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God Bless America

June 2015 Issue
Meeting June 3rd
Next meeting July 1st

June Luncheon Menu

Pork Ribs, Caesar Salad, Coffee Ice Cream with Biscotti, Shrimp Avocado Salad
July Menu: Chicken Champignon, Salad with 1000 Dressing, Fruit upside down cake, Fish and Chips with Coleslaw

Bud Sandkulla- Big Sir

Well, did you enjoy your trip to Machu Picchu? I thought the speaker, Rick Duetch, did a super job informing us about Peru and the Incan civilization. And now, onto Round 2 of the travel series, with our own David Nigel telling us all we want to know about the Philippines and more (in just 15 minutes) at our June 3rd lunch. And then to top off Round 3, on July 1st we will have a couple of travel experts, Walt and Liz Wilson, inform us about life in North Korea today. All of this traveling without having to go to the airport. I'm all for that!
 If you didn't hear my announcement on April 1st that we are considering a change in collecting funds from a voluntary contribution to a mandatory contribution, then be forewarned. The voluntary way just wasn't working out for several reasons and is creating a deficit. The board is still in the process of discussing this and will have more information at a later date We are trying to come up with a way to match our funds with our expenses.
 Don't forget, it is getting closer to August 19th. Why? It's picnic time and we want you and need you to

show up. A good time will be guaranteed, so show up to find out why. The format will be similar to last year's with the exception of a caterer serving up a Texas style BBQ, that is, smoked turkey, BBQ ribs, pulled pork, salad, beans, etc. Also new this year will be a fun Peruvian game, SAPO, that any one can play no matter what age or sex. More details later and hope you can make it.

Don't forget gents, I have completed notifying all those who have signed up for activities they wanted to participate in and the only way that will work is if you contact the others in your group and start a new activity. I would like to know if and when that happens so we can inform the members that might be interested in joining in.

I have been passing out the SIR cards and am hoping that some new members will materialize from my efforts. I hope you do the same and eventually gain some new members.

Be safe, be healthy and show up for our next luncheon on June 3rd.

HERE'S TO YOU!!! HAPPY DAYS AND MANY MORE OF THEM!!!!

Happy Birthday
United States Army



D Day

June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, "we will accept nothing less than full victory." More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 Soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler's crack troops.



Membership and Attendance

Bill Gipe

May attendance was 115 active and 1 inactive. Current branch totals are 168 active and 41 inactive.

Branch 4 thanks Bob Gardner for annual contribution, Marios Stathopoulos for special contribution, and John McGlothlin, Charlie Leach, & Sakee Poulakidas for missed meeting contributions. Annual, special and missed meeting contributions help meet Branch 4 expenses.

SIR Attendance Rules

Rule 60. Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheons unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale.

Rule 100. A member may be notified : a. Miss three consecutive meetings. b. Did not attend one-half of regular meetings in previous year.

SIR Sunshine List

Branch 4 remembers members who face illness and injury: George Kallas, Tom Lenes, Harry Lieberman, Pat Loughran, and all who have
Please phone Bill Gipe, 650-878-5746, if you will miss a meeting.

Sunshine List: Branch 4 wishes a return to good health for Pat Loughran, Stu Ruth, George Kallas, and all members with the challenges of injury and illness.

Golf: Jack Major 415-566-2243, Ken Reed 415-810-3832, and Jim Smith 650-871-8855

A one-page summary of the **local SIR golf rules** has been published and is now available. Pick up a copy on the golf table or check the web site:

<http://branch4.sirinc2.org/golf.html>.

2015 Sharp Park Tournaments are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 0930. Check the website for the

current schedules and past results. Copies will be on the golf table at the lunch too. Make sure I have your email for alerts, lineups, and results.

The Tuesday May 12th **Sharp Park tournament** results are available on the golf web site above and will be available on the golf table at the lunch.

Next Sharp Park Tournament: Tuesday June 9th, 2015 - first tee-off is 0930. SIR members and their guests are invited. Sign up for tournaments at the golf table at the first Wednesday's lunch. There's **breakfast that starts at 0815**, so you want to get there early. At least, **check in one hour before your tee time.** The lineup will be sent out by email a few days before. Sharp Park fees are \$46 for green fees, cart, and breakfast, and prizes (\$4 each). Carts are allowed on most par 4's and 5's, depending on the ground conditions. **Heavy rains may cause cart path only play.**

2015 Poplar Creek Tournaments are scheduled for Tues 2/17, Wed 4/29, Tues 6/30, Tues 8/18, Tues 10/20, Wed 11/18, and Tues 12/15. We have 10 tee times for 40 players starting at 1015.

No-shows without notification will require a **\$10 contribution** to the commissioner's pocket fund at the next tournament.
Next Poplar Creek Tournament: Wednesday June 30th first tee-off is 1015.

Sign up at the golf table or call Jack or Ken. Green (\$30) and prize fees (\$7) are \$37; optional cart fees are \$14 per player double, \$19 single, payable at the Pro Shop.

SIR Area 4 Away Golf Tournaments: Jim Smith, 650-871-8855, 430 Forest View Drive,

South SF, CA 94080. These tournaments are scheduled for Mondays starting in March. See the website or the golf table at the lunch. No bus trips this year, so arrange car pools if possible.

Upcoming Away Trips – Monday June 22 – Santa Clara Golf Course, July 27th State Individual – Santa Clara, August 31st – Shoreline Golf Links. Check the web site for updates!

Golfer's Luncheon

Golf Lunch - The golf lunch (free) will be held on Friday, June 12. at the Elks Lodge. All golfers are welcome. However you must let Jim Smith know if you are going to attend, as we have to give a person count 10 days prior to the lunch. We need at least 50 for the lunch.

SIR Activities

Bocce Ball

Harry Lieberman, Charlie Leach
Meet on Wednesdays at the Doelger Senior Center
1st Wednesday 9:30 to 11AM
Other Wednesdays 10AM -12 noon

Computer Club

Jerry Blumenthal
Meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Doelger Senior Center 11:45
All those interested in computers are welcome.

Pinochle

George Samoulides
Games are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. All SIR's are invited to join in the fun. Call George for further information.
Hope to see you there for some fellowship and fun

Walk for Health

– Ken Reed
Meets on the last Friday of the month at a variety of locations at 9:45 AM. The walks are scenic, fun, and full of camaraderie. An email sent monthly as to the current location. Guests welcome

Sir Happenings

The latest edition of SIR Happenings has just been posted on the SIR website:

<http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

I hope you enjoy reading our latest edition. **Don MacGregor**, editor:

Pull Tabs

Save the pull tabs from aluminum cans and give them to Walt Prawicki or Joe Sangiacomo. They are for Ronald McDonald House. Joe and Walt thank all those who have supported this worthy cause.

From your Travel Chair, Wayne Veatch

Hank Gomez organized our local tour for May: Joining a cruise on the Bay on the Jeremiah O'Brien on Saturday, May 16. The cruise was free for military veterans, as many SIRs are. Plans are for the June tour to SFO International Airport, to the SFO Museum in the International Terminal on Friday the 19th. Bill Gipe, Paul Rosenberg and I visited there recently and enjoyed their new exhibits. BART is the easy way to get there (use your Senior Clipper Card) and admission is free. They have fascinating new exhibits, including models of Chinese Pagodas made for the 1915 Pan Pacific Exhibition, Egyptian art and jewelry for Hollywood stars. We'll catch lunch in the terminal. We're open to your suggestions for future trips.

At the last luncheon meeting, I mentioned we have new Activity Groups forming to focus on Travel for Couples,

Theater/Movies and Genealogy (contact me for these), Pool (contact Terry Kirchhoff), Amateur Radio (contact Claude Blakeslee), Model Railroading (contact Bob Fox). Movies works well to meet on \$7 senior discount Mondays at the Century 20 in Daly City. Free parking.

Meanwhile, I hope you will look at the travel offerings listed in SIR Happenings and offered by other Branches in Area 1. Check the [Area 1 Travel and Activities](#) link on our website, <http://branch4.sirinc2.org/> for details. (Thanks to Jack Major for keeping this website and these links up to date.) If you do sign up for any of these tours, please send me an email or call me and let me know how it went: veatchlaw@gmail.com, 415-297-1807.

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Birthday Greetings

Bowen, Tony Braganza, s Gochez, Sandar Halasz, Charles Hoenisch, George Kallas, Ford Long, Richard Pon, Herman Scholz, Tom Sylvester, and Vincent Unsinn.

Annual Branch 4 & 91 Picnic

The second annual will be on Wednesday, August 19th at Flood

Park in Menlo Park. This year we'll feature a new, special BBQ menu that you will not want to miss. Complete details and a flyer with directions will be available beginning with our July Fog Horn.

Save the Date!



Speaker – Rick Duetch

Rick gave us a tour of Machu Picchu, including a slide show presentation. We were able to see what the ancient city looks like today. It was a very informative and interesting presentation.

Ernie Pead Receives a Senior Award from Area Governor Bob Fox



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