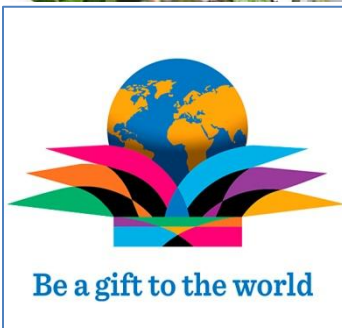
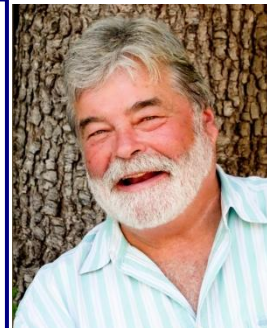


The Appleknocker *Sebastopol Rotary Club's Weekly Bulletin* **VETERANS PROGRAM** – Bob Boyd, Judy Barbieri,, Rick Wilson



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“All the News that Fits We Print”



Before the Bell



This was our “Veterans Day” meeting, where our program honors the many men and women who served and protected our country in several wars. Even though it was Friday the 13th, it was a lucky day because we got **Jeff Boal** back, and took time to remember so many of our family members who served the country.....The tables were decorated beautifully with flag displays, special tablecloths and napkins.



At the Bell



Tom Dilley lead the *Pledge of Allegiance*, followed by **Keller McDonald**, who lead us in the *National Anthem*.....I didn't hear any voices that didn't make the high note, either! Good job, everyone!

President Rick Wilson noted that we have the best Program and Décor Committees of any club, and asked for a round of applause for **Patti Blount** and **Aldean Noethig** for making it happen.



Torrey Olson shared a couple thoughts of the day from Bertrand Russell, British philosopher, mathematician, social critic, and political activist:

“Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted, was once eccentric.” and

“If there were in the world today any large number of people who desired their OWN happiness more than they desired the unhappiness of others, we could have paradise in a few years.”

Future Programs

November 20, 2015

Speaker: **Efren Carrillo, Supervisor**
Program: **Supervisor's Update**

November 27, 2015

DARK - for Thanksgiving

December 4, 2015

Speaker: **Bob Rubin**
Program: **Elephant Seal – Consummate Diver**

December 11, 2015

Speaker: **Lawrence Jaffe**
Program: **Grange**

December 18, 2015

Speaker: **Bill Braga – Sebastopol Fire Chief**
Program: **The 2015 Fire Report**

Future Events

Holiday Party
December 4, 2015

Crab Feed
February 13, 2016

Handy Links

[Pinot for Polio Form](#)
[Sebastopol Rotary Website](#)

Miscellany

Next Board Meeting

Date/Time: **Tues, Dec. 8th, 5:30 p.m.**
Location: **Rick Wilson's Home**

MAKEUP NOTIFICATIONS – jbblasco@comcast.net
On-line Make-Ups: www.RotaryEClubOne.org
INTERACT MAKE-UPS – HAVE YOU TRIED IT?

Analy High: 12:40 Most Wednesdays In Choir Room (Check with Dan Rasmus, Mark Stevens, Jack Dunlap)
Brook Haven: 12:10 First & Third Thursday, Room 18 (Check with Pauline Pellini, Mike Carey)
Orchard View: Different meeting times (Check with Mike Carey)
Twin Hills: Every Other Tuesday 12:45pm - 1:20pm (Check with Dan Rasmus)

For all Interact Mtgs.: CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM MEETINGS
!!! CHECK IN AT SCHOOL FRONT OFFICE FIRST !!!

Visitors and Guests

Visiting Rotarians – **Bud Daveiro** covered quite a list:

Bill Sauber from Sebastopol Sunrise, Equipment, Retired

Dick Bishop, from Windsor, Retired



Brian Bauer from the Sunrise Club, in Green Tech, and

Dan Bornstein, Dentist, from the Santa Rosa Club.



The introduction of Guests went quickly, and your **Humble Scribe** may have missed a name – if so, I apologize. Those I heard were:

Financial Law attorney Ralph Schramm

DGN Bob Rogers wife Peggy

Dan Kimball and Andy Carciere

Jeff Boal's wife Jean

Jack Dunlap's wife Ruth

Jim Passage introduced Peter Oliver, known around town as Mr. Electric Cars



Announcement

President Rick noted that there will be a **Crab Feed meeting at Nao Noguchi's house on Tuesday, November 17 at 5:30.** Any interested person is welcome, particularly those with green badges. Please RSVP to Nao directly, so he can have enough chairs set-up and prepare refreshments. naonoguchi7@gmail.com. [Meeting occurred, Next meeting Tuesday, December 15, 5:30 pm, at Nao's. –Ed.]

New Member Induction – Jeff Boal

President Rick then asked Paul Thielen to help induct returning member, Jeff Boal, accompanied by Jeff's wife Jean. Jeff is being sponsored by Gene Nelson, and has been living in Weaverville for several years – but has also been a frequent visitor. Jeff was a one-time President of our club, and was the person who started our longest-running program, Learn to Swim. We are fortunate to have him back in the community, and back in the club!

Paul said that when Rick asked him to say a few words about Jeff Boal, he looked at his watch, said Uh-Oh, its Friday the 13th. I guess that sums it all up, and that's a few words!

Actually, the best I can say is what I heard a Cajun say to describe a dear friend, "Half of y'all know him, the other half is missin' out!" That about sums it up for me, too.



"Things I CAN say about Jeff –

- At an idea meeting, he's like an entire Kindergarten class on double espresso;
- At a work meeting, he can be Speaker, Chair, Secretary, and half the Board all at once;
- In a quiet time he is open, generous, thoughtful, insightful, and a true "lateral" thinker;
- He's a force of nature with the lid on; a Genie when the bottle is opened;
- A poet and an excellent photographer, both of which require a depth of vision and feeling;
- And best of all, he is my friend."

"Jeff hasn't been gone for 3 years – he just hasn't been around here. Now he and Jean ARE. So it's hard to welcome back someone who never really left our lives. I will say that we are the lucky ones. We have a hard worker, a romantic, a pragmatic, and imaginative and original thinker, and a kid and gentle gentleman back to play with every Friday.

If Rotary is about anything, it's about friendships and getting things done. Here's what I have to say about Jeff Boal....

Welcome back, my Friend.....Let's DO stuff!"

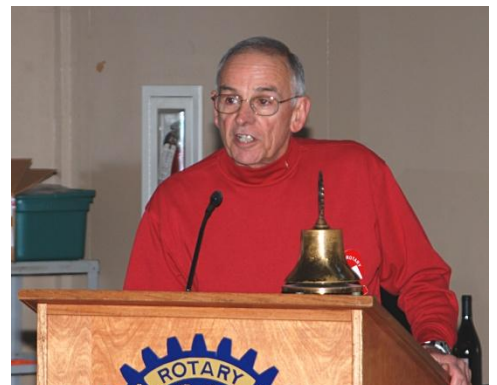
Jeff was given his pin, packet [including a bill! -Ed.] , and plaques, with a copy of the Four-Way Test..... Rick added that the 5th Way is "Does it Inspire?"

More Announcements

→ RI Convention in Seoul - **DGN Bob Rogers** rose to show us a couple of videos from RI President Ravi Ravindran, who is introducing – and encouraging everyone to come to – the Convention in Seoul, South Korea. The Conference starts May 28, and December 15 is the deadline for registration.

The official promo video is titled "*Let Korea Touch the World*". It shows Ravi in many places in South Korea, telling us that Seoul is a 24-Hour city, a great place to visit, with food, massage, shopping...heritage dance and food – like Kimchi...and modern transportation.

That was followed by a hilarious video based on the Blues Brothers famous song, adapted to "*Seoul Man*". Apparently the work of members of the **AV Team**, with Sunrise member Joe Gazdowicz doing John Belushi's voice. I hope we'll get to see it again before the Convention starts! (Or can we post it on our Vimeo site?)



→ Thanksgiving Dinner - The Community Church will be hosting its 15th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26 from 1-5 pm. Hundreds of traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinners are served or delivered to anyone who might find themselves eating alone, or may not have the energy or funds to prepare a full dinner. In fact, everyone is invited to come and share a meal with your neighbors. Donations are greatly appreciated, and are tax deductible.

→ Christmas Party - The Club's annual Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 4, from 6-9 pm, at Frank & Kathie Mayhew's home. (If the weather is iffy or raining, a shuttle service from the corner of Hwy 116 and Graton Road will be set up to take people to the house...so no one risks getting stuck in the mud at their house.)

→ Scholarship Recipient to visit - Next week, November 20, **Henry Alker** will be hosting our Scholarship Program Recipient for lunch. Kristin Schmidt trains dogs to detect when blood sugar levels are off in people with diabetes. She will have a working dog with her.

Recognitions – Birthdays and Anniversaries

David Schreibman, November 8 – David turned 56, and they went to Hawaii \$5 fine.

Two other Birthday Boys will be held over, as they were absent.



David and Nan Still celebrated their 43rd Anniversary on November 4. They took a COUPLE of trips to celebrate: to Hawaii, and 3 weeks in Spain! \$5 for the Anniversary, and \$20 for NOT trying the "Specialty of the House" in Spain – Fried Pigs Ear!



Bob Cugini and Julie celebrated 27 years on November 5. **Bob** said they celebrated by going to dinner at Cork's, where they have the BEST Mushroom Soup! **President Rick** fined **Bob** \$5, and just for kicks, also fined **Chris O'Neill** \$5 for the nice plug for his restaurant. Welcome back, **Chris** !!

The Raffle

Last week, we had a raffle misfire, and the pot was given to our Interact Club for their support of Fire Victims at Cobb Mountain schools.

This week, **Karen Daniels** had the lucky ticket, but did NOT draw the lucky card.



The Program



Very different Stories of three Veterans -- Judge Bob Boyd, Judy Barbieri's father and President Rick Wilson.

Rick turned the podium over to **Judge Bob Boyd** with "All Rise....Here comes the Judge!"

Bob had his last year at Cal in 1964, and, not wanting to be drafted into the Army, he enlisted in the Navy and went to Newport RI after graduation to learn a program in Explosive Ordinance Diving. Instead, he was put into Special Ops because of

his diving ability and knowledge of languages. He went to a 6-month training program in Maryland on Bomb Disposal in a joint program of Army, Navy, and Marines. Part of the training, on Nuclear and Atomic weaponry, was conducted in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

When it came time to choose to stay east or go west, **Bob** chose Hawaii over Virginia. He was in Dept. of Defense (DoD) Bomb Disposal – in the Pacific and Asia, Vietnam, Thailand – serving five months on an Anti-Ammunition Ship. Bomb disposal teams had the choice to blow in place or blow a hole in the casing and burn it off slowly. Then he went to Thailand, Sandy Bay, where there was all sorts of ordinance in the river, at a depth of only 20-30 feet. He was on that duty for 11 months.



Then back to Hawaii, then a 3-month rotation in Vietnam – in Saigon, with about 50 enlisted men and 3 officers. They were working about 23 miles upriver from the Viet Cong, were working on ordinance they had never seen before, and they just had to figure out how to clear it. They had enemy swimmers placing bombs on ships and in the port. Bob's team had to swim in with a knife (defense) to see if they could safely dispose of the ordinance. They were pleased to find a Russian re-breather unit that would leave no track of bubbles. That breather helped when they had to pick up three mines that had been put in the river. They were about the size of a volleyball, with an outer ring to squeeze against enemy boats to blow them up.

Cutting explosive's wires under water with a knife or wire cutter – that was exciting work! Hiding in a rented house in Saigon at Tet (Vietnamese New Year) was another example of this glamorous life – the VC didn't know they were there, and they just had to lay low

and hope they weren't discovered.

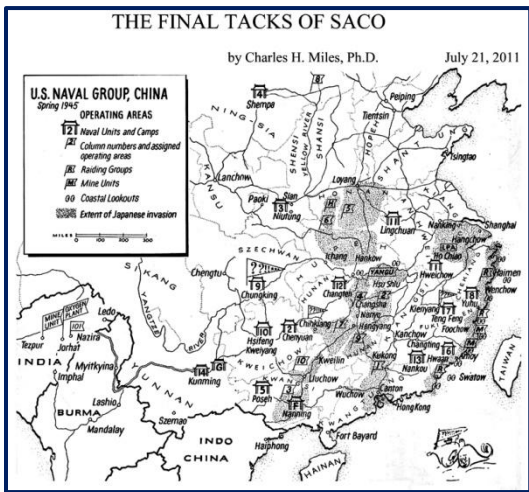
Bob's Bottom line—I grew up! If you want to go where the action is, try 3.5 years in the Navy!

Our next speaker was Judy Barbieri, who, in addition to being a well-known teacher at Twin Hills schools for 34 years – some when **Les Crawford** was Principal -- she also taught a son of Judge **Bob Boyd**, and best of all, she is the mother of our Shining Star, Mia Del Prete. Judy spoke to us about her father, John McAfee, and his World War II experiences in China.

"My parents were at a movie one night when they found out about the attack on Pearl Harbor. Shortly after that, my father, feeling it was his duty, enlisted in the Navy. I was only 18 months old.

Dad joined the Navy, first as a Seabee, then trained as Storekeeper, which included Inventory and Payroll. Then he volunteered for "prolonged, hazardous, distant duty", and was sent to Florida, where he became one of the "Scouts and Raiders" – an effort that was the beginning of the Navy Seals program.





His training in Underwater Demolition was under Commander Gene Tunney of boxing fame, and Lt. Phil Bucklew, who is considered the “father” of Naval Special Warfare. Over 900 men were trained, and shipped out to locations around the world. Dad was assigned to Calcutta, India in a group with 250 men. Besides underwater demolition, they were experts in a variety of other skills.

They were part of an organization called SACO, for Sino-American Cooperative Organization. This group was highly secret, established by President Roosevelt and the Nationalist Chinese, led by General Chiang Kai-Shek. Chinese and American men from SACO joined in a combined effort to perform intelligence and guerilla operations. They became known as the “Rice Paddy Navy”, and went behind enemy lines to the interior of China. (Sometimes they flew over “The Hump” – the Himalayas. Since only the Pilots had oxygen, the men in back would just pass out for a short time while they were at the highest point.) He drove over the Burma Road to where the 14th Air Force (The Flying Tigers) were stationed, and was

constantly moving from place to place. He was often on his own, though he found out later that there was usually a Chinese bodyguard watching out for him, though he never saw them. He and Chinese allies also rescued many of the downed aviators from the Doolittle Raid in 1942.

He found the Chinese people to be very trustworthy and true partners in the war effort. Experiences proved that to be true. At the end of the war, they were told to get to Shanghai as quickly as possible, to catch the troop ships leaving for the U.S. When he and a couple of friends arrived in Shanghai, they found the Japanese in control, and were captured and put in a cell. After 3 days, the Japanese just left, so the three men let themselves out and found the ship. When they got to S.F. the ship was quarantined for 2 weeks, and it was very disappointing to hear and smell the food and fun of Fisherman’s Wharf.

The SACO organization was a well-kept secret, and was very effective in the work they did. Taiwan has kept in touch with the SACO survivors, and they have a group that holds reunions. The SACO veterans were a brave and effective group of men, who came home, and never talked about the heroic work they had done for their country.” Judy is very proud of her dad, John McAfee!



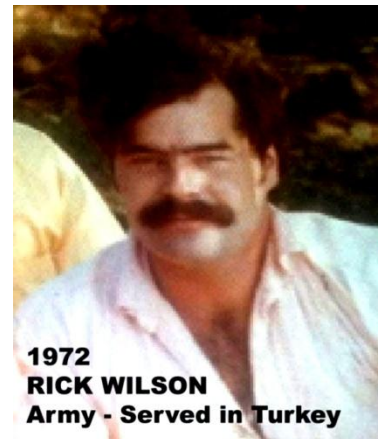
Our third speaker was President Rick himself...Rick shares his experiences in the Army, especially when he was posted to a base located in Turkey, on the side of a volcano (Mt. Ararat?) – at the base closest to Russia.

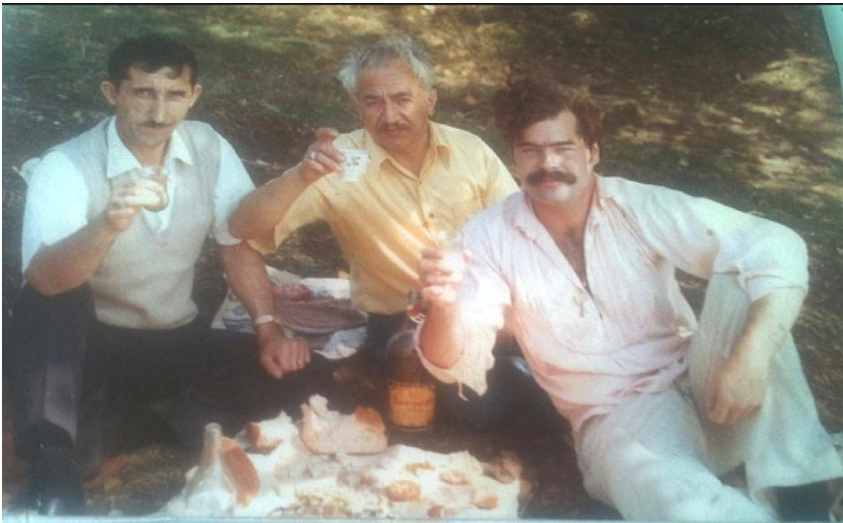
“When the first “lottery” draft was in place, I thought it sounded like a good idea, but without the 365 balls being shaken (or stirred) every month, the month being pulled was always on top. I graduated from the University of Virginia June 2nd of 1972, and on June 10th, I received my draft letter! I was half way through Basic Training at Fort Ord in

northern California, when the draft ended. My Drill Sgt. decided it would be funny to wake me up with the news. However, since I was sleeping off a night of serious partying, all I know is that I woke up to the sound of a walking piss ant, with fetid breath at that!

The “news” was that I was being sent to Fort Hood, Texas -- the Army’s Junkyard. But the 7th Building was for the *crème de la crème* – the top 10% -- training in Military Intelligence, which is, of course, an oxymoron. The FBI conducted background tests on me, and I passed. They said I was likely to go to Veterans Administration, Germany, Thailand, or something random.

So I got “random”.....and was sent me to the closest base in the free world to Russia -- a Volcano on the Black Sea in Turkey! Being the early 70’s, things were not especially warm and friendly between the US and Russia! While I was in Turkey, I got to experience the Turkish equivalent of 1776 – the celebration of the Founding of Modern Turkey by Atatürk. (He was the Turkish Army officer who founded the independent Republic of Turkey, and who implemented reforms that secularized and westernized the country.)





I made a friend while I was there, named Hamdi Chamur. He became my good friend, and mentor. He took me to the cockfights, had me in for dinner at his home, and to a wedding in Old Town at the Grooms home. The wedding procession had two Ox carts.....one had the Bride in it, the other had her Dowry. The day started with a Picnic, where the Father of the Bride brought a beautiful lamb -- and as a guest, I got to eat the entrails, which was quite an honor. (Urp!)

There were some customs that I found to be harsh or strange.....one day Hamdi told me of a father of a young girl who had killed another young girl. As punishment, the man was made to lay across the doorstep of the girl who had been killed – for 3 days from sunup to sundown,

so people coming and going would walk across him, kick him, and generally make him feel awful for what he had done. Then, he paid a little blood money to the state, and all was forgotten.

Two weeks before the end of my time there, Greece and Cyprus went to war over Cypress, and I was not able to take a trip I had scheduled to Greece. Things were getting more dangerous around there, and our 8-seater transport was taking seven people to each seat!

41 years later, Cindy and I went to the old base to show her where I had been, and to visit Hamdi. In anticipation of our visit, he had cataract surgery, so he would be able to see me better. He looked quite a bit different, but he was the same person I had loved and trusted all those years ago as if nothing had changed.”

Closing –

As a tribute, the **AV team** [assisted by the **AK team -Ed.]** put together a slide show of our members or family members who served. It was a lovely tribute, and really fun to see people as they were SOOOO many years ago. One picture was of **Pooch**, having a cigar lit for him [by his CO, so the story goes **-Ed.]** . At the end of the slide show, Rick commented that he thinks **Pooch** looks more like Groucho every time he sees a picture of him!



The meeting was closed by playing the songs of the services, with people standing for the Anthem of the branch they served:

Coast Guard.....

Air Force.....

Navy.....and the player ran out of juice!

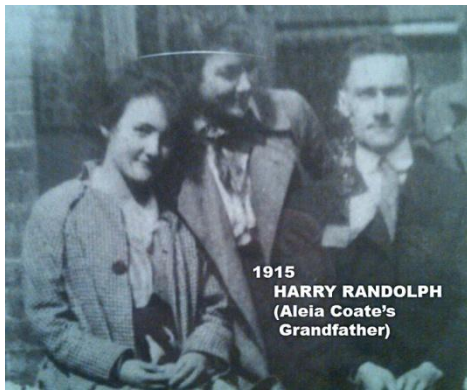
Gotta tell you.....I think the Marines are going to have an issue with that!



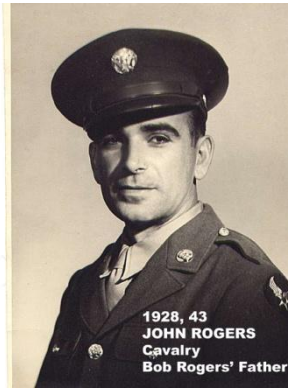
The Final Bell

President Rick reminded us that next week's speaker will be 5th District Supervisor, Efren Carrillo.

He then rang The Bell – Meeting Adjourned



1915
HARRY RANDOLPH
(Aleia Coate's Grandfather)



1928, 43
JOHN ROGERS
Cavalry
Bob Rogers' Father



11.11.15
Veterans Day



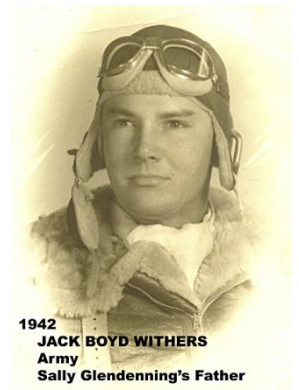
Emil Blasco, Presidio of San Francisco, 1928



1940-57
HARVEY OLSON
Marine Corps
Harvey Henningsens's Uncle



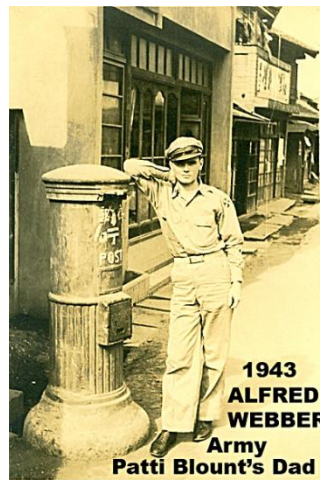
1942
HAL PELLINI
ARMY



1942
JACK BOYD WITHERS
Army
Sally Glendenning's Father



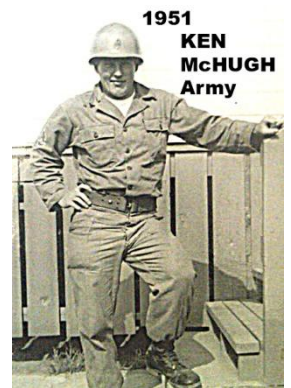
1942
LESTER BLOUNT (Barbara)
US Army Air Forces
John Blount's Dad



1943
ALFRED WEBBER
Army
Patti Blount's Dad



1943
FRANK HOVORE
Army
Barbara Beedon's Dad



1951
KEN McHUGH
Army



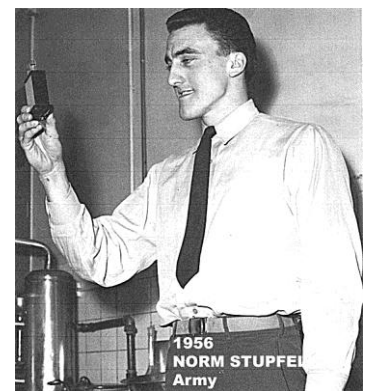
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Army Combat Engineers



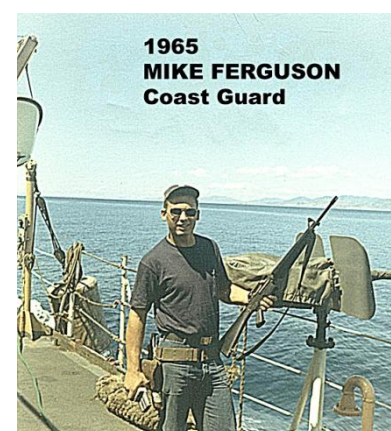
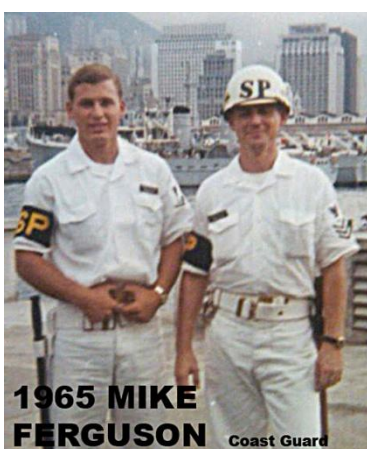
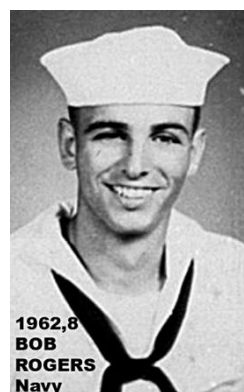
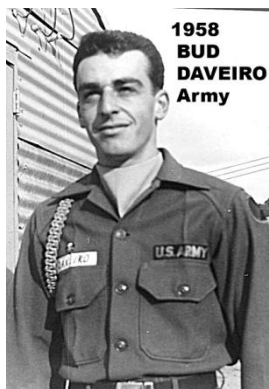
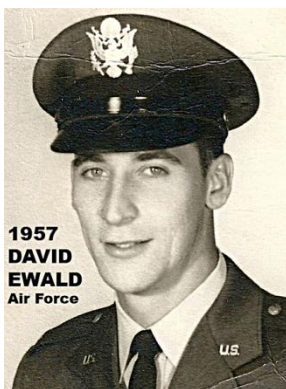
1955
JOHN M JACOBS
Army Delta Corps

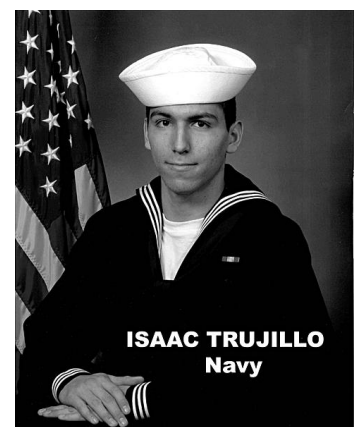
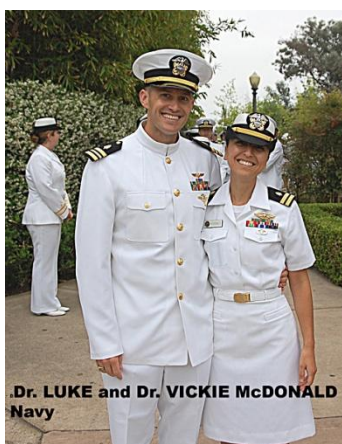
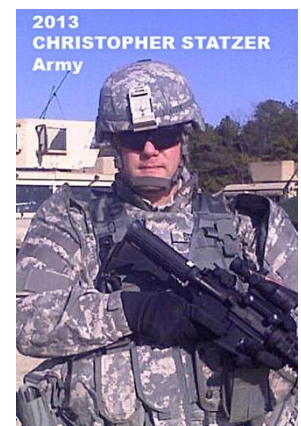
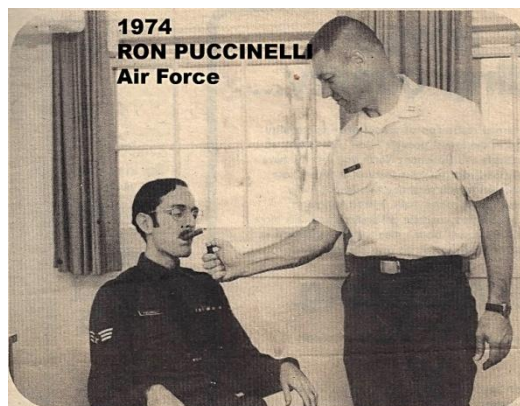
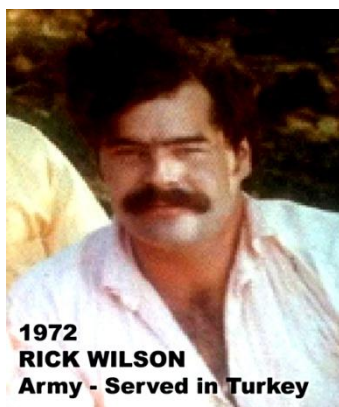
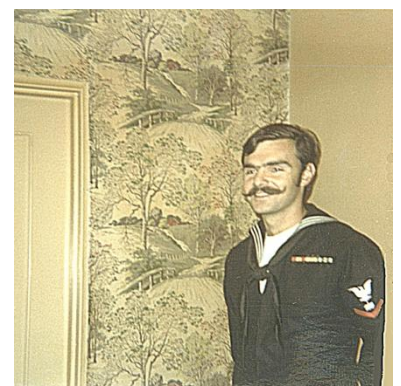
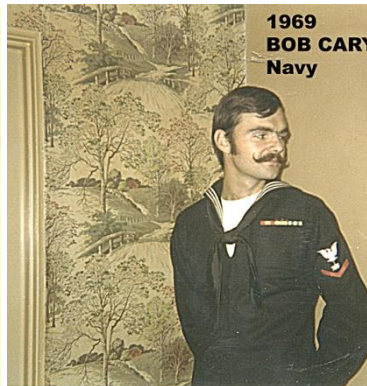
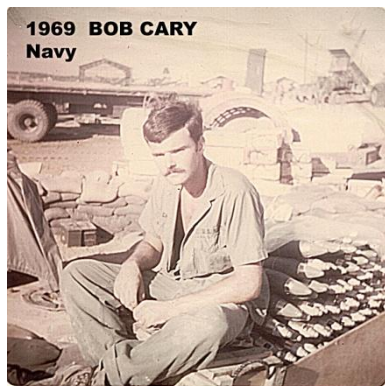


1956 **FRANK MAYHEW**
Marine Corps



1956 **NORM STUFFEL**
Army





Sebastopol Rotary Member Veterans without photos:”

1964 – CHRIS O’NEIL – MARINE CORPS

1972 – KEN McADAMS (Troy’s Father)



"Sonoma County Update!"



NOVEMBER 20, 2015

EFREN CARRILLO, 5TH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

In his second term serving the geographically large and economically diverse Fifth District, Supervisor Efren Carrillo has been active in water and climate protection issues. He has worked with the Water Advisory Committee encouraging increased conservation policy, and successfully lobbied for local funding for fisheries restoration projects with both State and Federal agencies.

Raised in the Roseland area of Santa Rosa and our County's first Habitat for Humanity home, Efren has dedicated his professional life to public service. He is an enthusiastic advocate for children and families in our underserved communities.

Supervisor Carrillo spearheaded efforts to align the needs of Sonoma County employers with the workforce training provided to our students.

Join us today to hear a current update on our county and have any questions answered personally by Efren!

"Elephant Seal - The Consummate Diver"



December 4, 2015

Bob Rubin, Ph.D.

Our very special speaker today, Dr. Robert Rubin, is returning to entertain us once again on the wonderful mysterious creatures of the deep! He has chosen to share with us research he has done with other biologists on the very strange and charismatic Elephant Seal population. Most of his research was conducted along the California coast, where a recent population of Elephant Seals have been established near Point Reyes!

As a teenage teacher at a summer camp on Catalina Island, he learned to SCUBA dive. And so began his love of the elegance and grace of giant mantas, resulting in a passionate scientific understanding of these charismatic giants, which he affectionately refers to as the "Flying Carpets of Ebony Silk!"

Dr. Rubin has taught marine biology at many colleges and universities in California and elsewhere, but today he will be sharing his love and knowledge of the Consummate Diver of the Sea - the Elephant Seal!

[ROTARY READING - CLICK HERE TO GO TO RI WEBSITE](#)



13 November 2015 | A roundup of Rotary news



[Rotary recognizes six women for their leadership](#)

Rotary's Global Women of Action discussed their projects during the annual Rotary Day at the UN in New York City on 7 November. These Rotarians have organized and led efforts that have improved the lives of thousands around the world. [Read more about the Global Women of Action.](#)

[GIVE](#)

End Polio Now

Get on stage in Seoul by supporting Miles to End Polio

Your district could earn an appearance on stage at the Rotary International Convention in Seoul by being one of the five to contribute the most District Designated Funds (DDF) to support the Miles to End Polio fundraising goal. The top district will also earn a visit from RI President-elect John Germ. The deadline for contributions is 30 November.



[Learn more about the offer](#)

[Download the Miles to End Polio DDF contribution form](#)

[Read blog posts from team members](#)

Rotary Voices

Rotary Scholar runs for clean water

Hai-Ryung Sung is thankful for her global grant-funded Rotary Scholarship, which has allowed her to pursue advance studies in environmental science and engineering at the University of North Carolina in the United States. The former Rotary Peace Fellow, who recently ran in a fundraiser to support access to clean water, is hoping to use her degree to support water, sanitation, and hygiene initiatives that save the lives of mothers and children.



[Read more of Sung's story](#)

[Learn about scholarship opportunities through Rotary](#)

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SEOUL ENDS 15 DECEMBER

Explore the world-class city of Seoul and discover its rich culture at the Rotary Convention 28 May – 1 June 2016. Connect with new ideas and new friends, and come away with a renewed commitment to Be a Gift to the World. Early registration savings end 15 December. Register today!



- [Register before 15 December and save](#)
- [Sign up for convention updates](#)
- [View the schedule highlights](#)

CELEBRATE FOUNDATION MONTH

The Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of Rotary, provides crucial funding to empower a global network of Rotarians to invest their time, money and expertise in sustainable projects that eradicate disease, promote peace, provide clean water, and fight illiteracy and malnutrition.

- [Give the gift of Rotary and help make a difference](#)

Announcements

Attend a presidential conference

Find new and innovative ways to improve your community at one of five presidential conferences hosted by RI President K.R. Ravindran and Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith this Rotary year. The conferences, to be held around the world from January to March, will highlight Rotary's areas of focus.

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