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RADM Richard (Dick) Lyon Presented Quilt of Valor

Dick Lyon began his Naval Career during WWII, after graduating from Yale in 1944. After graduation, Dick went on to the Columbia Midshipman School in New York City. After graduation he received his Commission, and choose an assignment to the "Scouts and Raiders" (forefathers of today's Navy SEALs). After the war he joined the Naval Reserves, and was called back to active duty, and volunteered for NavSpecWar, UDTRA Class 2, as a Navy LT. Dick eventually attained the rank of Rear Admiral (2-stars), becoming the first Naval Reserve Navy SEAL to attain that rank.



RADM Lyon receives the Quilt of Valor from Kay Lettington, while husband Tom, reads the history of his Naval Ser-





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Old Bold Pilots

Oceanside, CA



"Courage is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared"

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 RADM Richard (Dick) Lyon, US Navy SEAL, retired. Not all Old Bold Pilot members are Aviators. Some members like Dick Lyon, are just Military Heroes, and have served in two and three wars, but have never piloted a War Plane. Yet, Dick is held in high esteem and pride as an Old Bold Pilot, by a "Double Aces," an "Ace in a Day," and a pilot who earned Four Victories (MiGs 15) in less than 30 minutes.



Born in the summer of 1923, Dick Lyon was destined to become an extraordinary waterman. Initially, while only a junior in high school, he became the #1 nationally ranked swimmer in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle. In 1940, Dick made the US national Olympic team. Mentored by the formidable Yale coach Bob Kipthuth, it's no surprise that Dick entered Yale in the fall of 1941.

He enlisted in the Navy on October 9, 1942 while an engineering major at Yale, and entered the accelerated program, graduating after only two years and nine months. While taking a tough course load, Dick never let up on his training in the pool. The whole time he competed at Yale the swim team never lost a meet. During Dick's junior year he anchored the 400-yard freestyle relay team which set a new world's record, stealing it from the Japanese national team who had held the record previously. Hearing the patriotic crowd roar with excitement at the prospect of Americans beating the Japanese, Dick got his best-ever split on his leg. When he touched the wall, his teammates jumped in with him and yelled, "We got it!" As soon as he could, Dick sent a telegraph to his delighted parents telling them his relay team in essence had "just broken the world's record, ho hum." They weren't fooled for a second by his low key message. They were all over the moon. Finally, he capped off his swimming career by captaining Yale to the NCAA Division 1 National Championship in his senior year.

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After graduating with honors in 1944, Dick went on to Columbia Midshipman School in New York City for three months. After the first month he was selected to take command of the entire regiment (2,400 midshipmen). Three weeks before he was to graduate as a 90-day-wonder he saw a notice “Wanted: Volunteers for Special Warfare Unit Involving Demolition of Explosives. Must be Strong Swimmer.” The assignment to the Scouts and Raiders (forefathers of today’s Navy Seals) was just his calling.

Sent to Ft. Pierce, Florida, Dick went through Class 8 of the Scouts and Raiders along with 56 other tough naval officers. Scouts and Raiders was the Navy’s first special warfare unit, developed to conduct reconnaissance on potential invasion beaches. They were soon followed in 1942 by NCDU’s (navy combat demolition units), and in 1943 by “frogmen”, the Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT’s), who were responsible for blowing up natural (reefs) and man-made obstacles on beaches to clear a path for invasion forces.

The Scouts and Raiders were the first to endure such trials as “hell week”, a week with almost no sleep or rations, which is today a standard part of training for Navy SEALs that prepares them to find ways to survive on their own behind enemy lines. Three months later, Class 8 were sent to Europe, the China-Burma-India (CBI) theater, and the Pacific. Dick landed on the Pacific side, where he joined the Administrative Command Amphibious Force Pacific Fleet.

Hopping from island to island primarily in the Philippines, Dick got to do his first reconnaissance mission of the war at a beach a little bit outside of Davao, one of the larger cities on Mindanao. Dick found and reported that it was clear of natural and man-made obstacles, a good place for a landing. Exactly five days after he did the recon, the first atomic bomb dropped on Japan.

The Amphibious Force picked up elements of the Army’s 33rd Infantry Division, then went on to Japan’s Honshu Island. There, inside Sagami Wan, a large curved bay west of Tokyo Bay, near the village of Wakayama, Dick did another recon of a beach. The town looked abandoned, but as Dick looked out of the water towards the small town center he saw three people walking down the main street to the beach. It soon became clear they were waiting to talk to him. So, Dick walked out of the water and up the beach towards the men. The leader of the little group said in clear English, “I want to let you know that I and the people of this city are so glad that this war is over.” Somewhat surprised to have met his first Japanese, and one who spoke English so well, Dick said he was glad the war was over too, “And I think you will find the occupation a peaceful one.” His new acquaintance replied, “I am sure you will find that the case in Wakayama.”

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After several minutes, Dick asked how he spoke such good English. The Japanese man said, "I'm a graduate of Harvard."

Not one to let that slip, Dick immediately expressed his regrets, "Well my heart goes out to you, because Yale always beats Harvard at football."

They made an appointment to meet again on the beach in three days, and his now Japanese friend brought Dick to his house as a guest, where they had a delightful evening. Dick's gift of two cartons of Lucky Strikes could not have been more enthusiastically received, and as he left he was presented with a portfolio of 23 antique prints with detailed hand appliqués of Samurai warriors...priceless!

Still not able to return home because he had so few points, Dick was somewhat at loose ends. Then he heard through the grapevine that the Commander of the 7th fleet based in Shanghai wanted a Scout intelligence officer on his staff. He spent the next year in northern China reporting on the activities of Mao Tse Tung's armies on the Shantung Peninsula in an effort to hold off a Chinese civil war, an incredible experience for a very junior officer.

Leaving active duty after that assignment, Dick joined the Naval Reserves and had completed his first year of a Stanford MBA when he was recalled for Korea. Reporting in 1951 to Beach Jumper Unit 1, he again volunteered for NavSpecWar, UDTRA Class 2, and as a Navy Lieutenant became a Plank Owner (original commissioning member) of Underwater Demolition Team 5. That grueling training that UDT5 experienced was the beginning of what is now the 55-week SEAL training. Since then 281 additional classes have endured the training, and in early 2016 Class 287 will graduate.

After just a three-month training, UDT5 was sent immediately to Korea. For the first time they took mission responsibility beyond the mean high-water mark. In fact, UDT5 went in and blew up rail lines and tunnels. Dick worked in North Korea, above the 38th parallel, inside Won San harbor, recovering a new type of anti-amphibious assault mine. His job was to dive in 36-degree water in a dry suit (before SCUBA and wetsuits existed), under fire, swim under the mine, and cut its mooring line with a pair of 24" bolt cutters. After 20 minutes he had to be pulled out due to the cold. Working out of a little yellow raft with the explosive ordinance disposal expert, they would tow each mine to an island

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Dick eventually attained the rank of two-star Admiral in 1974, the first Reserve Special Warfare (SEAL) officer to do so. In this rank he was recalled for three more years of active duty as Deputy Chief of Naval Reserve, the senior reserve officer in the Navy. He has the distinction of holding the title “BullFrog 1”. “BullFrog” is that active-duty SEAL with the longest tenure in special warfare. When Admiral Eric Olson (BullFrog 14) retired, Admiral William H. McRaven, and Commander Brian Sebenaler (a Mustang) jointly inherited the title of BullFrog 15. Both graduated from BUD/S Class 87.

Retiring from the Navy after nearly 41 years of service, Dick became actively involved in community affairs. He was a founder and trustee president of Children’s Hospital, Orange County (CHOC). He also served as the mayor of Oceanside, California for eight years. A proud representative of the Scouts and Raiders, Dick lives on the beach and still swims in the ocean in the summer. He enjoys a very full family life with wife Cindy, nine children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



RDAM Dick Lyon, the first “Bullfrog,” left, passes the Bullfrog Trophy to Capt. Pete Wikul.



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We Need Your Help

Honor Our Forgotten Heroes



Captain Royce Williams, a forgotten hero of the Korean War, remains unrecognized for his amazing flying and bravery, that day he took on seven (7) MiGs 15's singlehandedly. Starting out that afternoon in his F9F Panther jet aircraft, as a part of a flight of four (4) panthers providing carrier air protection (CAP), he soon found himself alone, as he was attacked by seven (7) Russian MiGs 15's, piloted by Russian pilots. Fighting for his life, Royce, shot down four (4) of the MiGs before he took a 30mm round in his Panther. The round eliminated his ability to control his ailerons and rudder. Royce, with pitch control only, evaded the last three (3) MiGs by flying into the clouds. Contacting his carrier, he setup his aircraft to make an arrested landing, with reduced visibility and a 200' ceiling in a snow storm. Although Royce had to maintain a higher approach speed than normal because of the damage to his aircraft, he made a perfect three wire arrestment. Royce 's amazing feat of skill and daring went unnoticed do to the classified nature of that event. Now! Congressman Duncan Hunter, has begun the effort to award, than LT Royce Williams, the Medal of Honor.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

HONOR OUR FORGOTTEN HEROES

SIGN ONLINE PETITION

Please Sign & Share the petition to recognize CAPT Williams for his Act of Valor at:

www.HomelandMagazine.com





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Pictures from the August Meeting





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Commanders Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter—The year 2016 is moving by so quickly. Foreign Terrorism have repeatedly attacked our country and people. A Presidential race of extreme importance is upon us. The next president of the United States will appoint two or more Supreme Court Judges in the next four years. All of these events will have a profound affect upon our country and future. We must exercise are right and responsibility to vote our conscience and mind in the November 8th Presidential Election. No matter which candidate you chose, remember that the government By, For, and Of the People must be protected by each and every American.

I ask for your attendance at the upcoming events being hosted by the San Diego Chapter. Saturday, October 22, 2016, the **60th Annual Massing of the Colors** will be held at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion at 1030. Come a little earlier and insure you get a close parking spot. Please join us and honor our Flag.

The **MOWW Joint Chapter Christmas Party** will be held at the Bernardo Heights Country Club, on December 3, 2016, at 11am –3:30pm. **All proceeds will be used to support the 2017 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference.**

***The Military Order of World Wars—San Diego Chapter
Presents
The 60th Annual
Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance
Saturday, October 22, 2016, 1030 AM
Spreckels Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park***

Calendar of Events	Birthdays	
<p><u>General Meeting - Oct 8th</u> GSP – CWO4 Bob Bureker EOD Specialist in Vietnam</p> <p><u>Business Meeting - Nov 5th</u> 1030, BHCC</p> <p><u>General Meeting-Nov 5th,</u> GSP– Andy Keech The Flight of the Winged Para- chutist.</p> <p>MOWW Joint Chapter Christmas Party - Decem- ber 3rd</p>	<p><u>September</u></p> <p>8th Nick Herbka</p> <p>25 Laura Herbka</p>	<p><u>October</u></p> <p>None</p>
Anniversaries		
	<p>Sep 27th Nick and Diane Herbka</p>	<p>August - NONE</p>



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Guest Speaker October 8, 2016

CWO 4 Bob Bureker - EOD Experience Vietnam

U. S. Navy



Dates December 1955 to February 1976

Military training and schools include the following: Airman Preparatory, Aviation Ordnance "A", Nuclear Weapons Assembly, served aboard several Aircraft Carriers as Nuclear Weapons Assembly team, Leadership School, Instructor School, Instructor teaching Nuclear Physics at Sandia Base NM, Instructor Teaching Nuclear Weapon Incidents and Accidents at Sandia Base, NM. Lead Radiation Monitor at Nevada Test Site for Operation Roller Coaster Tonopah Test Range, Nevada, Navy Diving School Key West first place in class, EOD School Indian Head Honor Man, CPO in charge NSA EOD team Da Nang May 1965 - May 1966, First Tech Escort School Ft McClellan, Alabama, O in C Mine Sweeper team Qualified Officer of the Deck Under Way for independent steaming, Charleston, SC. O in C USS America CVA 66 World Cruise to Vietnam 1970, O in C EOD Team Rota Spain, Tel Aviv, Israel missions for CIA and NSA, Certified Parachute Packer, Certified Navy Parachute Jumper, Certified Navy Parachute Jump Master, Appointed to the grade of CWO4 by the Navy EOD Commodore.

Civilian Career after Retirement from the Navy



Dates 1976 - present

Civilian Diving Instructor, Head Chef for two Steak Houses in Panama City, FL. Bartender, Real Estate Agent in Phoenix, AZ. Certified Property Manager with the IREM®, Licensed Real Estate Broker in the state of Arizona, currently inactive. Civil Air Patrol Captain and Instrument Rated Pilot, Served as Housing Development Manager for the City of Phoenix for five years, Currently President and Webmaster of U. S. Naval Underwater Swimmers School Organization, Webmaster and board member for Navy EOD Association. Currently Owner Investor in various private real estate and precious stones here in Arizona.

The General John P Holland Chapter is the local Chapter of the MOWW located in Rancho Bernardo, California. The Chapter meets on the first Saturday of the month except for October, which meets on the second Saturday. The luncheon/meeting is held at the Bernardo Heights Country Club, located at 16066 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, CA 92128. Typical attire is coat and tie, but dress comfortably as you desire. The meeting starts at 1130, followed by an excellent luncheon at 1145. The cost of the luncheon is \$22 (\$23 for Buffet). Guests Speakers follow lunch, and usually speak for 30-45 minutes. Come join us and see if this organization is for you.



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Guest Speaker November 5, 2016

Andy Keech - Parachutist, Gyrocopter Pilot



Andy is best known in parachuting circles for his 3 Skies Call books of free fall photography. He has been previously National Parachute Champion, top scorer on the Australian team at world competition. With Laurie Trotter made the first successful relative work, and with Col King made the first night relative work in Australia. He was on the first 4 man formation in the world.

Free fall photography assignments included venues in the US, Asia, Europe and Africa.

He jumped the cliff at El Cap in California and was photographer on the US team to China in 1980. He holds Senior and chief instructor parachute licenses, Australian expert parachute licenses E1 and F1, and Australia's Master of Sport Parachuting award.. He has been a marathon runner.

As a pilot he has flown for 60 years holding private and commercial licenses, instrument rating, single and multi engine ratings plus helicopter and autogyro licenses.

It was in autogyros that he made his most serious flying impression setting three trans-continental speed records across the US, and 29 world class performance records. He is one of only 2 pilots since the Wright Bros to hold world class records in all four realms of performance... Speed, distance, rate of climb and altitude.



He has ridden a bicycle round Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia and around Iceland. Has competed at nationals level in off-hand rifle shooting in Australia and the US. He competed this year at the world competition for indoor rowing in Boston.

A gym junky at 77, he is a cross fitter. At 74 he reduced his fitness age to that of a normally fit 25 year old male.



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Awards for August



*Letter of Appreciation—Capt Tom Marshall
The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter
sincerely thank you for sharing your most informative and thought
provoking talk, "The "Evolution of Presidential Power" from it's in-
itial definition in the Constitution to present day. We wish you the
very Best in your future endeavors. "*



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Chaplain's Corner



Rabbi Dr. Bruce H. Charnov Ph.D. J.D. FRAeS

CAPT CHC USN (Ret)

“It’s Kosher!”

“Halal” the Arabic word for ‘permissible’, denotes food allowed by the Islamic dietary code, acceptable in terms of the kinds of food, killing of the animal and preparation. It is similar to, and has its origins in the earlier ancient Jewish sys-

tem of ‘kashrut’, from which the now-universal word ‘kosher’ comes from also denoting acceptable food.

Dietary traditions are found throughout history – giving thanks to God the food we eat, we remind ourselves that earth’s bounty depends on larger forces – and with a dietary code, we try to imbue the simple and necessary act of eating with greater meaning. In Catholicism, abstaining from meat on Friday was meant to be an act of penitence, in remembrance of the Friday on which Jesus was crucified, the practice of which was to bind together the community of the faithful. Thus in Islam eating Halal food, or in Judaism, kosher food, the community also affirms its faith and solidarity with fellow believers.

One might also assert, although in an admittedly less serious vein, that **Weight Watchers** is also a community bound together by a rather strict dietary code.

And while fear-mongers among us would invoke the prospect of Islamic hordes descending on Western civilization with the first appearance of Halal food in the local supermarket, it is important to remember that it is merely our neighbors seeking to honor their faith and community.

And the most amazing thing about these dietary codes is that, in the melting pot that is America, unique foods escape and become part of contemporary culture and cuisine. When I first came to San Diego in the Navy in late 1972, the only bagel found was a frozen variety in the supermarket, which posed a significant health risk whether eaten or dropped on a foot. Now bagels (with a ‘schmear’ of cream cheese) are found fresh everywhere and considered as American as apple-pie. Although ‘flatbreads’ with toppings have been dated to 7,000 years ago in Sardinia, the modern pizza arises in 16th century Naples, but who would deny that the pizza in all its varieties has also become an ‘all-American’ dish?

Food has the power to bring us together – and should not be allowed to tear people apart – unless, of course, there is a football game on and there is only one piece of pizza left!



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MOWW Joint Chapter Christmas Party

Christmas Party

Bernardo Heights Country Club

December 3, 2016

11AM - 3:30PM

Buffet Luncheon

Holiday Buffet \$25.00 Inclusive

Beef Tri Tip with Cabernet Mushroom sauce

Salmon or Chicken?

Garlic Mashed

Steamed Vegetables

Rice Pilaf

House Garden Salad

Rolls & Butter

Dessert-Station