

# SENIOR TIMES

**“ OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR MEMBERS THROUGH FUN ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHILE MAKING FRIENDS FOR LIFE”**  
**AUGUST 2024 Newsletter - Turlock Branch #143**

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## Message From The Big Sir...

From Your Big Sir Bob Holly. On August 3rd. we had our 2nd. booth at the Turlock Farmers Market. We had 6 possible members sign our sign-up sheet for us to contact them. Our hopes are that



we will get several new members. If you are able to help us at the Farmers Market on September 7th or October 5th from 7:30 till 1:00 there will be a sign-up card or you may contact Roger Jackson your Little Sir our myself Big Sir Bob Holly.

We have continued to grow our membership each month. We would like to reach the magic number of 100 for our membership. This number is within reach with your help.

Thank YOU in advance for your help. With August we look forward to our grand kids starting school and attending their many activities.

Please remember that Sir's has many activities of its own. We hope you will take part in our many activities. We are looking into many possible day trips for the future.

### Trivia

Do you know the name of the conquistador who crossed the isthmus of Panama and claimed the Pacific Ocean for Spain?

What was the name of the TV cowboy who used a Whip?

What year did the "Baby Boom" begin?

**NEXT DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1-2 and 3 of 2024**

## JOIN US IN AUGUST

**11:00 am - Sir Lunch meeting Wednesday, AUGUST 21st - WILL BE HELD AT BLACK BEAR DINER, doors open at 10:30.**

**NOTE: When you arrive at Black Bear Diner Order your food as soon as possible. Our speaker will start at 12 noon, also please try to finish your meal by 12 noon.**

**Luncheon Location: BLACK BEAR DINER**  
**3050 N. Tegner Rd., Turlock**



# SIR TRAVEL

John Cardoza, Travel Chairman  
209-483-7722 - johncardoza@hotmail.com



## Panama Canal Cruise

**Aboard the Coral Princess**  
**San Francisco to Ft. Lauderdale**  
**January 20-February 5, 2025**



### RATES:

**Double per person:**

**\$4185 to \$6295**

**Single: \$6965 to \$11125**

### TOUR FEATURES

- Transfers from Turlock and Modesto to cruise terminal in San Francisco and airport back to Modesto and Turlock post cruise
- Airfare from Ft. Lauderdale to Sacramento post cruise.
- 16 Night Panama Cruise
- Port Taxes, transfers from ship to airport post cruise.
- Baggage handling for one suitcase per person (excluding airline baggage fees)

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 1, 2024**

**MORE INFO TO FOLLOW IN NEXT NEWSLETTER**  
**ESCORTED BY JOHN CARDOZA**

### PORTS OF CALL

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico - Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala/Puntarenas, Costa Rica/Fuerto Amador, Panama/Full Transit through the historic locks and Cartagena, Columbia**

**Contact John Cardoza at 209-483-7722, if you have any questions or need help!**

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**YOU CAN CONTACT JOHN CARDOZA email at johncardoza@hotmail.com to receive a brochure and Remember that relatives and friends may also go on all trips.**

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# SIR 143 - 2024 OFFICERS

## Working For You!



**Bob Holly**  
BIG Sir



**Roger Jackson**  
Little Sir



**Greg Back**  
Secretary/Web Master



**Rock Libby**  
Assistant Secretary



**Leonard Zumstein**  
Treasurer



**John Cardoza**  
Travel Chairman



**Mike Johnson**  
Membership



**Fred Courter**  
Newsletter



**Vern Segars**  
Assistant Treasurer



**Gary Toombs**  
Dine Out

### Proposed Slate of Officers - 2025

Election of officers for 2025 will take place at the August luncheon meeting. The following 2025 slate of officers have volunteered to serve and are endorsed by the SIR BRANCH #143 BEC

- |                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Big SIR</b>         | <b>Roger Jackson</b>    |
| <b>Little SIR</b>      | <b>Dan Gorman</b>       |
| <b>Secretary</b>       | <b>Greg Back</b>        |
| <b>Asst. Secretary</b> | <b>Rock Libby</b>       |
| <b>Treasurer</b>       | <b>Leonard Zumstein</b> |
| <b>Asst. Treasurer</b> | <b>Vern Segars</b>      |
| <b>Director 1</b>      | <b>Bob Holly</b>        |
| <b>Director 2</b>      | <b>Kevin Byrne</b>      |
| <b>Director 3</b>      | <b>Gary Toombs</b>      |
| <b>Director 4</b>      | <b>Mike Johnson</b>     |
| <b>Director 5</b>      | <b>John Cordoza</b>     |
| <b>Director 6</b>      | <b>Fred Courter</b>     |

Respectively Submitted,  
Greg Back  
Chairman - Nominating Committee

### NEXT BEC MEETING

to be held at

**MY GARDEN CAFE**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 23rd**

Meeting Starts at 8:30am

Be there early for breakfast starting at 7:30am

### SIR BRANCH #143 BOWLING EVERY TUESDAY



at McHenry Bowl  
CONTACT:  
**Tom Mickelson**  
209-632-2917



**Turlock SIR #143 BEC Meeting**  
**My Garden Cafe, Turlock**  
**July 19, 2024 - 8:30AM**

**Quorum: Secretary Greg Back reported that a quorum is not present. Meeting cancelled.**

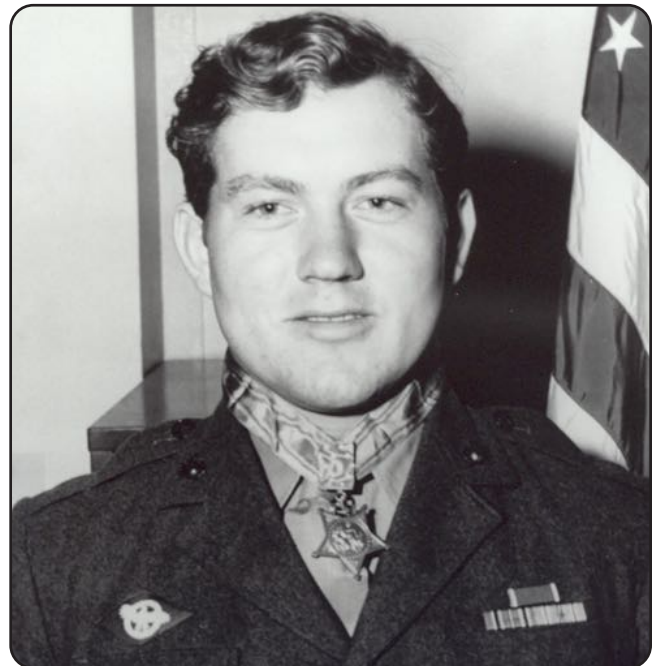
## Youngest Marine Awarded the MOH

Jacklyn Harold "Jack" Lucas (February 14, 1928 – June 5, 2008) was an American Marine in World War II who was awarded the Medal of Honor at the age of 17 years as a private first class in the Marine Corps during the Battle of Iwo Jima.

During a close firefight in two trenches between Lucas and three Marines with 11 Japanese soldiers, Lucas saved the lives of the other three Marines from two enemy hand grenades that were thrown into their trench by unhesitatingly placing himself on one grenade, while in the next instant pulling the other grenade under him. The grenade he covered with his body exploded, and wounded him severely; the other grenade failed to explode. He is the youngest Marine and the youngest serviceman in World War II to be awarded the United States' highest military decoration for valor.[1] He later commissioned into the United States Army and reached the rank of captain.

On October 7, 2023, the United States Navy commissioned the USS Jack H. Lucas (DDG 125) in his honor at the Port of Tampa, Tampa Bay Florida.

Two years before he died in 2008, Jack was honored by the Commandant of the Marine Corps, General Michael W. Hagee, who presented him with a Medal of Honor ceremonial flag at the Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C.



**It was during that ceremony that this photo was taken.**



# RV TRAVEL

Roger Jackson  
RV Chairman



## PISMO COAST RV OUTING OCTOBER 20-25, 2024

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### RESERVATION STEPS:

- 1 Call for reservation to get a site, 805-773-1811, Mention that you are with Ken Kajioka group.
2. Call or text Ken to confirm your reservation.
3. IMPORTANT: Reservation is transferable. Please call Ken before canceling.



## Jackson Rancheria RV Park

# Sunday, April 27 – Friday, May 2, 2025

11407 Dalton Road,  
Jackson, CA 95642

Deadline to book is  
March 15th, 2025

1. Call to make your reservation: (800) 822-9466 Mention you are with SIRS2025
2. Once you have confirmed your reservation  
Call or text Roger, RV Chairman  
209-658-2673 or Email: rogjaxn@me.com
3. IMPORTANT: Reservations are transferrable:  
Please call Roger before cancelling  
**10 rigs = a 15% group discount**



# THE WINE LINE

By Russ Winton

## Wine Investigation for Novices and Oenophiles (W.I.N.O.)



### New Clairvaux Vineyards Wins the “Golden State Winery of the Year”



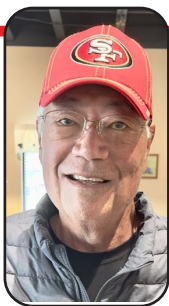
New Clairvaux Vineyards, located in the tiny town of Vina, is the first Trappist-Cistercian Monastery in America to grow and produce its own wine. The Monks of the Abby partnered with a local Sunseri family,

planted vineyards in 2000 with the first wine released in 2003. This year, in the California State Fair Wine Competition, New Clairvaux Vineyard received a Golden Bear award for a 99 point, Double Gold, Best of Show White with their 2023 James Block Moschofiero. They also took the Best of Show White last year and their first Golden Bear with another Greek varietal, Assyrtiko.

The second Golden Bear went to their 2023 Poor Souls Block Barbera Rose’. It received the Best of Show Pink, 99 points and Double Gold. In addition the winery earned four more 99 point wines, and all received Double Gold medals. For achieving these consistently high scores, New Clairvaux Vineyards, won the third Golden Bear award for “Golden State Winery of the Year”.

The three remaining Best of Show/Golden Bear awards were; Best Sparkling Wine—the NV Extra Dry Korbel, Best of Show Red—the San Simeon 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon and Best of Show—the Dessert Rancho de Philo Triple Cream Sherry. There you have it. Out of nearly 2,000 wines entered, three of the six most coveted awards went to the Trappist-Cistercian Monastery in Vina, Tehama County. Cheers to New Clairvaux Vineyards! The winery is open daily 11am-5pm with no appointment needed.

For more information go to [www.newclairvauxvineyard.com](http://www.newclairvauxvineyard.com).



### GOLF

Ken Kajioka, Chairman

| SIR AREA 18 GOLF SCHEDULE 2024 |      |     |      |         |           |      |      |       |      |                |
|--------------------------------|------|-----|------|---------|-----------|------|------|-------|------|----------------|
| MO                             | DATE | DAY | TIME | HOST    | COURSE    | GF   | CART | PRIZE | TOT  | REMARKS        |
| Aug                            | 5    | Mon | 8:00 | SG 103B | Manteca   | \$40 |      | \$9   | \$49 | Carts Included |
|                                | 12   | Mon | 8:00 | SG 144  | Dryden    | \$24 | \$20 | \$9   | \$53 | Carts Optional |
|                                | 19   | Mon | 8:00 | SG 103A | Atwater   | \$45 |      | \$9   | \$54 | Carts Included |
|                                | 26   | Mon | 8:00 | SG 103B | Creekside | \$26 | \$20 | \$9   | \$55 | Carts Optional |



Speaker for month of AUGUST will be

# Carolina Garcia

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## SIR LUNCHEON MEETING AGENDA AUGUST 21st

### CALL TO ORDER 11:30 A.M.

1. Welcome and thank you for attending
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Dan Gorman)
3. Song- (Joe Adams)
4. Prayer- Chaplain (Fred Courter) –  
**Moment of Silence for Joe Bughi**
5. Introduce/ Recognize any visiting SIR members
6. Introduce/ Recognize any guests
7. Introduce and induct new members with sponsor
8. Recognize birthdays for the month  
(read the names)
9. Recognize anniversaries for the month  
(read the names)

**Announcements: UPDATE: Upcoming – Annual State Meeting in Lafayette (Bob Holly); Voting for Office Holders for 2025 (Bob Holly); Farmer's Market Help (Roger); Activities / Day Trips (Bob Holly)**

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1 Golf – Ken Kajioka
1. Travel – John Cardoza
2. Sunshine – Rock Libby
3. RV – Roger Jackson
4. Bowling – Tom Michelsen
5. Bocce Ball – Mike Johnson
6. Dine out/ Activities – Gary Toombs
7. Wine tasting – Russ Winton
8. RC airplanes – Greg Back  
Cafe (come early at 7:30 AM for breakfast)

### Program at 12 PM

1. Introduction of program speaker - Gary Potter
  - a. Carolina Garcia, Covenant Care - Hospice
2. Adjourn Meeting
3. 50/50 Raffle -



## BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Benyamin Baba - 8/8/45, Fred Courter - 8/23/40, Edward Darrah - 8/13/43  
Curt Green - 8/29/49, Roger Jackson - 8/17/51,  
Ken Kajioka - 8/3/45, Tom Lindquist - 8/19/48, Marvin Scott - 8/11/43,  
Lonnie Sloan - 8/14/62, Ted Thorn - 8/30/36, Russ Winton - 8/26/48



## ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Bob & Linda Boyd - 8/17/01, James & Carol Jensen - 8/19  
Greg & Dolores Miranda - 8/21/58,  
Wally & Bonnie Spycher - 8/18  
Ted & Gail Thorn - 8/17/97

## DOING MY PART for BRANCH #143...

Our branch honored two of our members for "Doing My Part" at our July luncheon. John Cardoza was recognized for his contributions to SIR as our Travel Chairman. Ken Kajioka was recognized for his contributions to SIR as our outgoing RV Wagonmaster and Golf Chairman. When you see them at our next lunch be sure to tell them thank you.

Left to right: Big SIR Bob Holly,  
John Cardoza Travel Chairman,  
Ken Kajioka RV and Golf Chairman.  
Little SIR Roger Jackson.



## Dine-In or Dine Out



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September**  
More Info To Come



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## TURLOCK BRANCH NO. 143 OFFICERS & CHAIRMEN FOR 2024

|                                    |                  |          |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|
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| Little Sir .....                   | Roger Jackson    | 658-2673 |
| Secretary.....                     | Greg Back        | 585-6862 |
| Assistant Secretary .....          | Rock Libby       | 634-6508 |
| Treasurer.....                     | Leonard Zumstein | 634-8878 |
| Assistant Treasurer .....          | Vern Segars      | 634-2142 |
| Membership .....                   | Mike Johnson     | 613-6801 |
| Assistant Membership/Mailing ..... | Rick Kindle      | 652-8608 |
| Recruiting.....                    | Rick Kindle      | 652-8608 |
| Bowling.....                       | Tom Mickelson    | 632-2917 |
| Travel Chairman .....              | John Cardoza     | 483-7722 |
| Travel Assistant.....              | OPEN             |          |
| Golf .....                         | Ken Kajjoka      | 602-8351 |
| Assistant Golf .....               | Ray Walker       | 606-9889 |
| Sunshine .....                     | Rock Libby       | 634-6508 |
| Newsletter Editor/Photo .....      | Fred Courter     | 226-1173 |
| Bocce Ball.....                    | Mike Johnson     | 613-6801 |
| Program .....                      | Gary Potter      | 667-8516 |
| Assistant Program .....            | Ken Kajjoka      | 602-8351 |
| Chaplain.....                      | OPEN             |          |
| RV Chairman .....                  | Ken Kajjoka      | 602-8351 |
| Assistant RV Chairman .....        | Roger Jackson    | 658-2673 |
| Web Master .....                   | Greg Back        | 585-6862 |
| Nominating Com. Chair.....         | Greg Back        | 585-6862 |

Directors: Kevin Byrne, Gary Toombs, Fred Courter,  
John Cardoza, Mike Johnson, Dan Gorman

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