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Pat Craig, John Cantor and Nick Herbka, GEN. JP Holland Chapter



Daughters of the Revolution—Color Guard Unit



Chapter Honorees John Cantor, Royce Williams, w/ Diane and Pat

The 59th Annual Massing of the Colors Tribute Ceremony was held Saturday March 21, 2015, 10:00—11:30 at Balboa Park Club Building. The Event was hosted by the MOWW, San Diego Chapter, Commanded by, Major Jack Harkins.

The event was dedicated to World War II veterans and the 70th Anniversary Year End of WWII. Patriotic Music Concert was provided by the Marine Band of San Diego. Tributes were made to American Ex-Prisoners of Wars, Wounded Warriors, Pearl Harbor Survivors and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The procession of Flags included, Military Units, Veteran Associations, ROTC Units, Girl Scouts and a Government Unit.

Many veteran groups were dressed in Revolutionary Uniforms and Dress. A particular colorful group was dressed in colonial uniforms. The Daughters of the Revolution were especially attractive in their colonial dresses. The TSA (Airport Inspectors) also provided a Color Guard Unit.

The San Diego Chapter provided a free lunch for WWII veterans and their companion. The Gen. JP Holland Chapter was represented by CWO John Cantor and daughter Pat Craig and Captain Royce Williams.



John Cantor and Pearl Harbor Survivor.



SGTMAJ Chris Gunn



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## The Declaration of Independence

Action of the Second Continental Congress, July 4, 1776

In 1776, America's Founders gathered in Philadelphia to draft the Declaration of Independence, which dissolved the political ties, that had bound the American people to Great Britain. A new nation was thus born, free and independent, the *United States of America*. Eleven years later, in 1787, after American Patriots had won our independence on the battle field, many of the men who had met earlier in Philadelphia, plus others, met there again to draft a plan for governing the new nation, the *Constitution of the United States*. In 1789, after the plan had been ratified, the new government was established. The Declaration and Constitution are America's founding documents.

As amended over the years, the *Constitution is the supreme law of the land*, the nation's fundamental law. But the broad language of the Constitution is illuminated by the principles set forth in the Declaration. To better understand and appreciate the form of government we have, therefore, it is important to look first to the Declaration, where the Founders outlined their moral vision and the government it implied.

## United States Constitution

### Article 1, Section 2

**The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of several states, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for offenses against the United States, except in the Cases of Impeachment.**

**He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be provided by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.**

**The President shall have the Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their Session.**





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# Old Bold Pilots

Oceanside, California

The Old Bold Pilots group meet for breakfast at the Oceanside Denny's off El Camino Real every Wednesday at 0700. The group was founded by four P-47 Fighter Pilots in 1984. This month's "Old Bold Pilot" is Wills "Bill" Hardy.

Bill earned the title, You become an "Ace in a Day" by waking up with none and scoring at least five verified kills by midnight. During World War II, only 68 pilots qualified. Hardy was an F6F Hellcat section leader based on the aircraft carrier Hornet with no shoot downs to his credit the day the Japanese launched Kikusui, a massive kamikaze effort to destroy US ships off Okinawa. "They sent down everything they could get in the air and every pilot that knew how to fly. They didn't need to know how to land." Late that afternoon, Hardy and his wingman caught two zeros heading north, back to Japan. "They had led a bunch of kamikazes down and turned them loose on us. They weren't paying much attention now." Hardy and his wingman slipped in unobserved behind them. "We gave each one a little squirt and watched them go in." Almost immediately afterward, they encountered four Aichi D3A "Val" suicide bombers seeking kamikaze opportunities. Each of the Hellcats scored two. Daylight was fading fast when they received a report of a pair of Suisei "Judy" suicide-bombers menacing a radar picket ship. "The Judys had been modified to carry a 2000 pound naval torpedo warhead underneath. He got a extreme close up, after flaming the first Judy head-on. "I got him burning, but the gunner in the rear seat had a 20mm canon and kept shooting at me." For cover, Hardy tucked the Hellcat under the flaming Judy "as close as I could get underneath without cutting my prop into him." Now below the arc of the cannon protruding from the rear gunners position, "I sat there looking up at this very large shape bolted under the airplane. It seemed like an hour, but it was probably only a few minutes. As the Judy became engulfed in fire, pretty soon the cannon wasn't poking out anymore. It was pointed straight up." He pulled out from underneath and held position on the dive bomber's wing as the pilot tried to bail out and the incinerated airplane dove into the Pacific. Now in darkness and with one gun operative, Hardy engaged the remaining Judy, then circling the destroyer. He attacked, his last remaining round hitting the suicide-bomber's fuel tank. His one-day tally was now five. For an encore, he flew back to the darkened Hornet-maintaining complete radio silence-and made his first and only night-time carrier landing. "Bravo Zulu"



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## Quilt of Valor



### **Awarded to Captain E. Royce Williams, US Navy (Ret)**

We are here today (March 7, 2015) to award a Quilt of Valor to Captain Williams, in recognition of his service to our country in the United States Navy in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

Royce Williams is a fighter pilot - pure and simple, although he distinguished himself in service in many other roles including Squadron and Ship commands and a tour as a Top Gun Instructor. He has over 4,500 flight hours and 518 carrier landings, He flew 70 missions in Korea and 110 missions in Vietnam.

At age 16, Royce started his military career by joining the Minnesota National Guard shortly after Pearl Harbor and trained for deployment to the Pacific theater. He earned his Navy pilot wings in 1945, not soon enough to see action in the war.

During the Korean War, LT Williams flew the F9F-5 Panther Jet in ground support including reconnaissance missions, attacks against bridges, railroads, supply centers and the like, but it was a famous engagement with Russian MIGs that drew the most attention making Royce a legend in the annals of air combat operations. He was assigned to Fighter Squadron 781 aboard USS ORISKANY operating off the extreme



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northern coast of North Korea. This position placed the ORISKANY Task Force in easy range of Soviet Union forces supporting North Korean invaders. This potential threat required Combat Air Patrol overhead as protection for the carrier task force. It was while serving in this role that all hell broke loose. He was one of four Panthers engaged by seven Russian piloted MIG15s. Due to circumstances beyond his control, he found himself alone as the last line of defense against the threat. After a fast and furious exchange of fire, four of the MIGs were downed and Royce's Panther was severely damaged but still flyable - barely. By feats of exceptional skill, he was able to return to ORISKANY and land safely on the flight deck, his Panther riddled with 263 23mm and 37mm bullet holes.

Royce Williams' many decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit with Combat "V", 2 Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Bronze Star, 2 Meritorious Service Medals, and 11 Air Medals.

The volunteers at Quilts of Valor desire to go beyond words to thank Captain Royce Williams with this tangible, physical evidence of their appreciation. These quilts they lovingly craft through hours and hours of devotion, they hope will say "Thank you for your Service" from all Americans who enjoy freedom because of his sacrifice. **"Royce, please accept the comfort of this beautiful Quilt of Valor. We sincerely hope this quilt will serve as a reminder of your country's gratitude for your sacrifices, service, and valor."**



**Colleen and Sam Craven (Quilt of Valor members) with Chapter Commander Nick Herbka**

**Upper left:**

**Capt Royce Williams and CDR Tom Lettington**



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## Commanders Corner



*Dear Companions and Friends, May 2nd General Meeting, Chapter Officers will be elected. We have nominees for all positions, but the Office of the Adjutant. Please step up if you have the Desire, Enthusiasm and a small amount of free time to dedicate to this position.*

*Donations for the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference are still needed to reach our goal of 5 quotas. Your help is greatly appreciated.*

*I want to Thank Arnold Regardie for presenting MOWW ROTC Medals and Certificates on May 2nd to three great Midshipmen at the University of San Diego NROTC.*

## This Day in History

### May

- 8th VE Day Declared (1945)
- 15th Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 16th Armed Forces Day
- 25th Memorial Day Observed

### June

- 6th D-Day: Allied Invasion of Europe (1944)
- 22nd GI Bill signed into Law (1944)
- 22nd Pledge of Allegiance recognized by Congress (1942)
- 25th Korean War began (1950)
- 29th First U.S. Ground Forces arrive in Korea (1950)

## Calendar of Events

General Meeting-May 2nd  
GSP—Bill Weaver, SR-71

Pilot

Business Meeting—May  
22th, 0900, Starbucks

Memorial Day—May 26th

General Meeting - June 6th  
GSP—Navy Marine Mammal Program.

## Birthdays

### May

- 26th Don Hershberger
- 29th Travis Putnam
- 31st Richard Fontaine

### June

None

*Teamwork—Let's create the Gen JP Holland Chapter Team and complete in the 12 hour relay. We might be more traveled than most of the other Teams, but we have the experience and willpower to be successful. John, you mat not be 93 anymore, but you do have the wisdom and knowledge to make this team successful.*



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## Hats Off to Volunteers 2015

**Chapter Vice Commander Earl Wentworth** was nominated as this years awardee for the 2015 “Hats Off to Volunteers” for the General John P. Holland Chapter. “Earl is our Vice Commander and “Go to Guy.” His 50/50 Fund Raiser has provided support for the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference.” The Hats Off to Volunteers is a organization created to acknowledge and award the hard work and contributions individuals make in their organizations located in Rancho Bernardo California. Thanks Earl for all that you do, from the Companions and Friends of the Chapter.

### *Nominations of Chapter Officers*

*Elections to be held at during the May 2nd General Meeting*

*Commander—Nick Herbka*

*Vice Commander—Earl Wentworth*

*Treasurer—Diane Herbka*

*Adjutant—.....Open*

*Chaplain—Dave Korinek*

*National Security Committee Chairman—Arnold Regardie*

*Veteran’s History Project Chairman—Don Hershberger*

**Team Red White & Blue 12-Hour Team Relay**

**Saturday, May 30, 2015**

**8:00am—8:00pm**

**Rancho Bernardo High School**

**[www.teamrwbhschallenge.com](http://www.teamrwbhschallenge.com)**

**Kathleen Kennedy—858-945-1263**



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## General Meeting Photos

Companions Friends Guests—April 11, 2015



Companions Friends Guests—January 3, 2015





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## Guest Speakers for May and June Meetings

### Guest Speaker for May 2, 2015 is Bill Weaver



**Bill Weaver was a civilian Test Pilot for Lockheed, flying the SR-71 “Black Bird” out of Edwards Air Force Base in California.**

**On that fateful day, Bill and his recon and navigation specialist Jim Zwayer, were testing navigation and reconnaissance systems in the iconic 1960’s spy plane. At mach 3.2 over the New Mexico-Texas border, the right engine experienced an “inlet unstart,” instantaneously creating a catastrophic trust imbalance. The**



**airplane pitched up violently and Bill prepared for the worst.**

**Consciousness returned in mid-air. And Bill will tell you the rest of the story later.**

### Guest Speaker for June 6, 2015 is Navy Marine Mammal Program Veterinarian Cynthia Smith

**The US Navy Marine Mammal Program (NMMP) began in 1959 with a single Navy scientist and one dolphin. Since that time, the program has expanded its study with the development of the Fleet Marine Mammal Systems utilizing dolphins, beluga whales, and sea lions. In addition, the NMMP is doing a variety of research projects investigating the hearing abilities in a number of species of marine mammals. Research studying dolphins biosonar, and their physiological environmental adaptations are also being conducted. Maintaining the health of the Navy’s marine mammals is central to the Navy Marine Mammal Program’s mission and focus. A full time staff of veterinarians, veterinary technicians , and biologists ensures that to necessary care and management processes are in place to provide for all the health needs of the animals. A veterinarian and a veterinary technician are on call around the clock, 7 days a week.**



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## Awards for March and April



### *SGTMAJ Chris Gunn— Silver Patrick Henry*

*The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your Superior Achievements and Dedication as the Veteran's Advocate to the Veteran's Administration. We thank you for your sincere support of our Nations Veterans. 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.*



### *Colonel Bruce Bailey— Silver Patrick Henry*

*The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your superior Performance and Dedication as Staff Advocate in the USAF for 30 years. And your continued defense of our Veterans and their Families as the President of the Mount Soledad Memorial Association. Your hard work and tenacity has secured the Mount Soledad Memorial for our veterans. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless you. (Colonel Clark Kholos, Commander, Department of Southern California presenting)*



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### *CPO Walter Spain—Silver Patrick Henry*

*The MOWW General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present you the Silver Patrick Henry Medallion for your unwavering Bravery, and Superior Performance as a Naval Intelligence Photographer on Omaha Beach, during the Invasion of Nor-*

*mandy June 6, 1944. The Companions and Friends of the General J. P. Holland Chapter wish you the very best in Life and May God Bless you.*

*(Colonel Clark Kholos, Commander, Department of Southern California presenting)*



### *CPO Walter Spain—Sands of Omaha Beach*

*Colonel Bruce Bailey presents a vial of sand from Omaha Beach, France to Walter Spain. Walter landed on Omaha Beach on June 6, 1945, in the third Wave, as a photographer for the Naval Intelli-*

*gence Service. Colonel Bailey acquired the sand on a trip to Omaha Beach in June of 2014, as he accompanied a WWII Veteran to Normandy France. Bruce Bailey is the President/CBO of the Mount Soledad Memorial Association and Trustee for 15 years.*



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## Following Our Moral Compass

Chaplain (MAJ) Dave Korinek



As many veterans can attest it's challenging at times to follow one's moral compass, especially in war. Failure to do so can lead to what CDR David Thompson, Chaplain, USNR (Ret) refers to as a "moral injury." He writes about this in the Fall 2014 issue of *The Military Chaplain* magazine in a personal story based on Navy operations near Vietnam from 1975 to the late 1980s. It was an environment of moral ambiguity for Navy ship commanders who had to deal with the growing problem of Vietnamese refugees fleeing from the Communist regime. Here is an excerpt:

The ship I was on was alerted to a sinking boat in the South China Sea and we were initially directed to assist. When we were in sight of the sinking fishing-boat full of Vietnamese refugees (who numbered 52 souls) that had been at sea for over two weeks with a dead engine, our orders were changed.

I remember the destroyer skipper turning to me on the bridge-wing and saying, "*What do you think about this, Chaplain?*" as he handed me a naval message that instructed him not to intervene. I looked out at the sinking boat... and said, "*Captain, you have a choice today to either be a very good naval officer and a very lousy human being...or be a very poor naval officer and a great human being. The only thing I can say is, 'you are going to have to look in the mirror to shave for the rest of your like, and every day you will know what kind of person you became on this date.'*"

I remember the Captain pausing for a moment and then grinning and turning to the radioman. He drafted a radio message back to his command acknowledging the he "read and understood the new directive." He then ordered the radio turned off and moved our ship closer to the small boat to effect the rescue of the refugees. Only after the rescue was over did he order the radio turned back on and notified higher command that "*We have 52 refugees on board. Please advise what we were to do with them?*" We were tersely ordered to head to Subic Bay in the Republic of the



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Philippines to turn the refugees over to the UN Refugee Agency.

As our ship full of refugees was being pushed up to a pier by tugs in Subic Bay, we could see the pier was filled with military brass and government dignitaries. I was on the bridge wing when the Captain came up to me and said, *“Well, Chaplain, I’m either going to get a medal for all of this or I’m going to be sitting at the end of a long green table and all the ash trays are going to be at the other end.”* He went on to say, *“Whatever comes of this though...I can look in the mirror every day and shave in peace for the rest of my life!”*

We should never yield our moral compass to political objectives or contemporary culture, whether in wartime or in peace. However, in moments of weakness, many otherwise good men and women have done just that. A moral injury – or a scar on the soul – can result and last a lifetime. It can weigh down the heart and create troubling self-doubt. Even though such past moral decisions may not be reversible, God is able and willing to forgive and bring healing to the soul. This healing process begins by confessing to God that we are guilty of a moral failure and asking Him to bring forgiveness, healing, reconciliation and inner peace. We see an example of such confession and restoration in the life of King David of Israel. As commander-in-chief he was guilty of great moral failure in withdrawing his fighting forces on the battlefield from around one of his senior Army officers, Uriah, so that he would be overcome and killed by enemy forces (2 Sam. 11:14-15). As a result King David experienced guilt and anguish in his soul that hurt worse than broken bones (Ps. 51:8), but after his confession he was able to say “Deliver me from guilt, O God...then my tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness.” (Ps. 51:14). God was faithful to do so and restored King David’s joy and peace of mind.

If you suffer from past moral injury, you too can find peace and restoration for your soul by turning it over to God. He will forgive and heal. May you find renewed peace and joy through His loving mercy.





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# Trained Dolphins in the Bay: A Look Inside the Navy's Marine Mammal Program

Posted by Becca Garber on April 16, 2015 at 1:30pm

Have you seen them? Down by the Ferry Landing, a dolphin suddenly appears—and its wearing a harness. Or a sea lion splashes by the piers at Seaport Village, accompanied by a small boat with trainers and researchers. What are they doing, and why? S Navy bases. My guide was Katie, a young woman wearing a green hat seeking answers to these questions, I attended a tour of the U. S. Navy Marine Mammal Program facility, which is located on one of San Diego's Navy bases. My guide was Katie, a young woman wearing a green hat that indicated her status as an advanced intern.

The Navy program trains and utilizes dolphins and sea lions just like they do military working dogs: to guard military areas, locate mines, and perform search and recovery missions for equipment and people.

Why would the Navy use dolphins instead of humans for these tasks? Dolphins are able to make repeated



deep dives without experiencing decompression sickness. Dolphins and sea lions are also highly reliable, and trainable, and they can learn to search for, detect, and mark objects in the water. Also, because dolphins can rest half of their brain while maintaining consciousness with the other, they are able to work for long stretches of time, and their attention span and focus are invaluable to the U, S, Navy.

Back at the program headquarters, the dolphin pens are quiet—until a dolphin suddenly leaps in the air, sparkling droplets of water following his silver body. The program's meeting rooms and offices are housed in a Mediterranean-style building, and behind its gangplank from the back deck leads down to a series of dolphin pens in the San Diego Bay. Wooden boardwalks frame and connect the pens, and each pen has underwater gates that can be opened so that the dolphins can mingle with each other.



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The pens are divided into sections: research dolphins, breeding dolphins, young dolphins in training, and the Navy's working dolphins. There is a separate sea lion area further down the pier, but the focus of this tour was the dolphin areas.

A few of the older dolphins were caught in the wild many decades ago, but most of the animals were born into the program here in San Diego. After a 12-month gestation, the babies are born a few weeks of each other so that they can grow up and be trained together. Currently, the program has three six-month-old calves.



The dolphins begin their training around their second birthday. Because the dolphins have a sensory system called echolocation, which is the ability to locate objects (such as underwater mines) via biological sonar, they are well-suited to the tasks they do for the Navy.

Both dolphins and sea lions are also trained for object marking and recovery. The two species sometimes work together. For example: a dolphin may locate a swimmer and come back to the boat, and then the sea lion will go out and tag the swimmer. He approaches an enemy swimmer with an open clamp in his mouth, and when he bumps into the swimmer, the clamp, which is attached to a line, closes around his leg, marking him on the ocean's surface for the Navy operators.

At home in San Diego, the marine mammals are typically trained through multiple sessions per day. Staff members also patrol the area at night and interact further with the animals. The marine mammals progress through their training over many years. When dol-

phins and sea lions are ready to graduate, they take a test to become Navy certified.

After graduation, some of the animals remain in San Diego, while others move on to Bangor, WA, and King's Bay, GA. These crews provide coverage at those bases 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The Navy's dolphins and sea lions can be deployed overseas. They always travel with their veterinarians and trainers, and they are always transported in pools that can be heated or cooled according to the animals' needs. They have been a valuable part of the U. S. military since the Vietnam War.

The dolphins and sea lions workout in the open ocean each day. If they happen to leave their trainers during an open water swim, a pinger's sound located on the boat can call them back. "The pinger is highly reinforced with a ton of fish," Katie explained, "so it's kind of like raising your voice to say, 'Hey, come home!'"