



Newsletter for March 2020

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Commanders Message

With the exciting events over the holidays, the Tribute to the WW II veterans by Joe Brocato in January and Supervisor

Debbie Arnold joining us last month, we've been busy! This month will again be an interesting meeting as our former state senator Dr. Sam Blakeslee will be with us. We're also coordinating a number of events with MOAA, and with the new Space Force getting established. I think Sam will have some thoughts on this matter! At our March meeting I will be asking those present for comments and suggestions regarding some tentative planned events. As of now, April will be a great meeting as we'll be honoring our ROTC cadets and also be entertained by Cassie Tarentino's Cuesta Corale. For June and September we have a couple of suggestions and I want to share with you and get your comments. Make sure you get your reservations in soonest for March 18th at the Elks! Remember to call or email jlmurphycalpoly.edu or 805-528-7565.



Debbie Arnold, February Speaker



Adjutant's Comments:

I want you to either visualize or actually draw a pyramid. As I proceed, I want you to divide that pyramid into five components, starting with the base, then building as we go along.

Some years ago (1943), Abraham Maslow developed his theory "Hierarchy of Needs." You maybe were exposed to this theory during one of your classes, but I want to bring this back, as I have strong feelings about his ideas. His five principal needs are, I think, the basis for most –if not all—of our needs and behavior. As we develop our pyramid, keep in mind that each of these levels is dependent on satisfying the needs just below; Maslow suggested that the absence or loss of any of these stages as we grow and mature can have harmful effects on us and especially how we interact in society. Each of the five stages must be satisfied within the person to complete to hierarchy. While Maslow's concept is not actual science, those of us who accept it believe it demonstrates the importance of fulfilling basic needs to reach our optimal potential. (The closest parallel might be to consider the Hindu religion of achieving "Nirvana.")

The base: **Physiological needs:** Air, water, food, shelter, sleep, clothing, reproducing. Obviously without satisfying these, we will not survive.

On top of fulfilling those physiological needs we must provide **Safety needs.** This includes personal security, employment, resources, health and property.

The third level or hierarchy is **Love and Belonging.** Family, friends, intimacy, a strong sense of connecting.

The fourth level is **Esteem.** This considers respect, both from others and for others; self-esteem is a personal and inner attitude about how a person feels about him or herself; this also considers status: in the military we might think of this as rank, in the civilian work environment, this is sometimes not so clear but includes recognition, especially of our efforts; our physical and mental strength, and freedom! We as citizens enjoy more freedoms to think and act with greater personal exercise than anyone else in the world!

Of course all these culminate in **Self-actualization.** This is a lot tougher to grasp, but as I mentioned above, it's close to Nirvana: It encompasses a deep desire to become the very most that an individual can be.

Sergeant of Arms Report.

Some years ago (March 2013) I had the opportunity to fly to Guam, then to Saipan, Tinian, back to Guam then a one day charter flight to Iwo Jima. I have attended a number of such Events on the West Coast over the past years. Last month, mid-February, I drove down for the 75th (and final for this coast) reunion.

On Thursday we spent a great deal of time visiting the famous 5th Marine infantry regiment. We were honored with presentations given by enlisted Marines (no senior NCOs or officers!) and they were great. Very professional and personal at the same time. I commented about the number and quality of their “toys” compared to what I experienced! It certainly makes an old fellow proud to be called a Marine, when compared to these your men and women (yes, there were women Marines also participating in the presentations.) Later we enjoyed lunch at the mess hall. Mess hall! Nothing like my day! Food service is now contracted, and the offering is staggering! Pizzas, hamburgers, full service, desserts, whatever is there and offered! First class, to say the least! We also were entertained by the 1st Marine Division Band for some time. I was really impressed at the band leader! He was as professional as anyone could hope for! Later we made a quick stop at the Exchange.

On Friday we headed south to the Recruit Depot. We were given VIP seats for the recruit graduation: Very impressive, as we observed 287 new Marines graduate! After a very fine lunch at the Pacific View Club (there are no longer EM SNCO or officer clubs), we again were given VIP seating at the base theater as we heard, for over an hour, a fellow talk about Iwo Jima.

Saturday was quiet until the afternoon when we gathered at the club facilities on Wire Mountain. We had a great view of the Pacific! There was a ceremony honoring those more than 6,000 killed on Iwo Jima, then a static display, a fine meal, speeches, and a live diorama of the famous flag raising. Of course we ended with the traditional cake!

It took me over six hours driving south, but on Sunday morning early, I got home in less than four hours!

Chaplains notes:

Trusting in the unconditional love of God: Jesus interprets this by comparing God’s love to the light. He says: *Though the light has come into the world people have preferred darkness to light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, to prevent his actions from being shown up; but whoever does the truth comes out into the light, so that what he is doing may plainly appear as done in God.*

Please reflect: “All that is good, all that is perfect, is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow caused by change.” (James 1-17)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgment. Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world.

>where there is shouting, let us practice listening>where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony>where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity>where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity>where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety>where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions>where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust>where there is hostility, let us bring respect>where there is falsehood, let us bring truth. Amen

(Pope Francis, message, 18 May 2018)

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Mark your calendar

March 11th - ExCom Mtg. Elks

9AM

March 18th - Regular MOWW

Elks, 1130

MOWW Preamble

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

To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag;

To promote and further patriotic education in our nation;

Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States;

To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces;

To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United states of America;

To acquire and preserve records of individual services;

To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and

To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country we unite to establish . . .

The Military Order of the World Wars.