



The Gipper

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Thanks For The Memories

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since we began this journey together. The recent elections brought me full circle as I reflected on this past year as your Commandant. There are so many memories, so many experiences, so many hurdles we've crossed together. It is really hard to list them all in an article short enough to be published but please pull up a chair and reminisce with me about what we have accomplished together in these past, short, twelve months.

First and foremost, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thanks to our Detachment Board of Trustees: Senior Vice Commandant Dick Jennings, Junior Vice Commandant Ken "Doc" Honaker, Judge Advocate Dr. Anthony Saunders, and Junior Past Commandant Matt Valenzuela. Without their continuous advice and support, none of what follows would have been possible. Many, many thanks for your assistance and support.

President Ronald Reagan is famously quoted as saying, "It is amazing what a man can do and how far he can go if he is not concerned about who gets the credit." There are many Detachment members and associates who appear to live by this credo and the result is a wonderfully successful Detachment. Let's begin at the beginning.

This past year, we held elections in the first quarter, we hosted the Department of California Convention and our first-ever Detachment Golf Tournament in June. Clearly Rudyard Kipling could have been describing our Detachment when he wrote: **"For the Strength of the Pack is the Wolf and The Strength of the Wolf is The Pack."** Please recall with me some key contributors during our first two major events of last year:

- Dick Jennings for his persistence in the face of myriad obstacles and any number of naysayers, that resulted in a wonderfully successful and enjoyable Golf Tournament and Department of CA Convention;
- Valeria Galvan for taking it upon herself to home make "goodies" to serve in the hospitality suite;



- Toni Reed, Sue Pfister and Cindy Merager for their countless, unsung hours as hospitality suite hostesses;
- John Calderon and Debbie Sands for their selfless attention to detail as Golf Tournament and Convention Photographers;
- John Miller for his sterling “eulogy” and Ken “Doc” Honaker for his recitation of “The Corpsman’s Prayer” during the Memorial Service for Donald “Mac” McGregor;
- Dick Jennings for the beautiful and professional Program he assembled for the Convention;
- John Calderon for his poignant and haunting trumpet rendition of “Colors” during our Saturday morning flag raising ceremony;
- Bob Martinez and his band for their cocktail hour prelude to the Banquet;
- Fausto Galvan, supported by Tim Stratton and “Mr. G.” Gallegos, for his shepherding of the “Young Marines” in their manual of arms and spit shining techniques before their show time at the Banquet;
- Guest Speaker Robin Hutton for her thrilling rendition of *“Reckless, America’s War Horse.”* Robin assured us, “She wasn’t a horse, she was a Marine;”
- Ben Pfister for his untiring efforts to ensure Convention Guests received tokens of our appreciation for honoring and supporting our Convention host efforts; and
- Taj O’Toole for her Pay Master diligence from “dawn ‘til setting sun” before, during and after both the Golf Tournament and Convention.

After the Convention and Golf Tournament, we turned our focus to the Marine Corps Ball, our major fund raiser for the year. We sold thousands of dollars of sponsorships and ads to support our Veterans in the second and third quarters of the year. The effort was spearheaded by our “Sales Force in Readiness”: John Coley, Ken “Doc” Honaker, Ben Pfister, Taj O’Toole, and Matt Valenzuela.

With the sales coming in and the Ball planning in hand, we initiated our “Speakers’ Bureau” presentations at our local High Schools under the tutelage of Dick Jennings, John Coley, Dave Opfer and Ben Pfister to educate our High School students on what it means to be a Veteran: early performances received “rave reviews.”

We hosted our annual Marine Corps Ball in November, at the Wood Ranch Golf Club, and had a wonderful experience and community outreach. There were many key players: Ken “Doc” Honaker as chair; the sales force mentioned earlier; Mark Shuster as Master of Ceremonies; John Miller with his POW/MIA tribute; the Cake/Honor Guards: Ruy Pena, Ramon Arevalo, Larry Fischer, John Fuentes, Ken “Doc” Honaker, Fausto Galvan, Dave Opfer, and Ben Pfister; Julie Miller, Taj O’Toole and Toni Reed as check-in ambassadors; raffle sales catalyst Richard Farra; Debbie Sands for her shepherding of the Big Basket of Stuff; Jimmie Owens as DJ, Bob Martinez for his magnificent “Yesterday” performance; and as always, there was John Mitchell and his Toys for Tots boxes. Everyone had a Ball!

We celebrated the Holidays with a Christmas Party and White Elephant gift exchange hosted by Ben Pfister who arranged for a catered dinner prepared by the Royal High School Culinary Department.

And through it all, there was always Detachment work to be done.

Throughout the year, we served our surrounding communities with over a hundred Color Guard supported events and services to honor Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans’ Day, POW/MIA Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Patriot’s Day, etc. Our Color Guards, Rifle & Flag details and Bugler answered countless requests. Commanded by Ruy Peña, Jr. and his band of Brothers: Ramon Arevalo, John Coley, Larry Fischer, Fausto Galvan, Ken “Doc” Honaker, Al Lansdale, Bob Martinez, Dave Opfer, Jack Parfitt, and Ben Pfister.



We supported Veterans in our communities and donated significantly of our resources and energies to satisfy their needs. There wasn't enough hours in the day to accomplish what we wanted to do, but thanks to all of your support, ideas, hard work, and dedication it was a very good year.

And let us not forget we conducted 12 Board of Trustee Meetings to plan, evaluate and implement ideas, as well as 12 Membership Meetings which highlighted each month's old and new business, and received elected officers' reports. Many of these meetings included guest speakers who helped us to understand the needs our fellow Veterans, and "Dedication Services" poignantly presented by Historian, John Miller. During each meeting our Judge Advocate, Dr. Tony Saunders kept us on the straight and narrow, ensuring the Detachment met its fiduciary duties and operated according to its by-laws.

If those meetings weren't enough, we played through 18 Golf Tournament coordination and Volunteer meetings to plan, advertise, orchestrate, coordinate, and execute the myriad tasks associated with our first-ever golf tournament. All of this ably orchestrated by its Chair, Dick Jennings and Co-Chair' Darrell Lee and meticulously recorded by Sue Pfister.

And we coordinated and advertised nine "Restaurant of the Month" fundraisers" patronized by our members and associates and selflessly supported with flyers created by Ben Pfister, Adriana Gallegos and others.

We enjoyed a truly professional monthly newsletter, "The Gipper," masterfully created by Editor Robin Hutton and Publisher Mike Holzbeierlein, using monthly articles prepared by our Board Officers and appointed officials. And, announced late in the year, this year's "The Gipper" will be taken to even greater heights by returning Editor, Richard Farra.

And then it was time once again to elect our new Detachment Officers. A big shout out goes to the following for running for office and taking part in the nomination and election process: Jerry Anderson, John Coley, Ken "Doc" Honaker, Harry Hodges, Dick Jennings, John Miller, John Moreira, Bob Nelson and Tony Saunders. Heartiest congratulations go out to our newly elected officers: Commandant Dick Jennings, Senior Vice Commandant Harry Hodges, Junior Vice Commandant Ken "Doc" Honaker and Judge Advocate John Miller. God's Speed for a productive and enjoyable up-coming year.

My attempt in writing this article, has been to thank all of the members and associates who have contributed to "the good of the Detachment" during this past year. Please accept my thanks for everything you have done and accept my apologies in advance for everything I failed to remember in this article. I firmly believe the only thing worse than too many accolades is failing to thank those who gave their best, most often without even being asked. I sincerely hope my omissions are few because never has it been more accurate to report that "Together Everyone Accomplishes More."

Thank you all and carry on.
Semper Fi,
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Commandant



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Marines, Corpsmen and Associates:

The ACORN newspaper had an article on our Speakers Bureau on the Vietnam War. I started the Speakers' Bureau to let students know what war was all about – its costs and casualties. We started our outreach by sending out letters to middle and high schools from the San Fernando Valley to Santa Barbara letting teachers and administrators know we are available to speak to their students. As of January, we've received 10 responses, and interest is growing. So far, our speakers from the 597 are Ben Pfister, Fausto Galvan, and myself. Let me know if you have an interest in participating.

The ACORN article covered a presentation we made to students at Royal High School in Simi Valley. The students listened up as I spoke of my experience during the war as a combat wounded Vietnam Veteran. In case you didn't know, I was shot twice and remember a lot.

We answered many questions from the students and gave the students a soldiers' perspective on war and its costs. It was a rewarding experience to share our views on war and receive a warm reception.

If you would like a copy of the article, please email me and I will forward it to you.



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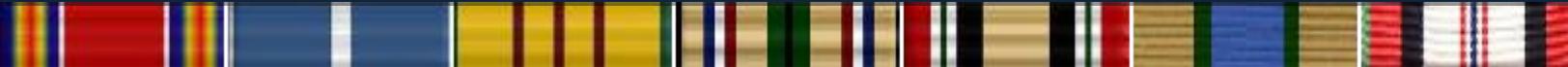
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Fellow Marines, Corpsmen, Associates and Friends,

It has been a great privilege for me to serve as the Jr. Past Commandant for the 597 over the past year. I have always done my best for the Detachment, and have held the utmost respect for any position held. I have appreciated the opportunity to serve in every capacity that I was elected or appointed to within the Board and want to thank you all for your support.

Just received an early morning call from Colorado. Great News, Fellow Marines! Past Commandant of the President Ronald Reagan Detachment 597 of the Marine Corps League, LtCol Mark Shuster is now the Executive Officer of CLR 45, Combat Logistics Regiment 45, 4th Marine Logistics Group located in Marietta, Georgia. **Congratulations, Mark!!!**



Semper Fi,
Matt E. Valenzuela



**JUDGE ADVOCATE
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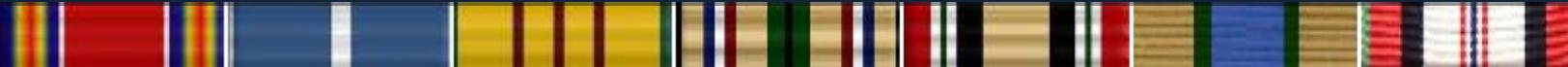
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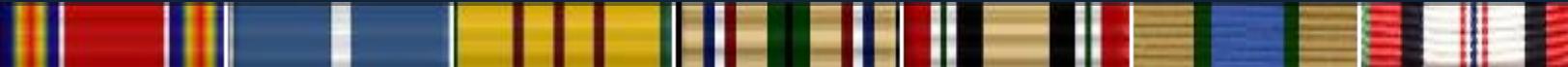


Viet Nam Commemoration

As we all begin this next year with new leadership and new and better ideas that will make this detachment the finest in the nation. We should remember that there are so many of us that do so much for our community and our country, from funerals to festivals, from prayer requests to monthly meetings to renew our beliefs in God, Corps and Country. Friendship is the glue that keeps us all together, and respect for each other and each person's individual gifts. In the following year I will do my best to be a good friend to all and to listen to everyone's questions and concerns. Together we can make new ground, forge ahead, and make each person in our Marine Corps League feel needed and respected. The following is my view of friendship. Friendship is the ability to make new acquaintances, and to keep the old ones, to honor and respect them. Try not to flatter yourself with too many friends and say disagreeable things about them. The closer you come to real friendship the more necessary to be tactful and thankful. For friendship is truly a gift from God. I pledge to be a good friend in the coming year and to respect each and everyone one of you. Respectfully, John E. Miller New Judge Advocate for the coming year.

About myself: I joined the Marine Corps straight out of High School on June 25, 1963 and went to MCRD, San Diego. I served with Lima 3/1 at Camp Pendleton and went to Viet Nam with Charlie 1/9 and later with Alpha 1/1. I was an anti-tank assault man with an MOS of 0331. After Viet Nam, I served with H&S 2/8 at Camp Lejeune. I was discharged from active duty on 24 June 1967 and went into the Los Angeles Police Department. I retired from there in 2007. I also joined the reserves and served with H&S 2/23. So I have a good background of serving with the finest men and women in the world. I joined the Marine Corps League in 2008 and have made many new friends and it is my desire to make many more, Just as important, I would be honored to become a new friend to many in this detachment. The following photo is me and my DI from 1963. We went to Viet Nam together in 1965 and have remained friends for over 54 years - that is what I mean about friendship. It's for life. Thank you for allowing me to serve this wonderful group of men and women.





THE DOG ROBBER HOWLS

Pound 325, Ventura County Devil Dogs
California Pack 2012 Pound of the Year

DD Ben Pfister
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Woof Woof Devil Dogs and Detachment Members,

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of Detachment 597.

There is a location change to this March's Growl, it will be held at the **Junk Yard Restaurant** on Cochran half a block east of Sycamore Street in Simi Valley. At 0900 and after a short Growl, we'll meet at the metro link parking lot on Los Angeles Ave and car pool to Foothills at Simi Valley Senior Housing to visit Veterans living there. Anyone wishing to have breakfast beforehand, can join in at 0800. Coffee will available at the Growl, if you want something stronger - bring them bones.

Woof Woof!

Ben Pfister
Pound Keeper
Semper WOOF!!



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Fellow Veterans and Friends:

No doubt that with the newly elected Board of Trustees, you will also have a new Chaplain appointed for the Detachment, but please keep on with the Daily Prayers for those on the Prayer List. Have faith that your daily prayers are doing good.

Hebrews 11:1 tells us the "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. It is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we cannot see." So keep the faith.

I wish above all things that you would prosper and be in good health.

3 John 1:2

Semper Fidelis,
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Color Guard Report

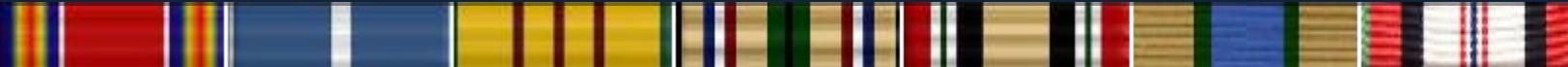
Our Color Guard Detail had 8 events in January, and scheduled 5 and 2 more events for February and March, respectively.

We will be at an event celebrating Law Enforcement on February 23, and Simi Valley Youth on February 24th.

The picture below was taken during the Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" award presentation, at the Odyssey Restaurant, last December.

Semper Fi





YOU KNOW THE DRILL!

Darrell Lee Training Officer

Opportunities to serve

Every meeting Ruy Peña asks for volunteers for the Color Guard (to carry rifles or colors for ceremonies and parades) and Honor Guards (Firing Details, Flag Folding, etc.). Every meeting we hear from the various committees (Golf Tournament, Birthday Ball, Family Day Picnic, etc.) and they're pretty much always open to getting new folks involved in the behind the scenes planning, preparation, and execution of these events.

Every month there is a Board of Trustees meeting where anyone can attend and put in their two cents, and possibly find another avenue of service in supporting the League.

Most significantly, we are having our Annual Election of Officers, where we are always hearing a call for new blood, but where few new faces seem to found. Honestly, we do want new people in these vital positions! If you are not sure you can do the job, take the current holder of that office aside for a few minutes or so to get a better idea if you can handle it. I bet you can...

And if running for elected office isn't your thing, the appointed offices are still an option worth considering. While only a few are mentioned in our bylaws, we have created many informal, but important, offices like Training Officer (yours truly), Newsletter Editor, etc. If you want to be considered for one of these posts, let someone know; the current office holder and the incoming Commandant-Elect would be the most logical people, as well as others who have been around for a while. Many of us have previously held these positions.

Semper Fidelis,

Darrell Lee



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From the desk of the Chairman for the MCL Golf Tournament

Clock is ticking and we are way beyond schedule for this year's tournament.

We have 5 great Hole-in-One prizes: BMW, Chevrolet Silverado Truck, Trip for two to Scotland (Toys for Tots hole), 12 day cruise for two on the Mediterranean, and one week trip for two w/hotel to the 2019 Masters Tournament. Putting contest - 12 day African Safari.

Raffle this year is a Springfield Marine Corps Operator 1911 .45 caliber pistol + magazine, Cleaning Kit valued at \$250 + 3 month membership in "Smokin' Barrel" shooting range. Tickets \$10 per and buy a book of 10 and get 11 tickets.

Silent Auction will have no more than 15 items. So far we have:

- Taylor Made Driver valued at \$499
- Use of a 2019 Mustang Convertible for a 3 day weekend valued at \$1000
- 3 giant gift baskets
- 3, 5 & 7 metal clubs valued at \$500

We could use a large 60"HD television, surround sound system for a TV, and any large items that will bring in as much money for the Veteran Charities.

We also will be having a ball drop prior to the tournament. We will be dropping up to 1000 golf balls. Each ball will be \$10 each. Closest to the hole or in the hole will receive \$500 and second prize \$250. Tickets will be available the 1st week in March.

WE WILL NEED A NUMBER OF VOLUTEERS FOR THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. THERE ARE LOT OF HOLES THAT NEED TO BE MANNED AND FOR VOLUNTEERING YOU WILL RECEIVE A GOLF SHIRT AND A FREE DINNER.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL ME AT (805) 328-9817 OR EMAIL
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The biggest news that we now have a new Webmaster. She is a sophomore at Moorpark College and is majoring in Computer Science. Check out the golf tournament webpage 2018golftournament.org. She will also be updating our Detachment Webpage and our Facebook page.

Next Golf Committee Meeting will be March 8, 2018 at the 99.1 The Ranch Radio Station in the Simi Center (across from the old Macy's Men's Store. We start at 1830 sharp and will be done no later than 2000.

Hope to see a full house at our next meeting.



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DEAR COMMANDANT

We all have had ideas and/or gripes about our general meetings, events or whatever. To hear what's on your mind and clearing the air, we will be able to understand the thoughts of you – our members. Our leadership wants to hear from you. Thus we are starting a "DEAR COMMANDANT" section to the Gipper.

Like a shark, we must keep moving forward or we will die. We need your input to move forward and grow. For example, Dick Jennings suggested and executed on his idea for a Speakers' Bureau to share a Veteran's view of war to high school students. His idea is a positive community outreach idea and has had great reviews and demand for more presentations.

We want our members to share their thoughts, concerns and compliments to the Commandant. If there is something not done to ones expectations, please submit your ideas on how to resolve these issues and concerns. All correspondence will be kept confidential unless specified otherwise. Email me your ideas and thoughts to me, Richard Farra, Editor, at richfarra@gmail.com and I will forward them to the Commandant anonymously for his feedback and include them in the Gipper.

Thank you



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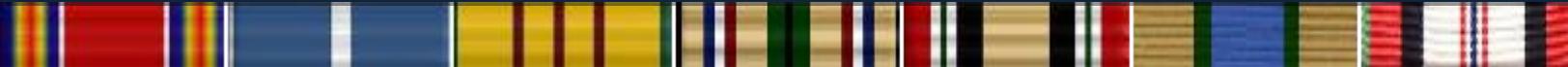
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Fellow Veterans and Friends,

From time-to-time I receive the honor to recommend a truly worthy individual for community recognition. Recently, the Acorn newspaper solicited my thoughts for Simi Valley's Top 10 Citizens, I didn't have to look far he is in our midst – John Mitchell. John is a veteran of the Korean War and Life Member of the President Ronald Reagan Detachment 597, community volunteer, Chair of The Toys for Tots representing the Marines of the 597 and bringing joy to children of Ventura County and San Fernando Valley.

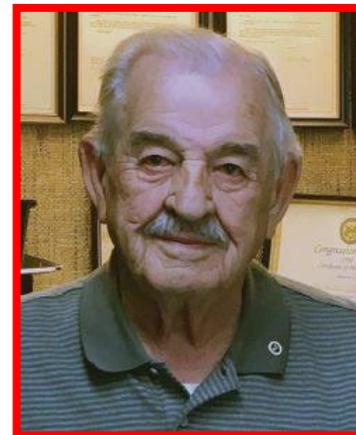


I'm sure you'll agree with me without hesitation he is an outstanding citizen within our community. I was honored to submit his name to the Acorn for their thoughts and they agreed.

The article that appeared in the Simi Acorn is below.

John Mitchell

Over the past 25 years, John Mitchell has collected nearly 200,000 items for Toys for Tots while volunteering with the Marine Corps League's President Ronald Reagan Detachment 597 of Ventura County. He became the toy collection coordinator 20 years ago. A retired Marine who served in the Mediterranean from 1952 to 1954, Mitchell said about 8,500 toys were donated between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve last year.



"I was a Depression baby, so our Christmases were pretty lean, and I felt like this was something hands-on I could do that would benefit underprivileged children," he said. All toys collected stay within the county, he added. Mitchell works as a State Farm agent, a position he's held for 53 years, and also enjoys spending time with his family. In addition to receiving several awards from the Marine Corps League recognizing the time he's donated to collecting toys, Mitchell been honored for his service to the nation.

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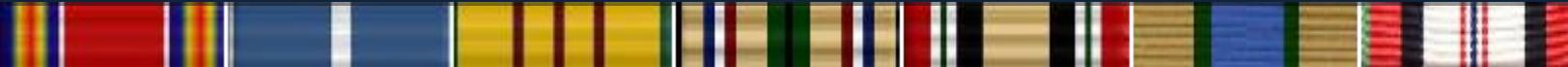
Marines, Corpsmen and Associates,

There are three classes of membership in the League: Regular, Associate and Honorary.

Regular members are Marines, FMF Corpsmen or FMF Chaplains who have been honorably discharged. Regular members have full League voting privileges.

Associates are individuals who have served in other branches of the military and civilians who are interested in helping the League accomplish its goals. Associates have limited voting privileges.

Honorary Members are Active Duty Marines, FMF Corpsmen and FMF Chaplains. These members may convert to a Regular Membership with the submission of proper paperwork.



Dues are as follow:

New Members who join between 9/1 and 3/1	\$45.00
New Members who join between 3/1 and 9/1	\$25.00
Renewing Members - effective 9/1	\$40.00

The Detachment is responsible for collecting the full dues and send portions to the National MCL HQ and Dept. of CA.

Since 2010, dues have increased 3 times - two by National and one by the Dept. of CA. Detachment 597 has not creased dues to its members, even though amounts paid to National and Dept. of CA have increased. In the past, our Detachment has absorbed prior due increases, unfortunately we cannot continue to do this; therefore, total dues will have to be collected from our members.

As Paymaster, I am recommending to the Board that total dues for New Members be increased to \$55.00 for 9/1 to 2/28; and \$30.00 for 3/1 to 9/1 to 3/1; and to \$50.00 for Renewing Members. This will be discussed by the Detachment Board and then brought to members.

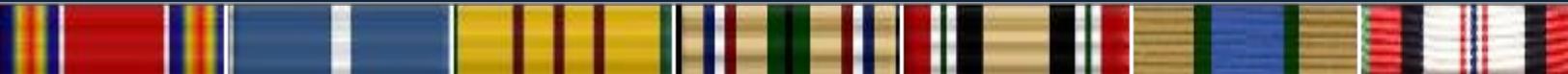
Please call if you have questions.

Taj O'Toole



VERY HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS TO:

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| 03-Susan Emslie | 11-James Godsey |
| 04-Zaida Adorno | 12-Doug Walker - Life Member |
| 04-Juvencio 'Mr G' Gallegos | 19 - Robert Kosloff - Life Member |
| 06-Randy Ringen | 23-Edward Lantos |
| 07-Gerald 'Jerry' Anderson - Life Member | 24-Henry 'Hank' Noorda - Life Member |
| 07-Harry L. Hodges, Jr - Life Member | |
| 08-Kenneth 'Doc' Honaker - Life Member | |



February Speaker Recap



Dr. Michelle Lau L.Ac., O.M.D. spoke on the health benefits of acupuncture and work in getting acupuncture as an approved service with the VA. She has over 35 years of experience in this field of health, and has a son serving in the Air Force.

Dr. Lau’s contact information is: 916-705-3888.

No Speaker for March

Due to installation of the new Board of Trustees, there will be no speaker in March.

New Member

New Member MSGT Juan Avalos was sworn in during the February general meeting. Juan’s MOS was 0699 – Communications and served from 1997-2017. Join us in giving him a warm welcome whenever you see him.





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DD214 REPLACEMENT AND MILITARY MEDALS & AWARDS: Are you in need of a replacement DD214? Are you missing awards or medals and would like to get your records updated? Would you like to get the military records of a deceased next of kin? Please visit www.archives.gov/veterans/ to fill out the eVetRecs online system or download the SF180 form.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS: Members more than 6 months past due will no longer receive the newsletter and will be removed from the roster prior to publication. MCL National HQ requires a new application if a member is more than 12 months past due. To bring your dues up to date, contact the Paymaster. Renewal dues are \$40 per year, and due in September. New member dues are \$45. All new applicants for regular membership must be prepared to show proof of Honorable military service with a DD214.

MCL Det. #597 GENERAL MEETINGS

1st Thursday of each month

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1561 Kuehner Drive

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Meet and Greet 1800

Dinner 1800-1859

Meeting 1900

BOARD MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday of each month at 1830

Museum of Military History

Simi Valley Town Center Mall

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