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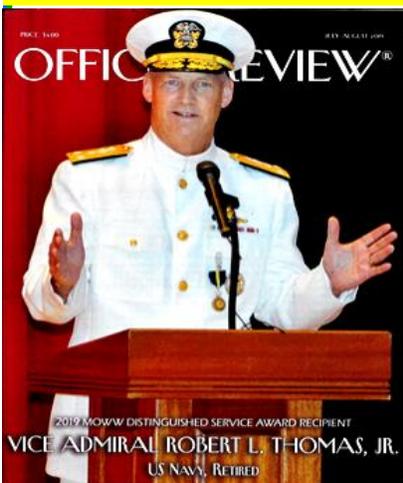
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PATRIOTIC PROGRAMS



CINC ACCEPTS "QUILT OF VALOR"

CDR THOMAS F. LETTINGTON, USN (RET)
BG HOLLAND CHAPTER, CA

During his 1 Jun 19 visit to the BG J. P. Holland Chapter, LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), our Order's Commander in Chief, was awarded a Quilt of Valor by Companion Kay Lettington, the awards coordinator for the Quilts of Valor Foundation's San Diego, North County group. Their website is <http://www.quiltsofvalorsdnc.org/>.

This award was made in recognition of COL Hollywood's years of active duty service, including assignments in Vietnam and Germany. Details of his service were made a part of a citation presented during the award ceremony. His biography is available on the MOWW web site.

"The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." The foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2003 by Blue Star mother Catherine Roberts, whose son had just deployed to Iraq. Catherine had the idea of comforting veterans with quilts. Since then, the Quilts of Valor Foundation has become a nationwide, grassroots community-service effort connecting the home front with our combat warriors, veterans of all armed conflicts and others who were touched in some way by wars.

Across the land, the quilts are stitched together with love, prayers and healing thoughts by volunteers who spend countless hours on each one to make it very special. These quilters know that freedom isn't free. The cost of our nation's freedom is the dedication of men and women who serve in our military and the price they and their families "pay" for selfless service. They sacrifice time away from families and friends to preserve our freedom. These quilts are meant to say, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice."

A Quilt of Valor* is a generous "lap-size" quilt, pieced together and quilted by the loving and appreciative hands of hundreds of volunteers. Fabrics and patterns are carefully chosen to reflect a patriotic look and feel. The quilters believe that as



CINC LTC John H. Hollywood, USA (Ret), displays a Quilt of Valor* presented to him by Companion Kay Lettington.

they sew; love, caring and gratitude flow from their hearts through their hands and into the quilts they make. After the quilt has been bound, washed and labeled, it is ready to be presented at an appropriate ceremony.

How much of an impact have the Quilts of Valor Foundation made? Over 220,000 quilts have been presented, each richly deserved and each warmly appreciated. There are hundreds of local Quilts of Valor groups across the nation. Quilts may be requested through the Foundation's web site at <https://www.qovf.org/> or directly through a local group in your area.

We hope MOWW chapters will recognize the opportunity the Quilts of Valor Foundation represents to honor veterans and current service members, whether or not they are Companions of the Order, and take advantage of the opportunity to acknowledge excellence in service. ★



For the Good of the Order

Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association

Celebrates Independence Day

The Rancho Bernardo Veterans Memorial Association, currently under the leadership of LCOL Paul Lebidine, USMC (Ret) celebrates Independence Day with the support of members from the BGEN JP Holland Chapter of the MOWW and the Major Abe Baum VFW Post 7766. This joint effort has been the key to the successful execution of this and two other events, **Memorial Day** and **Veterans Day**, at the **Webb Park Veterans Memorial**, for over two decades. 1. The Guest Speaker was Congressman Levine, CA (D). The Master of Ceremony was CDR Tom Lettington, USN (Ret), BGEN JP Holland Chapter. **BGEN Paul Lebidine** was presented the "Quilt of Valor" by Kay and Tom Lettington. Much thanks is given to the Local Boy Scout Troop and Choir from Rancho Bernardo High School.





For the Good of the Order

Spirit of the 4th Parade - 2019

Rancho Bernardo

The Holland Chapter of the MOWW participates in the Rancho Bernardo Spirit of the 4th Parade each year since its beginnings. Past Chapter Commanders and other Companions (Dave Epstein, Abe Baum, Tom Lettington) have been part of the planning and execution of this wonderful event. This year, Oldest Member John Cantor(102 yrs.) and youngest member Laura Kelly (41 yrs.), lead the way for the Holland Chapter. Vice Commander Andre LeCault and wife, Dorene rode in their own special corvettes. Commander Nick Herbka and Treasurer Diane Herbka shared a beautiful red, white and blue corvette. Future new members Dave and Melanie Herbka rode in corvettes, along with the youngest future members, Ava and Sienna Kelly and Audrey and Natalie Herbka. The Holland Chapter Banner and MOWW Flag, as well as the VFW Post 7766 Flag was carried by the Cadets of the Orange Glen High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, commanded by LCDR Fred Amos and NSI MSGT Keith Porter. Companion Kay Lettington rode with the members of the Quilt of Valor and VFW Post 7766 Vice Commander David Kircher Jr. rode in the yellow two seater. Thanks to all who participated in making the 2019 Spirit of the 4th Parade a “Great Success.”





For the Good of the Order

Centennial National Convention

August 5 - 10, 2019

*The Military Order of World Wars National Convention was a great success and a most informative and enjoyable affair. The Holland Chapter Companions who attended the convention was **Commander Nick Herbka and wife, Treasurer Diane Herbka, and Adjutant Don Hershberger and wife Sheila.** The convention was the first for all Holland Chapter attendees, and was well organized to inform, train, entertain, and create wonderful memories for a lifetime. The selection of tours for the convention participants was diverse and most entertaining. All Holland Chapter attendees participated in the private tour of the Reagan Library. The tour was an amazing learning experience about President Ronald Reagan. We learned at the end of the tour that two thirds of the material contained in the library was contained underground, below the building and displays of what we thought was the complete library. Attached to the end of the library was the extremely large room that held Air Force One on concrete pillars that themselves were three stories high. The forward wall of this immense room was a wall of glass, as if the plane was in flight with the President onboard. The Reagan library is the largest presidential library in the country, and will, by law, never be surpassed. The final banquet of the Convention was held under the nose and fuselage of Air Force One. The Awards Banquet was held on Friday, October 11, 2019, at the Convention Hotel.*



Boyhood Home
Ronald Reagan always considered this house at 816 South Hennepin Street in Dixon, Illinois, as his boyhood home. Today, it is a museum and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.





For the Good of the Order
BGEN J. P. Holland Chapter
Christmas Party

*Welcome Companions and Guests
to the Holland Chapter Christmas Party*

December 7, 2019 , 11PM - 2PM

Located at The Country Club Of Rancho Bernardo

12280 East Greens Road

*Guest Speaker is General Douglas MacArthur
(Actor Robert Tidwell)*

Final Speech to the graduating Class of West Point - June 1982

Special Christmas Buffet Plated Service

Roasted Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Gravy and Cranberry Sauce - Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)

Dessert

*Please make Donations in Support of the Youth Leadership Conference
2020 - San Diego - UCSD*

Check or Cash



For the Good of the Order

Fire Fighters Presented Plaques of Merit

By Holland Chapter Commander

Capt Frank Godinez received the MOWW Plaque of Merit for his outstanding service. The presentation was made by Chapter Commander Nick Herbka.



The Military Order Of The World Wars

Merit Award

For Outstanding Service

PRESENTED TO

Captain Frank Godinez

Division Chief Dan Gonzalez





For the Good of the Order

Commander's Corner



Dear Companions and Friends of the Chapter,

I am proud to inform you that one of our Companions have assumed the Challenge of Leadership as Region XIV Commander: BGEN Paul Lebidine. The Installation of BGEN Paul Lebidine will be held at the October 5, 2019, General Meeting. SVCINC J. Frederick Lopez, USMC (Ret) will perform the installation. It is our responsibilities as Companions of the Holland Chapter is to accept responsibilities in our Chapter in order to make it stronger and viable. What we accomplish in the Chapter, will elevate Region XIV, and the MOWW. I want to see all of our Companions to attend the October Meeting, to show your support of our Companions leading Region XIV. Let's follow their example and make the Holland Chapter one of the "Best" in the Nation.

"It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served"

Calendar of Events	Birthdays 							
<p><u>General Meeting</u> Sept 7th - Honoring Fire Fighters - Capt Godinez & Div. Chief Gonzalez</p> <p><u>Business Meeting</u> - Sept 4th, Andre's House, 1000</p> <p><u>General Meeting</u> Oct 5th, Alex Robertson, WWII Royal Airforce Pilot</p> <p><u>Business Meeting</u> - Oct 9th, Andre's house 1000.</p>	<p><u>Sept</u></p> <p>7th</p> <p>8th Diane Herbka</p> <p>17th Ed Jex</p> <p>25th Laura Kelly</p>	<p><u>Oct</u></p> <p>5th Paul Lebidine</p>						
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Vice Commanders Comments



San Diego Chapter

The Military Order of the World Wars

Presents the



63rd Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance



**Saturday, October 12, 2019
10:30 –11:30 AM**

SPRECKELS ORGAN PAVILION in BALBOA PARK

This traditional ceremony honors the flag of our country and those, living and deceased, who fought to gain and preserve our freedoms. The ceremony is also designed to instill and foster patriotism and love-of-country. Please come out and join the celebration with members of our armed forces, veterans organizations, law-enforcement agencies, civic and youth groups.



Color Guards Wanted

Register today with your contact information and color guard name at www.SanDiego-MOWW.org or Debbie at 760-579-8720

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) is a patriotic service organization who believe in America and live our motto, "It is nobler to serve than be served." We are a group of patriotic US Federally commissioned officers (active, retired and former) from all uniformed services, our spouses, and descendants. We love and continue to serve our nation and all of its people. We do this through our outreach programs, which include memorials, patriotic education, support for Scouting and JROTC/ROTC, and recognition of public service.

FREE - Open to the Public – FREE



Plan on attending the most Enjoyable and Patriotic Event in the month of October. Leave early and get a close parking spot. See you there. Andre LeCault.



For the Good of the Order

Veteran's Affairs Policy Letter 20-19-08

Stay of Pending Claims under the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran's Act of 2019*



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Benefits Administration
Washington, D.C. 20420

September 4, 2019

Policy Letter 20-19-08

Director (21)

All Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Offices (ROs) and Centers

SUBJ: Stay of Pending Claims under the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019*

This letter provides guidance for claims affected by Public Law (P.L.) 116-23, *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019*. For purposes of this letter, "claims affected" means all original, new, and supplemental claims.

Background

On January 29, 2019, the Federal Circuit issued a decision in *Procopio v. Wilkie* regarding service in the territorial sea of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) and Agent Orange exposure. Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) issued interim procedures for controlling claims affected by the *Procopio* decision in VBA Letter 20-19-05 on February 15, 2019. These procedures included staying decisions on affected claims and controlling them under end product (EP) 335.

On June 25, 2019, the President signed the *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019*. Congress directed the statutory amendments in the new law to go into effect on January 1, 2020, and provided the VA with the authority to stay decisions on pending claims from the date of enactment.

On July 1, 2019, Secretary Wilkie issued a stay on all claims affected by the new law, except to effectuate a Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) grant that was issued prior to the stay or where VA is obligated to comply with the order of any court. This stay applies to disability and survivors claims that are affected by the statutory amendments, namely, (1) claims based on service in the offshore waters of the RVN during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975; (2) for service in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone during the period beginning on September 1, 1967 and ending on August 31, 1971; and (3) for claims for benefits for spina bifida from children of Veterans who were allegedly exposed to herbicides while serving in Thailand during the period beginning January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975.

The entire document is eight pages long. To review the entire document, go online and search for VA Policy Letter 20-19-08.



For the Good of the Order

Annual Joint Chapter Christmas Party

The Military Order of the World Wars

San Diego, Holland & Pendleton Chapters'

5th Annual Holiday Party

2019 Hosted by the San Diego Chapter

Saturday, December 14, 2019

11:30 - 2:30

Seven Seas Best Western

411 Hotel Cir S, San Diego, CA 92108

LIVE Entertainment

by the

"Celtic Echoes"

Delicious Plated Lunch & Fellowship with

Fellow Companions and More!

\$30 per person and choice of

Grilled Salmon w/rice pilaf and vegetables

Chicken Cordon Bleu topped with white wine sauce w/rice pilaf and vegetables

Pot Roast w/red potatoes, pot roast gravy and vegetables

Vegetarian Linguini w/Marinara Sauce

(Plated dinner includes desert.)

RSVP by December 1, 2019 to:

COL Tim Swann Phone: (619) 656-2757 (voicemail welcomed)

Or Email: tswann@sandi.net

** A reservation made is a reservation paid.**

Silent Auction

To Benefit

SDYLC

Please Bring a Basket

Bring Unwrapped New Toys

for children of the

"Armed Services YMCA"



For the Good of the Order

Katherine Tat Presented the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion

July 6, 2019



Katherine Tat

The General J. P. Holland Chapter is proud to present the Bronze Patrick Henry Medallion in recognition of your dedication and outstanding performance during the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference of 2019. You have exemplified Leadership, Followership, Responsibility, and Service to Others. You have been selected by your Instructors and Peers as the "Top Student," because of your ability to lead by example, know your Teammates, and to focus on the task to be accomplished. 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.

"It is Nobler to Serve than to be Served"

July 6, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka, Lcdr, USN (ret)

Chapter Commander





For the Good of the Order

Pictures from the August General Meeting

July 6, 2019





For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker September 7, 2019

Captain Frank Godinez & Division Chief Dan Gonzalez



Frank Godinez is a Fire Captain with Chula Vista Fire Department and is presently the officer assigned to Urban Search & Rescue 53/ Bravo Division. Frank has 17 years with the Fire Department and has held the ranks of Fire Fighter, Fire Engineer, Training Engineer and Training Captain. He also serves as a Rescue Squad Officer for FEMA's National Urban Search & Rescue Team- California Task Force 8. In addition to these duties, Frank is a current Senior Instructor for California State Fire Training's technical rescue courses- Confined Space Rescue Technician and Rope Rescue Technician. Proud son of a former Marine father, he lives in San Diego with his wife and 3 children.

He will speak about the Urban Search and Rescue Operations in San Diego County and also at the National level.



Daniel Gonzalez started his firefighting career with the United States Forest Service in 1998 where he worked on the Cleveland National Forest as a firefighter in eastern San Diego County. Daniel worked on the Laguna Hotshots and Ramona Helitack crew where he had the opportunity to fight Wildland Fires across the western United States. Daniel started at MCAS Miramar Fire Department in 2003 where he made his way through the ranks of Firefighter, Engineer, and Captain. Daniel is currently a Division Chief with Miramar Fire Department and supervises the operations of 2 fire stations, 3 engine companies, 2 cross-staffed wildland type 3, 1 cross-staffed water tender, 1 cross staffed rescue apparatus, 1 cross-staffed haz-

ardous materials decontamination unit, and 2 advanced life support ambulances. In addition, Daniel is the Accreditation Manager for the department and has authored the Strategic Plan, Standards of Cover, and Community Risk Analysis documents. He lives in San Diego with his wife and 2 children.

Capt Gonzalez will speak about the Fire Department Service Area requirements for Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and also the Standards of Cover (SOC) and strategic planning for the Base installation.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker October 5, 2019

Alex Robertson



To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity'

Alex will speak about his Father, who served in the Royal Airforce (RAF) in World War Two. Flying into action over occupied Europe, parachuting Special Operations Executive (SOE), French Resistance fighters - and on D-Day (Pegasus Bridge) and Operation Market Garden (Arnhem) towing gliders with British troops. Alex was at Pegasus Bridge recently in June, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings where he took photographs. He will bring his Fathers actual WWII medals earned for all of his service, including the French Legion of Honor.

Alex was born in Scotland and have lived (paid taxes) in nine Countries on five Continents around the world. The United States is his ninth Country in which he has lived. Alex owns a house in Amsterdam, a farm in South Africa and used to fly around the world every eight to twelve weeks, for over ten years due to business (managing the design and development of professional and consumer TV broadcast equipment).

Alex was also a professional racecar driver.

He is now retired and lives in Rancho Bernardo. Alex serves on numerous medical/medical device boards and represent the Scottish Government in Southern California. Also he is an active member of Rancho Bernardo Rotary Club.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker November 2, 2019

Astronaut Woody Spring



Colonel Sherwood Clark “Woody” Spring, USA (Ret) born on September 3, 1944 is a retired Army Helicopter Pilot and NASA astronaut. He is married with two children, one of them, Justin Spring, who is a United States Olympian. Colonel Spring has logged 165 hours in space, 12 of which were spent conducting spacewalks. He also accumulated 3500 hours in 25 different military and civilian aircraft, 1500 of those hours were spent in jet aircraft.

Spring was active in the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved its 2nd highest rank, Life Scout. He met his future wife, Debbie Cooper, an elementary school physical education teacher, while they were both students at the University of Arizona. Spring’s son Justin, was a member of the 2008 US Olympic Men’s Gymnastic team that earned a Bronze Medal in Beijing, and currently is the head coach at the University of Illinois.

Colonel Spring graduated from Ponaganset High School, in North Scituate, Rhode Island, in 1963. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering from the United States Military Academy in 1967 and a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Arizona in 1974. He graduated from the United States Naval Test Pilot School in 1976 and the Defense Systems Management College in 1989.

After graduation from West Point in 1967, he served two tours of duty in Vietnam. The first was from 1968 to 1969, with the 101st Airborne Division. The second was from 1970 to 1971, came immediately after flight school, where he served as a helicopter pilot with the 1st Cavalry Division. Upon return to the USA, he received fixed wing training in route to a master’s degree program with the University of Arizona in 1974. After a short tour at Edwards Air Force Base, California as a flight test engineer, he attended the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland. He then returned to the army’s Flight Test Facility at Edwards AFB to complete four years as an experimental test pilot.

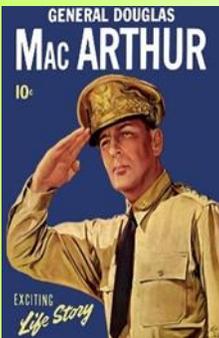
Following his retirement from NASA in 1988, he spent the next five years directing the Army Space Program Office in the Washington, D.C. Area. He retired from the Army in July 1994, and worked as contractor on Defense and Intelligence programs in the Washington, D.C. area. He is currently a professor at the Defense Acquisition University and lives in San Diego, California.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker December 7, 2019

“General Douglas MacArthur”



General Douglas MacArthur Presented by Robert Tidwell

Mr. Robert Tidwell has been portraying General MacArthur since 2012 and has appeared as the General over fifty times in such venues as school assemblies, veteran's events, parades and historical re-enactments. He marched as General MacArthur in the 2018 National Memorial Day Parade and participated in a restaging of the Leyte landing at the National museum of the Pacific War in November of 2018.

He has delivered the General's speeches before the Air Force JROTC cadets at Hemet High School, the cadets of the Army Navy School of Carlsbad, California, the P-38 Association of March Air Force Base in Riverside, California, and the Red Hat Society of Culver City. In 2013 he appeared with members of the Philippine Scouts Heritage Society in which they re-staged MacArthur's wading ashore at Leyte in a special ceremony before the Consul General of the Philippines. Every summer he appears at the Old Fort MacArthur Days military re-enactment event in San Pedro, the largest event of its type west of the Mississippi. He is a member of the Philippine Scout Heritage Society and The California Historical Group.

He marched as General MacArthur in the 2018 National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC.

Mr. Tidwell was raised in San Diego, California, the son of a Pearl Harbor survivor and career Navy Officer. He grew up with stories about World War Two and the Pacific campaigns. His interest in Gen MacArthur came about over lively conversations his parents had about the Pacific war. After studied US history at San Francisco State University, he and his wife, Marina, pursued a career in live theatre, producing, acting and directing over thirty stage productions on the Monterey Peninsula. When his wife received a scholarship to the Cinema Television School at USC, the couple relocated to Culver City, where they raised three sons. He has taught US History at West Los Angeles College. Mr. Tidwell obtained his Masters of Humanities from California State University, Dominguez Hills, in which he wrote his Master Thesis on General MacArthur's reforms of West Point, 1919-1922. He has conducted research at the MacArthur Memorial in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Tidwell has combined history and the theatre to make events come alive, and General Douglas MacArthur is the perfect subject: brilliant, controversial, dramatic, and glamorous. In over forty five years Mr. Tidwell has compiled an extensive MacArthur library, studied hours of newsreel footage, studied the General's vocal patterns and body language, interviewed those who know the General, and has re-created the General's distinctive uniform. No detail was too small. When he could not find a correct reproduction of the General's famous "scrambled egg" cap, he and his wife created one of their own (His wife embroidered the oak leaves herself). The simple khaki uniform is tailored made, reflected the General's personal tastes, and Mr. Tidwell's hair, like the General's, is dyed brown and combed over his high forehead. Even the trademark corncomb pipe is accurate.



For the Good of the Order

Guest Speaker January 4, 2019

LT Phillip “Moki” Martin (Navy SEAL)



LT Phillip L. “Moki” Martin was born in September 1942 in Paia, Hawaii, where he grew up swimming, free diving and surfing. Those watery pastimes led to his interest in joining the Navy, an interest he pursued in 1960 and for the next 23 years. Martin enlisted after graduating from Maui High School and went through boot camp in San Diego. He was assigned to run steam engines on the USS Orleck (DD 886) for two years and got promoted to Petty Officer Second



Class during that time. His dream was to go to UDT (Underwater Demolition Team) Training, but the program was limited to 100 participants at that time, with almost no new entrants being added. When the U. S. got involved in Vietnam, he was in prime condition to take advantage of the expanded special operations program. He was selected for UDT Training in late 1964 and started in September 1965. Only 36 graduated from Class 35's original 130 men; Martin was one of them. Open water swimming was a great strength from his Hawaiian childhood, but running was a discipline he had to work hard at to complete the program. He fulfilled his childhood goal with the help of his six-man boat crew.

Not long after graduating Martin deployed to Vietnam. He had the chance to observe some of the new SEALs – special warfare teams created from the UDT program – during his combat operations, and was sent to complete eight weeks of training to become one. He next served in the Mekong Delta, conducting intelligence gathering operations, harassing, ambushing and interrogating the Viet Cong. He earned two Bronze Star medals with the Combat V for Valor for his service there.

In 1972, Martin took part in Operation Thunderhead, a highly-classified mission to free American POWs jailed in the infamous “Hanoi Hilton.” It was a complex operation with submarine and helicopter assets that did not go as planned. One SEAL was killed, and with numerous other issues arising, the mission was aborted. Martin was decorated with a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a Combat “V” for his role in the effort and was promoted to warrant officer. He went back to the fleet, as SEALs did not have warrant officer slots, but returned to the teams as a BUD/S instructor in 1975.

In 1982, on a morning ride down the Silver Strand, LT Martin was struck by another cyclist going north in the southbound lane. His spinal cord was damaged in the accident and he became a quadriplegic. The Navy took him off active duty, but didn't fully retire him. The veteran SEAL has been on Active Retired status since 1983 and still gives lectures at the Naval Special Warfare Center about the lessons learned in the Vietnam War. Martin also gives lectures to local students on disabilities, and he paints, draws and puts on art shows. He earned a Bachelor's in Arts and Letters from San Diego State University in 1991 and has had his work featured in numerous shows. Many of his pieces are inspired by his Hawaiian heritage.

Martin and his wife of 50 years, Cindy, live in Coronado. They have two adult children, Joel and Callie.



For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation July 6, 2019

BGEN Robert Cardenas



BGEN Robert Cardenas

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing the inspiring story of your amazing career in the United States Air Force. We were most intrigued by your experience in the effort to break the sound barrier and test fly the first Flying Wing Aircraft. Thank you so very much for sharing these special moments and memories. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

July 6, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Comm

Letter of Appreciation August 3, 2019

Jonna Doolittle Hoppes



Jonna Doolittle Hoppes

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for sharing the inspiring story of your famous Grandfather, General Jimmy Doolittle and Grandmother Joe. We were most entertained and spirited by your wonderful and humorous stories of their personal lives. Thank you so very much for sharing these special moments and memories. We wish you the very Best in your future endeavors.

“Fair Winds and Following Seas”

August 3, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Out Standing Service Medal July 6, 2019



Andre LeCault

For outstanding Leadership, Dedication, Patriotism, and Loyalty to the General J. P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. You are a Past Commander of the Holland Chapter, and now you have offered to fill the role of Vice Commander. The impact of your current service has been immediate and outstanding. Your experience, professionalism, and recommendations have made positive and creative changes in the operations of this Chapter. Your superb commitment and imagination have had and continues to have a positive and profound affect upon this Chapter. Your companions deeply appreciate your hard work and sacrifice.

"It is nobler to Serve than to be Served"

August 3, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander

Outstanding Service Medal July 6, 2019

Dorene LeCault



Dorene LeCault

For outstanding Leadership, Dedication, Patriotism, and Loyalty to the General J. P. Holland Chapter of the Military Order of World Wars. Your quiet demeanor belies your enthusiasm, resourcefulness and desire to support the Holland Chapter. During the recent visit of MOWW Commander in Chief, LTCOL John Hollywood, you opened your home to him, to ensure his comfort and enjoyment. You planned and prepared an amazing welcome party the night of his arrival. You entertained and dined with him for the two the days he spent in San Diego. Your companions deeply appreciate your hard work and sacrifice.

"It is nobler to Serve than to be Served"

August 3, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order

Letter of Appreciation July 6, 2019

Capt Debbie Kash



Captain Debbie Kash

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for the great Brief of the 2019 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference and the inspiring dedication and hard work you do to make the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference such a great success. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

July 6, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander

Letter of Appreciation July 6, 2019



Charles Dare

The Companions and Guests of the General J. P. Holland Chapter sincerely thank you for the great Brief of the 2019 San Diego Youth Leadership Conference and for accepting the position of President and Director of the Board of the San Diego Youth Leadership Conference on short notice. We thank you for your dedication and hard work and wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

"Fair Winds and Following Seas"

July 6, 2019

Nicholas S. Herbka

Gen. JP Holland Chapter Commander



For the Good of the Order



Chaplain's Corner



Carl Swepston, Navy SEAL, LT USN (Ret)

My Spiritual Connection with GOD

As I spend time in my mountain home in Julian, CA (see below house photo), I find my awareness of GOD's presence is much more intense. I find man's distractions, i.e.: vehicles, buildings and man-made roads and sidewalks, limits my Spirituality. As I drink my two morning cups of coffee, sitting outside facing North (see below photo of Volcan Mountain), I experience GOD's presence in a variety of ways. The blue sky with billowing clouds and simmering sun light, coupled with an almost silent wind blowing in the trees is quite peaceful. My connection with GOD's creatures is quite magnified, as I watch the various birds flying and perching in the nearby trees. I have made direct eye contact with wild deer on several occasions. The writing behind the deer's head in the middle photo is from 1 Corinthians 16.13 ***"Be on your guard: stand firm in the faith: be man of courage: be strong"***. Other animals I occasionally see are: Wild Turkeys, Coyotes, Silver Foxes and Rattle Snakes. My game cameras have taken photos of a large Mountain Lion on the property several months ago. As you probably would agree: I need to trust and adhere to the above First Corinthians verse. In both the Old and New Testaments the wilderness is portrayed as a place of hardship and salvation. There was no food but God sent manna (Exodus 16) There was no water but God brought water from a rock (Exodus 17) There were wild beast , but God sent angels (Mark 1:13). I truly believe the angels have protected me on numerous occasions.



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