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***MOWW's Phoenician Awards** provide national recognition to three Youth Leadership Conference (YLC) students who are judged as the "The Military Order of World Wars Outstanding Student of the Year." Candidates are chosen from among students who were selected by their multi-day Youth Leadership Conference. The national recipients are determined by the outcome of the essay contest, including a review of comments by the Conference Director.*

***The awards** are \$2000, \$1000, and \$500 (1st, 2nd, 3rd place), along with a Phoenician certificate and Patrick Henry Bronze Medallion.*

The 2017 Essay Question

***Context:** Woodrow Wilson's campaign slogan for his second term was, "He kept us out of war." One month after he took office, the United States declared war on the German Empire on 6 April 1917.*

***Essay Question:** Discuss how a leader can change his or her viewpoint or expressed position, suddenly as did President Wilson regarding WWI. Explain how a sudden change of viewpoint or position can happen today by giving a current-day illustration of such a change.*



Xavier E. Diaz, Winner,
2017 MOWW
Phoenician
Award

***BIOGRAPHY - I have lived in Camden** and attended the schools here my entire life. I lived with my mother until my sophomore year, and later my brother gained custody. I have always been a top student. I joined JRPTC and it truly enhanced my educational experience. JROTC has exposed me to many lifetime opportunities. I gave a speech at the New Jersey Business Hall of Fame and at the Junior Achievement Holiday Benefit Fundraiser. I have become a better citizen and have maintained a 4.2 GPA due to the support of this program. I am applying to numerous universities with the intention of majoring in computer science. Upon graduation, I will work in Information Technology and help secure our nations cyber security systems. My dream is to no longer endure the hardship and impoverishment I have lived, and one day attain a comfortable middle class life. Winning this scholarship was extremely important to my future.*



For the Good of the Order

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The following is the 2017 Winning Essay by Xaviere E. Diaz

WHY LEADERS CHANGE THEIR VIEW

John Keynes, an influential economist, is often credited with saying, “When events change, I change my mind. When facts change, I change my mind. When my information changes, I alter my conclusions.” The most onerous task leaders face is changing their stance about a situation, President Wilson (did) during his second term. There are many reasons for one to change their views, including unforeseen circumstances, new information, and injustice. The pioneers of each era are faced with these quandaries and it is no different for present leaders.

Unforeseen circumstances cause uncertainty; President Wilson faced this dilemma. During his {second Presidential} campaign, he wanted to stay out of World War One (WWI). During his first month in office, he had to enter the war. When Germany torpedoed the Lusitania with 120 Americans onboard, the public’s opinion about joining the war changed. Later that year, an Italian liner carrying 25 Americans was destroyed, which infuriated citizens. It wasn’t until Germany resumed attacks on ships entering Britain that President Wilson asked Congress to declare war. These unforeseen circumstances compelled him to change his campaign promise and go to war in an effort to protect Americans.

In another example, George Ryan, former Illinois Governor, ended his term with a change in his beliefs. During his first year in office, he placed a moratorium on executions. Originally, Governor Ryan believed in the justice system and advocated for the death penalty until he realized innocent people were being put on death row. Days before the end of his term, Governor Ryan gave a speech at Northwestern University; he stated that his opinion changed on the death penalty because the justice system of Illinois was not working. Madison Hobley was one of the victims of a dysfunctional justice system. Hobley received a death sentence based on accusations fabricated by police officers. Once released, he was proven innocent by attorney Andrea Lyon. In 2003, Governor Ryan commuted over 160 death sentences to life imprisonment. The new information caused Governor Ryan to adjust his stance on the death penalty.



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WHY LEADERS CHANGE THEIR VIEW

In another incident, George Washington presents an historical example of a leader changing his mind due to injustice. He was a loyal British subject serving in the military during the French and Indian War. George Washington changed his views when Great Britain enacted harsh taxation and oppressive laws limiting the freedom of British citizens within the colonies. After not gaining representation in Parliament, General Washington felt colonist had to take action. During the Second Continental Congress, he became a leader in the effort to become a free country. The change of views led to the American revolt and independence.

New information, unforeseen circumstances and injustice cause leaders to change their stance. The leaders discussed here have changed their position to attain the best solution for the respective situation. The decisions to change proved to be vital and essential in modern society. The aforementioned reasons are a few examples why leaders alter their views, and people can be assured this will continue.



First Runner-up - Tracey Elisabeth-Lynn Payne. My current goal is to attend the United States Air Force Academy



Second Runner-up - Faith Heery. I hope to attend college on the east coast to study science and subsequently pursue medical school.



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The Chopper Pilots

By **Bill Lord (Vietnam Veteran)**

We got a horrifying example of that one afternoon as we lined up to board choppers coming in to take us to the next landing zone. We were spread out in what were called pickets of six men each. Five groups were in a line on the left separated by about 25 yards each. Five more were on the right as the choppers descended onto our positions. You could figure out quickly which bird was coming for you and it was easy to follow it right to the ground. In this case as my eyes followed our chopper, I noticed a short length of barbed-wire fence just a couple of feet off the ground. It seemed too low to make any difference, but the chopper came in a little fast, causing the pilot to lift the nose and drop the tail just enough for the tail rotor to hit that wire. The next events happened so fast it's hard to imagine even now how we survived.

The left-side door gunner never had a chance. He was pinned under the chopper right next to the fuel tank that was exploding into black smoke. By now we were all up and everyone thought to flip the burning chopper upright, but searing heat prevented us from getting near it. The gunner died very quickly. The pilot was distraught beyond all description. Anyone would call this a tragic accident, but in his mind, it was pilot error. In his mind his mistake had taken the life of one of his crew. There isn't much worse for a guy in his position. It was a very bad scene. A smoldering chopper. A dead door gunner. Scared soldiers and this inconsolable pilot sitting on the ground wailing.

A few minutes into this drama several new choppers arrived on the scene, one carrying a guy who was clearly the man in charge of this whole chopper squadron. He was all business. He walked straight over to the pilot and told him to get up off the ground. He never asked what happened. No arm around the shoulder. He just walked the crying pilot over to the helicopter he had just arrived in and ordered the pilot to get in and take the stick. The scene drove things home to us. This was a war. If you are going to be an effective pilot in the future, there is no time for grieving now. It was the ultimate version of getting back on the bicycle. But that's how they did things. There was no time for sentiment. I met up not long ago with a former Vietnam chopper pilot who had been a few years ahead of me in our high school. He said it was the best job he ever had, despite all the dangers. He still missed it. As we talked I could tell that even now, 50 years later, he would happily get back in the cockpit. He still had that gritty commitment that reminded me of all the Vietnam pilots I had known. That's why we all trusted them with our lives.

Bill Lord is a retired television news executive and former general manager of WJLA-TV in Washington, D.C. During the Vietnam War he served as an infantry sergeant carrying a radio for Charlie Company, 4th/47 Infantry, 9th Infantry Division.



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National Vietnam War Veterans Day

March 29th

A National Holiday

On March 28, 2017, President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. This act officially recognizes March 29th to be recognized as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The Act also includes the day among those days on which the US Flag should be flown with love and respect.

On March 29, 2012, President Barack Obama proclaimed March 29, 2012, as Vietnam Veterans Day. The proclamation called “upon all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the Vietnam War.”

It further stated, “The Vietnam War is a story of service members of different backgrounds, colors, and creeds who came together to complete a daunting mission. It is story of America from every corner of our Nation who left the warmth of family to serve the country they loved. It is a story of Patriots who braved the line of fire, who cast themselves into harm’s way to save a friend, who fought hour after hour, day after day to preserve the liberties we hold dear. From Ia Dang to Hue, they won every major battle of the war and upheld the highest traditions of our Armed Forces.”





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4th Annual Veteran's Celebration

Corona HS - May 23, 2018

Chapter Action Plan

Veterans Celebration

Corona High School (Corona, CA) will hold their fourth Annual Veteran's Celebration, May 23, 2018,

The event is an oral history program designed to enrich the lessons taught in their classrooms with real life experiences. Their intention is to celebrate the sacrifice and commitment to country, that our Veterans have given. Mr. Jeff Perry, in conjunction with fellow History teachers, organize and execute this annual event with precision and enthusiasm. Each year, the number of Veterans participating grows. The Celebration begins at 0815, and continues until 1030, after which lunch is provided by Chick Fila.

Each Veteran shares their military experiences and life lessons with members of the junior class. Each veteran will enjoy the company of, and questions from, a small group of eleventh grade students. Many veterans wear their military uniforms, bring in pictures during their service, and other memorabilia. The Holland Chapter Commander has participated in this event for the last three years. He is always impressed with the personal dress of each student, their maturity, and sincere respect for the Veterans, with which they share stories and lessons for life.

Companions Nick Herbka and Don Hershberger have attended this wonderful event for the last two years. "The students always look so wonderful, the way they are dressed. They are courteous and respectful, and a pleasure to talk with," says Nick. "I could not imagine missing this event, the students are a joy to be with. They listen to every word I say," said Don.

If you would like to join the Veterans' Celebration, contact Nick Herbka at 858-212-4335 or Don Hershberger at 858-538-2513. Nick and Don will car pool to this event and would like to bring more of our Companions with them. *This is part of our 2018 Chapter Action Plan to increase Companion participation.*





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Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter—I

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

Business Meeting - Mar 1st
RB IHOP - 0900
General Meeting Mar 4th
 GSP - Mark Carlson - The Marines Lost Squadron-VMF-422
General Meeting April 7th
 GSP-VDAM Robert Thomas,
Treaty Alliances in the Indo-Pacific
 General Meeting May 5th
 GSP-CDR Jessica O'Brien
 Business Meeting-Apr 5th

Birthdays



March

8th Eileen Baum
 25th Charles Dyer
 26th Robert Crossan II

April

5th Patricia Craig
 5th Robert Johnson
 12th Ted Crittenden
 16th Robert Khim
 26th John Cantor

Anniversaries

March

12th Tom/Wendi Morgan

April

19th Don/Collette Alford



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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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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.



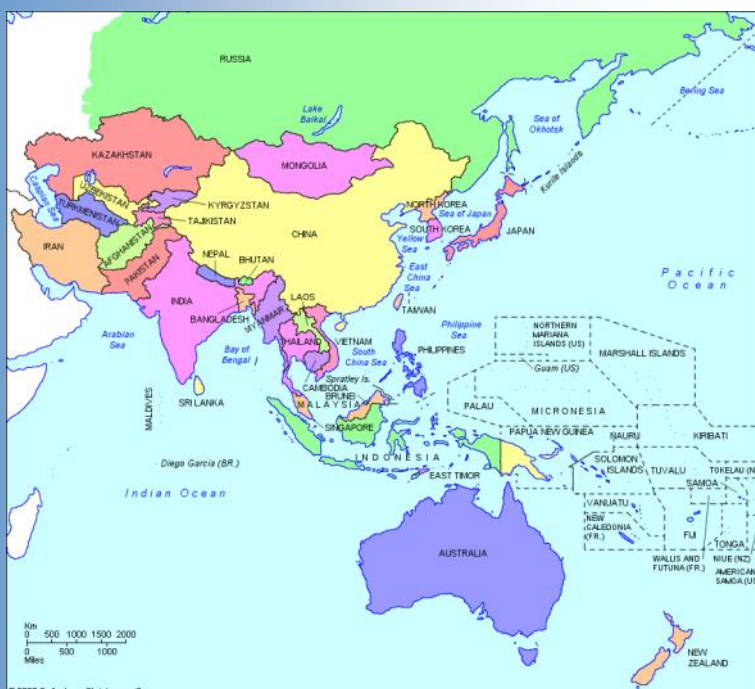
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Guest Speaker April 7, 2018

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.



Vice Adm. Thomas retired from the U.S. Navy in early 2017. He then accepted an appointment as a Senior Research Fellow with the University of California's Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC). In his last operational assignment, Vice Adm. Thomas commanded the U.S. 7th Fleet. Vice Adm. Thomas graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security Studies from the National War College in Washington, DC.



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Guest Speaker May 5, 2018

Commander Jessica O'Brien



Commander Jessica O'Brien will discuss the mission of Amphibious Squadron THREE - the planning and execution of amphibious operations and her role as the **Chief Staff Officer**.

Additionally, and probably most interesting to her Companions, will be a discussion of the highlights of her recent deployment with the USS AMERICA Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), consisting of USS AMERICA (LHA 6), USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22), USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52), and the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU). During deployment to the SEVENTH, FIFTH, and SIXTH Fleet Areas of Responsibility, the Sailors and Marines of the America ARG and embarked 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) conducted maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in support of regional security, stability, and the free

flow of maritime commerce. Additionally, the ARG/MEU team participated in a variety of exercises to sustain readiness and conducted military-to-military exchanges with partners throughout the Indo-Pacific and Middle East regions, which strengthened partnerships and increased combat readiness, amphibious and crisis-response capabilities, and communication between U.S. and partner nation forces.



USS AMERICA Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), consisting of

USS AMERICA (LHA 6), USS SAN DIEGO (LPD 22), USS PEARL HARBOR (LSD 52), and the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).





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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.



For the Good of the Order

Outstanding Service Award for January



Outstanding Service Medal

Presented to

Don Hershberger

For outstanding Leadership, Dedication, Patriotism, and Loyalty to the General J. P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. You have been the Adjutant and the Admin Officer for the BGEN JP Holland Chapter for over the past six years. During this time, you have continually provided outstanding and enthusiastic support, especially on short notice. Your superb commitment and dedication has had and continues to have a profound affect upon this Chapter. Your companions deeply appreciate your hard work and dedication.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

January 6, 2018

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Certificate of Appreciation for September



Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

Cal Watson

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your analysis of the causes of the American Civil War. We were most intrigued by your insight and delivery of this most informative and enjoyable presentation. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

January 6, 2018

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Outstanding Service Award for February



Outreach Service Medal

Presented to

Arnold Regardie

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for your support of the University of San Diego NROTC Consortium. During the last three years, you have presented the MOWW ROTC Medals (Gold, Silver and Bronze) with Ribbon and Certificate to the Consortium's top three Midshipman. Your work has promoted Community awareness of the General J. P. Holland Chapter and the Military Order of World Wars, We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

February 3, 2018

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Certificate of Appreciation for February



Letter of Appreciation

Present to

Brigadier General Paul Lebidine

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your brief history of the US/NATO actions in Afghanistan since 9-11, and your analysis of the of President's strategy for Afghanistan and how best to define success in the future. We were most intrigued by your insight and delivery of this most informative and enjoyable presentation. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

February 3, 2018

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Letter of Recognition



General J. P. Holland Chapter
The Military Order of the World Wars

The Association for All Military Officers

13 February 2018

Rear Admiral Yancy B. Lindsay, USN
 Commander, Navy Region Southwest
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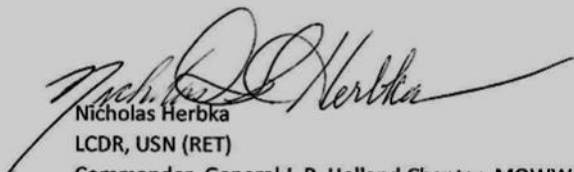
Admiral,

The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration has authorized a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin for those who served on Active Duty between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. The pins are to be presented in a dignified manner incident to a public event. Attachment (1) is an information sheet.

Ms Sabrina Griffin, your Regional Navy Gold Star Coordinator is the local coordinator for presentation of the pins. The General J. P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars is an organization whose members are retired and active duty personnel several of whom served during the cited period. Ms Griffin was asked to attend a monthly meeting of the chapter and present pins to those members. She readily agreed.

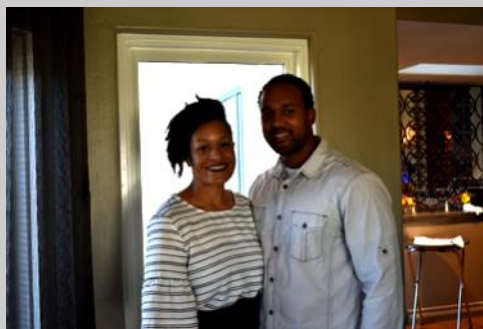
On February 3, 2018, Ms Griffin attended the meeting and presented the Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin to seven members of the chapter. She took her personal time to make the presentation. Her husband, an active duty Master at Arms, who was home on leave from an overseas deployment, also attended taking his time to honor those who serve.

Please recognize Ms Griffin for her above and beyond support to Vietnam veterans.


 Nicholas Herbka
 LCDR, USN (RET)
 Commander, General J. P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Attachment

Copy to: Sabrina Griffin





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Chaplain's Corner



Carl Swepton, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

My personal memory of using the words “As I walk through the Valley of the shadow of Death, I shall fear no evil for Thou are with me,” was when I was inserted as a SEAL Point Man or Advisor, into enemy controlled territory in Vietnam.

PSALM 23 (THE LORD IS MY SHEPARD)

Psalm 23, often just referred to as “The Lord is My Shepard,” is the most well known of all the Psalms, and is revered by Christians and Jews alike. According to tradition, all of the psalms were written by King David, one of the earliest kings of Israel, a.k.a., the guy with the sling-shot who took out Goliath. He reigned from around 1055-1015 BC, give or take a few decades. In other words, a really long time ago.

Many modern scholars, however believe the psalms were actually written by several different authors, but David's supposed authorship is all part of the traditional story about him. Picture it like this, You have this enormously powerful king, the man who brought down the terrible Goliath, but through these psalms you learn that even this great figure is capable of tender and humble worship. So the psalms basically suggest that if David, who had every right to be as arrogant as a Navy Pilot catching a three wire on a stormy dark night, can practice such devotion, then everyone else sure can.

In plain and direct language, Psalm 23 compares God to a shepherd guiding his flock. God comforts people facing death and is a kind master who makes sure that everyone in God's house is fed properly. In the Christian tradition, the shepherd is associated with Jesus Christ, who in the Gospel of John is called “The God Shepherd.” In the Judaism, the shepherd is simply God or Yahweh.

God Bless America



For the Good of the Order

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