



Military Officers Association of America Pendleton Chapter

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A 2010 Levels of Excellence Award-winning Chapter!

PENDLETON OFFICERS CALL Honor Flight Program Soars!



The third meeting at our new venue, Bistro West in Carlsbad, again saw only 19 members and guests enjoying the menu choices of Bistro mixed green salad with fresh salmon, tomato basil sauce with penne pasta, classic cheeseburger, chicken basil pesto cream sauce with penne pasta or Caesar salad with grilled chicken breast. The delicious entrees were followed by a great cheese cake dessert provided by member **Carroll Jones**. Mr. David Smith, Chairman and Co-founder of Honor Flight San Diego, provided the program. He explained that Honor Flight was started by Earl Morse in 2005 when he took two WWII veterans to Washington, D.C. in his private aircraft. It has since expanded across the nation to more than 110 hubs and has provided free trips to the WWII Memorial for more than 81,000 veterans. The San Diego flights, operating for only a few years, leave Friday morning and return Sunday afternoon. The visit to the memorial includes a welcome dinner Friday night, a banquet Saturday night as well visits to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and other famous D.C. landmarks and memorials. David, ably assisted by WWII vet **Monte Montemarano**, noted that the excursions are totally free to the veterans. They fly via either Southwest or USAir and both airlines have gone out of their way to accommodate these special passengers. Honor Flights are completely funded through donations. Dave and Monte noted that the surviving WWII vets are passing away at the rate of more than 1,000 per day and we don't have a lot of time to get the survivors back to see their memorial. A guest at the meeting was **Mr. Tom Games**, shown here with his son Steve. Tom was among the first ashore on D-Day, June 6, 1944. The WWII memorial wasn't completed until just a few years ago. It was noted that more than 16 million served in the armed services during WWII and nearly 450,00 paid the ultimate price in service to their country. Mr. Smith showed us a video of a recent trip and the welcome the veterans received at both the





Washington airport and upon their return to San Diego was heartwarming to say the least. One veteran tearfully noted, "This is the first time anyone ever said thank you for my service." David told us that the next flight, leaving in mid May is booked full and they are not planning on another flight until 2013. Money is always a problem and they have been fortunate to receive a number of donations and grants to keep the program running. Following their presentation, David and Monte distributed Honor Flight applications to about a dozen Pendleton Chapter members. Shown here is **David Smith** receiving his Certificate of Appreciation from chapter

President Paulette Aviles. Thanks to David and Monte for a great program! Additional information on Honor Flights can be obtained from their web site at www.honorflightsandiego.org or by calling 858-837-2895.

Spotlighted!!



This month the Spotlight is on **Harvey Ferman**, Major USA (Ret.). Harvey has been retired since 1985 and been a loyal member of MOAA and the Pendleton Chapter for many years, including four years as Chapter President and two years as the MOAA Area VIII Chair. He's active in numerous North County veteran organizations and tries not to miss a meeting.

Pendleton Spotlight!

Harvey Ferman started his military career in 1943 at the age of 18. He spent three years on active duty including two years in the European Theater of Operations as a combat engineer. After his discharge he joined the ANG and was commissioned as a 2/Lt in 1951. He retired as a Major in 1984. He was then commissioned as a Lt. Colonel in the California State Military Reserve and continued in command and staff positions, serving as Brigade Commander, retiring in 1996 as a full Colonel. His many awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign with 5 battle stars, CA Commendation Medal, etc. Harvey is a life member of the MOAA, a past 2-year Area VIII Chairman, and a veteran of two terms (four years) as President of the Pendleton Chapter. He's also a life member of the Oceanside VFW (Commander for two years), Life Member of the Reserve Officers Association. Six years as Chairman of the Combined Veterans and Fraternal Organization of North County and a trustee in the Veterans Association of North County (VANC). He currently resides in Oceanside with Betty, his wife of 15 years.

Thanks to all and it's time for those annual dues again!

The New Year is upon us and your chapter sorely needs your **annual dues (\$30)** to maintain our newsletter distribution and our charitable activities. The newsletter alone costs nearly \$2 per person per month. Additionally we provide scholarships to local JROTC seniors, support to worthy military causes (like the donation made to the I Marine Expeditionary Force Family Readiness Office), the Wounded Warriors Bn, etc. Please get your checks for **\$30** (made out to **MOAA-Pendleton Chapter**) to **MOAA Pendleton Chapter, PO Box 131385, Carlsbad, CA 92013-1385** in as soon as possible. Thanks for your continuing support of the Pendleton Chapter! Questions? ... Call 760-720-9917.

Past President Aviles Receives National President's Award

In a March 10th ceremony at The Bistro West restaurant, Area VIII Director **Thomas Bauer** presented our past president **Angel Aviles** with the prestigious national **President's Award**. The highly prized award is made in recognition of "exceptional leadership and meritorious service in support of the objectives and programs of the Military Officers Association of America." Angel, who served as the Pendleton Chapter president for four years, richly deserved the award in recognition of his dedication and service to not only the Pendleton Chapter, but to veterans organizations and charities throughout San Diego and the nation. **Congratulations, Angel!**



Chapter Meeting Venue Change; back to the Hunter Steakhouse

The poor attendance at the Bistro West Restaurant has resulted in the chapter having to change venues. While Bistro West has been a great place to meet, they require a minimum of 25 attendees to meet their \$500 minimum charge. The April 14th meeting only drew 17 members in spite of the outstanding program and the chapter had to use more than \$200 from the treasury. The restaurant management is not happy with us tying up that beautiful room and generating only \$500 income. They can generate much more from other groups, including a rental fee. The bottom line is we cannot afford to continue to meet at Bistro West with the attendance we are getting. The chapter obviously does not have enough members who want or are able to attend to make it profitable for the restaurant. It appears that our only recourse at the moment is to **return to the Hunter Steakhouse** and this is where **the next meeting on May 12th will be held**.

The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran

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May Birthdays

Mrs. Barbara Adams

Maj. William Burtson

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May Anniversaries

CW02 & Mrs. Angel Aviles

Maj. & Mrs. William Burtson

Lt.Col. & Mrs. Charles Palmer

Lt.Col. & Mrs. Charles Schwarz

May 12th Luncheon Meeting at

Hunter Steakhouse

Location: 1221 Vista Way, Oceanside, 92054

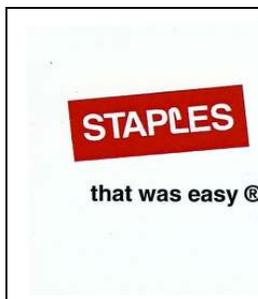
Times: 1100 No host cocktails, 1145 Business meeting, 1200 Lunch, 1300 Program, 1330 Drawing

Reservations: Please call 760-720-9917 NLT Thursday 10 May. to make your reservation (if no answer, leave message on answering machine)

Cost: \$15 per person



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Member Joe Terrazas on the May Honor Flight!

Pendleton member **Joe Terrazas** will be on the Honor Flight leaving in May for the three-day trip to Washington, DC. Congratulations, Joe and we hope you have a great time! Joe's participation on the flight was a direct result of the March meeting and program.

In other member news, there will be a memorial service for **Joseph A. Edwards** (Capt. USA, Retired) at the South Mesa Club at 1:00 PM on Monday May 7th. Past president **Ron DeBaets** was inurned in a ceremony at the Miramar Cemetery on April 4th. Both **Joe** and **Ron** will be missed by all their fellow Pendleton Chapter members.

Total Tax Services, Inc. President Paulette Aviles announced a **\$500 donation** to the Honor Flight San Diego Foundation. This very generous donation from her will help the foundation continue the great work of getting WWII veterans back to the Washington DC memorials.

Don't forget, next meeting, May 12th, at Hunter Steakhouse in Oceanside!