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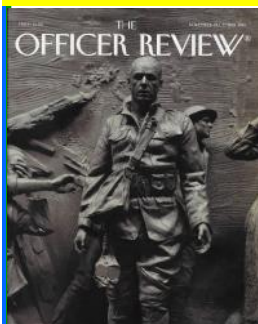


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The BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to have the pictures of Companions and Family members celebrating the “Spirit of the 4th Parade” in Rancho Bernardo, CA, published in the Jan - Feb 2019 Officer Review Magazine. Riding in convertibles, Seven Companions and three of the Chapter Commanders Grandchildren proudly wave the American Flag. The President of the “Spirit of the 4th Committee,” Dave Brooks, received a Plaque of Appreciation from Holland Chapter Commander Nick Herbka.



Capt Royce Williams and LTCOL Harry Hodges were the Grand Marshalls, with fellow Companions: Arnold Regardie Don Hershberger Diane Herbka Kay Lettinton Noah Berkebile Grandchildren: Ava Kelly Sienna Kelly Ramzi Kelly

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“Oldest” and Youngest Companions Mobilize in Fourth of July Parade

BY LCDR NICHOLAS HERBKA, USN (RET)

The intent initially was to have our oldest and youngest Companions riding together in one vehicle in the MOWW procession of convertibles in the Rancho Bernardo, CA, Fourth of July Parade. Weeks ago, CW4 John Cantor, USN (Ret), our 101-year-old (oldest) active Companion, took a fall and fractured his hip in three places. A visit to the rehab center, left no doubt that while John’s attitude and desire to heal and return home would drive his recovery, he would be unable to ride in the parade. Our next oldest Companions—93-year-old Navy Captain Royce Williams and 90-year-old Army LTC Harry Hodges—were selected as the Grand Marshalls and already had a convertible in which to ride. The next oldest Companion was 84-year-old Army LT Arnold Regardie, who was also very excited about being in the parade.

Top left: Arnold, our oldest available Companion and Noah Berkebile, our youngest Companion (17-years-old), rode together in a beautiful red Mustang. Noah is seated on the back of the rear seat with the drivers daughter. Arnold, wisely chose to sit “Shotgun” and is waving his right hand. Below left: Grand Marshalls for the Spirit of the Fourth Parade in Rancho Bernardo, CA, were Companions Captain Royce Williams, USN (Ret) (94-years-old, seated in the back seat) and LTC Harry Hodges, USA (Ret) (90-years-old, seated in the front seat). Column right: Companions riding in this year’s Fourth of July Parade honoring Korean War veterans.

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For the Good of the Order

Centennial National Convention

August 5 - 10, 2019

The Centennial Convention will be an “historic” and “once in a lifetime” opportunity. The convention will be held in Simi Valley, just hours away by motor transportation. Please review the MOWW Convention Website, www.moww2019.com. We currently have seven Chapter Companions attending the Convention and volunteering to assist with the Hospitality Suite and perform duties as Companion Ambassadors. Please consider being a part of this exciting and “in your backyard” convention.

Nick Herbka, LCDR, USN (Ret)

BGEN JP Holland Chapter Commander

“I am pleased to announce that the 2019 Centennial National Convention website is up and running! You can access the website at www.moww2019.com.

Included through the website are the Convention Registration Form, Agenda, Tours Description, Airport Transportation Details, Hotel Information, Sponsorship Forms, and additional links that informs and explains all aspects of the Convention. We are proud of the comprehensiveness of the information contained on the website as we have not only gone the extra step to make our Centennial Convention extra special, but to inform our Companions at a level that has not been accomplished for previous Conventions. The website is a “living document” so-to-speak as it will be continually update over the next six months leading up to our Convention August 5-10.”

“We envision a participation-level that is unprecedented for a National Convention: this is the Centennial of MOWW, so let’s celebrate and renew our commitment to the next 100 years of our Order.”

DAVID J. WORLEY, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)

COMMANDER, G/A BRADLEY – COLONEL HANSON CHAPTER (186)

MOWW HOST FOR THE 2019 CENTENNIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION



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Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association Elects New President

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A special meeting of the Board of Directors for the Rancho Bernard Veterans Memorial Association was called on Wednesday, February 6th, to go over plans for the Memorial's 25th Anniversary celebration on Independence Day 2019. At that meeting, then president Michael Vaughn announced he and his wife are moving out of the area in July. In order to facilitate a smooth transition for the next president, a special election was held to allow the president elect time to get fully acquainted with all duties. Board member, Paul H. Atterbury, Col. USMC (ret.) was unanimously elected as the new president, effective immediately. Mr. Vaughn will continue to function as his assistant until after the Independence Day celebration.

Three New Companions Join the Holland Chapter

The Companions and Friends of the Holland Chapter are happy to welcome three new Companions and their wives. They applied at the February 2nd Meeting and will be inducted at the March 2nd Meeting.

LTCOL Dave Christian Yorck, USMC (Ret). Dave was the past President of the California Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and currently the President of the Escondido Chapter. Dave is 75 years old and looking for a Challenge.

Captain Angelo (Sam) Parise, USMC, (Ret). Sam and wife Linda live in Poway, CA. Sam served in the USMC from 1958 - 1978.

Captain Kermit (Rex) Booher, USN (Ret). Rex and Annette live in Rancho Bernardo. Rex served in the USMC from 1962 - 1970, and the USN from 1970 - 1982 and 1993 - 2012.



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Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter,

The 2019 MOWW Centennial National Convention will be held in Simi Valley, CA, August 5 - 10, 2019. Early registration fee is \$295. Included with registration fees is the Formal Dinner and Tour at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum and the Special Friday Evening Centennial Celebration Program. The nightly hotel costs (4 Star) is \$104. Additional Special Events are planned.

The Centennial Convention will be an “historic” and “once in a lifetime” opportunity. The convention will be held in Simi Valley, just hours away by motor transportation. Please review the following pages of information about the schedule of events and tours. We currently have seven Chapter Companions attending the Convention and volunteering to assist with the Hospitality Suite and perform duties as Companion Ambassadors. Please consider being a part of this exciting and “in your backyard” convention.

Please let me know what you are willing to help with for the convention. Nick

| Calendar of Events | Birthdays | |
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| <p><u>General Meeting Mar 2nd, Prof. Bill Weeks - China/USA -Cold War</u></p> <p><u>Business Meeting - Mar 21st Thursday, 0930, IHOP RB</u></p> <p><u>General Meeting April 6th, Alex Robertson - WWI Infantry Fighting</u></p> <p><u>Business Meeting - April 18th, Thursday, 0930, IHOP RB</u></p> | <p><u>March</u></p> <p>8th Eileen Baum</p> | <p><u>April</u></p> <p>4th Royce Williams</p> <p>5th Patti Craig</p> <p>26th John Cantor</p> |
| Anniversaries | | |
| | <p><u>March</u></p> <p>12th Tom& Wendi Morgan</p> | <p><u>April</u></p> <p>None</p> |



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Pictures from the January General Meeting

January 5, 2019





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Pictures from the January General Meeting

February 2, 2019





For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker March 2, 2019

Professor Bill Weeks



William E. Weeks has been teaching American History at San Diego State University since 1984. He received his PhD in American History from UCSD, where he studied under Armin Rappaport. He specializes in antebellum US American Foreign Relations. His publications include *John Quincy Adams and American Global Empire* (1992) and *Dimensions of the Early American Empire, 1754-1865* (2013). His current professional focus involves developing writing seminars for Iraq and Afghan war veterans.

Education

Ph.D., American History, University of California, San Diego, December 1986

M.A., American History, University of California, San Diego, June 1982

BA, History, University of California, San Diego, June 1980

From the Shanghai Communique to a New Cold War: 50 Years (Nearly) of Sino-American Relations

Vice President Mike Pence's recent address to the Hudson Institute was widely seen as a de facto declaration of a new cold war with The People's Republic of China. Be it Chinese maritime expansionism in the South China Sea, the rampant theft of intellectual property from the US, enormous trade deficits driven in part by unfair trading practices, or the cultural infiltration of higher education via "Confucius Institutes," a consensus appears to be taking shape that China needs to be confronted as an enemy, not conciliated as an ally. Yet from the time of President Nixon's "opening" of Sino-American relations in the early 1970s until quite recently, elite opinion was overwhelmingly in favor of closer bi-national ties amid confident predictions that the Chinese would be responsible members of the emerging globalist community. Those predictions appear to have been incorrect.

This talk will provide a brief overview of the major turning points of Sino-American relations since 1972 and attempt to suggest how and why so many experts were so wrong on such a big question. The talk will conclude with some observations about where things may be going from here.



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Guest Speaker April 6, 2019

Alex W. Robertson



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

Alex will speak about his Grandfather and his Brother who fought in World War One, as Privates, in two separate infantry regiments every year (1914-1918) of World War One. Alex will tell their stories.

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.

Alex will speak at a future meeting 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 the parachute regiment. He will bring their actual medals earned for all of the above.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker May 4, 2019

Capt Tom Marshall



Captain Marshall will discuss World War I forces involved and the countries that made up the Central Powers and Allied Powers. He examines the causes of the war - the Franco-Prussian war of 1870, the arms race beginning in the late 1890's, the open ended Alliance System, National Emotion-alism and the Militant Nationalism of the time. He summarizes the outcome of the war and its consequences, both short term and long term, the rise of the US as a world power, the rise of communism and the present situation in the middle east. He ends with a final summary of lessons to be learned from the WWI.

Captain Thomas J. Marshall, Jr. MC USN retired from active duty in December, 2011. During his 24 years of active service, he commanded a combat medical unit during the assault phase of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, served as Chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Naval Medical Center San Diego (2006-2008) and served aboard ten ships including four aircraft carriers, five amphibious assault ships and a submarine. In addition to his Medical Degree, he also has a Masters Degree in Military History. Since his retirement from the Navy, he has authored several articles on battles of Midway, the Coral Sea, Saratoga, the Battle of Taranto and the Battle of the Virginia Capes, which were published in the magazine, OFFICER REVIEW, in 2016, 2017 and 2018. He has been awarded the Vice Admiral George Carroll Dyer Writing Award by the Military Order of the World Wars in 2016 (Honorable Mention) for his article on Midway and in 2018 (First Prize) for his article on the Coral Sea. He also writes a monthly article for the San Diego Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars newsletter entitled, "Historical Tidbits." He has made historical presentations to the Military Order of the World Wars (San Diego and Holland Chapters), the Military Officers Association of America, the San Diego Veterans Museum, The San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (three times), the Naval Academy Class of 1961 Alumni Association, the La Jolla Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the War of 1812 and the Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution Constitution Day Celebration. These presentations were on D-Day, The Battle of Midway, The History of Flag Day, The Evolution of Presidential Power, The Historical Significance of World War I, The History of the 442nd Infantry Regiment (Japanese-American) in World War II, the Origins of the War of 1812 and the Importance of the Bill of Rights to the Ratification of the Constitution.



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LTCOL John Hollywood, CINC to Presents Phoenician Award - June 1, 2019

The Commander in Chief of the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW), Lieutenant Colonel John Hollywood will attend the Brigadier General J. P. Holland Chapter Meeting, June 1, 2019. LTCOL Hollywood will present the 2018 Phoenician Award to Logan Wilson during the meeting. Logan is a student at Mar Vista High School and Cadet Commanding Officer of the school's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC).

The following Commanders will attend the June 1, 2019 Meeting: Past CINC – Capt Debbie Kash, Commander Region XIV – LTCOL Dave Worley, Commander Southern Department of California – Capt Dan Kash, Commander San Diego Chapter – Capt Ted Parsons, Commander BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter LCDR Nick Herbka, Commander Camp Pendleton Chapter – Capt Dan Kash, Past President of California Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and President of Escondido MOAA, LTCOL Dave Yorck.



Logan's family follows: Ava Wilson (sister), Troy Wilson (father), Marissa Wilson (mother), Cheryl Wilson (grandmother), Rick Wilson (grandfather), Commander Hatfield - Senior Naval Science Instructor (SNSI)/Mar Vista HS, and Chief Green - NSI, will attend the June 1st Meeting.

Logan Wilson is selected as the Top Student of the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference. He is pictured with his family and LCDR

After lunch, LTCOL Hollywood will talk about the MOWW Centennial Convention being held in Simi Valley, California. His comments will include programs designed to promote the expansion MOWW membership and greater visibility of our MOWW Chapters throughout the Nation.



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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



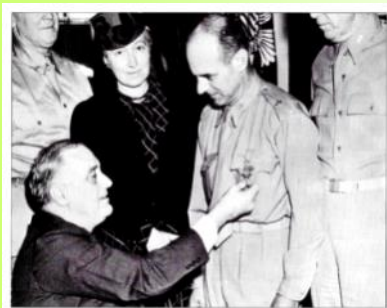
Jonna Doolittle Hoppes is the founder and executive director of The Doolittle Foundation, an organization dedicated to making US military history available to students. She is currently involved in developing lesson plans for teachers in public, private and home school settings and in setting up programs 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.

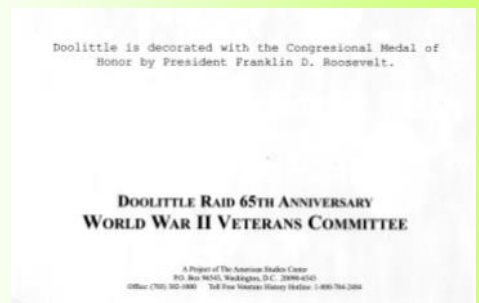
She is a former board member for the Air Force Historical Foundation, and a current advisor to the Flying Tiger Historical Foundation.



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





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Letter of Appreciation January 5, 2019



Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

John Shu

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most informative and intriguing story of the history of the Supreme Court nomination process and the cases with which you were involved. 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"

January 5, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation February 2, 2019



Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

Christina Olds

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most exciting and intriguing story of Colonel Robin Olds, Fighter pilot and Triple Flying Ace in WWII, and F-4 Phantom Wing Commander in the Vietnam War. We thank you for sharing this remarkable story of your Father, Robin Olds. 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"

February 2, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Chaplain's Corner



Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

Why do we say “Bless You”? (When someone sneezes)

I just recovered from a cold a few days ago. (first one in two and a half years). On several occasions, during my cold, I sneezed in public. Several different individuals responded (Bless You). This repeated activity aroused my curiosity as to how this somewhat “reactionary” activity evolved from our past. My brief research revealed several clues to the reason that prompted its origin. The one that stood out the most was based on ancient writings from 77AD. (the generation right after Christ) According to the writings I found there is no specific data to validate how this ingrained behavior has evolved in our culture. It was also noted in the write-ups that often times people say “Bless You” as they might say “Good Morning” after someone says “Good Morning” to them.

This process also led me to consider the word “Bless” and what that means to me. As I digressed into my past, I realized I have been blessed on several occasions in Vietnam as well as here in the U.S.. One event, while under fire by the enemy, an enemy fired round landed in the rice paddy next to me. The round did not detonate but splashed the rice paddy water and mud all over me. After realizing I wasn't dead, I felt blessed by our LORD. On another occasion while conducting a practice compass swim in the San Diego bay, I lost consciousness due to a equipment malfunction. My swim buddy brought me to the surface and I was subsequently revived on the UDT safety boat and transported to the local hospital. EEG test determined that I was clinically dead. In the 3rd verse of Genesis GOD said “Let there be light”. Because I was blessed, I saw light as I was being revived by our safety corpsman.



May GOD bless all of you during this flu season.

Carl Swepston, Chaplain

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