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SONS IN RETIREMENT LAKE OF THE PINES



NEXT MEETING
APRIL 2, 2014

BIG SIR - RICHARD GREEN



Let's hope April Showers bring more snowpack in addition to May flowers! Our second MBS (Military Bull Session) was at the Clubhouse Happy Hour Monday, 10 March. All five services were represented! Anyone with any military service is welcome! Our attendance at our March luncheon improved to 66%. Thanks go to Bob Chan for his very well organized tour of Beale AFB! Please follow the Little SIR's advice below and his leadership. He has recruited two new members himself! I remember a SIR President, who said he was invited several times before attending his first luncheon as a guest! So don't give up!

LITTLE SIR - ELMER CURTIS



If you missed our March meeting you missed a great presentation. To those that did attend, they were entertained by LCDR RICHARD NOWATSKI and his Navy time spent on the aircraft carrier USS HORNET from Doolittle's raid on Japan to her sinking in the Battle of Santa Cruz Islands on October 1942. We will have Chuck Stocker (ALCATRAZ ALUMNI) as our guest speaker for April. He lived on Alcatraz in his youthful days as his father was a guard at the prison. Should be interesting and informative so why not come out and join us for lunch. Your neighbors will be there !! We also have interesting presentations for May and June. To all, we are striving to increase membership. If you have a friend or neighbor, he may wish to join our ranks. There is a free luncheon and program for him to decide if he would like to join. We have prepared introductory letters and a form if one wishes to join. Lets all make LOP Branch 170 the best!

GOLF - ROD CORVINGTON



There is an expanded SIRS tournament schedule this year. Information is available in the pro shop

APRIL MENU

You will receive the actual menu with the e-mail that asks if you are attending the lunch. There will be a salad and plated entree.

This allows the chef more time to put together the most cost effective lunch for us. Saving the association (and us) money.

FREE LUNCH WINNERS



**KEN SALMAN
BILL ANDRE**



BEALE AIR FORCE BASE TOUR
GROUP LED BY BOB CHAN



APRIL

GLENN DELISLE DICK DEMENT

LYNDEN LAIRD

STEVE MICHALAK

STEVE PARKS GENE MYERS

JIM WILKINSON



MEMBERSHIP - PHIL JONES

Active members - 105



Lynden Laird with New member
David Taylor and Phil Jones



March Guest Speaker
Lt Cdr Richard Nowatske, ret.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

May 9-17, 2014

Mississippi River Cruise

Travel the Mississippi River from New Orleans to Memphis aboard the authentic paddle wheeler, The American Queen. The trip includes a pre-Night stay in New Orleans and a post-cruise tour of Graceland. Prices range from \$4235 to \$7140 for a superior cabin with a private balcony. Offered by Branch 144 Travel. Contact Bill Stires at 209-544-2684.

May 13-29, 2014

Hidden Gems of the Dalmation Coast & Greece

This is a 16 day Cruise aboard a privately owned Grand Circle small ship with a maximum of 50 passengers. Ports of Call will include Zagreb, Split, Hvar, Korcula, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Butrint, Albania, Corfu, Delphi and Athens. Prices range from approximately \$4595 to \$6170 PPDO, depending on accommodations and airfare. Trip also includes 37 meals, 12 exclusive tours with personal headsets, home hosted dinner, and resident Grand Circle Program Director.

Offered by Branch 146
Travel. Contact Ken Richter at 925-689-6217.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS



Horst Bendzulla is one of four new members joining Branch 170 in February of this year. As with all new members, we try to do a short profile so we can know him a little better.

Horst was born and grew up in Germany. He married his now deceased wife in Germany and emigrated to the United States in 1960. He has two daughters that live in the Northern California area with five grandchildren.

Horst worked as a contractor for the United States Government for 40 years traveling all over the world.

Horst is an accomplished artist who has been painting for many years.



Robert Reeder Joined Branch 170 in February of this year. As a new member we are doing a short profile on Robert so we can know him just a bit better.

Robert was born and raised in Southern California. He graduated from North Hollywood High School and attended City College in Van Nuys. He has one younger brother.

He spent eight years in the Air National Guard and worked for the Southern California Gas Company for almost forty years.

Robert retired in 2002 and moved to LOP. He enjoys tennis, golf and hiking.



One of four new members joining Branch 170 in February of this year is Richard Keith. In order to know Richard a bit better we are doing a short profile as we try to do on all new members.

Richard was born in Fresno and grew up in San Diego. He has two brothers and has been married to his wife Julie for 25 years.

He graduated high school in San Diego, graduated Molar Barber College in Oakland and Heald Business College in 1990. He barbered for 44 years and spent most of his adult life in San Jose.

Richard and Julie have lived at LOP for three years. He enjoys walking, playing poker, music, cooking and travel.

He also is a member of the Pinesmen.

***SUPER SENIOR SIR MEMBER
BILL HAGIN***

SENIOR SIR MEMBERS

***DALE ZINCK
NEIL WEAVER
BILL SWENSON***

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

***STEVE MICHALAK
JOHN BREWER***

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BRANCH 170 PAST BIG SIRs

ART LAFONTAINE 1994 DEL PRICE 1995
GENE TOPPER 1996,1997 CLARENCE ROGERS 1998
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TOM ANDERSON 2001
JOHN BREWER 2002 KEITH PLATT 2003
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