

# We Did It!



**With COVID Masks**



**With No hats**



**With hats – Photos by Larry Kushner**

**After two years, we gathered together and sat through three photo configurations**

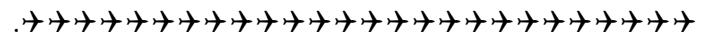
On March 14, 2022, Wings Over Wendy's members gathered for the bi-annual group picture. Departing from our past pictures, we assembled indoor the Auditorium and had Larry Kushner patiently take many photographs in different configurations. As in the past, Howard Swerdlick and Alan Hill directed people were to sit and stand.

Departing from the past, we had at least one picture taken without hats to help us identify who was present and one picture wearing masks for memories of the two years of COVID since our last picture in February of 20120.

It will take several weeks to edit the picture and obtain an edited master for the official picture.

It was nice to see faces on a Monday that we hadn't seen in a long time, such as: Neil Baliber, Peggy Jean Bassett, Avi Ben-Shabat, Lenny Bloom, Paul Boghossian, Richard Burns, Dov Cohen, Michele Croson, Alex Daunis, Stan DeCovnick, John Duffy, Nancy Eisenhart, Mike Emch, Glenn Fiery, Dick Gross, Captain Todd Hankel, Art Hershey, Alan Hill, Corinne Ho, Sue Hoffmann, Julio Jimenez, Jerry Knotts, Andy Kopetzky, Robert Lanthier, Gary LaPook, Howard and Vivian Lewis, Tom and Rebecca Maiden, Dennis McCarthy, Rosadel McClure, Monte Merken, Jasmine Mirfakhraei, Shannon Muchow, Joe Mueller, Dan Pemberton, David Plumb, Ron Ross, Glen Schecter, Charles Scott, Jim Sivazlian, Doc Stafford, Oscar Stein, Mike Sugar, Maurice Vasquez, Warren Weinstein, Avery Willis, Dave Worley, Reuven Zeavy and Dennis Zine. We hope to see more of them at our future meetings.

Taking the picture inside was definitely a different experience. For those that are still afraid of catching COVID in a crowd. We were crowded, and now 17 days later, **NOT ONE MEMBER CAUGHT COVID! Relax!** Attend the Monday meetings. The Auditorium is a large room. We are all vaccinated or have had mild cases, so there is little to fear.



# March 2022

## Meetings

### March 7, 2022



Photo from Zoom

## **Scott Silverstein**

On March 7, 2022, Scott Silverstein visited the meeting to introduce himself to the members. Scott had attended our meeting on Memorial Day, 2021, when he was on the Board of El Camino Real Charter High School (ECRCHS) but returned to inform the group that he is no longer on the ECRCHS Board and has decided to run for a seat on the Los Angeles City Council.



Photo from Zoom

## **Cathy Collom**

Also, on March 7<sup>th</sup>, we were visited by Cathr Collom, Civil Air Patrol Director of the State of California Aerospace Education. Cathy was brought to the meeting by Alex Daunis. She briefly told us about her duties.



## **Wings of the Luftwaffe V-1, V-2, and the Vengeance Weapons**

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On March 7, 2022, the featured presentation was an episode from the TV Series: Wings of the Luftwaffe. The episode featured the German development of the V-1 and V-2 rockets. Due to the limitations on Germany's ability to develop conventional weapons after WWI, they developed non-conventional weapons. Rockets were one of the weapons they put a lot of effort into developing.

The development of rockets as weapons started with rockets launched from aircraft using various guidance systems. As the technology developed, the episode showed the development of rockets beginning in the early 1930s. We saw film from the time frame as various rockets were tested.

Not all rockets were being developed as weapons. One early rocket was tested to transfer mail, but it failed to perform as designed.

We saw films of rockets designed to be launched from aircraft. For example, the HS293 rocket was used to attack Allied ships. Then they discussed the rocket fuel and different methods to guide the rockets from the air.

The episode discussed ground-to-air rockets to attack Allied aircraft. Fortunately, the project was not a success. Next, we saw a review of rocket engines and the fuels used in the different rockets.

The German Peenemünde Army Research Center was described. It was built in 1937 on the Baltic Sea coast about 150 miles north of Berlin. It had a test range in the sea along what is now the coast of Poland.

One of the successful weapons developed was battlefield rockets that the G.I.s called the "Screaming Meemies," launched as artillery weapons.

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Next, the episode described the V-1 pulse jet rocket development and its use. First, the Germans used over eight thousand of the V-1 “Buzz Bombs” against Dutch and English cities. Then the episode described the multi-staged rockets and concluded with the history of the powerful V-2 rocket. Six thousand V-2 rockets were built.

After the war, the V-2s were sent to the United States for testing, leading to the design and development of the USAF Atlas, Titan, and Minuteman missiles.

The episode ended with speculation that Germany could have won the war if the weapons had been perfected by 1939.

## March 14, 2022



Photo by Larry Kushner

March 14, 2022, was the Bi-Annual Picture Day. The Auditorium and adjoining school meeting room were crowded with over 140 people. The picture included over 130 members and another dozen relatives and caregivers were in the building.

Peggy Jean Bassett composed the following poem to describe the meeting.

### *Photo Dilemma*

*Sound off for photo formation  
 The Auditorium is the location  
 Shirts and hats matching  
 We're looking fine  
 Now get in line, attention please!  
 In your chair or on your knees  
 With your masks off  
 Don't cough or sneeze  
 Smile wide, your teeth don't hide  
 If you got any, or not many  
 Could be gold, we're getting old  
 So I've been told  
 As I hurry for the doors  
 For ladies or gents  
 And wondering where  
 All the time went  
 Where is that photo?  
 The proof I'm still alive*

*I did survive*

*The pandemic that's fading away  
 I'm ready for another day swell day*

*By Peggy Jean Bassett*

## March 21, 2022



Photo from Zoom

## **SLO Duc Dao Crime Report**

On March 21, 2022, LAPD Senior Lead Officer Duc Dao briefed the group on the Crime Statistics for the first quarter of 2022 in the Topanga Area.

Burglaries (Commercial and residential) Year to date, 2022: 181 vs 2021, 137. % Change: **32.12%** increase.

Burglary theft from a vehicle, year to date: 2022, 303 vs 2021 264. % Change: **14.77%** increase.

Grand theft auto: year to date, 2022: 193 vs 2021, 175. % Change: **10.29%** increase.

Duc emphasized:

- Don't leave key or key fob inside your vehicle!
- Don't leave valuables in your car!
- Lock your vehicle and click it twice to make sure.
- **See Something - Say Something**



## **BGen Michael J. Aguilar**

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The featured presentation on March 21, 2022, was BGen. Michael J. Aguilar, (Ret) the third Hispanic American to reach the rank of general in Marine Corps history. BGen Aguilar's last posting was deputy commander of U.S. Marine Forces South, based in Miami, and commanding general of Fleet Marine Forces South.

He was a graduate of Serra Catholic High School in Gardena, California Aguilar was a member of the Marine Corps platoon leaders' class while attending Long Beach State College and the Officers' Candidate School program. After being commissioned a second lieutenant in July 1971, he left college, went on active duty, and was sent directly to the Naval Air Training Command, Pensacola, Florida, for flight training.

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, he was executive officer of Marine Aircraft Group 16, operating out of Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia, and later up north near Kuwait.

After the war, Aguilar returned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at Camp Pendleton, California, and assumed command of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 267. He later served as the Marine Aircraft Group 39 executive officer.

Following his retirement from the USMC he was selected to oversee and enforce security at San Diego International Airport by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Norman Y. Mineta. His wife, Carol, is an elementary school teacher in Vista, California, near San Diego. The couple has two daughters, Lain, and Danielle, and a son, Michael.

He currently is President/CEO of the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum (FLAM)

## Wings Over Wendy's

Great Park Cultural Terrace  
home to the  
Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum

PRESERVE HONOR INSPIRE

### About Us

Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation

PRESERVE

- Provide financial support for the care, restoration, and preservation of historic aircraft, artifacts, and displays.

HONOR

- Honoring those that have and are serving through displays, programs and events.

INSPIRE

- Develop programs to educate the next greatest generation and bring STEM disciplines from the classroom to life.

### Brief History

- In June 1989 the Marine Corps Air Station El Toro Historical Foundation was founded to help preserve and commemorate the important history of Marine Aviation.
- In 1999, the museum, its aircraft, artifacts, displays and staff were moved to MCAS Miramar as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).
- In 1999, the Marine Corps' Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum (FLAM) opened its doors at Miramar, operationally and financially supported by the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation (FLHF)
- After 20-years of supporting the Marine Corps' community outreach program, military and public events, educational and recognition programs, the Miramar Commanding Officer announced the closure of the museum due to lack of funding.
- The FLHF has been working for the past 20 months to find an alternative to closure.

### Political, Public and Private Support for Museum

Political  
Federal and Local level

Grass Roots  
5000 Plus Data Base Contacts

Current Major Donors and Potential Donors

HQMC and National Museum of Marine Corps

Social Media

### Achievements to Date

- Great Park Board of Directors approved development of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- USMC divestment of aircraft, artifacts, and other historical items cancelled.
- Irvine City Council approved MOU May 25.
- Soft Fundraising Campaign.
- FLAM Foundation Established.
- Irvine City Council Approves \$6.9M Architecture and Engineering Design Service contract.
- FLAM Advisory Board established.
- FLAM President/CEO hired.
- HQMC agrees to develop MOU for relocation of MCAS Miramar collection to Great Park.

### Mike Aguilar Brigadier General USMC Retired President/CEO FLAM

- Commissioned 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt USMC July 1971, designated Naval Aviator November 1972
- Commanded squadron, air group, and only aviator to be Director DI School
- Senior Military Assistant Under Secretary for Defense, Policy
- Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, Joint Staff
- Joint Task Force Command for closure of Panama Canal
- First person of Mexican descent to reach rank of General Officer in USMC
- Retired 2001, one of first eight Federal Security Directors hired for TSA
- 2002, supported Coalition Provisional Authority to return civil aviation to Iraq
- 2012-2018 defense and security contractor
- 2018 Executive Director Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation
- 2021 Pres/CEO Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum

### Challenges

- The museum permanently closed April 1, 2021.
- Cataloging of museum collection.
- Refinement of Program of Actions and Milestones.
- Preservation and maintenance of aircraft during project period.
- Fundraising.
- Starting a Business.

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# The Team



## Immediate Goals and Objectives

- Work with City of Irvine for the development of restoration and refurbishment design plans for hangar and the surrounding areas.
- Complete MOU between the Marine Corps and City of Irvine for the aircraft collection and selected artifacts
- Refine planning and development of Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum Foundation's governing documents, finances, exhibit and office design.
- Transport museum collection to Great Park for storage and maintenance.
- Development and execution of a Major Fundraising Campaign.
- Organize, Organize, Organize

## Cultural Terrace Reuse Plan



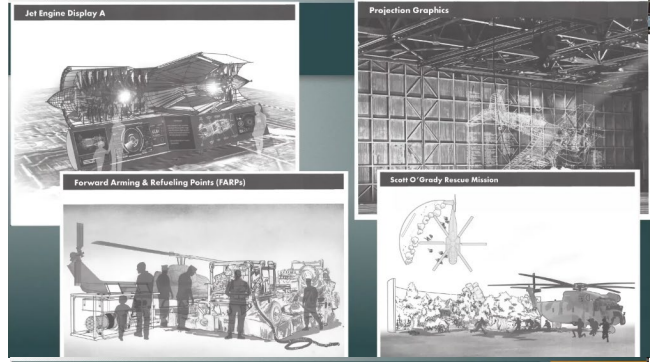
## Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum/Innovation Center, Library, and Cultural Center



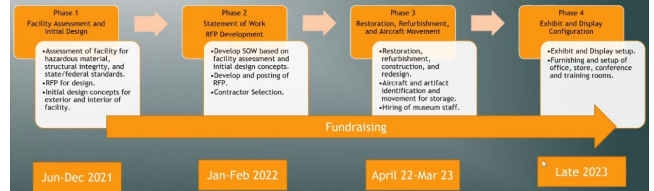
## Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum and Innovation Center



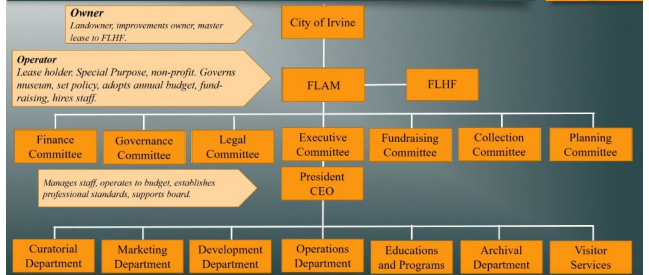
- 215,000 square feet hangar, office and storage
- Estimated Cost:
  - Preliminary retrofit: \$10-15M
  - Aircraft Movement: \$3-4M
  - Complete Renovation: \$10-15M



## Projected Timetable (Estimated times)



## Great Park Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum Organizational Chart



## Next Steps

- Complete Facility Assessment and Initial Design Concept.
- Finalize loan MOU.
- Preliminary restoration and refurbishment cost and budget assessment.
- Update business plan as necessary.
- Transport museum collection, artifacts and associated equipment for storage.
- Major Fundraising Campaign.

## Fundraising Goals

*"Vision without funding is hallucination"*

- 2021 goal: \$2mil to fund ongoing FLHF planning and development, interior design, and hiring of professional museum consultants and staff.

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## Fundraising Pledges



*“Anything is easy if you don’t have to do it”*

- Initial major fundraising campaign pledges:
  - Charles and Ann Charitable Foundation - \$3,000,000
  - FLHF - \$250,000
  - MCAA - \$100,000
  - Garrett Pagon - \$10,000
  - Individual and Corporate - \$81,000
  - Fred Smith (FedEx) - \$1,000,000 matching challenge

## Our Vision



- Make the FLAM the premier museum/tourist attraction in Orange County, honoring the history and legacy of MCAS El Toro and Marine Corps Aviation.
- Create a setting that inspires the next greatest generation of Americans to pursue careers in public service or the STEM disciplines.



It was very informative, and we look forward to visiting the museum when it is completed. We also invited Mike to visit our booth at the Wings Over Camarillo Air Show.

## March 28, 2022



Photo by Larry Kushner

## James & Logan Ratner

Visiting the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> from Chicago was James Ratner, son of Bill Ratner, and James’ son Logan.



Photo by Larry Kushner

## Randy Pearson

Visiting the meeting on March 28, 2022, was Randy Pearson, an old friend of the group now living in Pennsylvania. Randy had visited our meetings in the past and spoke about his years as a bush pilot based in Australia, flying Cristian Ministers to villages in Papua New Guinea.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> he told us that the Aussies in Darwin, Australia, revere the Americans stationed there during WWII. He showed us a coin he was given by an Aussie Security Guard imprinted with ANZAC (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.) The coin honors “those who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations” and “the contribution and suffering of all those who have served.”

We thank Howard and Vivian Lewis for bringing Randy to the meeting from their home in San Diego County.



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## Andy Romanisky

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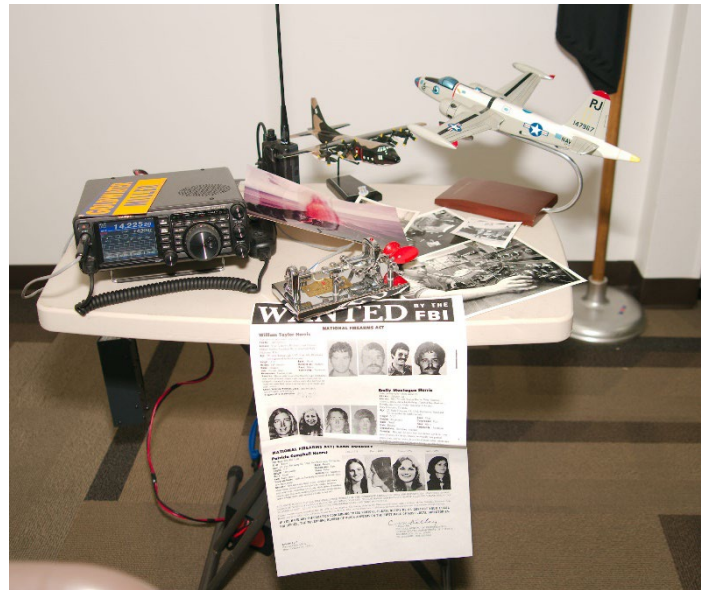
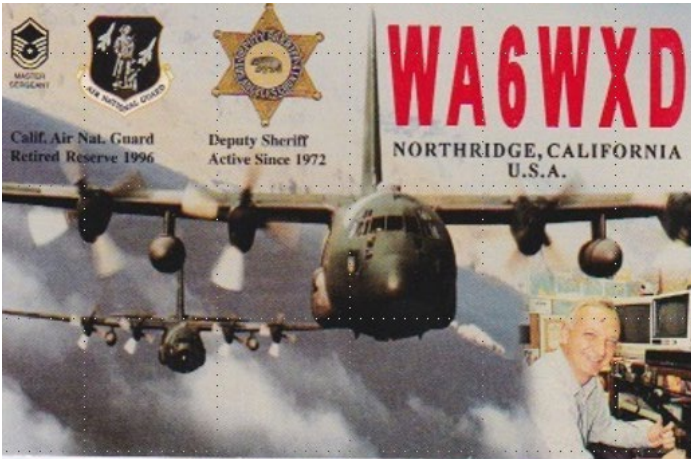


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On March 28, 2022, the featured presentation was provided by Andy Romanisky, talking about his lifelong experiences as a Ham Radio Operator.

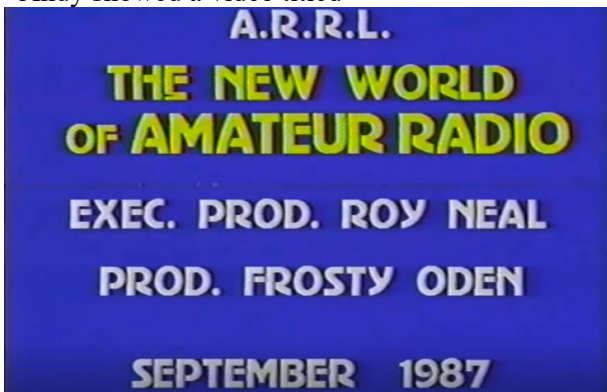


Andy was influenced by his father, a Radio Operator in WWII. As a result, Andy obtained his ham license at a young age and enlisted in the US Navy as a Radio Operator. He was assigned to the Lockheed P2V Neptune, Maritime Patrol Aircraft in Jacksonville NAS, Florida. Using his skills as a Ham Radio Operator, he supported the Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS), helping sailors in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base communicate with their family and friends. (Continued page 8)



Photo by Larry Kushner

**Model of a Lockheed P2V Neptune Aircraft**  
Andy showed a video titled



The video explained the various uses of Ham Radios. Following the video, he showed a slide show on his experiences. In addition to his service in the US Navy, Andy served with the California Highway Patrol and the USAF ANG.

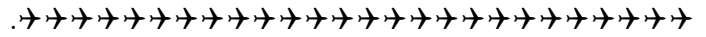
He talked about his conversations with Senator Barry Goldwater and The King of Spain. Andy told us about his trips throughout the world, where he would meet people that he had talked to on the radio. He would attend Ham Radio Club gathers in cities. One of his most memorable experiences was traveling in Russia, where he took the Trans Siberian Railroad, and Ham friends would meet with him.

One of his stories was about a Ukrainian school teacher he met. Andy visited him in Ukraine, invited him to the United States, and took him on a tour of California. As a result, the teacher immigrated to the US and now lives in Oregon.

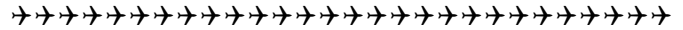
Andy told us about his experiences working the Rose Parade, the Patty Hearst trial, and the Baker to Vegas race.



Andy with a handheld HF radio in a foot race



# In Other News



## **Barney Leone at the Reagan Library**

On April 2, 2022, the Reagan Library will open *Secrets of WWII*, a one-of-a-kind museum experience that unearths the unsung heroes' backdrop and their actions, which altered the course of the war. World War II was fought by over 100 million soldiers from over fifty countries, but the war touched nearly everyone on Earth in one way or another. Each of them had a story. Some are well-known. Some were forgotten over the years. Some had to be kept secret during the war. Other secrets were taken to the grave. These are those stories.

One of the exhibits features our own Barney Leone. His Iwo Jima flag, the model of his ship, and his scrapbook are on display.

## **Wings Over Wendy's is scheduled**

**to tour the exhibit at:**

**10 am, April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

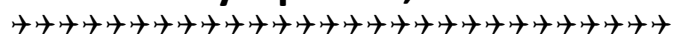
**RSVP to:**

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**805-494-8727**

**By April 11, 2022**





# These 17 Medical Centers Would Close and More Than 30 Built or Replaced Under VA Plan



Entrance to the Alexandria VA Medical Center in Alexandria, Louisiana. (Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

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The Department of Veterans Affairs has unveiled a plan that calls for closing 17 aging or underused medical centers while shifting services to more than 30 new or rebuilt hospitals. In some cases, it would rely on private care.

Under the nearly \$2 trillion proposal released on March 14th, the department would lose a net of three medical centers and 174 outpatient health clinics but would gain 255 health care facilities, including new clinics, stand-alone rehabilitation centers and nursing homes.

Medical centers in areas with diminishing veteran populations are among those slated to close, while others would be built in growing urban centers, the West and the South -- areas where veteran populations are growing.

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The recommendations, which represent the VA's vision for future health care delivery to more than 12 million veterans in the next 25 to 50 years, are the first step in an asset and infrastructure review required by Congress in 2018.

The infrastructure modernization proposals will be reviewed next by an independent commission, which will provide its own input. The final plan must be approved by

Congress before being enacted.

Already, lawmakers are weighing in on the recommendations. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., who chairs the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, issued a statement Monday noting that a nursing home and two clinics would be closed in his state.

He called any "efforts to kneecap veterans health care ... a non-starter."

"I will fight tooth and nail against any proposals that blindly look to reduce access to VA care or put our veterans at a disadvantage," Tester said.

Illinois Rep. Mike Bost, the ranking Republican on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, said he looks forward to seeing the commission complete its work, adding that "retaining the status quo is not an option."

"For far too long, VA's infrastructure has been slowly crumbling. Veterans in every corner of the country deserve better," Bost said.

VA Secretary Denis McDonough described the current VA medical infrastructure as unable to meet the health needs of today's veterans. Many of its facilities were built in the early to mid-20th century and cannot accommodate modern technology or are inappropriately structured for the population they serve, he said.

"If we implement these recommendations, nearly 150,000 more veterans will have primary care nearby; 200,000 more would have mental health care nearby; nearly 375,000 more vets will have outpatient specialty care nearby; and all the care will be delivered in modern state-of-the-art facilities," McDonough said during an event last week with the Rand Epstein Family Veterans Policy Research Institute.

Under the plan, 17 medical centers in 12 states would close, 18 in 16 states would be completely replaced, and 13 new centers would be built in 11 states.

Of the 17 slated for closure, three are in New York City or its suburbs, including Castle Point, Manhattan and Brooklyn. Two each are in Pennsylvania (Philadelphia and Coatesville), Virginia (Salem and Hampton), and South Dakota (Fort Meade and Hot Springs).

Other medical centers on the proposed closure list include those in:

- Livermore, California
- Dublin, Georgia
- Fort Wayne, Indiana
- Alexandria, Louisiana
- VA Central Western Massachusetts
- Battle Creek, Michigan
- Chillicothe, Ohio
- Muskogee, Oklahoma

Some of these facilities would shift services to nearby civilian hospital networks or become multi-specialty community outpatient clinics, while others would shift their patients to newly built VA medical centers or bolstered existing hospitals nearby. (Continued page 10)

For example, in South Dakota, the plan calls to build a new, centrally located VA medical center in Rapid City. In Philadelphia, patients would have access to care at new state-of-the-art facilities in King of Prussia or just across the state line in Camden, New Jersey.

New medical centers also would be built at:  
Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia  
Macon and Gwinnett County, Georgia  
Huntsville, Alabama  
Summerville, South Carolina  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Everett, Washington  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Anthem, Arizona

Another 18 medical centers would be completely rebuilt, either on existing land nearby, as is planned for the VA medical center in Washington, D.C. -- or closer to other major health providers and hospitals in their areas, such as the VA medical center in Buffalo, New York, according to the recommendations.

Those include medical centers in Bedford, Massachusetts; Durham, North Carolina; Tuskegee, Alabama; Hines, Illinois; Shreveport, Louisiana; Reno, Nevada; Beckley, West Virginia; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Miami, Florida; Atlanta; Phoenix; Indianapolis; Albany and St. Albans, New York; and Roanoke, Virginia.

According to the recommendations, however, the newly rebuilt facilities may offer different services and care than they currently provide. In Albany, for example, the facility will focus on inpatient mental health, nursing home care and residential rehabilitation treatment programs, and shift inpatient medical and surgical care elsewhere if the department can institute a strategic collaboration with existing civilian facilities.

As part of their deliberations, members of the Asset and Infrastructure Review Commission plan to hold public hearings and meet with those who have a vested interest in the future of VA health care, including veterans service organizations, health care experts and institutions, and those who would be affected by the changes.

While most veterans service organizations had not weighed in on the recommendations as of late Monday, the American Legion released a statement saying it generally doesn't support closing facilities but recognizes that changes must sometimes happen based on population shifts.

"The American Legion will always advocate for every U.S. veteran, but we realize that for VA to properly serve America's veterans, it must from time-to-time optimize, reallocate, and re-invest in some of its decades-old infrastructures," American Legion National Commander Paul E. Dillard said in a statement.

The conservative Concerned Veterans for America, a group that supports broader access for veterans to private

health care, issued a statement immediately after the recommendations were released saying it welcomed the proposals

"Today's veteran population is vastly different from what it was even five years ago, let alone decades ago. A rigid system that cannot adapt to the changing and unique needs of the veterans it serves leads to waste, complications and, ultimately, an absence of care," CVA Deputy Director Russ Duerstine said.

## Thousands of Veterans May See Disability Deadline Waived as Supreme Court Takes Up Case



Visitors walk outside the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, Feb. 21, 2022. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

23 Feb 2022

Military.com | By [Patricia Kime](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court has accepted the case of a Navy veteran who believes his Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation should have been paid starting from the date he left the military rather than the day he submitted his paperwork, a decision that could mean some veterans who waited years to file claims would be eligible for substantial back pay.

The veteran, Adolfo Arellano, served from 1977 to 1981, during which he was assigned to an aircraft carrier that experienced a collision that "killed and injured several of his shipmates and nearly swept him overboard," according to court documents.

Arellano developed post-traumatic stress disorder and other mental health conditions; 30 years later, he applied for disability benefits, which were approved as service-connected by the VA and backdated to his 2011 filing date.

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The Naming Commission released its list for Army installations and is slated to hand over a final plan to Congress by October to re-name Fort Bragg; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Rucker, Alabama; Fort Polk, Louisiana; Fort Benning and Fort Gordon in Georgia; and Fort A.P. Hill, Fort Lee and Fort Pickett in Virginia.

"It's important that the names we recommend for these installations appropriately reflect the courage, values and sacrifices of our diverse military men and women," retired Navy Adm. Michelle Howard, the chair of the Naming Commission, said in a released statement. "We also are considering the local and regional significance of names and their potential to inspire and motivate our service members."

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the first Black person to serve in that position, is expected to announce new names for some of the country's most iconic military facilities in 2023.

Congress created the commission as part of a historic move to scrub the tributes to the Confederacy memorialized through the military installations following a growing realization that a diverse, all-volunteer force should no longer carry the legacy of racism. The legislation was sponsored by Rep. Anthony Brown, D-Md.; Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb.; and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

But the change has also sparked some outrage and backlash as some argue the Confederate tributes should remain as part of the military's history and culture. The commission traveled to the base communities and met with residents last year, and asked for suggestions through the internet.

"Some of those suggestions on the website are quite intense," Howard, who is Black, said in October. "There are some folks who are distinctly opposed and the verbiage that [they] use is quite deliberate and they make it clear they do not support the commission."

Overall, the eight-member commission received 34,000 submissions with 3,670 unique names, it said Thursday. It whittled that down to 100 candidate names for the Army bases.

Here is the full list:

**John Aiso**

**Alexander Augusta**

**Vernon Baker**

**Van Barfoot**

**Powhatan Beaty**

**Roy Benavidez**

**Omar Bradley**

**Ruby Bradley**

**William Bryant**

**Jose Calugas**

**William Carney**

**Alwyn Cashe**

**Richard Cavazos**

**Cornelius Charlton**

**Charles Chibitty**

**Ernest Childers**

**Mary Clarke**

**Mitchell Red Cloud**

**Harold Cohen**

**Felix Conde-Falcón**

**Courage**

**Bruce Crandall & Ed Freeman**

**Benjamin Davis, Sr.**

**Ernest Dervishian**

**Desmond Doss**

**Charity Earley**

**Dwight Eisenhower**

**Marcario García**

**James Gavin**

**Eduardo Gomez**

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**Gary Gordon & Randall Shughart**

**Arthur Gregg**

**Barney Hajiro**

**Kimberly Hampton**

**Anna Hays**

**Rodolfo Hernández**

**Robert Howard**

**Lawrence Joel**

**Henry Johnson**

**Hazel Johnson-Brown**

**Charles Kelly**

**Mildred Kelly**

**Charles Kettles**

**Milton Lee**

**José López**

**John Magrath**

**George Marshall**

**Frank Merrill**

**Jimmie Monteith**

**Hal & Julia Moore**

**Sadao Munemori**

**Audie Murphy**

**Michael Novosel, Sr.**

**Elsie Ott**

**John Page**

**Emmett Paige Jr.**

**Frank Peregory**

**Emily Perez**

**Pascal Poolaw**

**Colin Powell**

**Ralph Puckett**

**Matthew Ridgway**

**Ruben Rivers**

**Roscoe Robinson Jr.**

**Tibor "Ted" Rubin**

**James Rudder**

**Alejandro Ruiz**

**Benjamin Salomon**

**Ruppert Sargent**

**Paul Smith**

**Donn Starry**

**Freddie Stowers**

**Jon Swanson**

**Central Texas**

**Charles Thomas**

**Hugh Thompson Jr.**

**Harriet Tubman**

**Humberto Versace**

**John Vessey Jr.**

**Francis Wai**

**Mary Walker**

**George Watson**

**Homer Wise**

**Rodney Yano**

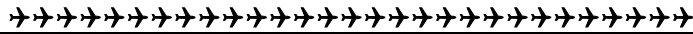
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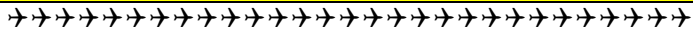
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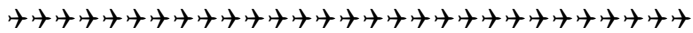


# Wings Over Wendy's Future Events:



## May 19<sup>th</sup>

### Museum of Tolerance



## June 9<sup>th</sup>

### WOW Annual Luncheon, Encino/Balboa Golf Club

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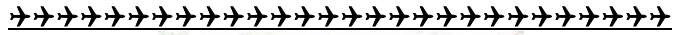
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Check in starts at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

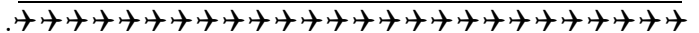
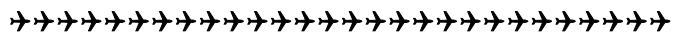
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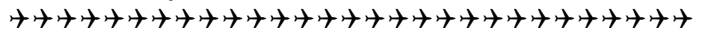


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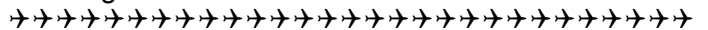
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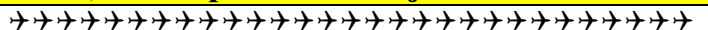


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## WOW Events Calendar Additions

Because of Wings Over Wendy's members' high participation in their events, the **teamup.com** WOW Events Calendar has been extended to include: ANA Meetings, MOAA/MOWW Meetings, and Operation Gratitude Events.

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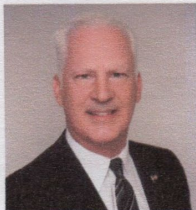
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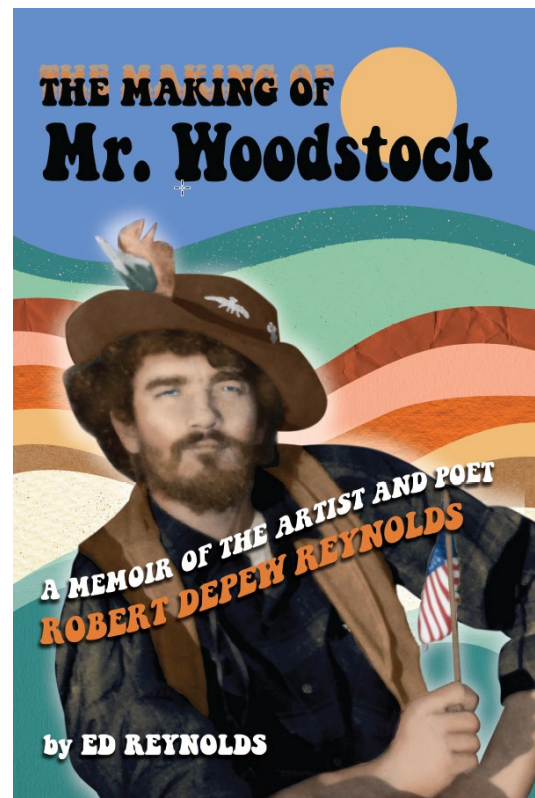
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