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MOWW 2018 National Convention

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Dear Companions,

I encourage all Companions to consider attending the 2018 MOWW Convention. Now is the time for all Companions to place their hotel reservations, make their airline/travel arrangements and submit their convention registration forms. The Convention is not just for Office Holders, but for all Companions.



This year's convention is designed to appeal to all attendees with exciting, enjoyable and historical tours. If golfing is on your agenda, the 2018 MOWW Golf Tourney, hosted by the Green Island Country Club, is the start of a wonderful week with your fellow Companions.



CINC Col Gibson is walking the talk by his personal example in that he has already made all his and his wife Diane's arrangements to attend. *He asks that you and all in your respective commands, etc., do the same and join him and Diane in Columbus, GA.* The icing on the cake is if you make your convention registration and travel arrangements now, you'll save money! The attached are also hosted on the MOWW website (www.moww.org, "Convention").

The Companions of the Columbus Chapter are pulling out all the stops to make this the best MOWW Convention ever for each of us. Let each Companion of our Order follow the CINC's and Diane's lead, and honor the Columbus Chapter's great work on our behalf by enjoying the camaraderie that results from our convening as an Order of Companions at the 2018 MOWW Convention!



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2018 MOWW Region XIV Convention

Holland Companions,



This year's 2018 Region XIV Convention will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Veterans Association of North County (VANC), 1617 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92058. The Convention will begin at 8:00 AM and will run through 8:00 PM that evening, concluding with our Convention dinner with a to-be-announced guest speaker, presentation of awards, and installation of newly elected officers. The business portion of the meeting (during the day) will include training workshops, discussions about the 2019 Centennial National Convention, and election of officers for the upcoming year.

Also, proposed Regio XIV Bylaws changes will be voted upon. We have a very comprehensive agenda planned that all Region companions will benefit from: full details including hotel options, Convention costs, and registration form have been sent by email.

We thank Department of Sothern California for taking the lead and pulling this Convention together for all of us in Region XIV, particularly PCINC Captain (Retired) Debbie Kash and Department Commander Captain (Former) Dan Kash. They have been extraordinary in their efforts and have put a tremendous amount of time towards making this Convention special.

Convention Schedule - Saturday, April 28th

8:30 AM - 1100 AM Opening of Convention, Working/Breakouts (Companions Only) (La Jolla Room)

1100 AM - 1:00 PM Working Lunch (Companions Only) (La Jolla Room)

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM General Business Meeting Companions Only) La Jolla Room)

4:30 PM - 6:45PM Open Bar (Cash donation based) Companions and Guests) (Oceanside Room)

5:45 PM - 8:00PM Dinner/Guest Speaker/Presentation/Installation of Officers (Oceanside Room)

Cost and Dress

\$20 Per Companion for Convention Meeting and Lunch (Check Only)

\$40 Per Companion or Guest for Dinner (Check Only)

Dress is Business Attire/Sunday Clothes (Please No uniforms or formal wear)

I will attend the Region XIV 2018 Conference. Who will attend this meeting with me? I will drive, so the carpool is available. Please call if you need a ride, 858-212-4335.

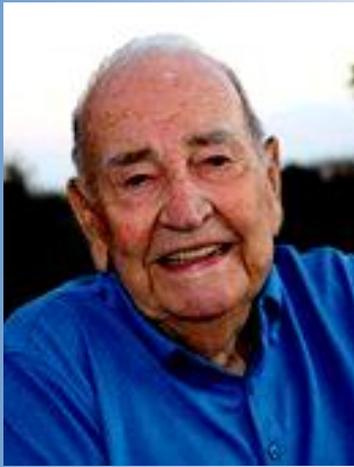


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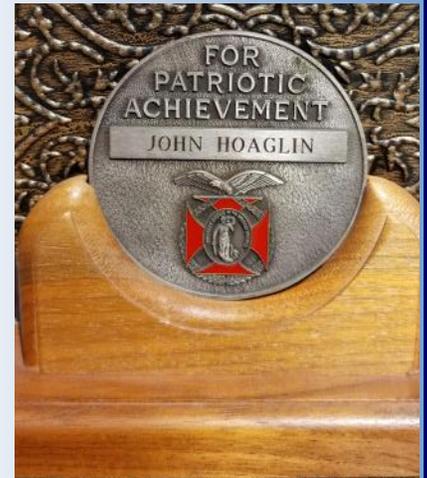
John E. Hoaglin

The passing of Companion John E. Hoaglin ...

John was born on July 3, 1926 and departed December 15, 2017.



John Ernest Hoaglin of Rancho Bernardo, CA, passed from this life on December 15, 2017. He was 91 years old. John was born in Grand Rapids, MI, one of 10 brothers and sisters. He served over 20 years in the Marine Corps and also served the City of San Diego for 25



years, most notable as General Manager of San Diego Stadium. He loved his family and supported the activities of his 3 children and grandchildren. After retirement, John was active in the VFW Post 7766. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 62 years in 2014, Ruth Alice (Falls) Hoaglin. He is served by his three children, Greg Hoaglin (Diana), Judy Hoaglin-Thomas (Scott), and Mark Hoaglin (Lynn) and three grandchildren, Stephanie, Thomas, Michael Hoaglin and Patrick Hoaglin. A memorial service was held Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 1100am at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 2696 Melbourne Drive, San Diego 92123, followed by a service with Military Honors at the Miramar National Cemetery at 2:00pm. July 3, 1926 - December 15, 2017



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Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter

Welcome to our newest member Don Alford and his lovely wife, Colette .

Companion John Cantor will celebrate his 101st birthday on April 26th. Join us at the April 7th General Meeting to wish John a Loving and Happy 101st Birthday.

It is our endeavor this year, to have our Companions increase their participation in our Chapter events. Hats Off to Volunteers will be held at the RB high school Theatre, 0930 -1030, Saturday, April 14th. Don Hershberger is our Chapter Nominee. Come and cheer him on as he receives his Award.

The Region XIV Convention will be held in Oceanside, Saturday April 28th. Lunch is \$20, and we can carpool up there together. So far we have Don, Earl and I signed up to go. I would like to have more Companions participate in this event. Please call Don Hershberger if you will join us for this excursion to Oceanside, 858-538-2513.

The Superb San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC) will be held at UCSD, June 25-28, 2018. Please get involved with this wonderful Patriotic endeavor. Lead by Holland Chapter Companion Travis Putnam, and other volunteers from the Holland, San Diego and Camp Pendleton Chapters. You can support the SDYLC by being a chaperone, speaker, day help-classroom assistant, observer, and Donator. The more money we donate, the more young men and women we can send to SDYLC.

Calendar of Events	Birthdays	
<p><u>Business Meeting - Mar 1st</u> <u>RB IHOP - 0900</u> <u>General Meeting Mar 4th</u> GSP - Mark Carlson - The Marines Lost Squadron-VMF-422 <u>General Meeting April 7th</u> <u>GSP-VDAM Robert Thomas, Treaty Alliances in the Indo-Pacific</u> <u>General Meeting May 5th</u> GSP-Derrik Staples <u>Business Meeting-Apr 5th</u></p>	<p><u>January</u></p> <p>4th Margaret Stockman-Allen 14th Andre Le Cault 15th Arnold Regardie 20th Don Alford 27th Tom Morgan</p>	<p><u>February</u></p> <p>7th Mike Pomorski 18th Sheila Hershberger 20th Jim Maschman</p>
Anniversaries		
	<p><u>January</u></p> <p>none</p>	<p><u>February</u></p> <p><u>none</u></p>



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker January 6, 2018

Cal Watson



The United States was the only country to fight a catastrophic Civil War before ending Slavery. This nation of peoples of shared ancestry and shared national prosperity engaged militarily to define the union, a union without slavery. The economic and social-political events that led to such a momentous conclusion. The discussion will include the various polarizing

factors, with both internal and external factors, present in the same timeframe that led to the dramatic sectional rift.

"Currently enjoying retirement from an engineering career that involved residences on all three coasts. Graduate of University Southern California (USC) with degrees in Chemical Engineering. Working life was in oil processing and in high tech electronics and included much travel to Europe. A long time passion has been an interest in the American Civil War and has led to visits to virtually all the battlefields. An extension of this interest involves United States History primarily of the 19th century. Retirement has allowed time for reading and much of this has been in United States History. I am a past president of the Continuing Education Center at Rancho Bernardo CEC/RB and a presenter of historical subjects." the CEC/RB is housed in a retirement facility called Seacrest Village located on Monte Vista Road.



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Guest Speaker February 3, 2018

BGEN Paul Lebidine



BGEN Paul Lebidine will provide a brief history and milestones of the US/NATO actions in Afghanistan since 9-11, and then provide an analysis of President Trump's strategy for Afghanistan and how best to define success into the future.

In 1984, Brigadier General Lebidine enlisted in the Marine Corps in Philadelphia, Pa, and graduated Honor man at MCRD Parris Island.

In 1986, after being meritoriously promoted to corporal, he was selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. After completion of OCS, Basic School, Army Ranger School, and Airborne training, he served as a Platoon Commander and Company Executive Officer in 1st Battalion, 4th Marines (MEU-SOC). His second deployment included Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

In 1994, after a tour at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, in which he served as a Series Officer, Headquarters Company Executive Officer, and Protocol Officer for the Commanding General, he served at 4th Light Armored Vehicle Battalion as the Delta Company Commander, and the Battalion Executive Officer.

In 2003, Brigadier General Lebidine deployed as the Executive Officer of the I Marine Headquarters Group, I MEF, for Operation Iraqi Freedom I. He eventually constructed and served as the Camp Commander of Camp Babylon,, Iraq.

In 2004, Brigadier General Lebidine served as the Battalion Commander of 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines.

In 2006, Brigadier General Lebidine deployed and served as the Senior Advisor to an Iraqi Army Brigade in Al Qaim, Iraq.

In 2007, BGen Lebidine served as the Operations Officer for 3D Civil Affairs Group.



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Guest Speaker March 3, 2018

Mark Carlson

The Marines' Lost Squadron *The Odyssey of VMF-422*

Mark will speak about his life and his book, *The Marines' Lost Squadron*



His book reveals the truth about the worst air disaster to strike a Marine Corps fighter squadron during the Second World War. Marine Fighter Squadron 422 was a group of twenty-four typical young Americans trained to fly the famous F4U Corsair into combat with the legendary Japanese Zero. When they arrived in the Pacific, they suddenly found that not all their enemies carried guns in savage Banzai charges. Their two most dangerous and merciless adversaries were the fury of a tropical typhoon and the heartless whims of a Marine Corps general. Together, these two foes seal the fate of VMF-422 and cause the greatest disaster ever to strike a Marine squadron.

Aviation historian Mark Carlson has written the first full account of a group of ordinary young men who were suddenly challenged beyond their experience and which forever changed the lives of the survivors. *The Marines' Lost Squadron* is the dramatic true story of a desperate and courageous fight for survival against the forces of nature and a conspiracy of silence.

The Marines' Lost Squadron is a saga of courage and conspiracy, patriotism and pride, fate and futility in a struggle to survive the ferocity of a huge typhoon in the midst of the Second World War.

Mark Carlson is an aviation historian and the author of two other books.

Legally blind, he is the author of 'Confessions of a Guide Dog – The Blonde Leading the Blind.' The book has won three national awards and been reviewed in several national magazines.

His second book 'Flying on Film – A Century of Aviation in the Movies 1912 - 2012' won two awards and been reviewed in six national magazines.

A member of several aviation, maritime, historical and veteran organizations, Carlson has been a contributing writer for over a dozen national magazines. His articles run the gamut of topics of aviation, military history, classic film and television, humor and essays. He started by writing stories about his first Guide Dog, Musket and later, about his work at the San Diego Air & Space Museum. This led to more articles in major aviation and military history magazines and then to his books. An award-winning club president in Toastmasters International, he is a respected public speaker on historical topics. He is an ardent student of history and never passes up the opportunity to meet and interview veterans about their experiences. This trait is what led to this book. "History is my passion and vocation," he says with sincerity. "I take my responsibilities as a writer of history very seriously." Carlson freely gives much credit to his network of family, friends and associates, all of whom have been ardent supporters of his work.

Although blind, he makes extensive use of advance computer software to work and write. He travels and works with his second Guide Dog, Saffron, a female Yellow Labrador retriever. Never one to take it slow, he is always working on his next book and several other projects. He lives in San Marcos, California with his wife, Jane.



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Guest Speaker April 7, 2018

Vice Admiral Robert Thomas



Vice Admiral Robert Thomas, U.S. Navy (retired) will present an examination of the current state of U.S. treaty alliances in the Indo-Pacific. He will discuss the military to military relationships that support treaties with Japan, Korea, Australia, Thailand, and the Philippines. As a former U.S. Seventh Fleet Commander, VADM Thomas will use this framework to provide an update on security issues in the region, to include the continuing military challenges presented by North Korea, China, and Russia.



The son of a career Marine, Vice Adm. Robert Thomas graduated from the University of California with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He holds a Master of Science in National Security Studies from the National War College.

As a career submarine officer, Thomas has served on fast-attack submarines operating in both U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Central Command theaters of operation. His assignments included USS Guitarro (SSN 665), USS Permit (SSN 594), USS Asheville (SSN 758) and USS Bremerton (SSN 698) where he served as commanding officer. Additionally, he took command of USS Tucson (SSN 770) while serving as deputy commander, Submarine Squadron (SUBRON) 11.

Thomas served as commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Representative West Coast; commander, Submarine Squadron 11 and commander, Task Force 74/54 in Yokosuka, Japan. In his last assignment, Thomas commanded the U.S. 7th Fleet.

He assumed duties as director, Navy Staff in October 2015.

Ashore, Thomas served as flag aide to the deputy chief of naval operations (OP-07); program analyst in the Secretary of the Navy's Office of Program Appraisal; director of Operational Support (CNO N23); assistant deputy director for Politico-Military Affairs, Western Hemisphere, J5, on the Joint Staff; director, Plans and Policy (N5) for Naval Special Warfare Command; director, Strategy and Policy Division (OPNAV N51); vice director of operations, J3, on the Joint Staff; and chief of staff, J5, on the Joint Staff.



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Guest Speaker June 2, 2018

Brigadier General RG Head

OSWALD BOELCKE
GERMANY'S FIRST FIGHTER ACE
AND FATHER OF AIR COMBAT



RG HEAD

We are fortunate to host RG Head, a decorated War Hero, aviator, scholar, author, and public speaker! He will share World War I aviation, with a story of its most Important Aviator.

Oswald Boelcke was Germany's first ace with a total of 40 victories. His character, leadership, development of air-to-air tactics and impact on aerial doctrine are all reasons why Boelcke remains an important figure in the history of air warfare. He wrote the first Fighter Combat Tactics Manual. He discovered, mentored, taught and commanded the Red Baron. Boelcke's pioneering tactics had a dramatic effect on his contemporaries and even gained the admiration of his enemies.



RG Head began flying when he was 15 and writing about aviation since high school. He got his private pilot's license at 17 and entered the United States Air Force Academy with the second class in 1956. Graduating in 1960 he finished first in his pilot training class and was awarded the Commander's Trophy. In 1962, he won the Top Gun award at Advanced Gunnery Training, flying F-100s. His first operational assignment was with the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, where he participated in deployments to Japan, Korea and Turkey. Volunteering for Vietnam he entered A-1 Skyraider training in 1964 and was assigned to the 602d Air Commando Squadron, Vietnam. He flew 325 combat missions over North and South

Vietnam, winning the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters.

General Head was a distinguished graduate of the National War College in 1977, where he wrote a book with Robert MacFarlane. *Crisis Resolution: Presidential Decisionmaking in the Mayaguez and Korean Tree Confrontations*. The following year he was a Military Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, and authored an article in Foreign Affairs magazine.

Returning to the United States he made numerous public presentations on aviation and became an Instructor Pilot in the F-4 Phantom II before being assigned to graduate school at Syracuse University. In 1969, he completed his Master's degree and PhD in Political Science. He taught International Relations and Defense Policy at the Air Force Academy from 1970 to 1973 and edited a major textbook, *American Defense Policy, 3d. ed.* He was reassigned to flying as an Operations Officer in Thailand and Squadron Commander of the 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron, which descended from the 90th Aero Squadron, in World War I. In 1978 he was the Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, following which he joined the Joint Staff, where as the Special Assistant to the Director he managed the agenda for the Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) and attended approximately 1,000 JCS meetings. Selected for Brigadier General in 1983 he served as the Deputy Commander, Fifth Allied Tactical Air Force, Vicenza, Italy. He retired in 1987 with 27 years of service and 3,000 hours flying time.



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Pictures from the November Meeting





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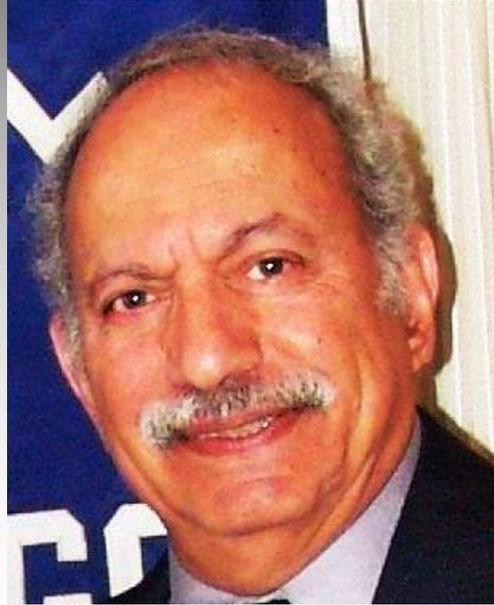
December 2nd Joint Chapter Christmas Party





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Letter of Appreciation



Farouk Al-Nasser

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing the incredible Story of “The Rise and Fall (Not so fast?) of ISIS.” Your Chronological history of the Islamic State in Iraq and al Sham (ISIS) from its inception after the 2003 invasion of Iraq to the present was superlative. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

November 4, 2017

Nicholas S Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Chaplain's Corner



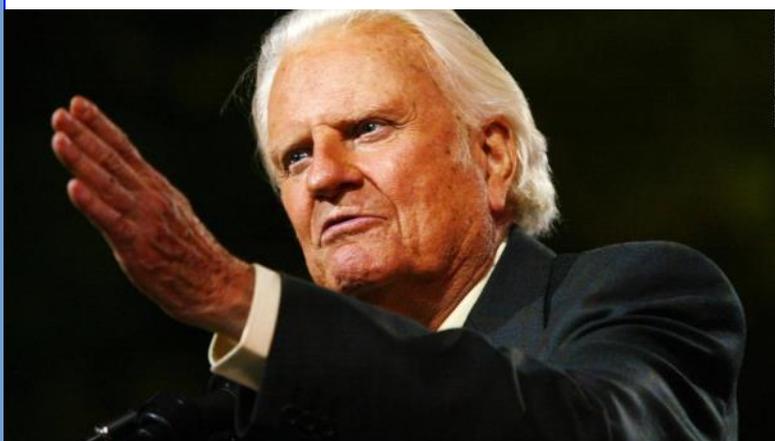
Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

Billy Graham's Prayer for our Nation

This Man sure had a good view of what's happening to our Country!



'Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and seek your direction and guidance. We know your words say, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it self esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from sin and set us free. Amen!'



With the Lord's help, may this prayer sweep over our nation and wholeheartedly become our desire so that we once again can be called 'One nation under God!'



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