

the possibility of merging our golf activities with branch 125 of San Jose who play essentially some of the same courses and days that we play. This can help both branches meet the minimum number of golfers needed to reserve a course for play - more information to come.

Please feel free to offer constructive feedback on ways to improve our branch with new activities, speaker topics, or entertaining discussions. Do consider volunteering within the branch to help do your part to improve our offerings of interesting activities, and enjoyable friendships whether they are with new or old friends.

Richard

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SIR 51 General Membership Meeting

Our next SIR General Membership meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 starting at 11:30 a.m., for social half-hour, then at noon for lunch.

Please encourage your fellow members to come to the luncheon and speaker presentation.

February Luncheon attendance had a total of 39 members plus guests, an encouraging uptick in attendance. As of February month-end, our branch members totals 64.

SIR 51 Board Meetings

The next Board meeting will occur in-person this coming Wednesday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m.

For more details, please contact Big SIR, Richard Jamison at email address: rsjamison@aol.com

The lists for elected 2024 officers and committee chairmen are located at the end of this newsletter.

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Monthly Presentation for Members

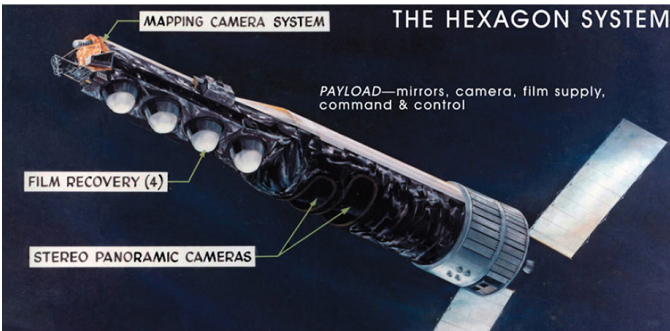
March 6, 2024 Speaker

Rickey Deutsch

Topic Description: HEXAGON PROGRAM

About Ricky Deutsch

His first Air Force assignment was as a B-52 maintenance officer, which included a tour in Thailand in the Vietnam War era. In the 1970's, as a Captain, he was Operations Director for a now declassified top-secret reconnaissance satellite program called HEXAGON. From the Satellite Control Facility (aka the "Blue Cube") in Sunnyvale, CA, his team generated mission critical commands to be sent to the satellite. He was awarded a Commendation Medal for support of this program. Following his Air Force vocation, he worked in Silicon Valley's computer industry. Firms included Ford Aerospace & Communications Corporation, Intel Corporation and Sun Microsystems, Inc. He was a marketing manager for federal, state & local and international government clients. Ricky holds a BS in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, and Master's degrees from USC and Santa Clara University.



Future speakers:

April 3 Speaker and Topic:

TBD

Topic Description:

TBD

**FOR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING
SPEAKERS**

PLEASE CONTACT:

**Steve Tremulis
(650) 598-9790**

SIR 51 Website

SIR Branch 51 website provides helpful information on our activities and archives our news. Should you have inputs for our website, please contact our website master, Gerry Shebar at (650) 868-6124.

www.sirinc2.org/branch51

State SIR News

Public information about SIR organization for what we are as a social group and what we do is available on the state SIR developed website for informing and attracting the public to our branch. It is called **We Are SIR.**

www.wearesir.com

State SIR Website:

www.sirinc.org

The State SIR organization has a newsletter called **SIR Happenings**, to help SIR members know what the state officers are organizing for overall support and various activities for the local branches. See link below.

<https://sirinc.org/newsletters/>

The State SIR group provides guidance to help branches improve their members' involvement and the growth of branch membership.

Craig's Current Contributions: March 2024

Courtesy of former Big SIR, Craig Carpenter

Former Big SIR, very important guy. Not so much any more. Sigh.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

Wouldn't it be ironic if Popeye's Chicken was cooked in Olive Oil?

The fitness trainer asked me, "what kind of a squat are you accustomed to doing"? I said "Diddly".

My neighbor just yelled so loudly that I even brushed my teeth and went to bed.

Did you know you can distinguish an alligator from a crocodile by paying attention to whether the animal sees you later or in a while?

Did you know ants never get sick? It's because they have little Aunty Bodies. (Please don't unfriend me).

GOOD READS FOR GUYS:

"West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. An emotional, rousing novel inspired by the incredible true story of two giraffes who made headlines and won the hearts of Depression-era America.

"The Power Of One" by Bryce Courtenay. In 1939 as Hitler casts his enormous, cruel shadow across the world, the seeds of apartheid take root in South Africa. There, a boy called Peekay is born. His childhood is marked by humiliation and abandonment, yet he vows to survive and conceives heroic dreams - which are nothing compared to what life actually has in store for him. He embarks on an epic journey through a land of tribal superstition and modern prejudice where he will learn the power of words, the power to transform lives, and the power of one.

"The 4th Quarter Of Your Life: Embracing what matters most by Allen Hunt & Matthew Kelly. Whether you are in the 4th quarter of your life or not, this book will change the way you live the rest of your life.

STUFF TO WATCH:

"Masters of the Air" on Apple TV+. A Spielberg/ Tom Hanks production...excellent. You are in the cockpits with the US fly boys.

"Selling The OC" on Netflix. Female realtors in Orange County have at it. Kind of a weekly soap opera with silicone in abundance. Your wife may love it.

"The Diplomat" on Netflix. The U.S. Ambassador to the Court of Saint James (the UK) gets into all kinds of issues...diplomatic, romantic, etc.

Well...I guess that's it. See you next month.

ACTIVITIES

GOLF



If any of you are interested in playing golf as individuals, you might want to check with the courses as to tee time availability.

For helpful information on State SIR and various Branch golf activities, contact Mark Stuart, 2023 State Golf Chair at 916 218-2287 or mss95678@hotmail.com

Also, for more information on State SIR golf activities, use the link below.

As for SIR Branch 51's golf information, see the SIR 51 2024 golf schedule which is available via Excel or .pdf file copies either electronically sent to you or at the SIR 51 website. Below are the dates, times, and locations for February March and April 2024.

2/28	Wed.	Poplar Creek	10 AM
3/5	Tues.	Shoreline	10:30 AM
3/13	Wed.	Spring Valley	10 AM
3/20	Wed.	San Jose	10 AM
3/27	Wed.	Crystal Springs	10 AM
4/2	Tues.	Shoreline.	10:30 AM
4/10	Wed.	Sunnyvale.	10 AM
4/17	Wed.	Los Lagos.	10 AM
4/24	Wed.	Poplar Creek.	10 AM
4/30	Tues.	Crystal Springs.	10 AM

TOTAL TOURNAMENTS: 51

Baylands	2
Crystal Springs	5
Los Lagos	7
Moffett Field	3
Poplar Creek	6
Poppy Hills	1
San Jose	6
Shoreline	6
Spring Valley	8
Sunnyvale	7

All participants must be at the course at least one hour before tee time.

Courtesy of Golf Chairman:

KAI JOHANSEN
(650) 380-9493

Also, contact Jim Cummings, as a mutual supporter for golf news.

JIM CUMMINGS
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Napa 2024 Golf Tournament

Here is information about the 2024 Napa Golf Tournament sponsored by Branch's 35, 149 and SIR State Golf. The links below provide the announcement and registration form for our first State Golf tournament of the year to be held in April.

The information on this event and other SIR golfing events can be found on the SIR State Golf website at www.sirgolf.org.

Ben Gikis, 2024 SIR State Golf Committee Chair

State SIR Golf Newsletter: www.sirgolf.org

Check if the following activities are going to occur with the recent changes in COVID-19 State SIR restrictions.

INDOOR BOWLING

(BRANCHES 5, 35 & 51)



We bowl on a handicap system, so all have an equal chance. Each season teams are revised and always have a mix of players by ability. When possible, with less COVID-19 restrictions, we meet on **Tuesdays at Homestead Lanes: Homestead and Stelling in Cupertino from 1-3 PM.** Be there by **12.45 PM.** New bowlers are always welcome at any level of experience. If you're new, it's easier if you call me (Bob Taggart) in advance so we will be prepared. Spouses, women friends are welcome – there are now 10 co-ed teams.

YOU CAN JOIN ANYTIME

A ball and shoes are available at the bowling lanes. Looking for some exercise that does not rely on good weather? Indoor 10-pin bowling is a fun, low-impact bowling skill that comes back after a long lay-off. Many have not bowled since they were youngsters. For more information, contact:

BOB TAGGART (Br 35)
(650) 321-2654

LAWN BOWLING:

Lawn Bowling is available every Friday from 10 AM to noon at the Senior Center in Los Altos. Contact Bob Taggart.

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CYCLING: (SIR Branches 35, 51, others)

Meet on 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:00 AM

No information was available at the time this newsletter was published due to uncertainty about weather conditions. For the latest information please contact Gordy Tong by email at gordy6850@gmail.com.

Wives and guests welcomed; Rain cancels ride. Helmets required, e-bikes are allowed, and face masks are optional. Read latest CDC guidance via link below:

NON-RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION:

All activities arranged for or by, or sponsored by, Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons in Retirement, Inc., and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

STATE SIR WEBSITE

www.sirinc.org

Travel Opportunity

Prague to Budapest River Cruise November 2024

Travel News from State SIR is meant as a useful service to all Sirs.

We recognize that for many SIR members or branches it's difficult, if not impossible, to organize a cruise or major travel adventure. Therefore, as a benefit to its members State SIR occasionally organizes cost-effective trips which we will promote and you can sign up and join without the hassle of having to make all the arrangements yourself.

Here is information about a river trip Prague to Budapest 11/6-11/20 2024, discounted by \$1000 if booked by 12/31/23; also pre and post trips are available, see below. I have attached a video at the end. Do not pay attention to those prices in the video the prices I have listed in the email body are correct for SIRs. Along with the group number etc.

This trip has an additional \$1000 off my listed prices if you book by December 31. So act now, If you have any questions call or email Milt Smith State Travel Chair. Br 146,
925-285-2897c miltsmith549@gmail.com

Take a look let us know what you think. We can give you chapter and verse on shipboard life, cabins, weather, air etc. I am sending this to all SIRs statewide, we could get a large group. Also, excellent prices for solo travelers.

Dates: 11/6 thru 11/20

Pre-trip to Dresden and Berlin US departure date: 11/1/24

Pre-trip to Warsaw and Krakow US departure date: 11/1/24

2024 SIR BRANCH #51 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Big SIR: Richard Jamison 868-3723
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Tennis: Syd Jacobsen (Br 35) (408) 738-3233
Golf Chairman: Kai Johansen 380-9493
Golf Assistant: Jim Cummings 207-3609
Travel: State SIR Travel: www.sirinc.org
Compuser: Stanford-PA Users Group www.spaug.net
Macintosh Users: Skip Ross (541) 857-6224
Historian: (Open)

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Attendance: (Open)		Speaker Coordinator: Steve Tremulis	598-9790
Audit: Sam Meredith	325-4152	Membership: (Open)	
Website: Gerry Shebar	868-6124	Asst. Membership: Art Roberts	279-5560
Asst. Website: (Open)		Greeter: Al Runge	592-1345
Newsletter: Art Roberts	279-5560	Special Events: Ray Klinke	924-0734
Good Samaritan: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Nominating Committee: Richard Jamison	868-3723
Member Orientation: Bob Guffey	593-3496	Gerry Shebar	868-6124
		Jim Cummings	207-3609

All telephone numbers are in the 650-area code, except where noted differently.

All changes in address, telephone number, and e-mail address needs to be reported to the SIR Branch 51,
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“All the news that fits we print”

Anonymous