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CINC LTCOL John H. Hollywood

Receives the Quilt of Valor

The Quilt of Valor was presented to CINC LTCOL John Hollywood at the BGEN JP Holland Chapter June 1, 2019 General Meeting. The quilt was presented by Holland Chapter Companions Kay and Tom Lettington, who are also members of the Quilts of Valor.



Lieutenant Colonel John H. Hollywood
U.S. Army (Retired)



It is a privilege to award a Quilt of Valor to John Hollywood acknowledging his years of service to our Country.



Colonel Hollywood, the current Commander in Chief and Chief Executive Officer of The Military Order of the World Wars, was commissioned in the Regular Army in 1968 and retired from active duty on 30 June 1990. The focus of his Army career was intelligence and recruiting. Overseas he served in Vietnam and Germany. He was trained as a Ranger and served in the famed 82nd Airborne Division. In Vietnam he served as an interrogation officer with the 1st Infantry Division. In Berlin his efforts lead to successfully taking down an East German agent attempting to recruit American military personnel.

Colonel Hollywood's awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry.

The volunteers at Quilts of Valor desire to go beyond words to thank you with this tangible, physical evidence of our appreciation. These quilts are lovingly crafted through hours of devotion and we wish to say "Thank you for your Service" from all Americans who enjoy freedom because of your sacrifice. Please accept the comfort of this Quilt of Valor. We sincerely hope this quilt will serve as a reminder of our Nation's gratitude for your sacrifices while serving our Country. You richly deserve the recognition and expression of appreciation this quilt represents.

"Quilting to honor and comfort service members and veterans touched by war."





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Commander in Chief - LTCOL John Hollywood

Visits BGEN J P Holland Chapter

It is with Great Pleasure that the Companions and Friends of the BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter welcomed CINC LTCOL John Hollywood to visit the Holland Chapter in San Diego, CA. Companions Andre and Dorene LeCault hosted the CINC for his two day stay. The evening of May 31st, the LeCaults hosted a reception for LTCOL Hollywood at their residence in Rancho Bernardo, CA. In attendance was Region XIV Commander LTCOL Dave Worley and his wife Gayle, as well as members of the Holland Staff.



LTCOL Hollywood presented the 2018 Phoenician Award to, C/ENS. Logan Wilson, Mar Vista NJROTC. Logan was also the Top Student of the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference. LTCOL Hollywood's presentation included many words of praise for Logan's parents, Marissa and Troy Wilson. And sister Ava.



LTCOL Hollywood also Installed the New Officers (2019-2020) of the Holland Chapter, Commander Nick Herbka, Vice Commander Andre LeCault, Adjutant Don Hershberger, Treasurer Diane Herbka.



LTCOL Hollywood inducts new Perpetual Member COL Paul Atterbury, USMC (Ret).



LTCOL Hollywood presents Junior Award of Merit to Paris Nguyen, 2016 SDYLC Top Student and Phoenician Award Recipient and Logan Wilson 2018 SDYLC Top Student and Phoenician Award Recipient. Both Holland Chapter students.





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Stories Past of Holland

My first enemy encounter

By Carl Swepston

As a member of Underwater Demolition Team 11, Western Pacific Detachment Bravo, I was introduced to a country called Vietnam. The year was 1963. As you know the war didn't officially start until August 4th 1964, as a result of the Tonkin Gulf Incident. I, along with 15 other UDT men, were based in the Philippine Islands. We were informed by our OIC that we would be conducting beach reconnaissance with the Royal Thai Navy Frogmen in Sattahip, Thailand. We loaded aboard the USS John W. Weiss, APD 135. (see photo below). After a five-day joint training operation with the Thai Frogmen, we got underway and proceeded North. We were then informed that we would be going to a country that we probably had not heard of before called Vietnam. We were also advised that we may receive hostile fire during our future beach reconnaissance, off the coast of South Vietnam. My first duty assignment was to perform as a swimmer scout with another team mate. Our mission was to swim into the beach to determine if the enemy was present. If we determined it was safe, we would signal in the inflatable boat crew to start the beach reconnaissance. In the beginning of our operations, our only weapon was our KBAR knife. During the second week of parallel beach recon, that consisted of swimming 7 to 10 miles per day, we started seeing evidence of enemy presence. On several occasions we observed large quantities of spent enemy brass. I was one of two team members, then armed with a pistol or machine gun, as the other swimmers conducted beach reconnaissance in the heavy surf zone. Without any prior notification, a U.S. Army H-21 Helicopter swooped down near us and advised that a large number of enemy soldiers were heading our way and recommended we leave the beach. We immediately put our fins on and started swimming out to sea. I attempted to swim through the heavy surf carrying the Thompson Sub Machine gun with two 30 round magazines. Unfortunately, I had to drop the gun in the surf zone, so could I swim with both hands to escape the enemy soldiers, now visible on the beach. The gun was quickly covered by 2 to 3 feet of sand. During the next 15 to 20 days we were chased off of the beach by enemy sniper fire on several occasions. Fortunately, none of us were hit. **This is my story, what is yours, fellow companions?**





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Pictures from the May 4, 2019 General Meeting





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Pictures from the June 1, 2019 General Meeting





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Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter,

The visit with CINC LTCOL John Hollywood was the highlight of our year. Thanks to Andre and Dorene LeCault, who provided shelter at their residence, John had a wonderful and restful two days in San Diego. The first night of his arrival, the LeCaults hosted a party for John that included Region XIV, LTCOL Dave and Gayle Worley and the staff and Companions of the Holland Chapter. Special thanks to Brain LeCault and Companion Laura (Herbka) Kelly who attended to the needs of our Guests and Companions. I need to acknowledge and thank Tom and Kay Lettington, who made and presented a beautiful "Quilt of Valor" for LTCOL John Hollywood. The citation and presentation was professional and heartfelt.

Dear Companions, PLEASE, wear your MOWW ribbons you have been awarded from the Chapter. Display them proudly upon your chest and know that your Companions, so deeply appreciate your contributions and support of the BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter. Let's start the New Year with enthusiasm and loyalty - "It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served."

Calendar of Events	Birthdays	
<p><u>General Meeting July6,</u> BGEN Bob Cardenas- Gliders to Rockets.</p> <p><u>Business Meeting - Jul 5th,</u> <u>Thursday, 0900, IHOP RB</u></p> <p><u>General Meeting Aug 3rd,</u> <u>Jonna Doolittle Hoppes-</u> <u>Personal life of Gen Doolit-</u> <u>tle/wife Joe</u></p> <p><u>Business Meeting - Aug</u> <u>29th, Thursday, 0900,</u> <u>IHOP RB</u></p>	<p><u>July</u></p> <p>28th Maria Crittenden</p>	<p><u>August</u></p> <p>4th Kay Lettington</p> <p>11`th Dave Yorck</p>
Anniversaries		
	<p><u>July</u></p> <p>26th Earl/Nancy Wentworth</p>	<p><u>August</u></p> <p>None</p>



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Holland Chapter Presents Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion for Community Service

The BGEN J. P. Holland presented the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion to NJROTC Cadets for outstanding Community Service in the School and/or Community. This has become an annual event in the month of May in accordance with the **Chapter Action Plan**.

Lillian Jared

The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion for your Patriotic "Service to Others." You have exemplified Leadership, Responsibility, Service to Others, and Personal Sacrifice. Your superior effort in performing Community service and your outstanding "work ethic" in your Unit, has earned you the respect of your Instructors and Peers. Your community service includes working at least one weekend day per week cooking and serving veterans at the Ramona VFW Post 3783, for breakfast and dinner. Lillian is also a huge supporter of the Buddy Poppy sales and Christmas gifts for Military Children at Ramona Military Housing. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless your future Service.

"It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served"

May 4, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka, Lcdr, USN (ret), Chapter Commander



Raymond Garcia

The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion for your Patriotic "Service to Others." You have exemplified Leadership, Responsibility, Service to Others, and Personal Sacrifice. Because of your superior effort in performing Community service and your outstanding "work ethic" in your Unit, you have been placed in charge of the new Unit billet, as the Community Service Officer. Your community service includes supporting the American Legion Post 149 Sunday Breakfast, the Sons of the American Legion Friday Meal. Additionally, you perform "Saturday Park Clean Up" in and around Escondido. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless your future Service.

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Guest Speaker July 6, 2019

BGEN Robert Cardenas



Brigadier General Robert L. “Bob” Cardenas, USAF (retired) Test Pilot, Combat Leader in both Bombers and Fighters as well as Commander of the Air Force Special Operations Force. He has flown over 60 different aircraft in his career. General Cardenas began his military career as a Private in the Army Cost Artillery, then became a pilot as a Cadet in the Army Air Corps. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in July 1941 and in 1942 was sent to 29 Palms, CA to establish an Army Air Corps Glider School. In 1944 he flew combat missions in B-24 Liberators in the skies over Germany, He was shot down on his 20th mission but was not captured. He escaped into Switzerland and then into France prior to D Day. He was later flown out back to England and to a rehabilitation center in the US. He became a test pilot after his graduation in 1945 from the Flight Performance School at Vandalia, Ohio. He participated in the flight test evaluation of the German jet fighter ME-262 and the Arado 234 bomber. In 1947 Cardenas was a key member of the X-1 supersonic project. Major Cardenas was the Officer in Charge of Operations and command pilot of the B-29 that launched Captain Charles Yeager into the realm of supersonic flight. In 1948, he was assigned as Officer in charge of Flight Test Division projects at Murdoc AB and as Chief Air Force test pilot on the YB-49 flying wing project. After completion of the Performance Phase II tests he checked out Captain Glen Edwards in the YB-49 on May 20 & 21st. He then received orders to USC for completion of his Aeronautical Engineering degree. He was ordered back 15 days later, after the crash of the YB-49 and loss of the crew, in order to complete the Stability & Control

Phase in the remaining YB-49 aircraft. In January 1949 he was ordered to fly the YB-49 from Murdoc AB to Andrews AFB in Washington for President Truman’s Air Show. The transcontinental non-stop flight set a record time of 4 hours and 5 minutes.

He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1968 and placed in Command of the Air Force Special Operations Force at Eglin & Hurlburt AFB, Florida.



Brigadier General Bob Cardenas will talk about his career in the USAF from Gliders to Supersonic.



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Guest Speaker August 3, 2019

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes



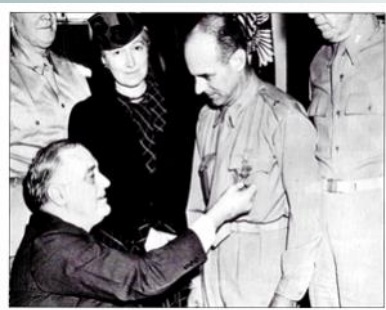
Jonna Doolittle Hoppes is the founder and executive director of The Doolittle Foundation, an organization dedicated to making US military history available to students. She is currently involved in developing lesson plans for teachers in public, private and home school settings and in setting up programs that link veterans with local schools. Her lectures are focused on encouraging veterans to record their individual histories.

Ms. Doolittle Hoppes is the author of two published books. *Calculated Risk: The Extraordinary Life of Jimmy Doolittle* is a memoir of her famous grandfather, aviator Jimmy Doolittle and his equally extraordinary wife, Joe. Her second book, *Just Doing My Job* is a collection of biographical stories from World War II. Her third book, *The Wrong Stuff*, General William Lyon's autobiography, is due to be released in the near future.

She is a former board member for the Air Force Historical Foundation, and a current advisor to the Flying Tiger Historical Foundation.



Jonna's talk is generally about her grandparents Jimmy and Joe Doolittle. Jonna will cover the major events in his life, but will focus on the personal side - who he was and on her grandmother, Joe.



General Jimmy Doolittle receives the Medal of Honor From President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Doolittle is decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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Guest speakers September 7, 2019

Fire Captains Frank Cardinez & Daniel Gonzalez



Frank Godinez is a Fire Captain with Chula Vista Fire Department and is presently the officer assigned to Urban Search & Rescue 53/ Bravo Division. Frank has 17 years with the Fire Department and has held the ranks of Fire Fighter, Fire Engineer, Training Engineer and Training Captain. He also serves as a Rescue Squad Officer for FEMA's National Urban Search & Rescue Team- California Task Force 8. In addition to these duties, Frank is a current Senior Instructor for California State Fire Training's technical rescue courses- Confined Space Rescue Technician and Rope Rescue Technician. Proud son of a former Marine father, he lives in San Diego with his wife and 3 children.

He will speak about the Urban Search and Rescue Operations in San Diego County and also at the National level.



Daniel Gonzalez started his firefighting career with the United States Forest Service in 1998 where he worked on the Cleveland National Forest as a firefighter in eastern San Diego County. Daniel worked on the Laguna Hotshots and Ramona Helitack crew where he had the opportunity to fight Wildland Fires across the western United States. Daniel started at MCAS Miramar Fire Department in 2003 where he made his way through the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer, and Captain. Daniel is currently a Division Chief with Miramar Fire Department and supervises the operations of 2 fire stations, 3 engine companies, 2 cross-staffed wildland type 3, 1 cross-staffed water tender, 1 cross staffed rescue apparatus, 1 cross-staffed hazardous materials decontamination unit, and 2 advanced life support ambulances. In addition, Daniel is the Accreditation

Manager for the department and has authored the Strategic Plan, Standards of Cover, and Community Risk Analysis documents. He lives in San Diego with his wife and 2 children.

Capt Gonzalez will speak about the Fire Department Service Area requirements for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and also the Standards of Cover (SOC) and strategic planning for the Base installation.



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Guest Speaker October 5, 2019

Alex Robertson



‘To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity’

Alex will speak about his Father, who served in the Royal Airforce (RAF) in World War Two. Flying into action over occupied Europe, parachuting Special Operations Executive (SOE), French Resistance fighters - and on D-Day (Pegasus Bridge) and Operation Market Garden (Arnhem) towing gliders with British troops. Alex was at Pegasus Bridge recently in June, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings where he took photographs. He will bring his Fathers actual WWII medals earned for all of his service, including the French Legion of Honor.

Alex was born in Scotland and have lived (paid taxes) in nine Countries on five Continents around the world. The United States is his ninth Country in which he has lived. Alex owns a house in Amsterdam, a farm in South Africa and used to fly around the world every eight to twelve weeks, for over ten years due to business (managing the design and development of professional and consumer TV broadcast equipment).

Alex was also a professional racecar driver.

He is now retired and lives in Rancho Bernardo. Alex serves on numerous medical/medical device boards and represent the Scottish Government in Southern California. Also he is an active member of Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club.



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Guest speaker November 2, 2019

LTC Woody Spring - Astronaut



Sherwood Clark "Woody" Spring (born September 3, 1944) is a retired [United States Army colonel](#) and former [NASA astronaut](#). Spring is married with two children. He is the father of United States [Olympian Justin Spring](#). Sherwood Spring has logged 165 hours in space, 12 of which were spent conducting [spacewalks](#). Spring has also accumulated 3,500 hours in 25 different military and civilian aircraft; over 1,500 of those hours were spent in [jet aircraft](#).

Spring was active in the [Boy Scouts of America](#) where he achieved its second highest rank, [Life Scout](#).^[2] Spring met his future wife, Debbie Cooper (an elementary school physical education teacher), while they were both students at the [University of Arizona](#).^[3]

Spring's son, [Justin](#), was a member of the 2008 US Olympic Men's Gymnastics team that earned bronze in Beijing, and is currently the head coach at the University of Illinois.

Graduated from [Ponaganset High School \(North Scituate, Rhode Island\)](#) in 1963; received a [Bachelor of Science](#) degree in General [Engineering](#) from the [United States Military Academy](#) in 1967 and a [Master of Science](#) degree in [Aerospace Engineering](#) from the [University of Arizona](#) in 1974. Graduated from the [United States Naval Test Pilot School](#) in 1976 and the Defense Systems Management College in 1989.

After graduation from West Point in 1967, Spring served two tours of duty in [Vietnam](#). The first was from 1968 to 1969 with the [101st Airborne Division](#). The second tour, 1970–1971, came immediately after flight school, where he served as a [helicopter](#) pilot with the [1st Cavalry Division](#). Upon return, he received fixed wing training en route to a master's degree program with the University of Arizona in 1974. After a short tour at [Edwards Air Force Base, California](#) as a [flight test engineer](#), he attended the [U.S. Naval Test Pilot School](#) at [NAS Patuxent River, Maryland](#). He then returned to the army's Flight Test Facility at Edwards AFB to complete four years as an experimental [test pilot](#). He has military and civilian experience in 25 types of [airplanes](#) and helicopters and has logged more than 3,500 hours flying time—including over 1,500 hours in jet aircraft.

Following his retirement from NASA in August 1988, Spring spent the next five years directing the Army Space Program Office in [Washington, D.C.](#) He retired from the army in July 1994, and worked as a contractor on Defense and Intelligence programs in the Washington, D.C. area. He is currently a professor at the [Defense Acquisition University \(DAU\)](#) and lives in [San Diego, California](#).

LTC Woody Spring, will talk about his two tours in Viet Nam as well as his Program Manager experience with TENCAP (Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities), bringing intelligence directly down from satellites to the battlefield and how the Army got credit for 95% of the Air Force's Tactical Targeting during Desert Storm. Then to the SPACE part of the program. Shuttle processing,



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Letter of Appreciation May 4, 2019

Letter of Appreciation Presented to Captain Tom Marshall

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most informative and intriguing story of World War I, the causes and outcome of the war and its consequences, both short term and long term. We thank you for your Service to our Country. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. You are always welcomed to be a Guest of the BGEN JP Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.



"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

May 4, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander

Letter of Appreciation June 1, 2019

Letter of Appreciation Presented to LTCOL John Hollywood Commander-in-Chief, Military Order of world Wars

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter are extremely happy to have welcomed you to the Holland Chapter. Thank you so very much for sharing your most valuable time and energy, presenting the 2018 Phoenician Award to Logan Wilson, installing our new Staff Officers for 2020, inducting our new Perpetual Member, Colonel Paul Atterbury, and finally presenting The Youth Merit Medal to Paris Nguyen and Logan Wilson. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. You are always welcomed to be a Guest of the BGEN JP Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.



"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

June 1, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Chaplain's Corner



Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

LOVE AND MARRIAGE IS LIKE A HORSE AND CARRIAGE

I am sure many of you will recollect the song related to the title of this article. And yes, Love and Marriage do go together and we can't have one without the other. I am guessing that many of us would agree, that marriage and living with one another, on occasion has it's challenges. To reference, **1st Corinthians 13:4-8** (see below), as indicated on the below pictured wedding coin designed by my wife Anne and I prior to our wedding. This coin was handed out to many of the attendees at our wedding. You may also note that our 10th wedding anniversary is coming up next month. We are both looking forward to celebrating this occasion. During my past tenure as a California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, I witnessed numerous trials and tribulations of couples. In retrospect, I wish I had referenced the below bible verse for my clients.

Carl Swepston

Chaplain

“Love is patient, Love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trust, always hopes, always perceivers, LOVE NEVER FAILS”.



Carl Swepston

Chaplain, Holland Chapter