



# The Pathfinder

**Forty-Fifth Year**

**November 2020**

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**All Close contact MEETINGS-Cancelled until further notice**



## **Big Sir Richard's Corner**

Hope all is well with our Branch 59 members and partners. As all of you are often thought of and never forgotten.

Expect another phone call from one of your BEC members and directors as again we continue our member contact.

I would like to thank everyone who joined in our monthly zoom meeting and our guest speaker presentation on how to benefit from the library resources in Alameda County.

Members I encourage you do not miss our next zoom meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> as our guest speaker will be Fremont's very own Major General Garrett Yee. He will be sharing many topics and stories of his United States Army ventures.

We all must stay as active as possible so please join our walking group every Wednesday at 9 am. Jerry Halligan heads up our walking group and will keep you inform as to the selected location. Looks like bowling is coming our way sometime in November at the Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin, Victor, Jerry and Harvey will keep you posted with the latest updates.

On September the 9<sup>th</sup> another member of our branch has passed away Sir Donald Thatcher our thoughts and memories go out to his family.

**BEST REGARDS ALWAYS:  
RICHARD HENRY  
BIG Sir**



## **November Guest Speaker**

Army Major General Garrett S. Yee is the assistant to the director of the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA). In this role, he helps to lead a global organization of approximately 8,000 military and civilian personnel who plan, develop, deliver, and

operate joint, interoperable, command and control capabilities and a global enterprise infrastructure in direct support of the president, secretary of defense, joint chiefs of staff, combatant commanders, Department of Defense components, and other mission partners across the full spectrum of operations.

Prior to this assignment, MG Yee served as the Military Deputy to the Army CIO/G-6 and Senior Information Security Officer in the Office of the Chief Information Officer (CIO)/G6, Headquarters, Department of the Army in the Pentagon.

MG Yee, a native of Fremont, California, received his commission upon graduation from Santa Clara University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in combined science. He later earned a Master of Business Administration from Golden Gate University and Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the Army War College.

MG Yee's command and operational assignments include Commander, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional) in Kuwait, where he concurrently served as the G-6 for U.S. Army Central Command and the Director of Cyber Information Systems for the Combined Joint Task Force - Operation INHERENT RESOLVE; Deputy Commanding General for Mobilization, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Deputy Commander, 335th Signal Command (Theater) (Provisional) during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan; Commander, 505th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade in Las Vegas,

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***Anyone that is interest in joining the BEC meeting on Wednesday, November 18 is welcome. The BEC meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. The regular meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. and we will have a speaker.***

**Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/955020906>  
Meeting ID: 955 020 906**

## SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, September 16, 2020

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Jim Ulam-Recruitment  
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Rob Ingebretson-Membership  
Sammy Lum-Publicity



Our meeting was held on the ZOOM platform, hosted by Jerry Sabo.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Rick Henry at 11:32am. All BEC members were present except Arnold George, Bill Briscoe and Bob Marshall.

The September 16, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

The treasurers report was approved as presented. The balance of the general fund on Oct 21 was \$3,018.40. Our only expenses for the month were for our ad with Tri-City-Voice and costs for printing and mailing the Pathfinder.

A moment of silence was held for remembrance of Donald Thatcher who passed away September 9th.

Larry Jett spoke of our speaker; today Jane Carr of the Fremont main library will share how to make the most of all the library resources. Next month Major General Garrett Yee will speak about his tours in Afghanistan.

A suggestion was made to invite new 2021 BEC members to the Nov and Dec BEC meetings so they get acquainted with our process.

Rick reminded us to pay attention to emails from State. New State board officers were recently announced. Rick has looked at apparel in the ProShop and plans to purchase some things soon with the zoomer certificate our branch was awarded last month.

Some members have asked we consider changing the day of the week we hold our general meetings. Wednesdays works best for most members so for now it will stay the same.

Activities, Larry Lardie mentioned about 12 members are playing golf on Tuesdays. Jim Ulam offered to chair the golf group in 2021.

The walking group which meets each Wednesday at various locations is very popular and all are enjoying it. These are flat, easy walks. Thanks to Sammy for sending the email announcements.

Bowlers are looking at Castro Valley and Dublin as future bowling centers now that Cloverleaf Bowl has closed.

Jerry Halligan has offered to assist with the Activities Chair position, although reluctant to take the role alone.

Jerry Sabo knows of some branches playing bridge on-line and is interested in looking into this.

Elks are making use of their Bocce Ball court. We are looking forward to starting this up again next spring.

Hugh suggested updates need to be made to the 2021 roster. He reminds us that changes in membership need to go through both Membership and Database chairmen.

A comment from Jim Ulam about Recruitment; We are treading water.

Rob mentioned there are 6 potential new members who had come to our last face-to-face meeting. We should try to stay in touch with them.

Phone calls to members was well received when we reached out to all members via assigned lists in June and July. Rick will send another list to BEC members again to continue this practice.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32pm.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

### Branch 59

#### Meets at Fremont Elks

38991 Farwell Drive,  
Fremont CA on the 3rd  
Wednesday of each  
month

9:30 AM

#### Executive Board Meeting

11AM Social Hour

12 Noon Lunch



# November Birthdays



**Lloyd Anderson**  
Age 90



**Robert Boike**  
Age 86



**James Floor**  
Age 85

**Donald Ehlers**  
Age 82



**Robert LoBue**  
Age 76



**Myron Ness**  
Age 76



**Bill Leake**  
Age 75

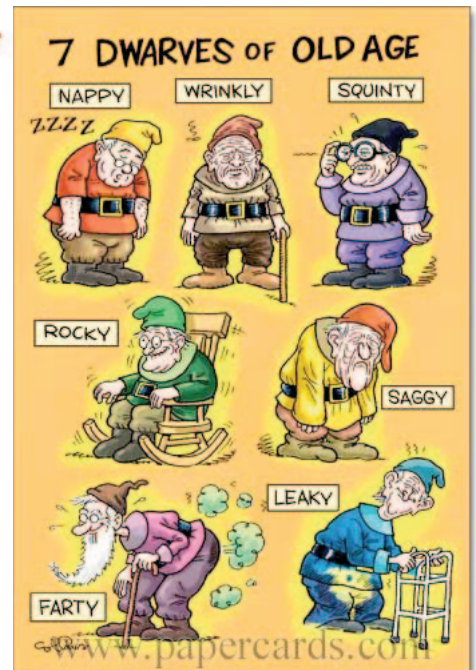


**Bill Pruner**  
Age 73

## 3 Rules of Getting Older



Never pass a bathroom,  
don't waste a hard-on,  
and never trust a fart



**Tyler Harvey**  
Age 42

**Sir Sammy Lum**  
Birthday  
Chairman



Check out the revamped SIR Website:

<https://sirinc.org/>

Same name but "New" look



## MG Yee—Continued from Page 1

Nevada; Commander, 650th Regional Support Group in Las Vegas, Nevada; Theater Observation Detachment Officer with the Center for Army Lessons Learned in Iraq during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, where he authored a handbook on Provincial Reconstruction Teams; and Commander, 3/356th Logistics Support Battalion at Fort Bliss, Texas.

MG Yee's awards and decorations include the Defense Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, NATO Medal, Parachutist Badge, and German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency. He is also a recipient of the Signal Corps Bronze Order of Mercury.

### **Bowling May Open in November**

*Sir Victor Okumura has been talking to the folks at Earl Anthony Bowl in Dublin and it is very likely that we will be able to bowl again beginning on November 9th at 12:30.*

*Most everyone knows that our former home at Cloverleaf Bowl no longer exists as a bowling alley. The Earl Anthony center will re-open on November 4th according to Victor. All former bowlers have been reminded. If you are a potential bowler give Bowling Chairman Harvey McAninch a call at 510-441-3803 or call Victor at 510-557-2687 for more information. (At the present time this is technically a non-SIR sponsored event because of the COVID-19 activity restrictions.)—Female friends of a Sir are welcome.*

*SIR Happenings is published 4 time a year—the next issue will be published for February 2021.*

*Deadline for submitting articles is January 15th. You can find past issues on our website: [sirbranch59.org](http://sirbranch59.org).*

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## Cyber Geezer Meeting

Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on November 24th via Zoom, I will send out instructions via email prior to the actual meeting (also specified below).

The meeting time is from 1:00 to about 2:30 PM. We will again include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and any Sir Member wanting information.

At our October meeting we had a great group of "Zoomers". We discussed 5 G technology. The following references were given for more information.

**What is 5G—Presented at the meeting.**

<https://www.theverge.com/2020/4/9/21214750/5g-coronavirus-conspiracy-theories-radio-waves-virus-internet>

**Other References:**

5G—Good long and possibly 2nd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-gGeAe-PJA>

Upscaled—Quick, long and thorough

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9EgXz1CEfQw>

Sound vs. Electromagnetic waves

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Bnws5tpPtM>

Electromagnetic Waves

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWCN\\_uI5ygY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWCN_uI5ygY)

Bill Nye—Not too technical and T-Mobile Ad

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCPztdqFDzQ>

Join the next Zoom Cyber Geezer Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596

Lots of Zoom information on the [sirinc.org](http://sirinc.org) website at <https://sirinc.org/zoom/>

## Can't Put a Name to a Face?

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[www.sirbranch59.org](http://www.sirbranch59.org)

Click on the Member Gallery tab on the website and then enter the password: SIR59

## Are you SIRious? by Larry Jett



Lloyd (Andy) Anderson drew his first breath 90 years ago in Rochester N.Y., corporate headquarters for Kodak and Xerox. Andy attended an all boys school, Edison Tech, and became proficient in welding and other skills helpful in a future involving ‘industrial engineering’. Welding was the skill needed for a time with Kodak before enlisting in the Air Force with an MOS of radar operator thus spending time in New Jersey and Korea as a result. When his tour was completed, Andy found his way to Visalia where his parents lived.



The education train had stops at College of the Sequoias in Visalia then a BS followed by an MBA in industrial engineering at San Jose State. Prior to his 30 year gig with IBM, Andy was employed by Food Machinery Corp in San Jose. Using another engineering skill, social engineering, he persuaded a true Southern Belle, Carolyn, imported from Talladega AL, to attend a hockey game at the Cow Palace and subsequently scored the ‘hat-trick’ .....a wife of 55 years, a son/daughter, and 5 grandchildren. IBM lured Andy away for three decades involved in facilities planning, production line assembly and many interesting projects and also gave him time to gain knowledge in the game of golf, and reading diverse types of books and serving on the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army for the Tri-cities. He found the value of distance running and has medals galore in 5 and 10k races completing 40-50 races in some years. Your Little Sir watched him complete the Newark Mile during Newark Days when he was 75 and finished credibly. Skiing at Sun Valley, Park City, and Vail explains “skirunandy” in his email address.

Andy credits his parents and siblings on instilling Christian values in his life which was evidenced by Carolyn and he being married at Centerville Presbyterian Church in 1965 (think DMV on Central Ave) and they both have been faithful members ever since, filling in many roles as Elders, Deacons, Pastor Nominating Committee and where-ever else they were led. Chris Lemler brought Andy to SIR. Good job Chris!!



**Coyote Hills Residents!**

I received a phone call recently from Nat Lord informing me that Lee passed away recently. I didn't know Lee, but decided to pass on the information to some of the old timers. Lee was Branch 59 Big Sir in 1990. Nat wasn't to happy about now being the oldest Past Big Sir that is still alive. Nat was Big Sir in 1997!



September 21, 1920 – September 28, 2020

Former resident of Fremont, California, Leland Boyd "Lee" Updegraff went to be with the Lord on September 28, 2020, with his daughter Karen by his side. He is predeceased by his parents, Daniel Burton and Nellie Corley; his beloved wife of 52 years, Catherine Verna; and four sisters and four brothers. Lee is survived by his daughter, Karen Sue Ashcraft; granddaughters Catherine (Donovan) and Karen Lee (Pete); three nieces and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

Lee was born on Sep 21, 1920 on his parents' homestead in Ulysses, Kansas. In 1924, the family moved to San Diego, where he was raised. His oldest brother, Burt, introduced him to Charles Lindburgh in 1927, when Lee was only six years old. Before Lindburgh left San Diego on his historic solo trans-Atlantic flight to Paris, he let Lee sit on his lap and peer through the periscope on his now famous plane, the Spirit of St. Louis.

Lee graduated from San Diego High School in 1938 and began flight training while attending San Diego State later that year. He flew with the Civil Air Patrol until World War II, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served as a pilot in the war.

In 1944, he married Catherine "Kaye" Verna, the love of his life. Their only child, Karen, was born in 1945. After the war, he returned to San Diego State on the GI Bill, graduating in 1947. Sears, Roebuck & Co. was quick to recruit him, and he worked there as a Division Manager for

39 years. He began in the Hollywood store, where he sold appliances to the likes of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. He was transferred to Riverside, then to Fresno and Hayward, where he opened the Southland Mall store in 1958.

Ultimately, he settled his family in Fremont, where he lived until 2019. He served his community, for example, as a life member of the Elks and Centerville Lion's Club, and volunteering for the Senior Center until he was 94.

Lee always loved flying, and his daughter adored flying with him in his Aeronca Chief plane, which they took to San Diego to visit his mother. Lee flew until he was 86.

Lee is known and beloved for his kindness, loyalty, sincerity, wry sense of humor, photographic memory, and voracious appetite. He was an epic dancer, an avid golfer, and a skilled water skier. He traveled the world, first with his wife and, in his later years, with his daughter. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was also devoted to the Lord and attended Grace Baptist Church in Niles until he left Fremont.

In October of 2019, he moved to Denver, CO to be near his grand daughters, which rekindled his connection to fond memories of Lowry Air Force Base, Buckley Field, and the Lakeside ballroom. Sharing stories of his time there during WW II made him smile to his final days. He will be vividly remembered and dearly missed by all who know and loved him.



Sir Donald Thatcher passed away on 9/09/2020

For more information

<https://www.fremontchapeloftheroses.com/obituaries/Donald-Thatcher/#!/Obituary>





*Reports from the Wednesday  
Walking Group  
-Two trips to Coyote Hills-  
October 21 and 28*



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### PAST BIG Sirs

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1977 Karl Heine\*

1978 Harry Cooper\*

1979 Kenneth Foster\*

1980 Larry Varblow\*

1981 Guido Milano\*

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1983 Stephen Epler\*

1984 George Herman\*

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Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder  
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly  
scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.