commitment to their mission was unwavering. The B-52 played a significant role in the Vietnam War, conducting over 2,000 sorties and dropping over 630,000 tons of bombs. The aircraft also participated in Operation Linebacker 2, dropping over 15,000 tons of ordnance and

destroying 1,600 military installations. The B-52's longevity and adaptability were highlighted, with current projections suggesting it will remain in service until 2045.

The narrator shared his experiences as a pilot in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) and the B-52s. He initially joined the SAC against his will but eventually enjoyed the job. He recalled his first flight, where they had to wait for a scheduled takeoff time, a concept new to him. He also shared his experience of refueling, which he initially struggled with but eventually mastered. The narrator also recounted a stressful event during the Cuban missile crisis, where they were airborne on an alert mission.

His experiences in the B-52 included his plane being hit by SAM Missiles in Nort Vietnam, and his crew ejected and became POWs in Hanoi.

He later realized that the pressure he experienced during his time in SAC was significant, but it wasn't until years later that he fully appreciated it.

# February 17, 2025



# President's Day 2025

Celebrating Presidents Day, the El Camino Real Charter High School Auditorium was closed, so the Monday meeting was conducted at the Canoga Park Elks Lodge. We recruited several new attendees:



# **Gary & Chris Davis**

Gary and Chris Davis attended a meeting for the first time on February 17, 2023. Gary is a retired USN CPO who served on submarines in the Pacific and Vietnam area.



Photo by Larry Kushner Randy Lewis

Randy Lewis, who has attended meetings as Joe Weber's guest, decided to join the group, and he supplied the speaker system for the meeting.



Photo by Larry Kushner Layn Smith

Layn Smith, a retired C-130 Loadmaster from the USAF National Guard, attended a meeting for the first time.



# B-58 Hustler Strategic Air Command Supersonic Bomber

Two documentaries about the B-58 Hustler Strategic Air Command Supersonic Bomber were the featured presentations on February 17, 2025.

The documentaries discussed the development and operational challenges of the B-58 Hustler, a supersonic bomber designed in the 1950s. The aircraft was developed to evade enemy air defenses by flying at supersonic speeds and high altitudes. However, it faced numerous issues, including a high accident rate, costly maintenance, and an obsolete mission profile. Despite its exceptional performance, the B-58 never saw combat and was retired in 1970 due to political and budgetary constraints. The meeting also highlighted the B-58's speed records and its role in setting the stage for future supersonic aircraft development.

Ed Reynolds shared his experiences with the B-58. His first job as a Co-op Engineering student at Convair was modifying drawings for a B-58 test airplane. He recounted how, years later, the B-58 was used to take pictures of earthquake damage in Alaska, which caused some resentment among the locals as it flew low over the damaged buildings, causing more damage to some buildings. Ed was the Navigator on the KC-135 that refueled the B-58 on that mission. He also mentioned that he worked with Sid Kubish, the B-58 pilot who set the speed record for flying between Tokyo and London in 8 hours.

## **February 24, 2025**



## Camp Century - The Hidden City Beneath Greenland's Ice

On February 24, 2025, the Monday meeting returned to the El Camino Real Charter High School North Campus Auditorium. The featured presentation was a documentary on *Camp Century - The Hidden City Beneath Greenland's Ice.* 

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In 1959, the US Army built the first tunnel settlement beneath the ice of Greenland. 21 tubes were constructed with isolated housing for more than 200 soldiers. The documentary investigates this extraordinary US Army plan while also looking at the consequences of the city's tons of nuclear waste that were left behind and are now slowly emerging from the melting ice.

The documentary discussed the United States' Cold War efforts to establish Camp Century, a secret underground military base in Greenland. Built with Danish approval, it featured a nuclear reactor for power and heat. The base served as a testing ground for nuclear missile deployment capabilities and military operations in extreme Arctic conditions while also playing a role in the broader Cold War tensions between the US and the Soviet Union.

The project was ultimately abandoned in 1966 due to structural issues and shifting glaciers, leaving behind environmental concerns about radioactive waste that could be exposed by melting ice caps.

The documentary discussed the United States' efforts to transform Greenland into a nuclear fortress during the Cold War. The US government offered to buy Greenland from Denmark, which was accepted after World War II. The underground settlement was a cover for a top-secret American military project. The US Army invited Siren Greggson to Kemp Century, where a nuclear reactor provided heat and electricity. The US also built an air base at Thule, which was the largest engineering project in the Arctic. The US Army invested heavily in Camp Century, a subterranean military base in the Arctic, with the aim of testing people and materials needed for nuclear missile deployment.

The American military showcased its capabilities through a series of convoys and heavy swings crawling up the ice cap at 2 miles an hour. The construction of Camp Century, a subterranean town, was filmed in color and later shown to the public. The camp was built around 100 feet below the surface, with a small nuclear reactor providing electricity and heat. The builders worked 12-hour shifts, and the soldiers were well-fed to keep their spirits up. The prefabricated houses were designed for Arctic conditions and were assembled in a day. The camp was completely invisible to the outside world, with the only visible part being the emergency shafts. The documentary footage of the construction process was intended to be shown on American television screens.

The documentary discussed the propaganda tactics used by both the US and the Soviet Union during the Cold War. The US Army's plan to build nuclear fortresses in Greenland was presented, while Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, visited the US and staged a missile bluff to create a false sense of Soviet strength. The US responded by sending spy planes to collect intelligence on Soviet military capabilities, which led to a breach of international law. The documentary also highlighted the discovery of a bugging device in the US Embassy in Moscow, which served as proof of Soviet duplicity.

The documentary transcript then discusses the construction and testing of a nuclear reactor at Camp Century, a US Army base in Greenland. The reactor was transported to the camp on a special sled and assembled onsite, with the first tests taking place once it reached the camp. The project was seen as a step towards outer space exploration, with the idea that if a city could be built under the ice in such a hostile environment, a base could also be established on the moon. The soldiers and camp staff worked in 14-hour shifts to complete the steel housing for the reactor, but the heavy sled's journey was delayed due to a storm. The reactor was eventually tested, but the radiation levels were found to be unacceptably high, leading to the shutdown of the reactor. A young scout, Saren Kregerson, was present during the testing and did not experience any long-term health effects.

It also discussed the daily life and operations at Camp Century. The camp had a bathhouse, a deep freeze for food, and an underground settlement with an infirmary, recreation rooms, and a chapel. The camp consumed 10,000 gallons of fresh water per day, tapping into a natural resource of glacier ice. The documentary also touched on the political climate of the time, mentioning the inauguration of John F. Kennedy as the new American President and the Soviet Union's response to his presidency, including Yuri Gagarin's historic space flight. The U.S.A. responded to the Soviet Union's actions with a giant submarine-building program and an expansion of its nuclear missile capabilities.

The documentary discussed the development of nuclear missiles by the Air Force and the Navy, with a focus on the Minute Man and Iceman projects. The scientists at Camp Century studied the physical challenges involved in transferring these missiles to their launch pads, including building and testing an underground railway track. The project, known as Ice Worm, involved building 1,000 kilometers of tunnels under the inland ice to install nuclear missiles. The documentary also touched on the Cuban missile crisis, where Soviet ships delivered nuclear missiles to Cuba, threatening a New World War. The US Army conducted psychological research to understand how soldiers would cope with living in isolation and difficult circumstances. The crisis was eventually resolved when Soviet leader Khrushchev recalled his missiles from Cuba.

It also discussed the future of Camp Century and Project Ice Worm, which the Department of Defense evaluated in 1962. Despite the favorable evaluation, the Department of Defense ultimately decided against the project. Camp Century was abandoned in 1966 due to structural issues and shifting glaciers.

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The documentary also highlighted the environmental risks posed by the radioactive waste left behind at the camp, which could potentially contaminate the food supply and the surrounding ecosystem. The Danish Government has been criticized for its lack of transparency and action regarding the issue. The melting of ice caps could expose toxic waste and reveal the truth about the missile research project Ice Worm.

A former Greenland Prime Minister is advocating the following steps to mitigate the situation.

• Danish Government to investigate and disclose details about nuclear waste and toxic materials left at Camp Century

• Danish Government to develop a cleanup plan for Camp Century's buried waste

• Environmental Research Team to continue monitoring ice melting patterns around Camp Century site

• Environmental Research Team to conduct further radioactivity testing of ice samples

• Danish Government to establish a surveillance system for tracking potential waste movement towards Thule Bay

• Danish Government to provide answers to Greenland's inquiries about Camp Century's environmental impact

• Research Team to assess potential risks of PCBs and diesel contamination from Camp Century

• Environmental Protection Team to develop contingency plans for preventing toxic waste from entering the food supply



Photo by Larry Kushner

### Bill Dillon Attended the FEB 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting



Photo by Larry Kushner

### Bob Eisenhart and Ron Boggess Presented Certificates

Dave Anderson, on behalf of State Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel, presented California State Assembly Certificates Honoring Veterans to Bob Eisenhart and Ron Boggess

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# In Other News

# El Camino Real High School's administration and teachers agree to a 19 percent salary boost.

With the strike over, educators will return to classes in a "walk-in" on Tuesday morning.



El Camino Real teachers and students strike outside of the Woodland Hills High School on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025. The teachers are asking for higher salaries, pension protections, and smaller class sizes. (Photo by David Crane, Los Angeles Daily News/SCNG) By <u>TERESA LIU</u> | tliu@scng.com UPDATED: February 17, 2025 at 5:10 PM PST

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Teachers and school administrators at El Camino High School reached a tentative agreement Sunday night. On Monday afternoon, 97% of union members voted to approve the new contract, which includes a 19% salary increase over three years and other terms.

With the strike officially over, educators will mark the return to class with a school walk-in at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, before the start of the school day.

"After a long week, we successfully reached an agreement where school management has committed to fairer wages and other wins that benefit our school community," said Kate Rechner, a special education English teacher on the union's bargaining team.

"We're looking forward to getting back into the classroom with our incredible students," she said. "We, alongside parents and students, are more united than ever, and we will continue to fight for the school we envision ECR can be."

The agreement ends a week-long strike. Negotiators for the teachers and the school's board of directors met Sunday to discuss a new labor agreement.

United Teachers Los Angeles spokeswoman Scarlett Ying told City News Service that there were two sessions on Saturday. The first meeting was scheduled at 8 a.m. but quickly broke down. The two sides agreed to meet later in the day. It was a more productive session, and both sides decided to meet again Sunday.

Teachers at the prestigious Woodland Hills school went on strike at 8 a.m. Feb. 10. According to a UTLA representative, teachers have been working without a contract since July, and two mediation sessions have failed to produce a new deal.

Union leaders say the school is not abiding by an agreement between the school and the teachers that has been in place since 2011. The agreement guarantees that teachers disconnect from the Los Angeles Unified School District in exchange for salaries 6% above the district pay.

School officials had offered the teachers a 15% raise.

"No other school in the United States has offered a 15% raise, which, by the way, is 5.5% more than the second-largest school district here in the United States, which is the Los Angeles Unified School District," Brad Wright, chair of the school's board of directors, said a few days ago.

"The problem we have is that they would like to have 21%, and if we did that — which I would love to be able to give it to them, the board would love to be able to give this to them — if we did that, we're an independent charter, which means that we would go in the red and we would be revoked, which means the charter would then fall back to the hands of the Los Angeles Unified School District," he added. It was revealed at a board of directors meeting in December that school administrators received a 15% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2024. According to the union, that was followed by a vote of 5-1 in January to cut 44

credentialed positions, including five counselors, five English teachers, one school psychologist, and nine SPED teachers.

According to the school's board of directors, the cuts were made because of declining enrollment. Enrollment dropped to 2,937 students in 2024-25, down from 3,171 in the 2023-24 school year.

"A strong contract isn't just for educators; it's a commitment to students and their futures," UTLA chapter chair Carlos Monroy said. "The administration and board promised to prioritize their success, yet after months of inaction, they've failed to follow through. Instead of investing in the educators who make learning possible, they've let our community down and pushed our school to the brink."

"If my colleagues and I want to have a sustainable future in education, we have no choice but to fight for the contract we deserve, regardless of the threats made against our positions at El Camino," science teacher Daniel Zatarain, vice chair of the UTLA ECR bargaining team, said in a statement a few days ago.

"We show up every day to ensure our students get the education they need," Zatarain said at that time. "It's disgraceful that ECR's administration is driving contract negotiations to a breaking point instead of valuing the educators who make this school run."

On Feb. 10, the school released a statement calling the proposed 15% salary increase for the 2024-25 academic year "unprecedented."

"This salary adjustment, among the highest in California and potentially the nation, reflects our unwavering support for our teachers and their invaluable contributions to student success," the school's statement said.

The school added, "With this substantial 15% salary increase, credentialed teachers at El Camino Real Charter High School will now earn between \$73,067 and \$126,965 annually. These figures surpass the salaries offered by Los Angeles Unified School District and neighboring charter schools, including Birmingham Community Charter High School, Palisades Charter High School, and Ivy Academia.

In addition to competitive salaries, El Camino Real continues to offer comprehensive health benefits covering employees and their entire families at no cost, along with full benefits for retirees and their spouses/domestic partners' 'Lifetime Benefits,' a benefit many other institutions have scaled back or eliminated."

Because of the strike, some classes have had no teachers or substitutes. Some students who attended school this week were marked present for the day, and some spent the day in the school's auditorium. The previous teachers' contract expired on July 1, 2024.

El Camino Real Charter High School has won 10 National Academic Decathlon championships and 14 state championships, the most in the United States. 

Lt. Gen. Daniel Caine. U.S. Air Force photo

# Get to Know Lt. Gen. Dan Caine, the Air Guardsman Nominated for Joint Chiefs Chair

Feb. 24, 2025 | By John A. Tirpak

Lt. Gen. John Daniel Caine—President Donald Trump's pick to replace Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr. as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff—is poised to become the first Air National Guardsman elevated to the nation's highest uniformed role.

Caine's Guard status is one of several ways he is an unusual, though not quite unprecedented, pick for CJCS. He is retired, has never been a four-star general, and has never held one of the major roles typically required for a chairman, meaning Trump must grant him a waiver to take on the job.

Still, it seems likely the Senate will approve his nomination and make him the 22nd Chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

Under the Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986, which reorganized the senior military leadership of the US, the Chairman must be a four-star general or admiral selected from among the Vice Chairman, the service chiefs, or the Combatant Commanders. That provision was included in part to ensure that a candidate had the necessary crossservice seasoning and diplomatic skills that come with speaking for the entire US military, often with foreign leaders.

However, the law also included a provision giving the President latitude to choose someone who does not meet that criteria, saying they can "waive" the requirements "if the President determines such action is necessary in the national interest."

Similarly, while Caine, 56, retired at the end of 2024, he would not be the first general recalled to service. President George W. Bush recalled Gen. Peter Schoomaker from retirement to serve as Army Chief of Staff in 2003.

Other officers have made an unexpected jump from three stars to on the Joint Chiefs, albeit never in the top job: Lt. Gen. Edward C. Meyer was a surprising choice to get a fourth star and become Army Chief of Staff in 1979.

A former member of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff told Air & Space Forces Magazine that he sees Caine as likely to be approved by lawmakers.

"The pattern is clear, to me, that they'll probably let [the president] have the man he wants as his closest military advisor," he said.

#### F-16 Pilot

In 1990, along with his economics degree from Virginia Military Institute, Caine earned a commission through the AFROTC and won a coveted spot in the Euro-NATO undergraduate pilot training program.

Before completing pilot training, though, Caine worried that he might become a "banked pilot"—one sent to a non-flying job as the Air Force downsized—he said last month on the "Afterburn" podcast. So he applied to 85 Guard units and was picked up by the 174th Fighter Wing in Syracuse, N.Y. Caine later served with the D.C. Air Guard. He deployed several times to the Middle East, flying with Operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom, and helped lead the "Scud Hunt" operation in Iraq. Of his 2,800 flying hours, more than 100 were in combat.

Caine was one of the commanders of the operation to defend Washington, D.C., in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center in New York. He later worked at the Air Guard Test Center in Arizona, saying the mission was "getting combat capability to the Guard in the field right now," such as night vision goggles, targeting pods, datalinks, and large bombs.

#### Varied Experience

Beyond his time as a pilot, Caine's military career has included a vast array of experience.

From 2005 to 2006, he served as a White House fellow with the Department of Agriculture, where he worked on the Government's response to Hurricane Katrina.

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He then moved to the position of Policy Director for Counterterrorism on the White House Homeland Security Council through 2008, describing the job as coordinating interagency efforts against terrorism.

Caine served a stint as commander of a Joint Special Operations Task Force in Iraq but moved back and forth between Special Operations and the D.C. Guard for a number of years.

He also worked in Special Operations Command for a number of years, serving as Assistant to the SOCOM Vice Commander and Assistant Commanding General of Joint Special Operations Command. From 2018-2019, he was Deputy Commanding General of US Central Command's Special Ops Component and Deputy Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Joint Task Force in Iraq concurrently.

It was during that time that President Trump met Caine in 2018 during Operation Inherent Resolve—the campaign against the Islamic State group. Trump said he came away from the encounter impressed that Caine believed the conflict could be resolved quickly by observing less restraint in air attacks.

Caine's career then took him into highly secretive jobs, where he worked as the Director of Special Programs at the Pentagon's Special Access Programs Office and later as the Pentagon's liaison to the CIA, his last government posting.

Privately, Caine, whose official biography describes him as a "serial entrepreneur and investor," co-founded a regional airline and other businesses. After retirement, he joined Shield Capital, a firm that works in cybersecurity.

Air Force personnel that have served with and under Caine describe him as "thoughtful," "pragmatic," and occasionally, "a hard ass," enforcing high standards among the troops. "He doesn't rattle," said one. "He can navigate complex tasks."

One pilot called Caine "apolitical" and said his nontraditional career "will serve him well" if he is confirmed.

The pilot said he "will not come in with a bias" regarding the services, having developed a strong appreciation for all service contributions during his special operations experiences.

# Air Force Reviewing four-day Weekends Amid Civilian Leave Crackdown

By Stephen Losey Tuesday, Feb 18, 2025 The Department of the Air Force is cracking down on the unauthorized use of "Family Days" to provide extra days off for its civilian employees, and four-day weekends for airmen and their guardians might be next.

The Air Force regularly grants troops extra days off, known as Family Days, typically alongside a holiday that falls on a Friday or Monday. This gives troops four days off "to recognize our teams' contributions to the mission and our families' enduring support of our efforts," the Air Force said in a Feb. 11 memo.

For example, Air Mobility Command this year gave airmen the Fridays off before Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day. The command has additional Family Days scheduled around Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, and other major federal holidays that give troops four days off in a row.

Gwendolyn DeFilippi, acting assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower and reserve affairs, said in the memo that the Air Force minimizes the number of meetings and activities scheduled on Family Days. Commanders, directors, and supervisors can grant service members the day off, and airmen or guardians who must work on those days can get a comp day at a later time.

However, DeFilippi said federal law does not allow the Air Force to grant additional leave to civilian personnel. Leaders can treat Family Days as "liberal leave" days and may allow civilians to take a regular leave day, a comp day that was previously earned, or a previously approved timeoff award.

"Unless otherwise exempted, if civilian employees are not on an excused absence, they should be working at their current duty location," DeFilippi said in the memo.

DeFilippi said the Air Force is now examining the overall concept of Family Days.

"Over the next several weeks, [the Department of the Air Force] will evaluate Family Days to ensure they align with our ability to support warfighter readiness," DeFilippi said in the memo.

Other services did not immediately respond to Military Times' queries about any possible plans for reviewing fourday weekends.

Rumors about similar crackdowns in other branches have swirled in recent weeks in unofficial military-themed social media forums, as President Donald Trump and Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE, has swept through the federal Government, looking for places to slash expenses.

Multiple posters in the Reddit subgroup r/AirForce responded negatively when the memo was posted there. Some predicted the announced review would result in fourday weekends being taken away for uniformed troops. They said it would further depress the spirit of already stretchedthin service members.

"The beatings will continue until morale improves," one poster said.

#### Wings Over Wendy's Future Events:





MOAA/MOWW CHAPTER MEETING Next meeting 19 March 2025 Program Sasson "Sassy" Reuven



"Sassy" Reuven will describe his personal experience as an IDF soldier during the 1976 raid on Entebbe rescue operation.

The cost is \$35 Date: Wednesday, 19 March 2025 Check-in starts at 5:30 Buffet line starts at 6:30 Program starts at 7:30

RSVP to Dan Pemberton at 177 Erten St. Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 NLT 14 March dhpinto@aol.com 805-807-7788 Los Robles Greens Banquet Center 299 S. Moorpark Road, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360 

# **FOB** Assembly Day

March 8th<sup>,</sup> Sat 9 AM - 12 PM Sign up to attend @

https://www.operationgratitude.com

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ANA Meetings MOAA/MOWW Meetings

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WOW Meetings

#### 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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#### CANOGA - OWNESMOUTH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Wednesday, 7 PM, 12 March

We are pleased to have Marissa Duran, the Program Director for the Center for Heathier Communities to present information and tools to help Californians prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, example: Come learn five effortless steps to better prepare for the next disaster.



#### **Prayers**

Two of our most active members are recuperating from injurys.

Our prayers are for Jan Edwards, and Joe Weber.

## <u> March Birthdays</u>

Michele Croson	March 01, 1956
Monte Merken	March 01, 1948
Franky Ortega	March 09, 1982
John Boiko	March 12, 1946
Ron Fleishman	March 17, 1943
Don Maclay	March 20, 1933
<b>Bob Stiles</b>	March 22, 1937
Chip Stevens	March 28, 1958
Ron Boggess	March 30, 1945
Fred Kaplan	March 30, 1938
Byron McKibben	March 31, 1926
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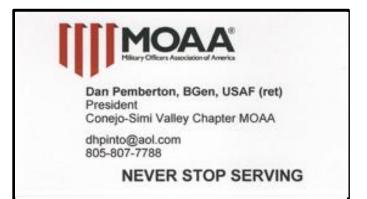




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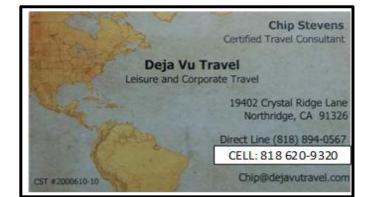
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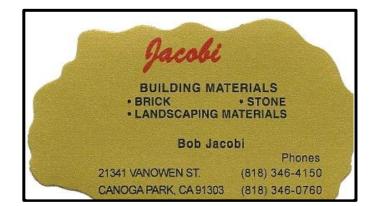


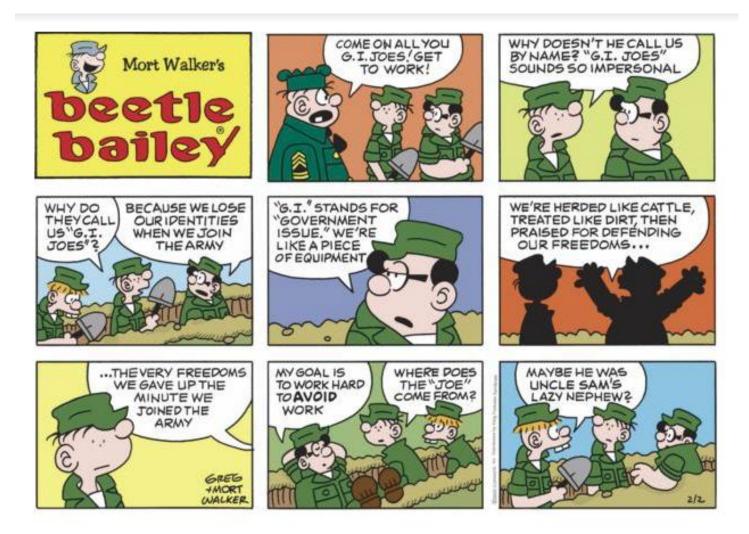
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