



# Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

November 6, 2018

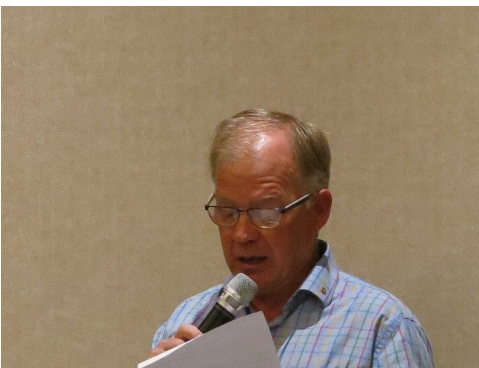
## ROTARY MINUTE



Kent Ostedgaard presented the Rotary Minute. He talked about the grocery cards for both King Soopers and Sprouts. The King Soopers cards are good at King Soopers, City Markets, and Loaf n Jugs. Five percent of

all sales is returned to the club. Some club members give the cards as gift or donate them to charities.

## MILITARY MINUTE



In recognition of the theme of the meeting, instead of a Business Minute, Trip Butler presented a Military Minute. Trip spoke about the US Marine Corp. The Marines were created by the Continental Congress

on November 10, 1775. They have been in action in 90 of the 176 years of their service.

## PRESIDENTIAL CITATION



John Berry was presented with the Presidential Citation for the work he did as president of our club. Congratulations John.

## GUEST SPEAKER



Mark McVay served in the 11th Army Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam. He was born in Michigan and attended Wayne State University in Detroit. He and his wife have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He has run in 45 marathons. His talk is about Vietnam as he saw it today. He travelled back to Viet Nam with Veterans for Peace on the 50th anniversary of the Tet offensive.

He started off by giving a short history of Viet Nam, starting off with the French colonization in 1858 up to the Pentagon Papers in 1971. In 1945, 46 Hoi Chi Minh wrote multiple letters to President Truman, various Secretary's of State and other world leaders asking for help in gaining independence from France. The US decided to take the side of France.

Days 1-3 he was in Ha Noi. Days 4-8 he was in Hanoi, Hue, Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province, DMZ, Khe Sang, and A Luoi. Days 9-11 he was in Hue, Da Nang, Hai an. Days 12-13 he was in Da Nang and My Lai. Days 14-17 he was in Da Nang, Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon).





This is picture of Mark's entourage touring the Hanoi Hilton. The facility was built in the 1800's by the French to house Vietnamese political prisoners. Still present is the guillotine used by the French. (NOTE: Many of the pictures from the presentation I was unable to copy and paste into this newsletter. I don't know what was done to protect some of the pictures and not others.)

They visiting the mausoleum to Ho Chi Minh in Ha Noi. His wishes were not be have a mausoleum, but the people want one.



Mark said crossing a street in Ha Noi and Saigon is an exercise in trust. He found it was best to wait until other individuals started to cross.

Sites of bombings still remain deadly. They are continually finding unexploded munitions. Unexploded bombs have been responsible for more than 100,000 injuries and fatalities since 1975. Of 3,000 villages in Quang Tri province before the war, by 1975 just 11 villages had a single building standing. 15 million tons of munitions were used by the US in the war.

The picture below was taken on October 14, 2018. It is of unexploded munitions.



This is the entrance to the Vinh Moc Tunnel Complex just outside the village of Vinh Moc. The tunnel was 30 meters deep, too deep to be bombed. 60 families lives there for about 6 years. 17 children were born in the tunnel complex.



# 2018-2019 Club Officers

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 12-PrimeTimers Luncheon

Nov 13-Classification Talks

Nov 13-Board Meeting (following club meeting)

Nov 14-PrimeTimers “After Midnight” at Lone Tree Arts Center

Nov 14-CASA Legacy Thanksgiving

Nov 17-Denver Indian Center Food Drive, King Soopers, Arapahoe and Parker Rds

Nov 20-Kent Ostedgaard, RYLA Presentations

Nov 27-Club Assembly

Dec 4-Arapahoe Family Sports Center, **OFF-SITE MEETING**

Dec 7-Holiday Party

Dec 9-Christmas Tree give away

Dec 12-Santa Clothes



From January 21 until April 7, 1968, the military combat base at Khe Sanh in Quant Tri province was the site of a 77-day siege that resulted in the deaths of some 500 Americans and thousands of Vietnamese troops and civilians. 100,000 tons of bombs and 158,000 rounds of heavy artillery pounded this landscape in the biggest display of air and firepower of the Vietnam war. Barely 3 months later, US Marines would blow up their fortifications and leave Khe Sanh.

### CLUB BUSINESS

- Samantha Johnston announced there will be several off-site meetings in the near future. The first will be 12/4 at the Family Sports Center.
- Diane Zing announced the volunteers are still needed for Santa Clothes.
- John Peterson and Marc Garfinkel gave an update on the Rico Water. Last week 100 water filters were distributed. They are working on getting 1,000 distributed for next year.
- Tom Buck announced the Food Drive on Dec 17 at the King Soopers at Parker and Arapahoe Roads.

### TRAVEL GIFTS

- Eric Hauff brought back a scarf from the Bayern Munich soccer team.
- John Peterson brought back a motor and pestel from Puerto Rico.
- Don Shattuck brought some gift cards from the Sand Dunes.

- Cheryl Sartain brought back from Lebanon a mother of pearl bowl, some pastries, and some wine.
- Greg Cottrell brought some coasters that were designed by Norman Rockwell and contain the four freedoms that FD Roosevelt mentioned.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Charlie Jackson mentioned his wife was in the hospital after having a couple of minor strokes. Not hearing any more news, I assume she is doing well.

Don Shattuck announced his wife is going into the hospital on Nov 15 to have her left foot reconstructed.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1963 General Mihn takes over leadership of South Vietnam.

In the aftermath of the November 1 coup that resulted in the murder of President Ngo Dinh Diem, Gen. Duong Van Minh, leading the Revolutionary Military Committee of the dissident generals who had conducted the coup, takes over leadership of South Vietnam.

U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge cabled President Kennedy, “We could neither manage nor stop [the coup] once it got started...It is equally certain that the ground in which the coup seed grew into a robust plant was prepared by us, and that the coup would not have happened [as] it did without our permission.” Lodge’s words were more than a little disingenuous since he had long been a proponent of removing Diem from power.