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The 2019 MOWW National Centennial Convention will be held in Southern California, Simi Valley, August 6-10, 2019. This is a GREAT OPPORTUNITY for the Holland Chapter Companions to take part in this historical event. The Convention schedule will include five tours, one of them being the Dinner and tour of the Reagan Library and Museum. National will host a "Hospitality Suite". Accommodations will be at the Grand Vista Hotel. The price for this 5 - Star hotel will be approximately \$106 per night. Reservations will be open in October 2018. The Holland Chapter may create our own "Profile" and video for the Convention. National will have sponsorships for \$500. National is also asking for Chapters to volunteer their time and resources to support the many activities and events during the convention.

The year 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Military Order of the World Wars. The G/A Omar Bradley – COL Thaxton Hanson Chapter (186) (Bradley-Hanson) has been selected to host the 2019 Centennial National Convention in Simi Valley, California, from August 5th through the 10th. The vision of the Bradley-Hanson Chapter is three-fold:

- 1) Conduct a convention that not only embraces the format of the Order's required annual convention, but additionally integrates Special Events celebrating 100 years of the Order, to include a Centennial Coin and Centennial-Themed Shirts.***
- 2) Complete nationwide Chapter involvement with the Convention to include maximum Companion attendance and the gathering of historical data relevant to each Chapter's history. Historical data gathered will be compiled for viewing at the Convention and dissemination as part of a "Post-Convention" Celebration Book that will be available for purchase: the book will also include a convention summary and convention photographs.***
- 3) Promote a national public-relations campaign emphasizing the "MOWW Brand" around the Order's 2019 Centennial Celebration, a campaign serving as a platform for all Chapters to "get the word out" about "who we are and what we do". With maximum Chapter involvement, the celebration will serve as an additional springboard to increase overall companion membership. The official "target date" to kick-off the campaign is November 11, 2017, which marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending World War One. (More information to follow)***



For the Good of the Order

Focus on Companions

CWO4 John and Lois Cantor



John Cantor was born in St Paul, Minnesota on April 26, 1917. His family moved to Akron , Ohio in 1918 and lived there until 1925, where his father was employed in the tire manufacturing industry. The next move ,in 1925, brought John to Detroit, Michigan. After completing high school, in 1934, he joined the Navy Reserves. The following year, December 3, 1935, John entered Navy Boot Camp in Great Lakes, near Chicago, Illinois.

Not far away, in St. Louis, Illinois, a beautiful baby girl, named **Lois Thomas was born** on January 4, 1923. Not to be out done by the Cantors, her family moved to Detroit when she was 2 years old and remained there until her 8th birthday. But, because of the “Great Depression,” Lois’s family moved to Adamson, Texas, near Dallas. The next move was to Bardwell, Kentucky, and than back to Detroit,-when Lois was 18 years old. She worked at the Baker Hotel, as a Cigarette Girl, in Dallas, and then at the age of 19, in Detroit, as a defense plant worker, inspecting machine gun belt magazine

links. After John had completed boot camp, he was than sent to Dearborn, Michigan for a Navy Service School at the Ford Motor Plant. One night after work, Lois and her girlfriend, Josephine Williamson went to the “Brass Rail” lounge, a routine that had started earlier, for just one beer. On that fateful evening of May 31, 1942, John was also having a beer at the Brass Rail, when he saw the most beautiful women he had ever seen. One look at Lois, and John quickly walked over to where she and her friend were sitting. With love in his eyes, the only words that came out were “*put on your jacket, you’re blinding me.*” It must have worked, because he followed her home on the bus, walked her to her front door, and asked for a first date. She quickly said yes, on the condition that John would get a blind date for her girlfriend. Needless to say their were many more dates to follow. Less than 5 months later, John and Lois were married on October 10, 1942. The Cantor’s first home was with John’s parents, in light of the fact that John was going to deploy in the next four months, to New Foundland. John went on to serve 30 years in the United States Navy, and retired on April 1,

1965. John and Lois have two daughters, Kathy Tucker and Patricia (Patty) Craig. They are also blessed with 4 granddaughters and 4 great granddaughters. **John and Lois** moved to San Diego in 1958, 7 years before his retirement from the Navy. John, after retiring from he Navy, went on to work 5 years with the Division of Highways for California. He than worked for the County Clerk of the Superior Court as the “Exhibit Custodian.” In 1979, John retired one last time. After retirement, John volunteered his time at the Rancho Bernardo Baptist Church (now called Life Bridge Baptist Church) as a member and Elder for the next 10 years. John also was a joiner; to the Fleet Reserve, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of World Wars, USS Midway Museum. **John’s final thoughts on the Great Depression were, “we trusted everyone and treated everyone with respect - we were all in the same boat.”** After 76 years of “Bliss,” John looked across the living room at Lois and said, “**I love you.**” Lois looked across the same room, and said, “**What is your name again?**” John and Lois still have a wonderful Sense of Humor and detailed memories of their 76 years together in that Amazing and Wonderful Adventure called **Life.**



Lois and John Cantor with Loveable Jamie, their Yorkie.



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Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter

*I have talked about our Chapter Action Plan and Retention, Engagement and Recruiting Plan for 2019. There are some additions to last year's plan. This year we have added a Command Action Plan (CoAP) and Chapter Program Engagement Plans (PEP) for Homeland Security and Law and Order. These new plans provide a guideline for our chapter membership to become more engaged in the acknowledging and awarding of individuals who are directly involved in Homeland Security (Border Patrol, Homeland Security, ICE, NCIS, FBI, Coast Guard or others) and Law and Order Police Officers, Fire Fighters, other first responders). The Chapter is in need of a Companion/Companions to Chair the Law and Enforcement Committee, to make these engagement programs a "Great Success" and to make our Chapter "Great Again!" This assignment is not time consuming nor difficult. It requires the Chair Persons to identify points of contact for each Agency mentioned above, and to request a synopsis of accomplishment of deserving individuals. One individual will receive the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) Plaque of Appreciation, and another, the MOWW Silver Patrick Henry Medalion. We may award individuals from more than one organization each year. I need the help of several Companions to make this PEP action a "Great Success," If we do not expand our efforts to grow our membership and become more active, our Chapter may not continue. ***"It is nobler to Serve than to be Served."****

Calendar of Events	Birthdays	
<p><u>General Meeting Sept 1st, GSP-COL Len Kaine, Ending the Vietnam War in Four Weeks</u></p> <p><u>General Meeting October 6th, GSP- COL Vic Vizcarra, Vietnam - "Operation Spring High"</u></p> <p><u>Business Meeting-Oct 9th, IHOP RB 0930</u></p> <p><u>Business Meeting-Oct 30th, IHOP RB 0930</u></p> <p><u>General Meeting Nov 3rd, GSP -Mark Carlson, The Battle of Midway - Why the 4th Japanese carrier should have been sunk, and the USS Yorktown saved.</u></p>	<p><u>September</u></p> <p>Nick Herbka (8th)</p> <p>Earl Wentworth (11th)</p> <p>Laura Kelly (25)</p>	<p><u>October</u></p> <p>Paul Lebidine (5th)</p> <p>Harry Hodges (8th)</p> <p>Wendy Morgan (12th)</p>
	Anniversaries	
	<p><u>September</u></p> <p>Nick & Diane Herbka (27th)</p>	<p><u>October</u></p> <p>John & Lois Cantor (10th)</p> <p>Andre & Dorene LeCault (24th)</p>



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Guest Speaker October 6, 2018

COLONEL Vic Vizcarra *U.S.A.F. Retired*



Col. Vizcarra, a 24 year Air Force combat veteran, was commissioned in January 1960 through the ROTC program at Loyola University of Los Angeles, where he received his BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. **He accumulated 3,590 total flying hours**, 2,694 hours of which were in F-100s, F-105s, F-5s, and F-4s. A Vietnam combat veteran, he did three temporary duty deployments to Southeast Asia where he flew 59 combat missions in the F-105D. On 27 July, 1965, he flew in Operation Spring High, the first attack of a Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) in the history of aerial combat, where six of the 46 mission F-105's were lost. During his third deployment, he was forced to eject from his disabled F-105D on 6, November, 1966, and was rescued by a Navy helicopter after spending two hours on the ground in North Vietnam. **After a tour at Edwards AFB, CA as a Center Test Programmer**, he volunteered to return to Southeast Asia,

and flew 120 combat missions in the F-100D/F while assigned to the 35th TFW at Phan Rang AB, Republic of Vietnam. Follow-on flying assignments were to the 23rd TFW, McConnell AFB, KS, and the 425th TFW at Williams AFB, AZ. At McConnell AFB, he was assigned as an F-105 instructor pilot and then the Wing Functional Check Flight pilot as head of Quality Assurance. At Williams AFB, he was an F-5 instructor pilot for three years before being assigned to a series of non-flying assignments. In 1979, he assumed command of the 354th Equipment Maintenance Squadron in the 354th TFW, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC. Promoted to Colonel, his final assignment was with the 35th TFW, George AFB, CA as the Deputy Commander of Maintenance, where he flew the F-4E. He is the author of two books, "Thud Pilot" and "Hun Pilot" based on his flying experiences flying the F-105 Thunder chief and the F-100 Super Sabre.

Presentation is a 35 to 40-minute history of the Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) Vietnam Air War. Discovery of initial SAM sites construction around Hanoi in April 1965, generated on-going debates between the Whitehouse administration and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on how to respond to the new growing threat. The first SAM shoot down of the war forced a decision resulting in Operation Spring High, the first US retaliatory strike against SAM sites in the history of aerial combat. Being the first such mission, many errors were made causing high losses among the attacking forces. Although the operation was deemed a failure, the lessons learned from this mission generated development of new defensive equipment, weaponry, and tactics that made future operations in heavily defended SAM environments possible. Col. (Ret) Vic Vizcarra was one of forty-six F-105 pilots who flew the Spring High mission.



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Guest Speaker November 3, 2018

Mark Carlson



Mark Carlson is a local aviation and military historian with more than two hundred published articles and three popular books to his credit. His specialty has always been the Pacific War, which led him to the topic he will be presenting for the MOWW in November.

“Which way did they go?”

Why the US Navy should have sunk the 4th Japanese carrier Hiryu and the USS Yorktown preserved to fight another Day!

During the pivotal and desperate Battle of Midway in June 1942, three American carriers launched a full-scale air attack on the four carriers of the Imperial Japanese Navy. Of the more than 130 planes that were hurled against the enemy fleet, scores of torpedo plane crews were killed in doomed attacks. Then the dive bombers, which arrived over the enemy fleet at precisely the right moment, rained near-total destruction on the helpless Japanese ships. In five minutes the Japanese hopes of conquest in the Pacific War were crushed.

But one entire American dive bomber squadron failed to arrive and missed the opportunity to add the weight of destruction to the enemy. *USS Hornet's* dive bombers never showed up. They took off at the same time and took the same course, but failed to find the Japanese fleet. Thus the last carrier, *Hiryu* was left untouched to attack and sink the *USS Yorktown*.

Now you will learn the real reason why they missed the boat.



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Guest Speaker January 5, 2019

John Shu

John Shu is an Attorney and Expert on political issues, Constitutional Law, and the Courts.



He is a regular columnist and media analyst and commentator. He served both President George H.W. Bush and President George W. Bush. He also served Judge Paul Roney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit and Presiding Judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review; and Judge Stanley Sporkin, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, who was CIA General Counsel. Mr. Shu also served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary. He is a member of the Pacific Council on International Policy, the Foreign Policy Association, and the National Committee on U. S. – China Relations.

Mr. Shu will talk about the history of the Supreme Court nomination process, and will discuss cases that he was involved in over the last 25 years.



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Guest Speaker February 2, 2019

Christina Olds



In 2010, Christina Olds published a memoir of her father's life titled ***Fighter Pilot; The Memoirs of a Legendary Ace Robin Olds***. The book became a national bestseller, heralded by reviewers and readers as an exceptionally literary and lyrical biography. Christina has begun work on a screenplay for FIGHTER PILOT, and is working on a second book, the story of her grandfather, Maj. Gen. Robert Olds, an instrumental leader in the development of early air power and the U.S. Air Force. A Vassar College graduate with a degree in creative writing, Christina is a sought-after speaker at Air Force and NATO bases, aviation museums and air shows, both nationally and abroad, and is dedicated to furthering her father's legacy to

inspire today's active duty fighter pilots around the world. She lives in Sacramento, CA and is the mother of a beautiful daughter, Jennifer Olds Newman, a costume designer in Los Angeles.

“Christina Olds is one of the most dynamic, charismatic, powerful presenters we have asked to speak at any Warhawk Air Museum event. Her articulate, emotional, truthful, loving presentation of her father's life brings him into the room and gives everyone listening a very personal feeling toward a true American hero. Christina's public speaking is a true gift which she generously shares all over the world.” Sue Paul, Executive Director, Warhawk Air Museum, Nampa, ID



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Independence Day Celebration Rancho Bernardo - Webb Park



Independence Day July 4, 2018

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776,

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

Celebration Held At
**Rancho Bernardo
Veterans Memorial**
(Located in Webb Lake Park)

Presented by the
R.B. Veterans Memorial Association
through the combined efforts of

The Military Order
Of the World Wars
General J.P. Holland Chapter
And the
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Major Abraham J. Baum
Post 7766



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INDEPENDENCE DAY 2018

10:45 AM Introduction by Master of Ceremonies
Nick Herbka, Lt. Cdr, USN (Ret.)
Commander, General J.P. Holland Chapter M.O.W.W.

Invocation

Lt. Col. Rick Blank
*Deputy Command Chaplain
California State Military Reserve*

Presentation of the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

Pledge of Allegiance

Nick Herbka
Commander, M.O.W.W.

National Anthem

Miss Clara Kelly
Soprano Soloist, San Rafael Catholic Church

Retire the Colors

Color Guard, Westview High School NJROTC

National Bell Ringing Ceremony

Donald W. Schmidt with the Scouts of Troop 685
Commander VFW Post 7766

Key Speaker

Colonel Paul McNamara USMC (Ret.)

Spirit of the Fourth Chairman

David Brooks
Member, Rancho Bernardo Hall of Fame

Benediction

Chaplain Rick Blank





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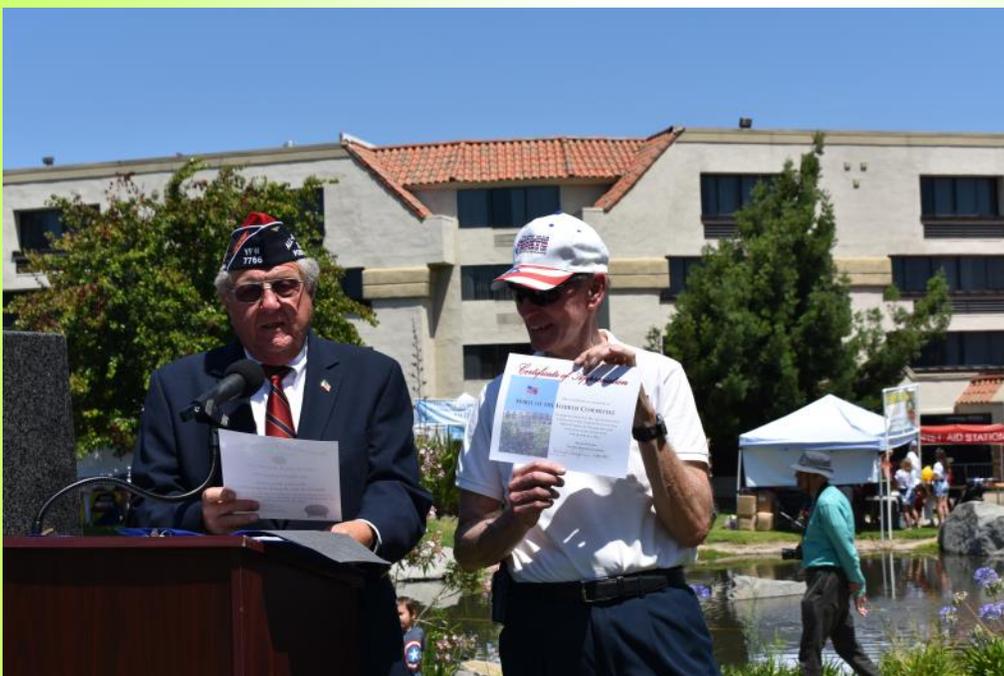
Holland Chapter Presents Plaque of Appreciation

To

Dave Brooks President of the Spirit of the Fourth Chairman



Holland Chapter Commander, LCDR Nick Herbka, USN (Ret), presents the MOWW Plaque of Appreciation to Mr. David Brooks, President of the Spirit of the 4th Committee of Rancho Bernardo, California.



VFW Post 7766 Commander, Don Schmidt, presents the VFW Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. David Brooks, President of the Spirit of the 4th Committee of Rancho Bernardo, California.



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Installation of Chapter Officers for 2019

July 7, 2018

The Holland Chapter Officers for 2018-2019 were installed by Past CINC Captain Debbie Kash, at the July 7, 2018, General Meeting.

Chapter Commander LCDR Nick Herbka, USN (Ret)
Chapter Vice-Commander CDR Tom Lettington, USN (Ret)
Chapter Treasurer Diane Herbka
Chapter Adjutant CAPT Don Hershberger, USN (Ret)

On behalf of the Companions of the BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter, I wish to thank Captain Debbie Kash for her time, service and dedication to the Military Order of World Wars and the Holland Chapter.





For the Good of the Order Outreach Medal

Presented to

BGEN Paul Lebidine



BGEN Paul Lebidine

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for your support of the University of California San Diego, Youth Leadership Conference. Your motivational speech to the students was most inspiring. Your service as a member of the SDYLC Board of Directors, brings fresh and creative thinking to the Youth Leadership Conference Board of Directors. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

July 7, 2018

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Quilt Of Valor

Captain Arnold Regardie US Army



“It is a privilege to award a Quilt of Valor to Arnold Regardie, acknowledging his years of service to his country in the United States Army.”

He entered his service through the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Pennsylvania in 1952. After being commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the infantry in 1956, he attended infantry officer training and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division for the remainder of his active duty service.

Our Reserve Component members serve a vital role in military readiness, - always trained and prepared to rejoin the active forces wherever and whenever the Nation calls. Without the Reserves, our nation’s defenses would indeed be weak.

He remained in the inactive reserves - always trained and ready to respond to a call to active service until 1963.

The volunteers at Quilts of Valor desire to go beyond words to thank you with this tangible, physical evidence of our appreciation. These quilts are lovingly crafted through hours of devotion, and we wish 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 your Country’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.”



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Spirit of the Fourth Parade

Rancho Bernardo, California

The Holland Chapter Companions were heavily involved in the Spirit of the fourth parade in 2018. The Grand Marshalls were Companions, Capt Royce Williams and COL Harry Hodges, riding in convertibles were Companions Diane Herbka, Don Hershberger, Laura Kelly, Arnold Regardie, Kay Lettington and Chapter Commander's grandchildren - Ava, Sienna and Ramzi Kelly, Noah Berkebile (CINC's grandson). Commander Tom Lettington was the Parade photographer. The Holland Chapter Flag was carried by the color guard from Orange HS Glen NJROTC.





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Pictures from July 7, 2018 Meeting



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Pictures from August 4, 2018 Meeting





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Joint Christmas Party December 1, 2018

Military Order of the World Wars
4th Annual Joint Chapter
Christmas Party

Hosted by the BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter

In conjunction with the

San Diego and Camp Pendleton Chapters

December 1, 2018

11:00 am to 2:00 pm

At

The Bernardo Heights Country Club

Plated Lunch

Entertainment by Alfonso the Magician

www.themagicofalfonso.com

Cost - \$30.00

Silent Auction to support SDYLC
(Donate a basket to auction off)

Raffle - to Support Holland Chapter YLC Candidates
(Donate items, gift Cards, Wine and Spirits)

Bring an Unwrapped toy for the Marine Corps Children's
Christmas Gift Drive





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Military Order of the World Wars

San Diego Chapter

Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance

**The 62nd Annual
Massing of the Colors
And
Service of Remembrance**

Presented by the San Diego Chapter

Saturday - October 13, 2018

10:30 - 11:30 am

Spreckels Organ Pavilion

Balboa Park

Please come early and find close parking. Enjoy this Patriotic Event and Honor our National Flag



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Letters of Appreciation July 7, 2018



Captain Debbie Kash

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for installing our new Chapter Officers for 2019. We appreciate the great debrief of the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference and the hard work you do for the SDYLC. We wish you the best in your future endeavors. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"



Paris Nguyen

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your experiences at the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference. You were selected the "Top Student" of the 2016 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference and 2016 Phoenician Award winner. You have also served as one of two "Assistant Instructors" at the 2017 and 2018 Conferences. Paris, we wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"



Travis Putnam

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for the hard work and dedication you have consistently provided as the President and CEO of the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference. "Bravo Zulu" We appreciate the great debrief of the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference and the inspiration you provide for the Companions of this chapter. We wish you the best in your future endeavors. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"



Logan Wilson

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing your experiences at the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference. You were selected the "Top Student" of the 2018 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference by your instructors, and most importantly by your peers. You have exhibited outstanding Leadership, Morale Character and Patriotism during the 2018 Conference. Logan, we wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. "Fair Winds and Following Seas"



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Letter of Appreciation August 4, 2018



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 FISA Courts and how they function. We thank you for your Service to our Country'. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors. And we wish to have you back in the very near future.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

August 4, 2018

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



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Chaplain's Corner



Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

Military Chaplains Who are They?

Throughout my 20 year career I experienced a variety of Chaplains in a variety of circumstances. I found their guidance in some of my decisions quite rewarding. During the few times I attended church services overseas, I noticed a chaplain capable of interacting and running church services to a wide range of religious doctrine. Military chaplains have long been a source of comfort and inspiration for the men and women of the armed services perhaps never more so than in times of war.

My own experience with a chaplain after experiencing a devastating ambush in the Mekong delta of South Vietnam, the chaplain was there to comfort the survivors. We had lost three of our teammates and had 21 seriously wounded. We needed someone to give us comfort for surviving.

Service members who are deployed experience stress not only from combat, but also from environmental hardships and separation from family and friends. Having a chaplain to confide in can help service members better cope with these pressures.

Potential military chaplains must meet high standards for education and experience. A chaplain must have a graduate degree in theology, at least two years of professional experience, be endorsed as a qualified leader by their denomination and pass a physical exam and security check. In addition, although they are non-combatants, chaplains also undergo military training.