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# Wings Over Wendy's Tour The Petersen Automotive Museum



Photo by Larry Kushner

On May 15, 2025, Wings Over Wendy's was treated to free admission and lunch at the Peteresen Auto Museum in Los Angeles. Attending the tour was: Lee and Shirley Ambers, Dave and Lillian Anderson, Mark Ax, Dick Burns, Michael and Edith Castro, Barry Chapman, Getald Datamore, Bob Donovan, Bob and Nancy Eisenhart, David and Carol Freeman, Lou Gil de Lamadria, David Greenberg, Marilyn Hauch, Peter Helm, Steve and Lila Klausner, Andy and Alice Kopetzky, Vic and Penny Korechoff, Larry Kushner, Morris Lilwanck, Marion Lovelace, Don Maclay, Christine Mcintosh, Ed Reynolds, Ray and Maria Rodriguez, Andy Romanisky, Randy Silverman, Layn Smith, Dave Steinbacher, Bob Stiles, Michael Sugar, Brad Uselmann, Maurice Vasquez, Karen and Tim Velarde, Stuart Weinstein, Bruce Wiener, and Frank Lopez.

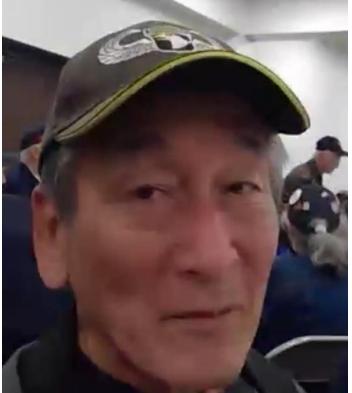


Nancy Eisenhart, Ed Reynolds and Don Maclay sit with the tour sponsors: Jane and Phil Bellomy, Co-Founder of Helmet House.

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# May 2025 Meetings

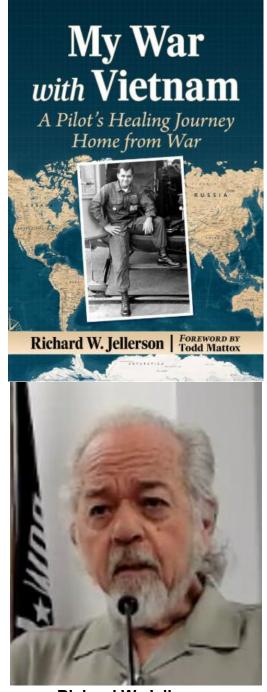
# <u>May 5, 2025</u>



**Larry Hirota Visits** 

# Wings Over Wendy's

Larry Hirota, a veteran of the USA 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, attended the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Welcome Larry.



Richard W. Jellerson (Continued page 3)

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# My War with Vietnam: A Pilot's Healing Journey

The featured presentation on May 05, 2025, was a talk by Richard W. Jellerson about his experiences in Vietnam, which he documented in his book **My War with Vietnam: A Pilot's Healing Journey.** 

Richard recounts his experiences as a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam, reflecting on the profound challenges, bonds, and lessons learned during his service.

Initially, the missions involved flying Hueys for a combat assault helicopter company—a role that intertwined infantry and helicopters to execute dangerous operations.

Early on, Richard realized the importance of protecting fellow soldiers, acknowledging that the war might not be won but emphasizing the mutual care that defined their camaraderie.

The necessity of emotional detachment to survive and perform amidst chaos is highlighted, likening the mindset to that of a "monster" devoid of feelings. This desensitization, attributed to self-preservation, later contributed to the onset of PTSD. Encounters with bureaucratic military policies, such as "no-fire zones," underscored the disconnect between political decisions made in Washington, D.C., and the realities of combat, leading Richard to prioritize practical logic to ensure crew safety.

A pivotal moment in his tour occurred when he transitioned to flying a two-star general. This role included missions to strategic locations, such as the US Embassy in Saigon, and provided insights into high-level military strategies and frustrations over political interference. Despite the relative safety of this position, Richard longed to rejoin his combat unit, valuing the profound bond formed with comrades, but was assigned to be General Abram's pilot.

Post-war reflections reveal the enduring impact of service. Upon returning to civilian life, Richard embarked on a healing journey, travelling globally and relearning humanity through connections with people. These interactions gradually reopened emotional channels that had been closed during the war.

His book serves as a tribute to veterans' sacrifices and resilience, shedding light on why many struggle to discuss their experiences upon returning home. It also emphasizes the importance of understanding and preserving shared humanity—a core message shaped by Richard's remarkable journey through war and recovery.

Richard's book is available on Amazon.

May 12, 2025



# **Richard Hernandez: Memories of the Last Day of the Vietnam War**

On May 12, 2025, Richard Hernadez told the group about his duties on April 29 and 30, 1975, on his ship stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin as they received boats full of Vietnamese as they escaped by sea the takeover of Saigon by the North Vietnamese Army.



# The End of the War in Colour – "Inside Dachau: Hollywood's Darkest Footage"

The featured presentation on May 12, 2025 was a colour film of the last days of the war shot by the "Special Film Project 186" Crew led by Hollywood Director George Stevens. (Continued page 4)

In April 1945, as World War II was nearing its end in Europe, American and Soviet forces were advancing from opposite sides into Germany. George Stevens, a Hollywood director, was embedded with US troops to document the war, capturing scenes of liberation and devastation with vivid 16mm color film. The advancing US forces moved south and east, liberating concentration camps like Dachau and entering cities like Nuremberg, where fierce fighting with determined Nazi forces ensued.

Nuremberg, once a symbol of Nazi rallies, lay in ruins, with widespread destruction from bombing and urban combat. Desperation and suffering marked the city, with civilians enduring curfews, food shortages, and looting. Stevens' crew and others filmed both the ruins and scenes of human resilience, including Allied soldiers giving chocolates to children and documenting the liberation of towns like **Plauen**.

In the final weeks of the war, US forces faced pockets of resistance while German civilians struggled for survival amid devastation. Nazi leadership collapsed, with **Admiral Dönitz** appointed by Hitler as successor, unaware of Hitler's suicide in the bunker. American forces continued to advance cautiously, concerned about a rumored "Alpine fortress" in Bavaria where Nazi leaders might be entrenched.

The footage captured by Stevens and others documented both the horrors of Nazi resistance and the hopeful rebuilding efforts as survivors emerged from the ruins.

In late April 1945, just days before Hitler's suicide, US General Omar Bradley reported that the war against Germany might last another year, due to tough terrain and resistance. However, as the Red Army fought bitter urban battles in Berlin, American forces advanced through picturesque Alpine villages and towns.

The Dachau concentration camp, near Munich, was liberated on April 29–30, revealing horrific scenes: a train full of corpses from death marches, inmates tortured and starved, and rampant disease. Survivors and journalists like Martha Gellhorn documented the devastation, calling Dachau symbolic of what the war aimed to eradicate. Some US soldiers, overwhelmed by the horrors, killed about 50 SS guards in rage. However, many SS perpetrators tried to disguise themselves as prisoners but were identified.

Meanwhile, US forces occupied Munich, which had suffered from bombings. Iconic Nazi sites like the Braunhaus and Koenigsplatz were in ruins. Munich fell with little resistance, and Cardinal Faulhaber tried to improve conditions under US occupation.

As the Allies advanced, they encountered abandoned Nazi strongholds, including Hitler's Berghof in Berchtesgaden, bombed by the British to prevent it from becoming a Nazi last stand. Locals looted the site before US forces arrived. American troops also found a train of looted art treasures belonging to Hermann Göring, which were later returned to rightful owners.

The German military was collapsing. In Linz, where Hitler had spent his youth, the Wehrmacht surrendered. Admiral Dönitz issued a ceasefire order for the West but urged continued fighting in the East against the Soviets, clinging to false hopes of an alliance with the Americans.

German POWs were marched off to camps, and captured units of Vlasov's Russian Liberation Army faced grim fates, being handed over to the Soviets, with most executed or sent to Siberia. Author Erich Kästner lamented postwar German denial and blame-shifting, highlighting the public's tendency to feign ignorance rather than admit guilt.



## Valley Beth Shalom Veterans Shabbat

On Saturday, May 17, 2025, over two dozen Wings Over Wendy's members attended the Valley Beth Shalom Annual Veterans Shabbat. Bob Donovan addressed the congregation, and the veterans heard 105-year-old "Bazooka" Joe Pietroforte tell his story about his WWII experience. Thank yous go to Harvey Keenan for arranging the event every year.



Photo by Larry Kushner 105-year-old "Bazooka" Joe Pietroforte

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CWO4 Ronald Flaherty, Ed Reynolds & Brad Wright

# Ed Reynolds Attends ECRCHS Naval Junior ROTC Awards

Also, on May 17, 2025, Ed Reynolds attended the El Camino Real Charter High School Naval Junior ROTC Awards Ceremony. Brad Wright, the chairman of the ECRCH Board of Directors, was in attendance. (Should Ed lose weight or buy a longer tie?)

# <u>May 19, 2025</u>



Photo by Larry Kushner

# **Richard Carrillo Joins** Wings Over Wendy's.

On May 19, 2025, USAF ANG veteran Richard Carrillo, a colleague of Michael Castro, joined Wings Over Wendy's. Richard served 13 years of active duty before joining the Air National Guard.



# Houthis Challenge America's Military

On May 19, 2025, the featured presentation was two videos documenting the recent response to attacks by the Houthis in Yemen on the US military in the Red Sea.

The first video documented F-16 fighter jets flying above the Red Sea being targeted by Houthi rebels in Yemen. But what starts as an attempted missile strike quickly turns into a devastating response. In this video, they break down exactly what happened when the Houthis attacked the wrong fighter jet — and how the US military responded with precision and force.

The real-time engagement showcases the speed, strategy, and overwhelming power of modern American airpower. From evasiv<u>e</u> maneuvers to full-scale retaliation, you'll see how US Military forces and advanced aircraft like the F-16 turned a surprise attack into a tactical advantage.

#### The second video documents the response.

On April 16th, 2025, advanced carrier-based aircraft executed a precise overnight operation to neutralize a highpriority site identified as a strategic control center. This indepth documentary follows every stage of the mission, from the deployment of specialized electronic support aircraft to the delivery of precision-guided systems by carrier air wing units and the real-time coordination enabled by state-of-the-art surveillance platforms. Discover how expertly synchronized air, sea, and electronic assets overcame layered defenses while maintaining operational integrity and minimizing risks to crews and nearby infrastructure. Highlights include a breakdown of nextgeneration aviation technology, integrated maritime defense systems, and up-to-the-minute battle assessment techniques.

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Through firsthand mission details and technical analysis, this video provides a unique look at how modern platforms and coordination ensure freedom of navigation and safeguard key transit routes. Dive into the evolving role of advanced carrier groups and see how innovation in airborne support, stealth, and information-sharing is shaping future operations at sea.

May 26, 2025



Photos by Andy Kopetsky

# 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade

On May 26, 2025, Wings Over Wendy's members entered two trucks in the 33rd Annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. The first hours of preparation were on Zoom. The Grand Marshal, Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, was interviewed prior to the arrival of the trucks.

The Zoom meeting focused on preparations for the parade. highlighting a separate Memorial Day ceremony hosted by the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council that honored fallen service members and first responders. The group concluded by discussing their parade viewing experience, including observations about performers and crowd conditions, while expressing gratitude for attendees and planning future improvements.

Admiral Mike Shatynski was introduced as the grand marshal for the parade, and he thanked everyone for their service. The participants discussed the importance of remembering those who served and lost their lives.

The meeting discussed the activities of "Wings Over Wendy's," a veterans' support group that meets every Monday morning. The group, which started in 2001, has grown to include members from various locations across the United States and provides emotional support to veterans and their families. The discussion highlighted the group's involvement in the Memorial Day parade, where they have two floats and a history of having parade marshals from their organization. The meeting also covered the logistics of the upcoming parade event, including setup details and the presence of a Condor Squadron.

Ray Cole, president of the Canoga Park Neighborhood Council, hosted a Memorial Day ceremony honoring fallen military service members and first responders. The event featured remarks from several dignitaries including Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, State Senator Caroline Menjivar, Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel, and Congressman Brad Sherman, who presented a flag that flew over the US Capitol to Fire Station 72. The ceremony also included recognition of various veterans organizations and military branches, as well as tributes to two fallen service members from the area

In Other News

Valley News Group May 22, 2025

#### 33rd Annual Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade Salutes the Price of Freedom



Veterans group Wings Over Wendy's will have a float in the parade again this year. Shown above at last year's event are from left, Dave Anderson, Richard Raskoff, Ron Boggess, Ray Rodriguez and Andy Kopetzky. (Continued page 7)

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This coming Monday, May 26, Canoga Park will come alive in a powerful display of patriotism and remembrance as the 33rd Annual Memorial Day Parade marches through the heart of the community.

This year's theme, "Saluting the Price of Freedom," honors all who gave their lives in service to our nation.

Hosted by the Canoga Park Community Center, the parade pays tribute to fallen heroes from every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces while holding special reverence for local service members - including Canoga Park High School graduates - who made the ultimate sacrifice from World War II to today.

With 50,000+ attendees expected, it remains one of Southern California's most powerful and unifying Memorial Day traditions.

The day promises a stirring lineup of marching bands, vintage vehicles, and patriotic floats, as community groups, scout troops, and students take to the streets to honor the legacy of those who gave everything for freedom.

Bill Ratner, Chair of the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade, reflects on the importance of this community tradition: "Our community's Memorial Day Parade marks both the solemnity of our salute to our fallen, as well as showing our 'Canoga Park Pride' on Memorial Day. For more than three decades, our community has come together to honor our military members who died in service to their country with a focus on the Gold Star Families from graduates of Canoga Park High School. The parade celebrates our community's solemn commitment to never forget our fallen who gave all for our freedom."

Highlighting the event is Grand Marshal Rear Admiral Mike Shatynski, USN (Retired), a Southern California Native, whose distinguished career and continued dedication to service make him a fitting choice to guide the parade and inspire the next generation.

"I am honored to serve as the Grand Marshal for the 33rd Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade. Join us on May 26 as we honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Let's come together as a community and salute the price of freedom," shared Shatynski.

The parade will take place on Sherman Way between Owensmouth and Cozycroft. The opening ceremony will be held at 10 am, with the parade kicking off at 11 am.

For over three decades, the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade has been a cherished tradition, bringing together families, friends, and neighbors to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. More than just a parade, this event is a heartfelt tribute - f illed with marching bands, floats, veterans, community groups, and local businesses coming together to show their gratitude.

The Canoga Park Community Center is proud to host this beloved event, keeping the spirit of remembrance alive while fostering a sense of unity, civic pride, and tradition. Whether marching, riding, or cheering from the sidelines, every participant plays a role in ensuring that the sacrifices of our heroes are never forgotten.

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The Wings over Wendy's float in the 2024 parade.

### Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade: A March Through Local History and Pride

By Danrochelle D. Yumul

Every year on Memorial Day, the heart of Canoga Park beats a little louder. Sherman Way fills with flags, music, classic cars, and generations of residents gathered, not just for a parade, but for an act of remembrance. The Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade is a defining tradition in the San Fernando Valley, built from community pride and a deep respect for those who served and sacrificed. But the road to this beloved event wasn't always a straight one.

"Even though this is my third year as chair, I know the parade has been around in some form since at least 1980," said Bill Ratner, a retired Navy captain, longtime community volunteer, and current Board Chair of the Canoga Park Community Center Foundation. "I remember biking out to see it (the parade) because parking was impossible even then."

Ratner explained that while the parade has had gaps over the years, it's always been a grassroots effort. "There just wasn't anything in the San Fernando Valley to honor Memorial Day," he said, "That's what got it started."

One of the most significant elements of the parade is its connection to Canoga Park High School. About a decade ago, the parade organizers built a portable memorial wall, mirroring the memorial wall at Canoga Park High School that lists the names of alumni who lost their lives in service, some dating back to World War II.

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"It's not just a parade," Ratner emmphasized. "It's a tribute to our own fallen, and a teachable moment for the next generation."

The parade has seen an array of memorable grand marshals from veterans like Major General Peter Gravett, who earned the Medal of Valor for actions during the 1965 Watts Riots, to Admiral Mike Shatynski, a retired two-star Rear Admiral and co-founder and Chairman of Los Angeles Fleet Week. Another notable grand marshal was Admiral Sandy Adams, who served in both Desert Storm and Afghanistan.

"We've also had incredible support from the community, both from the past and the present," Ratner said. "Wells Fargo, the LA Rams, the LA Kings, local banks, insurance agencies, and individuals - this year alone, we filled 81 of the 90 available banner slots along Sherman Way."

Though there were years when the parade didn't happen, especially during the pandemic, it bounced back thanks to a committed planning team and a city that believes in the tradition. Ratner sees the parade as more than just a celebration - it's a bridge between generations, a moment to reflect and educate. That's why leaders like LAUSD Board President Scott Schmerelson join the opening ceremony each year to help ground the event in civic responsibility and history.

For Ratner, his role began with the Sea Cadets, marching in the parade and helping coordinate opening ceremonies. "Now, I'm orchestrating the whole thing banners, grand marshals, you name it," he laughed. "But it's worth it. This is about honoring the fallen and showing our community what that sacrifice really means."

# **TASK ® PURPOSE**

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## Trump orders West Los Angeles VA campus to house thousands of veterans

The directive calls for creating a **"National Center for Warrior Independence"** even as the VA fights against a similar court order to expand housing on the grounds.

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Judge David O. Carter inspects the West L.A. VA campus on Aug. 21, 2024, while overseeing a lawsuit against the VA brought by veterans. Getty Photo by Brian van der Brug via Los Angeles Times

President Donald Trump issued an executive order calling for the existing West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Medical Center campus to become a "National Center for Warrior Independence" that would house thousands of homeless veterans.

The order, "Keeping Promises to Veterans and Establishing a National Center for Warrior Independence," directs VA Secretary Doug Collins to create a plan within 120 days that would allow the West Los Angeles VA campus to house up to 6,000 veterans by Jan. 1, 2028. The new center would serve the Los Angeles area and veterans nationwide, with the 388-acre campus helping them get "housing, receive substance abuse or addiction treatment."

"Under President Trump, VA is implementing a host of important reforms to improve care and benefits for our nation's heroes," Collins said in a statement Friday. "This executive order builds on the progress we've made so far and puts us on a path to fixing some of the department's most vexing problems."

Collins also noted that the VA wants to make it a place for "homeless Veterans from across the nation who can travel there to find housing and support and start their journey back to self-sufficiency." The VA did not say how the programs outlined for the proposed national center differ from existing VA programs.

The executive order also calls for the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the VA to use housing vouchers to get people into the new veterans' housing.

The order comes as the Department of Veterans Affairs is currently fighting against a federal judge's order for a similar expansion of housing on the West Los Angeles campus. In September, Judge David O. Carter, a federal district judge and Vietnam veteran himself, issued a sweeping ruling in a major case brought by disabled veterans. He said that "has not made good on its promise to build housing for veterans" and ordered the construction of 1,800 new permanent housing units and 750 temporary housing units. (Continued page 9) He also declared several leasing contracts on the campus — including ones from oil companies and the nearby University of California, Los Angeles — as void. An appeals court extended a stay on that in the fall. Arguments in the appeal started in April, and a ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is expected soon.

It is unclear how the new order impacts the ongoing legal fight over the use of the campus, or if the VA's stance in the appeal will change given similarities here to Judge Carter's directive. Carter declined to comment as the case is ongoing in its appeal and the VA directed Task & Purpose to Sec. Collins' statement.

#### From housing to 'Veterans Row'

The land was deeded to the federal government in 1888 to serve veterans from the U.S. Civil War. For decades, the land was home to homes for veterans, but several of the buildings were closed in the 1970s. The campus is currently predominantly used for VA medical care. In recent years, a large encampment of homeless veterans formed on the perimeter of the campus, eventually being dubbed "Veterans Row." Advocates and the veterans pushed for the VA and local governments to do more to help the thousands of unhoused veterans in the greater Los Angeles area. In 2021, the encampment was cleared, with the agreement that more of the VA campus would be used for housing. A few dozen veterans were moved into several "tiny homes," most donated by people such as former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, that were put up on the VA grounds. Those have been hit by a series of problems, including fires and flood damage.

The ongoing lawsuit, brought by a group of veterans, argued that the VA was not doing enough with its land to help house veterans. The VA has argued that it was already working on housing for veterans and that it was bringing in money for services via leasing agreements. Judge Carter disagreed.

There are 32,888 veterans experiencing homelessness nationwide out of a total unhoused population of 771,480, according to HUD. In Los Angeles County, 2,991 people of the 75,312 total unhoused population are veterans, according to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is currently working on building 1,200 new housing units on the West Los Angeles campus by 2030 as the result of a settlement for a separate and previous lawsuit brought by veterans. It's also unclear if the new executive order counts that project towards its housing unit goal.

UPDATE: 5/12/2025; This article has been updated with new comments from Judge Carter and the VA.



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Capt Ben L. Salomon (Continued page 10)

# Happy Memorial Day to all of you.

For those of you who may not know, Memorial Day was established on May 30, 1868. There is a difference from the other such days.

Armed Forces Day (3rd Sat of May) is for those who currently wear the UNIFORM.

Veterans Day (Nov 11th) is for those who used to wear the UNIFORM.

Ultimately, **Memorial Day (last Mon of May)** is for those who **never made it out of UNIFORM**). In other words, they gave up their tomorrows for your today. What they did to preserve our freedom and liberties is why we can enjoy a country that allows differences of opinion, as challenging as they can be at times.

Let me tell you a story. Recently, I was on a military history tour out to the Western Pacific, which included Peleliu, Tinian, Saipan, and Guam. The latter three are part of the Marianas island chain and were the stages of some of the epic battles of the **War in the Pacific**. This was not only a military historical tour but also cultural in nature.

The saga begins on Saipan, which was considered the D-Day of the Pacific, June 15, 1944. One morning, we were headed out to the Tagapa beach area, the sight of rigorous fighting, engaging the Army and Marines. That morning, I put on a USC Track and Field top for protection from the sun, oblivious to any connection to the alma mater. As we approached the beachhead, our guide mentioned three Medal of Honor recipients from the action in this area. He began to describe O'Brien, Baker, and Salomon.

Immediately, I had a flashback to a story that I had read about over 25 years ago. I questioned the guide, and sure enough, he confirmed that Salomon had been a dentist in one of the battles in the Tagapa area. So, wearing the USC workout top was not just a random choice. He attended my dental school!

#### So here is the story for this Memorial Day.

Ben Salomon graduated from the USC School of Dentistry in 1937 and then went into private practice until he was drafted by Uncle Sam in 1940. Surprisingly, he became an infantry soldier, earning high marks in all phases from his superiors!

1942 arrives and the Army Dental Corps decides they require his services, rather than the infantry and shipped him to Hawaii. Ben performed routine dental care to the troops and then was billeted to the South Pacific in 1944.

#### **DESTINATION: SAIPAN.**

The fighting continued over diverse terrain. He was part of the 105th Infantry Division and waded ashore. There was little dental work for him to perform, so he volunteered to replace the 2nd Battalions' surgeon, who had been wounded. The aid station was only 50 yards behind the forward foxhole. The fighting was intense, and the Japanese soon overran the perimeter and the aid station. Salomon grabbed a nearby M1 Garand and killed at least seven of the enemy that entered the hospital tent and ordered the wounded patients to be evacuated.

Despite the odds, Capt Salomon remained behind to cover the withdrawal and manned an M1917 machine gun. An Army team returned days later and discovered Salomon's body slumped over that machine gun. They estimated that he had moved that machine gun four different times. His body had been riddled with 76 bullets and numerous bayonet wounds, up to 24, which may have been inflicted while he was still alive. It would be over 58 years later and much bureaucracy that Capt Salomon was posthumously awarded the **Medal of Honor** thanks to USC dental alum Robert West's relentless pressure on Congress.

After reviewing the story with our guide, I walked to where the sign was and had the picture taken, which you see above. Also, we visited the National Park on the island, which housed a nice museum plus a wall of the fallen. There was Capt Ben Salomon's name, and I took a carbon tracing. Certainly, it was a moment of reverence.

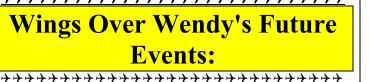
Proudly, a replica of his Medal of Honor is displayed at the School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California. As a further note, my grandparents on my dad's side are buried at Forest lawn Cemetery, Glendale, CA. So is Capt Ben Salomon. It is long past due to pay a visit. Finally, it is men like this who gallantly served their country despite the overwhelming odds so that we may enjoy both of our todays and tomorrows. God bless them all!

Fight On! G

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### Note:

Gary is a military historian, listed in the Wings Over Wendy's Roster in the Friends tab. He occasionally joins us on Zoom and has attended some of our member's funerals and 100 birthday parties.







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### <u>In Memoriam</u>

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## Prayers

Unfortunately, our most active members are at home. Our prayers are for a speedy recovery: Lee Auger and Connie Hein.

### **June Birthdays**

Glen Schecter	June	01,	1959
Judy Lamppu	June	05	1942
Victor Korechoff	June	08,	1942
Ben Schecter	June	08,	1999
Ira Mandel	June	10,	1937
Mark Schneider	June	10,	1943
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Jan Edwards	June	19,	1931
Steve Klausner	June	20	1938
Marlon Ruiz	June	20,	1956
Bill Ratner	June	22,	1948
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Shannon Muchow	June	28,	1972
Ralph Morin	June	29,	1936
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WOW Events/Tours 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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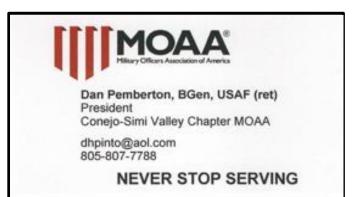




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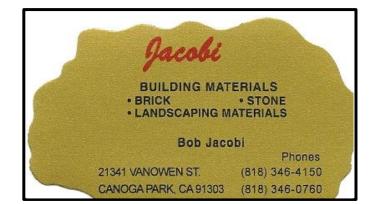


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Welcome to the 44rd annual Wings Over Camarillo. We are in the process of scheduling our air show performers. We will update the air show schedule once the performers have all been confirmed.

Thank you for your patience.

See jaw dropping aerobatic flights, classic biplanes and vintage aircraft from WWII, Korean and the Vietnam war. There will be Classic Cars on display, as well as hands-on exhibits in our expanded STEM Pavilion. You will find a wide variety of things to do at this year's Wings Over Camarillo Air Show.

Come early and see all the planes on display. Wander through rows of classic cars and trucks. See robotics exhibitions in the STEM Pavilion. Get something to eat at the Food Court, with more food vendors to choose from. Then, find your spot and enjoy the show.

GATES OPEN 9:00 AM STEM & CAF Hangers, Static Aircraft on Display, Car Show

