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## **Malibu Rotary Club Surfwriter**

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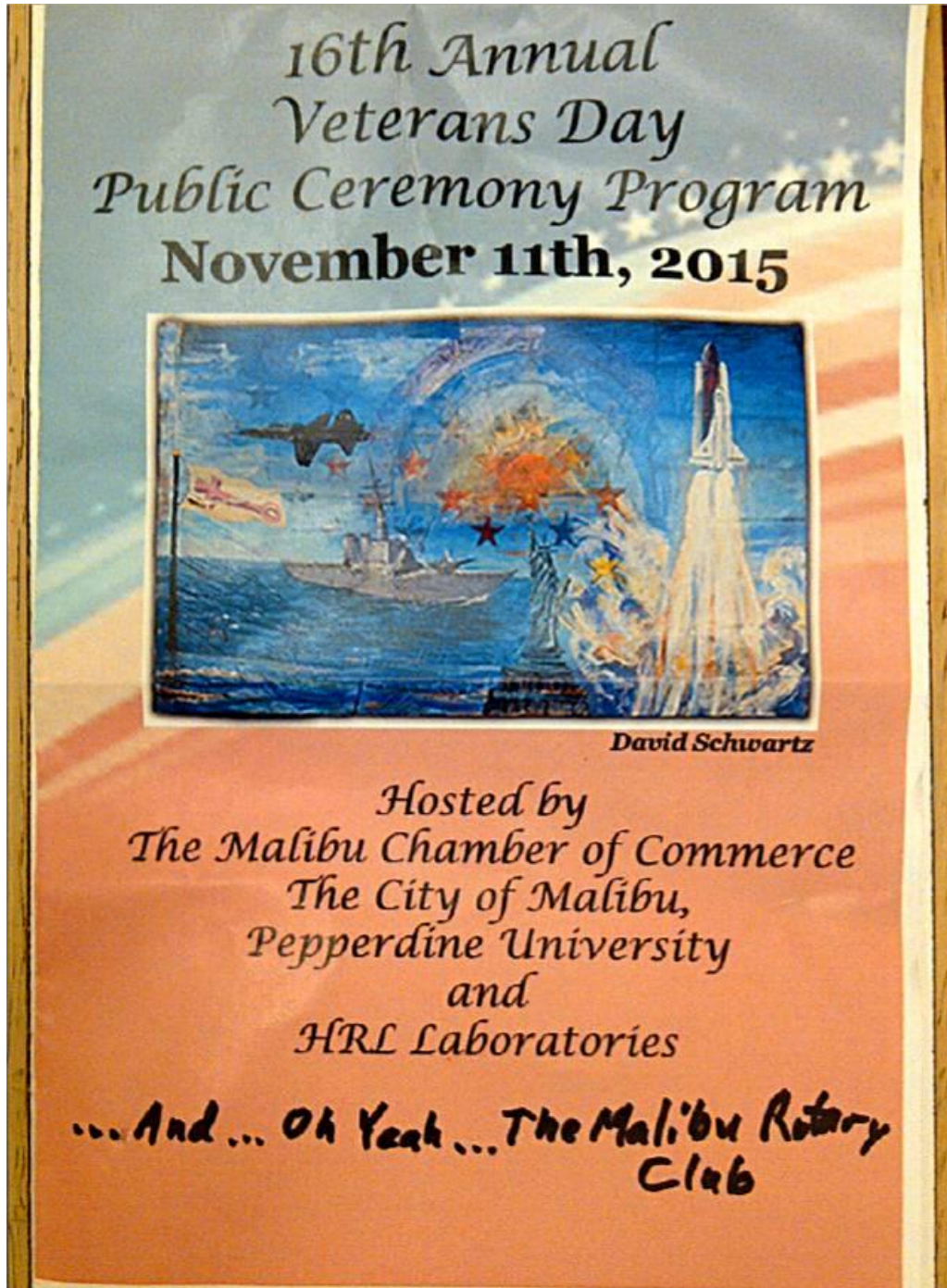
- **Last Week November 11 Malibu Rotary Club Joins Malibu Chamber at Legacy Park in Malibu to Celebrate Veterans Day. Speakers are women in the US Military who talk about the increasing role of women in this country's armed services**
- **Next Regular Malibu Rotary Club Meeting November 18 in Pepperdine University Malibu Upper Drescher Graduate Campus LC 152 with fellowship at 11:30 a.m and meeting starting at 12:00 noon. Speaker will be Jeff Runyan, who will be talking about "Kilimanjaro, Fear, and Rotary"**
- **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher.**

Check [Calendar](#) on Malibu Rotary website [www.maliburotary.org](http://www.maliburotary.org)

- **Rotary International Website: [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)**
- **Rotary District 5280 Website: [www.rotary5280.org/](http://www.rotary5280.org/)**

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**Although the Malibu Rotary was invited participate in the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Day Public Ceremony by Malibu Rotary Club's newest member Malibu Chamber CEO Mark Persson, Malibu Rotary is not listed as a host or sponsor on the cover but is listed along with all the other service clubs, dozens of businesses, and everyone else inside the program. Most Malibu Rotarians did come to the event, brought cases of water, and Malibu Rotary had a table near the entrance to the event.**



**In the picture above Gizmo rides in the front seat of a 1941 World War II Willys Jeep. The Willys Jeep was the prototype 4 wheel drive vehicle used by the military and after the war became popular as SUVs. In background is the Malibu Rotary Club table with free water given to attendees (some attendees gave a donation to Rotary for the “free” water). At the table is Malibu Rotarian Bianca Torrence. We don't know the lady in pink checking her cell phone. Fire truck ladder behind the Rotary table held an American flag high over Veterans Day Celebration.**



**A large crowd enjoyed the Veterans Day program. The Malibu High School Band, Our Lady of Malibu Choir, and others performed. A highlight was the performance of award winning singer and songwriter Kathy Bee singing “I am an American.”**





**Malibu Mayor Laura Rosenthal introduced Master of Ceremonies US Navy Commander Valerie Overstreet who is stationed at Pt Magu.**

Commander Overstreet proved to be the perfect MC, moving the long program along swiftly, complimenting all the participants including the six other female military people whom she introduced.

The daughter of Capt. Gilman E. Rud, a decorated Navy pilot and former commander of the Blue Angels, Overstreet became the first female commander of an E-2C Hawkeye squadron — VAW-117 or the “Wallbangers” in 2009.

Valerie Overstreet knew as a little girl that she was meant to wear a uniform, catapult herself off the deck of an aircraft carrier and fly. “No one ever told me it wasn’t possible.”

Overstreet said she was lucky that she was among the first female pilots finishing flight school after laws were changed to allow women to fill combat roles in the mid-1990s.

“I’ve loved it the whole way,” she said of her career.

Her job is to lead the 173-member squadron, which includes pilots, flight and ground crews. The E-2C Hawkeyes act as sort of mini-Airborne Warning and Control Systems, working as the eyes and ears of the ships and planes that make up a carrier strike group. They help to keep flight crews in communication with ground forces so that operations work together seamlessly.

The odd looking twin-engine planes have a large dish mounted on top and a lot of sophisticated equipment inside providing early warning and command and control for the fleet.

A graduate of Virginia Tech, Overstreet became a naval aviator in June 1994. She has served on several deployments in support of combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. Her service also includes combat missions during Operation Desert Fox and Operation Southern Watch, enforcing the no-fly zone over Iraq in the late 1990s, operations over Kosovo and two counternarcotic deployments in the Caribbean.

The theme of all the women who followed Commander Overstreet to the podium was similar. They were thankful for the women who preceded them, paving the way for their own military careers.

Commander Overstreet introduced Carlotta Tarver, Senior Master Sergeant, U.S. Air Force; Marjorie Dukatz, U.S. Marine Corps; Andrea Essig, U.S. Air Force; April Brand, U.S. Navy; Nonique McLauren, U.S. Navy; Shane McGarret, U.S. Air Force; and the oldest of the group, 90 year old Ethel Margolin, who retired as a member of Women's Army Corps (WAC), which was the women's branch of the United States Army. It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's

Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) on 15 May 1942 by Public Law 554 and converted to full status as the WAC on 1 July 1943. She joined just as World War II ended but decided to stay.

The Malibu Veterans Day event was a big success and we thank Mark Persson, all the volunteers from the Chamber, and Commander Overstreet for doing such an efficient job in staging it.

## **Other News and Guests at Last Malibu Rotary Club meeting**

The Veterans Day Event counted as a Rotary Club meeting. Delvin brought the Rotary banner and member badges. Unless you were at another Rotary meeting if you weren't there you missed a Rotary meeting.

### **Guests**

There was a large turnout for this community event

## **Malibu Rotary Club Supports RainCatcher**

David Zielski, Executive Director of Raincatcher makes regular trips to Uganda and Kenya to Raincatcher installations and maintenance. In February The latest video showing what David and the Raincatcher people are doing in Africa was shown at the Malibu Rotary Club meeting on August 20. A link to the video is now on the MalibuRotary.org website. The direct link to the video is at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59rzOcM-RL0&list=UUFetq8NgjhXhtkVf0idcQUg>

# Calendar

 (for details on these programs see [malibuRotary.org](http://malibuRotary.org))

Filter records:

| Speaker                    | Date         | Topic  |
|----------------------------|--------------|--|
| Jeff Runyan                | Nov 18, 2015 | Kilimanjaro, Fear, and Rotary<br>Jeff Runyan, Managing Member of Runyan Capital Advisors, WEDBUSH SE   |
| NO MEETING                 | Nov 25, 2015 |  |
| Teddy Roosevelt            | Dec 02, 2015 | Teddy Roosevelt<br>Theodore Roosevelt was a soldier and state<br>he personified a vigorous nation on the cusp<br>At meetings, luncheons, and banquets, Joe<br>man theater performance, Joe Wiegand's T |
| HOLIDAY PARTY              | Dec 09, 2015 | Evening Holiday Party--No Regular meeting  |
| Jack Sherrer               | Dec 16, 2015 | Turning a short term weakness into a long term growth  |
| NO MEETING --HAPPY HOLIDAY | Dec 23, 2015 |  |
| NO MEETING                 | Dec 30, 2015 |  |
| David Zielski              | Jan 13, 2016 | Club Assembly -- 6 month Rotary Year Review<br>David Zielski and Malibu Rotary Club leadership review the  |
| Rotary Peace Conference    | Jan 15, 2016 | Rotary Peace Conference in Ontario, CA Jan 15-16   |
| Malibu Middle and High     | Jan 20,      | Annual Malibu Rotary Club Middle and High School Singing   |



| Speaker                                     | Date         | Topic   |
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| School Singers                              | 2016         |   |
| Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama | Jan 27, 2016 | Rotary District Hunanitarian Trip tp Panama Jann 27-Feb 1   |
| Don Rudkin                                  | Jan 27, 2016 | Pepperdine's New Masters of Science in Accounting   |
| Rotary District Breakfast #3                | Feb 11, 2016 | Rotary District Breakfast #3 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Cen  |
| Rotary District Breakfast #4                | Apr 05, 2016 | Rotary District Breakfast #4 at Westin LAX Hotel, 5400 Cen  |
| David Zielski                               | Apr 13, 2016 | Malibu Rotary Club Assembly--Open Discussion to Bring Cl<br>This wil be a club assembly to provide and opportunity f<br>completion. |

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/2529/Speakers#sthash.NKP1WdOG.dpuf>