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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

During the March general meeting Matt Valenzuela, Department of California Jr. Vice Commandant and MODD California Pack Sr. Vice Pack Leader, performed the swearing in of our new board and its officers, and the ceremonial passing of command. Our new board: Richard Jennings – Commandant, Harry Hodges – Sr. Vice, Ken “Doc” Honaker – Jr. Vice, Jerry German – Jr. Past, John Coley – Adjutant, John Miller – Judge Advocate, John Fuentes – Corporal of the Guard, Bradley Cantley – Chaplain, and Andrew “Andy” Dobrzynski – Paymaster. John Miller will continue to be our Historian.

We look forward to hearing from our new board members every month with their contributions to this newsletter, your knowledge of what your representatives are doing to make this Detachment its best.

Matt Valenzuela and Taj O’Toole are stepping down from their highly visible contributions to our Detachment, Veterans and community. They want to spend more time together and enjoy the benefits of retirement. Please join us in expressing our thanks and gratitude for their unwavering service, and wish them the best in the new venture.





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From the Commandant

The core of our Detachment’s Mission Statement reads - Veterans helping Veterans. We talk about it and we do help our brothers, but are we doing enough? I am going to use a few words from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - “I have a dream.”

I have a dream we will have a Veterans Center building. This building would house the offices for the Marine Corps League, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS and other Veteran service organizations.

I have a dream this building will have a library fitted with computers and printers for Veterans to use as a resource and Internet access. A place where Veterans could find jobs and work on their resumes with access to industry experts. A place Veteran Service Officers and VA experts could help Veterans work through the paperwork the VA requires for benefits.

I have a dream this building will have showers, washers and dryers, and working kitchen. Nationwide there are over 120,000 homeless Veterans, and shamefully many in Ventura County. This building will help these unfortunate brothers and sisters with no questions asked. A place where they could wash their clothes, take a shower, and have a hot meal. If they are interested, there will be some professionals there to try to help them get back on their feet.

I have a dream all these things will be given to us by the City of Simi Valley and/or Ventura County. One location we’ve discussed acquiring in the past is the old Sheriff’s jail on Madera, just below the Reagan library. It’s owned by Ventura County and has been vacant for several years. The interior’s condition isn't the best, but I have a friend who is an executive with "Habitat for Humanity," and he assures me they will help to re-build and make improvements to this building. I have scheduled a few meeting with some influential local government officials within Simi Valley, where I will share our dream of doing more to help Veterans.

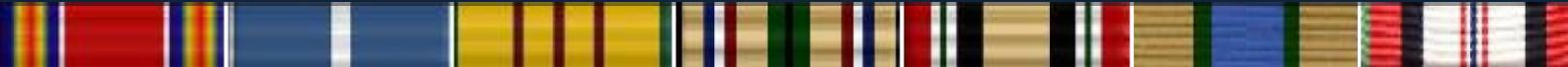
Ladies, gentlemen, and fellow Detachment members this is my dream and I would hope this will become your dream as well.

A Big Thank You goes to Matt Valenzuela whose selfless contributions and actions continue to help our brethren. As long as I have been around you all in the Detachment, it just amazes me how people step up. I sent out an email this morning about the VA needing bottled water for some Open Houses they run in April and May. Matt Valenzuela in less than half a day came up with the 60 cases.

I want to thank Matt for always being there and for making my job as Commandant very easy. It's people like Matt that make us all proud.

Thank you so much Marine and Semper Fi

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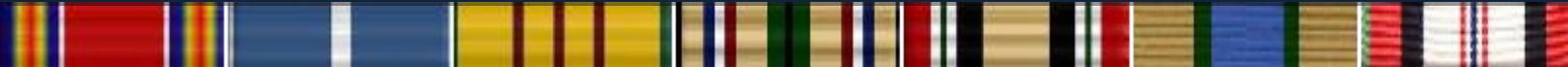
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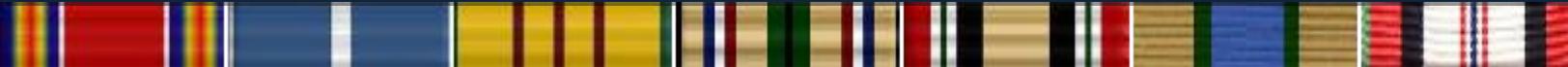
Judge Advocate message

First and foremost we must remember we are chartered by Congress and therefore are governed by rules, customs and most important by-laws. The by-laws govern our meetings, our elected leadership, the accountability of each member of Detachment 597 to adhere to the same rules and regulations as a detachment in Hazelton, Pennsylvania. So if you are on vacation and happen to be in an area that has a detachment, you can walk in and know the rituals and regulations and feel right at home. My duty is to act as the impartial judge of all matters that pass through our Detachment. We are honor bound to set examples of honor, trustworthiness and pride of Country and Corps. We should always remember that the people around us who see us in uniform expect us to act like Marines. To be honest in all our dealings with those we have taken an oath to respect and assist. We don't need by-laws for that type of activity. In other matters we must comply with State and National standards. This applies to how each meeting is conducted, what uniform is required and proper to wear. The color guard uniform is regulated as to type of shirts, trousers and medals that can be worn on the uniform. The same rules apply to our casual dress uniforms. As your new Judge Advocate, I am responsible for the correct method or methods to resolve any conflicts and to add new and important requests to the State and National leadership. If you have an idea or want certain rules to be changed or refined, let me know your concerns and I will do my best to find a solution that hopefully will satisfy both you and the Marine Corp League leadership. If there is a local charity or a worthy cause that we as a Detachment can support, please contact me and I will get you the form to fill out. The executive board will vote on the merits of the request and vet the person or organization that will benefit from the gift. It is an honor for me to assist you and the Detachment in any legal or regulatory matter, so keep me in mind and I will do the best I can to help make this Detachment the best, the most satisfied, and more important, the most compliant Detachment in the Marine Corps League.

John E Miller Judge Advocate, President Ronald Reagan Detachment 597 Marine Corps League

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THE DOG ROBBER HOWLS

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

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Hello my name is Brad Cantley. I'm honored to be your new Chaplain. It's going to be very hard to fill the shoes of such a great man - Matt Valenzuela. But like any Marine, I am up to the challenge.

I generally don't talk about my background because I don't want to sound like I am bragging or something. But I wanted to share a little bit about who I am with you, my Marine brethren. I am and will always be a Marine first, regardless of where life may lead me. Like many of you, I've had many challenges in life, and it's through these challenges I have been able to grow stronger physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

My first challenge was joining the Marine Corps at 18 (but my parents signed me in at 17). During my 4 years, I was deployed to the Honduras during the time when the Honduran Army needed help with rebels. It was my first time seeing a 3rd world country which opened my young eyes on how blessed we are to live in the United States. My next challenge was heading to what I call the big "sandbox" which is the Middle East. This was during Desert Shield and Desert Storm I didn't think of getting shot at or bombs blowing up near me; but it did as mortar fire and scud missiles fired were fired at us, and it wasn't fun.

After getting out, I missed being in the military because of its structure and whatnot. Well, I ended up in the Navy Reserves for 2 years following a 2 year break. Afterwards, I joined the California Army National Guard for 6 years and was deployed after 9/11. During a training mission, I ended up falling out a big truck hurting my knees and getting a concussion.

Now more close to the present and why I am retired now. During the past few years have been very trying and severe. On March 9, 2009, I had a major heart attack and quintuple bypass surgery, followed with a pacemaker implant. However the pacemaker didn't work, my health continued to fail at an alarming rate. After being in and out of the hospital numerous times, it was recommended to me to get what is called an LVAD. The device I got was the same as Dick Cheney's the Heartmate II. I got it on September 28, 2010 and I have to admit, it was like night and day. It gave me great energy, but alas my heart wouldn't be able to be on it for overly long. My doctors still said I needed a heart transplant. I got listed just after Christmas and I got the call on January 9, 2011. My new heart was officially put in on the 10 January 2011. In 2014 my mother passed away, it is still painful to even comprehend what happened at times. I put it into God's hands to help me with the grief. I am telling you some of my story with the hopes of things may look bleak at times, but staying positive through the difficult times will help pull you through your bad times.

We can be sad, mad, frustrated, depressed, etc., but remember there are others here that will help you. I am one of them who is always willing to help in the best way I can.

Thank you for taking the time to read some of my story, and I pray that you will entrust me with your needs. If I can't help personally than I will do my best to find someone who will.

Semper Fi
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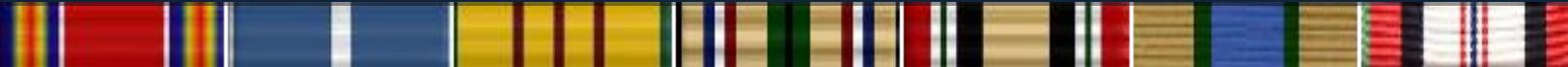


Color Guard Report

The picture below is from the 2018 Marti Gras Ball at the Hyatt Regency Westlake, 03-03-18.

Left to Right: Ben Pfister, Ken Honaker, John Coley, Jack Parfitt and Larry Fischer.





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.

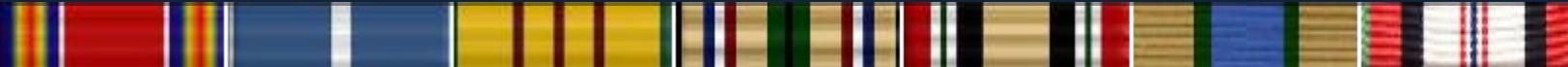
Every month there is a Board of Trustees meeting where anyone can attend and put in their two cents, and possibly find another avenue of service in supporting the League.

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,

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MCL GOLF TOURNAMENT CHAIRMAN

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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.

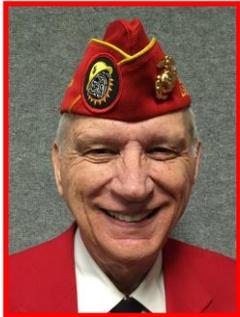
WE WILL NEED A NUMBER OF VOLUTEERS FOR THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. THERE ARE LOT OF HOLES THAT NEED TO BE MANNED AND FOR VOLUNTEERING YOU WILL RECEIVE A GOLF SHIRT AND A FREE DINNER.

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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High Flight

Oh! I have slipped the surly bounds of earth and danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings' Sunward I have climbed and joined the trembling mirth of sun split clouds... and done a hundred things you have not dreamed of... wheeled and soared and swung High in the sunlight silence.. Hov'ing there --- I've chased the shouting wind along and flung my eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue. I've topped them windswept heights with easy grace. Where never lark, or even Eagle flew... And – While with silent lifting mind I've trod the high untres-passed sanctity of Space. PUT OUT MY HAND AND TOUCHED THE FACE OF GOD

John Gillespie Magee RCAF 1941

Leo K. Thorsness was born in Walnut Grove, Minnesota on his family farm on February 14, 1932. He attended schools in Walnut Grove and went on to attend South Dakota State College. While a freshman, he met his future wife Gaylee Anderson. They fell in love and were married in 1953 and were blessed with a daughter that they named Dawn. While a teenager in Minnesota, Leo joined the Boy Scouts of America and rose to the rank of Eagle Scout and earned the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. Patriotism and love of country came early for him.

At age 19, Leo joined the United States Air Force in 1951, just after his brother had joined the Army and was sent off to the Korean War. He later became an officer and went to flight school and was stationed as a bomber pilot attached to the Strategic Air Command. He had a more adventurous type of flying in mind and yearned to become a fighter pilot.

His wish came true and he was soon flying the F-84, F- 104 and the F-105 Thunderchief. In October 1966 he was assigned to the 355th Tactical Fighter Group stationed in Thailand. Thus he entered the Viet Nam War just as the Air Force was beginning to place great pressure on the Communist North with heavy day time bombings near Hanoi and the surrounding harbors and SAM sights (Surface to Air Missile).

On April 19, 1967, he was the Commander of several air squadrons that were assigned to attack SAM sights near Hanoi. He was in an F-105 along with his electronic warfare officer, Captain Harold E. Johnson (EWO), when they observed a SAM site and destroyed it with a single missile strike. He observed a second SAM installation and destroyed it with bombs. During the second strike his wingman had his aircraft shot down by ground fire. Both men ejected and parachuted towards the enemy ground forces below. Captain Thorsness kept the men in sight and radioed their position to rescue and extraction units. While in this activity, he





observed an enemy MIG-17 attempting to shoot down the men in their parachutes, and took the MIG under fire. After a short dog fight, he downed the enemy fighter with a burst of 20 mm cannon fire. Although low on fuel, he returned to the skies over Hanoi to defend the rescue helicopters and single wing prop aircraft from enemy fighters. At one point he was attacked by 5 enemy MIG's and managed to evade them by flying as low as 50 feet from the ground. Without ammunition for his fighter, he again returned to the rescue site to assist in protecting the men on the ground and in the air. During the rescue of one of the pilots, numerous Air Force aircraft arrived and took over the protection detail. Major Thorsness headed for a fuel tanker that was over Laos. Another aircraft declared a fuel emergency and Major Thorsness gave up his position and surrendered it to the other aircraft. He attempted to land at his base in central Thailand, but his fuel was so low he opted to land at another Thai air base in the south of the country. After landing he examined his fuel indicators and they showed no fuel in either of his tanks. For his actions on 19 April 1967, Colonel Leo Thorsness was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Eleven days later on another mission Lt. Colonel Thorsness and his EWO were shot down and captured by the enemy. They were on their 93rd mission, just 7 short on rotation back to the United States. Prior to his being shot down, his wingman was shot down by a SAM missile and one minute later Lt. Colonel Thorsness' aircraft was damaged by a MIG -21 and he and his EWO were forced to eject. The entire attack squadron came to the rescue of the two downed aircraft and their crews. One of the rescue aircraft was also shot down. Due to nearby heavy anti-aircraft installations and enemy ground forces, the rescue aircraft were unable to extract any of the Americans. For his actions on April 19, 1967, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Colonel Thorsness ran for the US Senate against anti-war candidate George McGovern in the 1974 election and lost with McGovern getting 53% of the vote. This was after McGovern had lost the presidential election to President Nixon in 1972. He later moved to Seattle and was elected to the Washington State Senate for one term. He made several other political attempts but all were unsuccessful. He finally moved to Florida to be near his family where he died on May 2, 2017 from cancer. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on February 14, 2018 with full honors and traditions.

Mothers stop your weeping, Calm may be your sleeping, you and yours in safety now. *THE HARLECH MEN ARE KEEPING.*

Ere the sun is high in Heaven, they you fear, in panic riven, shall like frightened sheep be driven by THE HARLECH MEN.

May his name and memory be eternal?





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CALL TO ACTION

Fellow Members:

Another Marine informed me that Disneyland plans to use a prerecorded message during its flag ceremonies. GySgt Ernie Napper-USMC (retired) has been at Disneyland for many years as a Security Officer, but he's better known for his inspirational narrative when taking down the flag at the evening ceremony. He has single handedly given Veterans of all ages something to be really proud of. Now Disneyland, supposedly the "Happiest Place On Earth" is going to discontinue this ceremony in favor of a pre-taped message. Just another example of not having much pride in our flag. Remember, GySgt Napper is one of our own, a Detachment Member and he addressed our meeting early last year.

I have put together 3 points to help you write your letters:

1. We greatly appreciated the flag lowering ceremony where veterans were acknowledged and thanked for their service.
2. We are greatly disappointed that Disneyland has chosen to replace a live person with a recorded message of thanks.
3. We request that Gysgt Napper and/or other Disneyland Security Officers be allowed to continue the flag lowering ceremony and the live acknowledgement of veterans.

Please use your own words and thoughts, if you can, about what it means to you to be a Veteran.

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Welcome to our new Board Members!

Every new board has made our detachment better, you have a great task at hand. Communicating with the membership who elected you is equally important. I encourage you to share your thoughts and/or experiences with our Detachment – it's easy.

I've consulted and worked with non-profits - the common thread for success is communication. Letting people know what's going on unites the organization and insights participation.

Let's get started! Let me know if I can help.

Update on my Dad

My father, Ed Farra, has been back home with my mother for a little more than month and is doing fine. He's back in familiar surroundings is comfortable. Thank you all for your prayers.

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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Fellow Veterans and Friends,

Because I care about your well-being, your health, my health, our loved ones health, I wanted to share this medical information with you...and it's FREE!

This excellent free medical advice from my friend, John, who is one of Atlanta's top internal medicine specialists.

Probably, some of you will just delete it, and that's okay with me, but I hope and pray that you take the time to read every word, for it has invaluable info for our own good.

Remember, as my Dad used to say, "*a buen entendedor, pocas palabras bastan.*" , which translates to: "A word to the wise is sufficient." So enjoy this informative read.

Semper Fidelis

Matt E.Valenzuela

John Drummond, MD message follows:

Subject: Preventing Heart Attack, Stroke, Colon Cancer and (possibly) Alzheimer's Disease

Date: March 7, 2018 at 3:09:35 PM PST

If you read last week's edition, you are aware of my recent open-heart surgical saga, requiring six (6) coronary artery bypass grafts. Prevention is the key to avoiding this surgery, in addition to sudden death from a cardiac event. Risk factors for Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) and Stroke include high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, diabetes, cigarette smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle and family history of heart disease. Another risk factor is stressful lifestyle, associated with those of us cursed with ambition who work too hard and too long in a desire to succeed; these folks (I should say "We Folks," as I belong to this club) are referred to as having a "Type A Personality." One of our cardiologists thinks that those of us with Type A Personalities have more heart attacks because we have to spend most of the day dealing with people who have Type B Personalities.

Alcohol consumption is NOT a risk factor for heart attack or stroke; actually, daily alcohol consumed in moderation decreases risk, as it raises levels of High Density Lipoprotein (HDL), the "good type" of cholesterol. One other thing that raises HDL is regular exercise.

The simplest recommendation to follow is taking low-dose aspirin (81 mg, 1/4 the amount of a regular aspirin, which is 325 mg). A large part of what causes hardening of arteries is platelets clumping together to form a blood clot inside the arterial wall, eventually causing blockage of blood flow to heart and brain. Aspirin chemically coats the platelets, keeps them from sticking together to form a blood clot. Daily aspirin also decreases risk of developing colon polyps, which are considered pre-cancerous. A recent study



compared colon cancer rates between daily aspirin takers and those who did not; the aspirin half of study decreased their rate of colon cancer by 27%. Little risk of taking daily aspirin, unless there is a history of stomach ulcer or gastritis; easy bruising may occur, especially in women, whose skin is more thin and fragile than in men, because of female hormones.

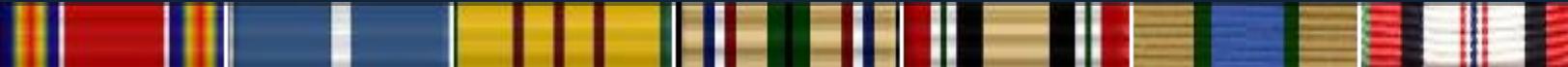
There are now five statin agents, all of which are generic. Most people are aware that statins lower cholesterol, but they also have potent anti-inflammatory properties, and the development of atherosclerosis/hardening of the arteries is an inflammatory process. A study published in early 2017 compared people our age and older who had taken a statin agent for at least 5 years, compared to control population (no statin). Among statin takers, women had a 15% decrease in Alzheimer's Disease; men had a 12% decrease. This makes a lot of sense, because if you are taking a med to keep arteries to the heart open, it should keep arteries to the brain open as well.

Unless you have already had this done, I highly recommend getting an External Beam Heart Scan (EBCT) to diagnose or rule out risk for heart attack or stroke. It is a non-invasive, user-friendly imaging study; the person lies on a table in an open room (no worries about claustrophobia, like for an MRI) and the scanner moves over the chest. It is sort of like your heart and part of the lungs are a loaf of bread, and images are taking out one thin slice at a time, looking for calcium in each of the 4 arteries to heart muscle. A calcium score is measured in each artery, and added up for a total calcium score. If elevated, the next step is seeing a cardiologist for a stress test, to be certain you are not a heart attack waiting to happen. An EBCT is not covered by insurance, costs usually around \$100, but is money well spent. In most places, a doctor's order is not even needed for a free-standing imaging unit. In Atlanta these places, some of which are affiliated with hospitals, advertise on the radio and TV, quoting a rate of \$99 for a single person, and \$149 for a couple.

There is NO RISK to this procedure, and NO DOWNSIDE. I hope very much that classmates and other readers heed my advice, as I am certain there are more than a few of us who are walking around now with clogged arteries, a heart attack or stroke waiting to happen.

John Drummond, MD

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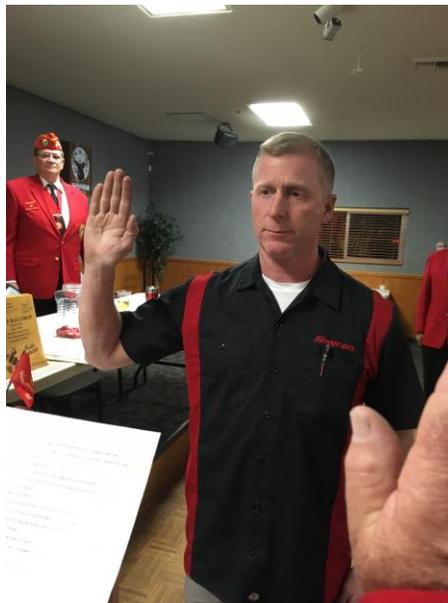
VERY HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 05 - Alfonso Edeza, Sr
- 07 - Rebekah Adams
- 08 - Ramon Arevalo - Life Member
- 11 - Haileigh Deybarrondo
- 12 - Mark Larson

- 15 - David Eric Austin
- 17 - Olan Taylor
- 18 - Jack Parfitt
- 20 - Mike Holzbeierlein

NEW MEMBERS

James Webb, our newest member sponsored by Ruy Peña, was sworn in during the March general meeting. James serviced from 1984-88, his MOS was sea-duty. Please welcome James to our Detachment if you missed his induction.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



VFW Auxiliary Post 10049
*is proudly serving a corned beef and cabbage feast
with all the trimmings!*

March 17th at 5 PM Cost: \$10 per person
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1st Thursday of each month
Simi Valley Elks Lodge #2492
1561 Kuehner Drive
Simi Valley, CA 93065
Meet and Greet 1800
Dinner 1800-1859
Meeting 1900

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