



The Patriot

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Chapter Expands ROTC and JROTC Awards

"To promote and further Patriotic Education in Our Nation." That phrase is straight from the MOWW Preamble. Our Chapter should make the promotion of Patriotic Education a major goal for this calendar year. Our Director of Guest Speakers, Carl Sweptston, invited CDR Doug Hatfield, Commander of the Mar Vista H. S. NJROTC Program to our last Business Meeting. Doug explained that his Unit has been without MOWW support for the last three years. Our Chapter

Officers all agreed to



National Commander Debbie Cash presents awards at SDYLC 2014

bring Mar Vista NJROTC under our Chapter umbrella. Mar Vista will also receive a student quota for the Youth Leadership Conference in June 2015. That will make four NJROTC Units this

Chapter will support The University of San Diego NROTC is a consortium of five local universities; SDSU, UCSD, USD, CSUSM, and PLNU. Gen. JP Holland Chapter will present the MOWW Senior ROTC Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award of Merit medals at their 2015 Awards Ceremony.



SDYLC President and CEO Travis Putnam

Gen J. P Holland Chapter recognizes Scouting's Top Awardees

The Holland Chapter will present Certificates of Recognition to local Boy and Girl Scout Troops for their accomplishments in obtaining their Programs highest Award.

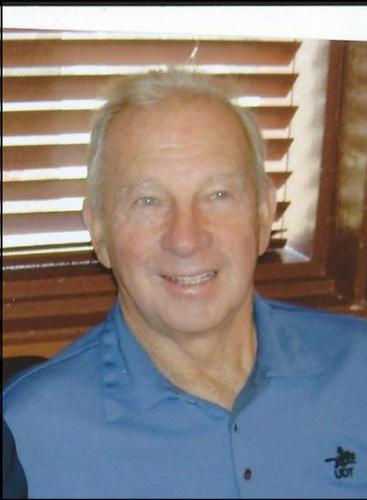
Boy Scouts must use their skills and knowledge to complete a special project. After completion of the Project and another Board of Review, the individual is designated an

"Eagle Scout."

Girl Scouts must complete a similar special project and Review Board to obtain the prestigious Award of the Gold Star.



For the Good of the Order



Contributor—Carl Swepston

The History of the Challenge Coin

During World War I, 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 carrying the squadron emblem for every member of his squadron. He himself carried his medallion in a small leather pouch around his neck.

Shortly after acquiring the medallions, the pilot's 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 and reached the front lines. With great difficulty, he crossed no-man's land. Eventually, he stumbled onto a French outpost. Unfortunately, the French in this sector had been plagued by saboteurs. They sometimes masqueraded as civilians and wore civilian clothes. Not recognizing the young pilot's American accent, the French thought him a saboteur and made ready to execute him. Just in time, he remembered his leather pouch containing his medallion. He showed his medallion to his would-be executioners. His French captors recognized the enough for him to confirm his identity. **Instead of shooting him, they gave him a bottle of wine.**

Back at his squadron, it became a tradition to ensure that all members carried their medallion or coin at all times. This was accomplished through a challenge in the following manner: a challenger would ask to see the coin. **If the challenged could not produce his coin, he was required to pay for the drink.** This tradition continued throughout the war and for many years after while surviving members of the squadron were still alive. The fighting men and women of the 48th Intelligence Squadron proudly continue this tradition.



Examples of Challenge Coins



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Chapter to increase San Diego Youth Leadership Conference Quotas

The MOWW Preamble clearly states that Patriotic Education of our youth is a most precious duty and valued service to our Nation. We all have the ability to achieve this important goal in some capacity. We can be instructors and mentors in JROTC Programs and/or YLC, fund raisers for these programs, or simply make a donation to these educational programs.

The cost of the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC) is currently \$400.00 per student. The General J. P. Holland Chapter provides \$250 dollars for each student we support. Last year we supported six students. The student, school, or JROTC program is responsible for the remainder of the cost of the conference. In some case, our chapter or the YLC Board membership has supplemented the \$150.00 of the total cost.

The General J. P. Holland Chapter has the capacity and motivation to support these worthwhile endeavors. We have recently confirmed our support for Mar Vista NJROTC, located south of San Diego. CDR Hatfield, the Unit Commander, has graciously accepted our support. We will provide at least one quota to the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference (SDYLC) for the Mar Vista H. S. NJROTC Program.

Last year we offered several SDYLC quotas to other high school academies. Unfortunately, both schools did not find a student to accept the quotas. They were instead given to Ramona and Westview NJROTC cadets. Each program gladly paid the \$150 per student and sent two students to SDYLC in 2014.

Our Chapter goal for 2015 is to increase our YLC support from six students, to nine students. The money contributed to SDYLC was provided by donations from our Chapter membership and Guests. Holland Chapter donated \$1850 dollars in 2014. Our goal this year is to receive donations over \$2000 dollars. Companions, Friends of the Chapter and Guests may make donations to support students attending the SDYLC at any time. Please contact Nick Herbka (858-254-4905) or Dave Olivet (858-735-6121) if you have any questions.



Chapter Commander LCDR Herbka poses with SDYLC graduates from the 2014 class, sponsored by the General J.P. Holland Chapter



For the Good of the Order

Old Bold Pilot's Association

Meet a member of the OBPA. Oberleutnant Kurt Schulze is one of two WWII German pilots who frequent the Wednesday morning meetings at the Denny's in Oceanside. On October 1, 1939, after serving 6 months in the labor service, eighteen years old, Kurt Schulze entered the German service as a cadet with the Air Signal Corps. In 1940, during the "Blitzkrieg" he served in Holland, Belgium and France. In 1941, 2nd Lt. Schulze was licensed as a wireless operator and an air traffic controller. Kurt flew 6 long distance reconnaissance missions as a wireless operator with 3(F)11 in ME-110C's over southern Russia. From 1942-1944 he was stationed in Holland, France and Germany. During this time, Kurt served as the Communication and Navigation Officer of the I.KG2. He flew 23 night missions, as a navigator, in DO-217E's K's and M's against England, bombing such targets as London and Weston Super Mare. On January 21, 1944 during a mission to London, he was forced to parachute over France.

In 1943, while with KG2, Kurt was promoted to 1stLt. In September of 1943, Kurt became a pilot and in March of 1944 started fighter pilot training. In July of 1944 he was assigned to III.JG5 in Petsamo, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle at the Barents Sea, west of Murmansk. There he flew 65 missions in ME-109G's and was credited with 3 victories. On September 16, 1944, he was shot down at the Russian/Finnish border and was rescued by German Mountain Troops. While in Petsamo, Kurt volunteered and participated in photo reconnaissance missions with (F)124 over Murmansk in an ME-109. On November 12, 1944, he flew a mission out of Bardufoss in Northern Norway, in an ill-fated effort to protect the German battleship Tirpitz.

On March 2, 1945, after commanding a training squadron in Germany for two months, he took an ME-109G10 into the encircled city of Gdansk (Danzig) in Eastern Germany. In Gdansk, he commanded the first squadron of JG-51 Moelders. There he flew the last 9 of a total of 103 missions. Returning to Norway on May 2, 1945, he commanded the 16. Squadron of JG5's. After the end of WWII, the USA turned 700,000 German prisoners of war over to France for "slave labor." He was one of them. In May of 1947, 2 years after the end of the war, he was released and returned to his wife in Berlin. In 1953, Kurt immigrated with his family to the USA and is now enjoying his retirement in Southern California.



Oberleutnant Kurt Schulze

ME—109G



Kurt flew 65 missions with 3 victories



Kurt with Don Hershberger after OBPA mtg.



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“A North Vietnamese Flag The Hard Way”



Captain Cort Stark, USA, was an Helicopter Pilot serving in Vietnam from 1968-1970. During that time, Cort was the recipient of 49-Air Medals, 4-Distinguished Flying Cross, 1-Purple Heart, and 2-Bronze Stars with the “V” device. Needless to say, Captain Stark consistently flew the most dangerous and classified missions.

The interesting facet of this article, however, was not part of the mission, but rather an impromptu add-on. While on the highly classified mission to observe enemy activity over the border in Cambodia, Captain Stark and his eighteen year old observer cruised over the treetops at barely 30 feet and 30 knots in their LOH (Light Observation Helicopter). While expecting to take on enemy

small arms fire at every turn, they unexpectedly discovered what appeared to be a parade field surrounded by many “Hooch's.”

In the middle of the parade field was a single pole, flying an North Vietnamese flag. Surprised at the find, Captain Stark and his observer quickly searched for the enemy and was prepared to make an evasive maneuver in a heart beat. Surprise again! The hooch's and the field appeared to be void of the enemy. Cort looked over to his observer and with a twinkle in his eye, decided to expand the mission. “Do you think you can get that flag if I got close enough?” “Yes Sir, I think I can.” With a big grin, Captain Stark pulled into a hover next to the pole and held a steady position as the young observer held onto the frame of the LOH. Reaching out with one hand, the observer began to undo the flag from it's moorings, as Captain Stark maintained a steady hover. Success! The two highly trained and highly talented aviators speed off to complete their mission and secretly bring back their treasure. It was sometime after that secret mission that their recovery of the enemy flag was revealed, unofficially of course.

Captain Cort Stark proudly holds his North Vietnamese Flag. Cort is a member of the “Old Bold Pilot's Association” who meet each Wednesday, at 0700, at the Denny's off HWY 78 and Camino Real. Captain Stark is truly an “Old Bold Pilot.”



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Commanders Corner



It is a pleasure to address the Companions and Friends of the Chapter. Thanks to Carl, our Guest Speakers have been plentiful and most enjoyable. Since my association with the OLD BOLD PILOTS breakfast, new and exciting speakers will be joining our Chapter Luncheons. Captain Cort Stark will be joining us at the November meeting and perhaps BGEN Jim Greshik, USAF. I like to invite the entire chapter to be a part of the newsletter and send in articles and pictures of interest to my email address. Tom Lettington is also looking for pictures to add to the Holland Website. Winter is approaching, but on the bright side, so is Christmas. Diane and I wish every member and Friend of the Chapter a wonderful and very happy Holiday and bright New Year.

This Day in History

November

- 10th US Marine Corps established 1775
- 11th Signing of WW I Armistice 1918
- 21st Grenada Campaign Ended 1983

December

- 5th Somalia Campaign Began 1992
- 8th War Declared on Japan 1941
- 11th Germany and Italy declare War on the United States 1941
- 15th Iraq War Ended 2011

Calendar of Events

General Meeting-Nov 1st, GSP—ADM Irish Flynn—"Beginnings of the Vietnam War"

Veteran's Day Nov 11th (Webb Park)

General Meeting - Dec 6th, GSP—Capt Cort Stark,

Birthdays

November

Carl Swepston, 23rd

December

Jerry Hetherington, 19th, Colo Sprgs

Diane Hirning, 30th, St George

Tom Lettington, 16th

Gary Linden, 11th



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Chaplain's Words of Inspiration

Guarded from Pestilence

Earlier this year a new science fiction series called "The Last Ship" aired on the TNT network. In the story's plot a dangerous bird flu originating in the Arctic has been genetically altered by a misguided researcher. The mutated virus turns out to be extremely deadly to humans and quickly spreads around the world. Hoping to develop a vaccine, the U.S. government sends a warship (the U.S.S. Nathan James) on a secret mission to the Arctic to obtain a sample of the original, un-mutated form of the virus which they hope to find buried deep within the Arctic ice. After several months the medical team on the Nathan James finds a sample of the un-mutated virus. With this specimen safely secured on board the Nathan James heads south so that a vaccine can be developed. Unfortunately, during the four months the ship was on the mission, 80 percent of the world's population has succumbed to the mutated form of the virus. Most governments have collapsed and handfuls of survivors are being ruled by vigilante bands. In subsequent episodes of the series the Nathan James remains under sail while its medical team works feverishly to develop a vaccine from the un-mutated virus. However, the viewer is left to wonder if anyone will be alive to receive the vaccine, except perhaps for the crew of the Nathan James. We won't know the answer until the next season of the series returns to TV in 2015.

Back in the real world, we are relieved to have survived the decades of the Cold War with its constant fear of a nuclear winter. And assuming that danger is behind us, we now realize the world is always facing some new form of pestilence. In recent decades we've lived with the risks of a bird flu pandemic, killer bees, West Nile Virus, the global war against HIV, and now the Ebola virus. It seems like we are always confronted by new dangers.

In spite of these ongoing threats, my wife and I recently decided to book a cruise to the Caribbean next spring. It seemed like a great idea until we heard news of a cruise ship this week that was forced back to its U.S. port due to an (unfounded) Ebola scare on board. After hearing that news my wife questioned if we should still go on our cruise. It only took a few seconds for me to respond - of course we should go! If no other pestilence has kept us from taking cruises in the past, why is it any different now? After all, one pestilence or another always seems to threaten the world, but civilization survives. Mankind's worst fears have not been realized.

Whatever pestilence seems to threaten the world we can take comfort in knowing God is still in control over creation. Three thousand years ago God inspired these words of assurance "...fear not the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday." (Psalm 91: 5-6). God's word doesn't deny that dangers confront us, but it reminds us "If you make the Most High your dwelling ... then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your abode. For He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91: 9-11). These are comforting words. And, they are just as true today as they have been in millennia past.

So, let us take heart! Trust in God's word and entrust yourself to His care. As a wise U.S. chief executive once told the American people "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself!" With such wisdom and assurance as our guide, this MOWW chaplain and his bride are looking forward to a Caribbean cruise!

Keep the faith and be a blessing!

Chaplain Dave Korinek



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Guest Speakers for October and November Meetings



CDR Todd Perry speaks at the October 11th General Meeting about the daring rescue of two USAF pilots during the Vietnam War. The pilots were rescued by Navy SEAL, LT Tom Norris, who was awarded two Medals of Honor for his actions. On another mission, PO Mike Thorton rescues LT Norris after he is severely wounded, and is awarded the Medal of Honor for his daring and bravery.

Rear Admiral Cathal L. "Irish" Flynn, USN



RADM Flynn is our Guest Speaker for the November 1st General Meeting. Cathal Flynn is a 1959 graduate of the University of Dublin, Trinity College. In 1960, he was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and completed Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) replacement training. Thus, RADM Flynn began 30 years of active service, predominantly in the fields of naval special warfare, joint special operations, measures to combat terrorism, and international security affairs. His talk will discuss the early National policy towards the United States involvement in Vietnam.

The Shortest Speech in American History?

Author: General Anthony McAuliffe's Single-Word reply to the German Bastogne surrender ultimatum. December, 1945 the Reply to General Heinrich Freiherr von Luttwitz, during the Battle of the Bulge in World War II. To the German Commander :

“Nuts”

- From the American Commander



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Awards and Recognition



Past Commander Andre LeCault received the Patrick Henry Medallion at the October 11th General Meeting as written in the following citation:

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 Chapter Commander for calendar year 2014. Your leadership, hard work, and dedication guided this Chapter through a most challenging year. You expanded the Chapter outreach to more NJROTC Cadets and high school students in the Youth Leadership Academy and JROTC Awards. As the Chapter Newsletter Editor, you have provided a most informative, Patriotic and enjoyable monthly letter. Your Patriotic participation in Military Holiday Ceremonies reflects highly upon yourself and the General J. P. Holland Chapter. May God Bless your future Service.

Each Life Affects Another's

We may not always realize that everything we do
Affects not only our lives, but touches others too.
A single happy smile can always brighten up the day
For anyone who happens to be passing by your way.
And a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows someone you care
Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.
Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand ,
Every time you show a friend you care and understand,
Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give,
You help someone find beauty in this precious life we live.
For happiness brings happiness, and loving ways brings love