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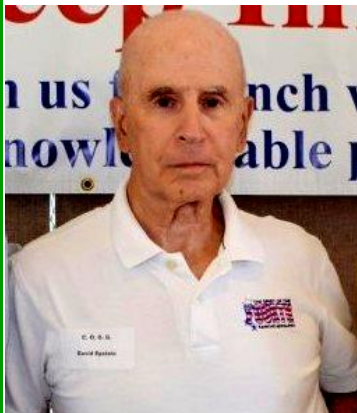
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LTCOL David Gerauld Epstein

Holland Commander Passes April 13, 2019



Colonel Davis D. Epstein, USA (Ret)

October 6, 1937 to April 13, 2019 was born in St. Louis, Missouri and graduated from high school in Chicago, Illinois.

He was commissioned as a Regular Army Military Police Lieutenant upon graduation from Michigan State University in 1959. He served on active duty for over nine years, including service in Germany and Vietnam. Upon leaving active duty, he entered the Army Reserves, serving an additional 21 years, retiring as a full Colonel. He continued his education at Michigan State, receiving two master's degrees and a PHD. He also graduated from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

His civilian career was centered on law enforcement and included Chief of Police in Savannah, Georgia, Assistant Director of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center at Brunswick, Georgia, and 13 years as the Director as the Chief of the Training Division, Anti-Terrorism Assistance Program, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State in Washington, DC. In this capacity, he served in Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Yemen, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Tunisia, Qatar, Bahrain, Greece, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Peru, among other places.

Dave was a member of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

He was preceded in death by his parent, Rose and Joseph Epstein, who were immigrants from Europe.

Dave is survived by his daughter Cynthia (Evan) Friel, grandchildren, Kayleigh and Rhett Friel; his longtime companion Christiane Toft and sister, Faye Marcus, of Rockford, Illinois.



For the Good of the Order

Commander in Chief - LTCOL John Hollywood Visits BGEN J P Holland Chapter

Military Order of World of Wars - CINC

LTCOL John Hollywood

Will Visit BGEN J P Holland Chapter

June 1, 2019

at

The Country Club in Rancho Bernardo

12280 Greens East Road

San Diego, CA 92128

Saturday - 11am to 2pm

Italian Buffet

Awards Presented by LTCOL Hollywood

Phoenician Award - Logan Wilson

Junior Medal of Merit (2)

Also

Installation of Holland Chapter 2020 Officers

Induction of Perpetual Member (1)

Guest Speaker - Commander in Chief Hollywood

“Is Nobler to Serve Than to be Served”



For the Good of the Order

Captain Len Kaine

Presented the Quilt of Valor - April 6, 2019

Captain Len Kaine United States Navy Retired

It is a privilege to award a Quilt of Valor to Len Kaine, acknowledging his 24 years of service to our Country as a consummate Naval Aviator - a fighter pilot's fighter pilot.

Len Kaine enlisted in the US Navy in June 1954 at the age of 17. Soon after boot camp he qualified for flight training and at the age of 19, became a commissioned officer and qualified Naval Aviator.

After following a distinguished aviator's career path, he was a natural for selection to join the fighting forces in the war over the skies of Vietnam. Assigned to VF 92, Len flew 103 combat missions in the F4 fighter. He earned a chest full of medals for his efforts: Two Combat Distinguished Flying Crosses; Seven Combat Air Medals; Two Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V"; the Navy Unit Commendation Medal; Vietnamese Defense Medal with two bronze stars, and National Defense Medal with bronze star. Len went on to earn a wide array of awards as Commanding Officer of VF-302, proving his leadership ability and dedication to the service.

After retiring from the Navy, Len continued his involvement in aviation in the civilian world. In total, Len flew 27 different aircraft models - Navy and Civilian.

Following his dreams to make an impact in his country and his community, he became involved in a wide variety of religious and civic non-profit organizations helping veterans and their families and many other children be more successful in their lives.

The volunteers at Quilts of Valor desire to go beyond words to thank you with this tangible, physical evidence of our appreciation. This quilt was lovingly crafted through hours of devotion 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."





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 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



For the Good of the Order

2019 Hats Off To Volunteers

April 13, 2019

Hats Off to Volunteers started in 2010 at the suggestion of City Councilman Carl DeMaio, who was impressed by the extraordinary volunteer spirit exhibited during, the than, recent wildfires. The purpose of the event is to recognize the volunteers and volunteer organizations that make our community great.

Each year, 70 community organizations are contacted and invited to name a volunteer to be honored. Hats Off to Volunteers brings together the honorees, their organization, and the entire community to celebrate their contributions.

*This year the Holland Chapter nominated Chapter Commander Nick Herbka to be awarded the special hat and certificates. Nick was also asked to present the Hats Off Award to awardees in **Organization Serving Seniors and Veterans**.*



Holland Chapter Companions Staff the Chapter table Display - Nick Herbka (Commander), Diane Herbka (Treasurer), Andre LeCault (Vice Commander)

Two of the Most Entertaining and Delightful Volunteers at the Hats Off Ceremony.



For the Good of the Order

Jane Radatz presented Plaque of Merit By Holland Chapter Commander



Jane Radatz received the MOWW Plaque of Merit for her outstanding nine years service on the "Hats Off To Volunteers" Committee. The presentation was made by Chapter Commander Nick Herbka. Jane's service to the committee ensured each years presentations were representative of the many Rancho Bernardo Volunteer Organizations and wonderful Volunteers.



The Military Order Of The World Wars

Merit Award

For Outstanding Service

PRESENTED TO

Jane Radatz

*For nine years as the Communications
and Event Planning Specialist*

We will miss you Jane



For the Good of the Order

Commander's Corner



*Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter,
Elected Chapter Officers for 2020*

Commander - Nick Herbka

Vice Commander - Andre LeCault

Treasurer - Diane Herbka

Adjutant - Don Hershberger

*****The 2020 Chapter Officers will be installed at the June 1, 2019 General Meeting by CINC LTCOL John Hollywood, USA (Ret).***

I wish to thank the Companions who gave generously to the SDYLC Student Fundraiser - 2019. Over \$2100 was given to this tax exempt organization, and was used to help send 15 students to SDYLC. Our goal is to send as many as possible with the funds we raise each year. I also, thank Companion Earl Wentworth, who runs the Meeting raffle that raises over \$500 each year for the SDLYC.

Calendar of Events

General Meeting Mar 4th,
CAPT Tom Marshall -
WWI - Beginning to End.

Business Meeting -
May 23rd Thursday, 0930,
IHOP RB

General Meeting June 1st,
CINC LTCOL John Holly-
wood - Phoenician Award

Business Meeting - June
13th, Thursday, 0930,
IHOP RB

Birthdays



May

26th Don Hershberger

June

5th Diane Herbka

Anniversaries

May

5th Francine & Dave Yorck

June

4th Kay & Tom Lettington



For the Good of the Order

The Origins of the Challenge Coin



History of the Challenge Coin

During World War 1, American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. One young pilot placed the medallion in a small leather pouch that he wore about his neck,

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilots' aircraft was severely damaged by ground fire. He was forced to land behind enemy lines and was immediately captured by a German patrol. In order to discourage his escape, the Germans took all of his personal identification except for the small leather pouch around his neck. In the meantime, he was taken to a small French town near the front. Taking advantage of a bombardment that night, he escaped. However, he was without personal identification.

He succeeded in avoiding German patrols by donning civilian attire and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, saboteurs had plagued the French in the sector. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him to be a saboteur and made ready to execute him. He had no identification to prove his allegiance, but he did have his leather pouch containing the medallion. He showed the medallion to his would-be executioners and one of his French captors recognized the squadron insignia on the medallion. They delayed his execution long enough for him to confirm his identity. Instead of shooting him they gave him a bottle of wine.

Back at his squadron, it became tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through challenge in the following manner - a challenger would ask to see the medallion. If the challenged could not produce a medallion, they were required to buy a drink of choice for the member who challenged them. If the challenged member produced a medallion, then the challenging member was required to pay for the drink. This tradition continued on throughout the war and for many years after the war while surviving members of the squadron were still alive.

By LT Carl Swepston, USN (Ret)



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Pictures from the March General Meeting

March 2, 2019



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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 Emotionalism 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.



For the Good of the Order

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

The Commander in Chief of the Military Order of World (MOWW), Lieutenant Colonel John Hollywood will attend the Brigadier General J. P. Holland Chapter Meeting, Saturday, 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 Command Master Chief of the school's Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC). Logan was selected as the Top Student of the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference, (SDYLC), by Instructors and Peers. This year at the SDYLC, Logan will serve as one of two Student Instructors, who are tasked to guide the majority of Conference activities and provide guidance and support to over 53 Conference Attendees.



LTCOL Hollywood will also install the BGEN JP Holland Chapter Staff Officers for the 2020 year of operations. Additionally, he will induct a new Perpetual Member (PM), Colonel Paul Attebury, USMC (Ret), and present the Junior Award of Merit Medal/Certificate to Logan Wilson and Paris Nguyen (USNA Plebe - August, 2019 - Class of 2013).

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.



For the Good of the Order

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 Coast 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.





For the Good of the Order

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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For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation March 2, 2019



Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

Professor Bill Weeks

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most enjoyable and informative analysis of the major turning points of Sino-American relations since 1972 and your observations about the future of Sino-American relations. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. You are always welcomed to be a Guest of the BG&N JP Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars.

"Fair Winds and Following"

March 2, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation April 6, 2019



Letter of Appreciation

Presented to

Alex W. Robertson

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your most enjoyable and informative story of two Privates, in two separate Infantry Regiments, who fought in World War One, every year, from 1914 thru 1918. Your Grandfather and his brother are evidence of your strong Scottish heritage. 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"

April 6, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Captain Royce Williams

F9F Panther on the USS Midway



Captain Royce Williams stands in front of a F9F-5 Panther, onboard the USS Midway Museum in San Diego, CA.. This Panther is very similar to the one he flew off of the USS Oriskany (CV-34), November 18, 1952. Written above his head below the canopy is “Captain Royce Williams, Korean War,” and 4 MiG 15s, representing the four kills, he had against the 7 Migs that attacked him. The truth of this

amazing feat was classified for 50 years, perhaps, because the 7 MiGs were piloted by Russian aviators (not North Korean), who were tracked inbound to the Oriskany, from an airbase in Vladivostok, Russia. This is the first time, Soviet pilots were ordered to attack an American aircraft carrier. Since this event was classified “Top Secret”, the story of Royce Williams was hidden, not only from the public, but from the military as well. After this engagement, Royce received credit for one kill, and the others were given to pilots that were not even engaged in the “Dog Fight.”



Royce Williams depicted in his epic “Dog Fight” with 7 MiG 15s, during the Korean War on November 18, 1952. The engagement lasted 35 minutes, and were the most memorable of his 38 years on active duty in the United States Navy.

The painting was done by Richard W. DeRoset.



For the Good of the Order



Chaplain's Corner



Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

INTUITION OUR INNER CONNECTION TO GOD

As I look at my past choices, decisions and outcome, I realize that what I referred to as my "Gut Feelings" were actually communication with GOD and spiritual beings. On several occasions during combat in Vietnam, my intuitive decisions saved my life and others. A more recent event that occurred as a mountain biker in Julian. As I was riding alone in a desolate mountain area, I sensed a gut feeling to stop. I did so and observed a large mountain lion about 25 yards away. Had I not stopped, I would have been attacked from behind by the animal. I realize now that, on several occasions, I didn't take heed of my inner voice and made choices that were not in my best interest. Learning to trust and heed ones intuitive senses is quite challenging. This trust in a higher power, especially in dynamic and challenging times, is quite difficult. We often allow our logical, rational self to influence our decisions.



Carl bike riding in the mountains of Julian.

As I researched data regarding intuition, I found one proponent named Mary Ann DiMarco quite interesting. Her basic concept is that we need to "believe, ask and act" regarding our intuitive senses to be effective. She states that believing is about recognizing and demonstrating belief in a higher power whether it is GOD, Divine Sources or another name. Ask, teaches us to pose the right questions to a personal team of angels, spirit guides or departed loved ones. Act is a powerful tool to proceed doing those actions that are in alignment with our life goals.

The concept of having faith in GOD, being willing to ask for what we truly want and acting out our greatest desires will support us well. May GOD bless and guide us as we proceed through life.

Carl Swepston

MOWW Chaplain