



Newsletter for May 2019

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Chapter Luncheon

May has been dedicated nationwide as Peace Officers Memorial Month. This year, on May 15 during our MOWW Luncheon, we will recognize Marni Barton, Special Agent with our local Federal Bureau of Investigation. Marni is a fifteen-year veteran of the FBI with experience in the San Francisco and Los Angeles field offices. Her diligence as a member of the Santa Maria Resident agency has successful investigations in excess of \$100 million in fraud related to money laundering, romance and software scams among other financial crimes. The results have been multiple convictions of subjects both domestic and abroad. Recently her work resulted in complaints against subjects in India related to a fraudulent international technology scam. That scheme had in impact of \$8 million on the Central Coast. Marni will be accompanied by her supervisor, SSRA Charles Kincaid. Please make your reservations NLT than COB on Monday, May 13 by contacting

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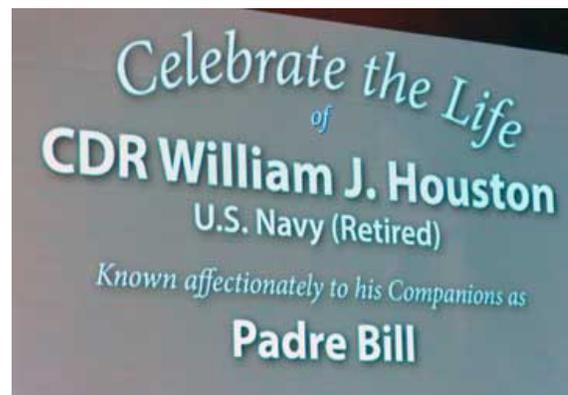
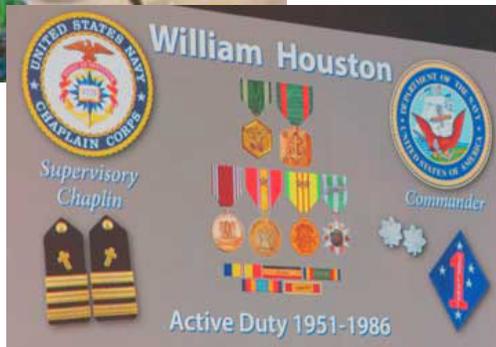
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Commander's Message: LTC Louis Stout

The April Luncheon was a combined meeting of the MOWW and MOAA (along with MCL680 & the American Legion) at the Madonna Inn to remember and celebrate the life of our friend CDR William Houston, USN (ret) ...aka: Padre Bill. (A memorial celebration had previously been held at the Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles on April 6 arranged by Bill's family.)

An excellent PowerPoint presentation of Bill's life was put together by Erick Wand with photos that were submitted by family and many friends. Please go to <https://spaces.hightail.com/space/POXviE5PdW/files>. When logging on, ignore the invitations to sign in as that is not necessary. The Video of the slide presentation is viewed by clicking ^ in the center of the MOAA/MOWW skude, Thege link to this site is also on the MOWW Website under "MeetingsPage". Bill was a friend to everyone he met and will be greatly missed. He was quite a guy!

Dick Mellinger and Gil Igleheart, the co-founders of Pawsabilities for Veterans, were in attendance as that was one of Bill's favorite groups to support. In recognition of Bill \$500 was donated to them from the MOWW and \$200 from the MOAA. (Individual contributions were collected after the program.)



Sr. Vice Commander: LT Ron Janney USNR (fmr).

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

May 15, 2019

Peace Officers Memorial Day was created in May of 1961 by Congress, and was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on October 1, 1962. May 15 was designated as the day to honor and pay tribute to local, state, and Federal peace officers who have died in the line of duty. The week during which May 15 falls is designated as Police Week. On May 15, flags should be flown at half-staff to honor the fallen officers of our Nation. There are 34 fallen officers nationwide in 2019 as of this writing.

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During Police Week, there are Ceremonies in Washington, DC; Sacramento, and here locally. The Ceremony at the Nation's Capital attracts from 25,000 to 40,000 officers and their families. The Ceremonies include the Blue Mass, Candlelight Vigil, Wreath Laying Ceremony, National Police Survivors' Conference, Honor Guard Competitions, and the Emerald Society Pipe Band March and Ceremony. The Ceremonies in Sacramento are much smaller, and the local Ceremony is sometimes at the Mission in San Luis Obispo and other times at other venues including the Faces of Freedom in Atascadero. The Ceremony this year will be in Pismo Beach on Tuesday, May 14 and will begin at 1000 hours.

To honor our local Law Enforcement Officers, we select the Officer of the Year from all agencies in the County, and have traditionally presented a Certificate at our May meeting. This year we have reached out to honor a federal law enforcement officer, and have selected an agent from the premier law enforcement agency in the world. We will honor a Special Agent from the Federal Bureau of Investigation at our regular May meeting. The date of the meeting is May 15, which coincidentally is also Peace Officers Memorial Day. Plan to attend, and be in uniform if possible to honor the FBI.

I hope to see you at the Pismo Pier on May 14 to honor the two fallen officers killed In California to date in 2019, and also at our meeting on May 15. May is Law Enforcement Month, as well as Armed Forces Month, so there are numerous ceremonies and events to keep us busy and to keep the flag flying. We will conduct the Lost at Sea Ceremony in Cayucos at 1500 hours on Memorial Day, which is May 27, the last Monday in May. Remember to fly your flag at half-staff until 1200 hours on May 27, and then raise it to full-stall. We honor the dead until Noon, and then carry on in their memory after.

Adjutant: MAJ Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)

Some gentle words of wisdom from folks a lot wiser than I.

Nature has given to us one tongue, but two ears, that we may hear from others twice as much as we speak. Epictetus

At bottom the world isn't a joke. We only joke about it to avoid an issue with someone. . . to disarm him by seeming to have heard and done justice to his side of the standing argument. Humor is the most engaging cowardice. With it myself I have been able to hold some of my enemy in play far out of gunshot. Robert Frost.

Algebra and money are essentially levelers; the first intellectually, the second effectively. Simone Weil.

. . . to reflect is already to take sides. Francoise Mallet-Joris.

Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached top. Then you will see how low it was. Dag Hammarskjold.

And finally a little fake humor from the cartoon "Shoe." The US Navy announced today that because of huge budget cuts it has sold the highly successful Marine Corps division to Disney for an undisclosed amount of cash. An elaborate new theme park is planned. (Are there some who wish this were so?)

Sergeant-At-Arms Remarks: MAJ Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)

"America's Soul" by Gary Manning; DAR meeting November 10, 2018. I saw this in the Spring edition of the *Marine Corps League* magazine. I found it a fascinating creation, I hope you do likewise. Many state mottos are in Latin so he has kindly translated most!

Every statement herein is from state mottos as cited.

One sows for the benefit of another age (ND).

By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty (MA); thus always to tyrants (VA). Ever upward (NY), we cherish liberty and independence (DE), strive for equal rights (WY) and pursue justice for all (DC).

Maine declared "I lead," and Maryland professed strong deeds, gentle words. Alaska prompted us north to the future. Guam boasts it is where America's day begins, and the citizens of the Northern Marianas are proud to live in a land in the middle of the sea.

Our gold and silver (MT), inscribed with In God We Trust (FL), is a reminder to the generations that there is nothing without the Diety (CO). He who transplanted still sustains (CT).

America, by virtue, liberty and independence (PA), she flies with her own winds (OR) to preserve sovereignty, national union (IL).

The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness (HI), like rays of hope (RI) emanating from the crossroads of America (IN). If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you in Michigan, and on to Minnesota, star of the north. Our West Virginia mountaineers are always free. A faith pillar to Puerto Rico, John is his name.

I have found it (CA) to be, rather to seem, (NC) that God enriches (AZ) when people rule (AR). Work conquers all (OK), and America's industry (UT), agriculture and commerce (TN) have thrived. We have been blessed with liberty and prosperity (NJ) and friendship (TX). Let it be perpetual (ID).

Under God, the people rule (SD) with union, justice and confidence (LA). With God all things are possible (OH) as we dare to defend our rights (AL) and our freedom and unity (VT). All for our country (NV), it grows as it goes (NM).

By valor and arms (MS), our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain (IA).

While I breathe, I hope (SC), prepared in mind and resources (SC) to live free or die (NH).

Let God be first (American Samoa) as we move forward (WI) and into the bye and bye (WA), ever mindful that united we stand, divided we fall (KY).⁸¹

ANNUAL MOAA/MOWW ATASCADERO LAKE BARBECUE

will be held on May 25th at 1300

at the lake picnic grounds same as in past years. All military organizations, families and friends are invited to attend. Specifics will be provided in the MOAA Clarion newsletter and follow up emails. The cost is \$20 per person and includes BBQ Tri-tip, salad, desert with drinks including beer and wine.

Chaplains Corner, James Murphy

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Easter, but these words were from *Forward Day By Day*, a few days before Easter. Easter is the most important time of the Christian season as it identifies the resurrection and rebirth of life! This event was beyond comprehension, but was soon realized as truth. Upon this truth was the beginning of the Christian faith.

1 Corinthians 1:27: But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong.

All of us have weaknesses and limitations---emotional, spiritual, or physical. These characteristics are there for a reason. God's best work is accomplished using, weak, broken, and wounded people to transform communities into forces that can accomplish great things. The core of our Christian life is not what we can offer God but what God can accomplish through us.

Regardless of how imperfect we may be, God does not call the qualified; God qualifies those who are called. When Jesus calls his disciples, some cannot stay awake as Jesus prays, and argue over who will be the greatest. With this band of misfit disciples, Christ builds his church. As we continue this work as Jesus' disciples, we too can be used---even with all our flaws and imitations---to the glory of God and for the love of God's people. Thanks be to God!

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Mark Your Calendar

Wed. May 8th - EXCOM

Wed. May 15 - MOWW Luncheon

Elks Club, SLO

Mon. May 27th - Memorial Day

& Lost at Sea Ceremony,

1500 hrs in Cayucos.

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.