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On the Agenda

Chapter Summer Break

Monthly luncheon meetings resume in September

Fly our Flag proudly...

Independence Day 04 July

Labor Day 05 September

ExCom Staff Meeting

2nd Wednesday, 14 September
9:30 a.m. at SLO Elks Lodge

Luncheon Reservation Deadline

Sunday evening, 18 September

Chapter Luncheon Meeting

25-Year Chapter Celebration

3rd Wednesday, 21 September
11:30 a.m. Elks Lodge #322

Vietnam War Veteran Tribute

Alex Madonna Expo Center
Thursday, 27 October

Forgotten Wounded Project

Ongoing, Dick Hathcock

Membership Recruitment

Ongoing, Jack Jones

Birthdays this Month

Lt Michael J. Mullahey, USNR (Fmr), PM 7/10

CDR Walter A. Stacy, USN (Ret) 7/15

July Anniversaries

CDR Donald & Jean Morris, USN (Ret) 7/6

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Chuck Ward

Fellow Companions and Friends,

Boy, are these interesting times we are going through right now: the UK vs the EU thing, world financial markets being turned on end, open and free trade treaties being put into question, concentration of national and international wealth in the hands of only a few individuals, loss of our nation's manufacturing base, the growing fixation on so-called celebrities, community standards going to hell, oh yes and the crazy election for our next president, and that is only part of the mix—throw in all the bad stuff being committed around the world by truly evil people who believe that their GOD told them to blow-up airports, sporting events and school buses!

The great debate of our times is "what is going to be done about all of this now that we have had this wakeup call." Is America up to the task of taking the leadership position as we have in the past during times of great national uncertainty?

As I sit here now, trying to come up with some clever sound-bite to give a sense of encouragement that America's best days are not over as many think, the words of a very jumpy and uplifting patriotic tune, published during the darkest early days of WWII, keeps popping into my head. Oh,

"We did it before and we can do it again." And we did.

So, my fellow companions, as you ponder these great issues of the day and find you are in need of some clarity of thought, you may want to do something both patriotic and uplifting on this 4th of July. If you are not able to shoot-off a bunch of fireworks or attend one of the many Independence Day parades, plan to pay a visit to the "Your American Heritage Monument"* located in Atascadero opposite the Galaxy Theater. Take the time to sit down and read the inspiring words of our Founding Fathers contained in the documents that laid the foundation of our young nation. These are cast in the bronze plaques affixed around the base of this one-of-a-kind tribute to the foundation of what was to become The United States of America.

Enjoy the summer. See you in September.

For The Good of the Order,

Semper Fi,

Chuck Ward

1Lt Chuck Ward, USMC (fmr)
Commander

*Note: The "Your American Heritage Monument" is owned by the Vandenberg Chapter of MOWW and is listed on the MOWW Registry of National Patriotic Monuments.

Annual Election and Installation of Officers along with HSV Chapter Award Presentations

Our June meeting was dedicated to the installation of officers and the presentation of awards. And the Elks Lodge had prepared everyone's favorite luncheon meal – meat loaf and mashed potatoes.

All of the current officers were reinstated to their respective positions for the coming year. *Thank you gentlemen and lady.*



COL Jack Jones installing the officers present (left to right): COL Jones, Adjutant; MAJ Jim Murphy, Sgt at Arms; Maj Dan Dow, Judge Advocate; Capt Dick Hathcock, Jr. Vice CO; Bonnie Harris, Treasurer; and 1stLt Chuck Ward, Commander



Capt Dick Hathcock announces the names of the continuing officers.



Chuck presents Bonnie Harris with the **Outstanding Service Award** medallion for her excellent job as Chapter Treasurer.



Chuck presented a USMC **Challenge Coin** in recognition of his support in preparation of the Chapter's annual report.



Chuck presents a **Membership Award** to Col Joe Righello, along with Jack's support



Jim Hawkins receives his **MOWW Membership Award** with Jack and Chuck presenting.

