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Non Commissioned Officers Association presentations of WWII Patriot Medallion of Honor and Remembrance by the NCOA, Central Valley Chapter #1551, Chairman (Ret.) Chief Master Sergeant, James N. Sullivan, United States Air Force and assisted by CMSGTs (Ret.) Jim Kearns and Paul Shaw.

COLORS presented by members of the Turlock High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Presented with dignity and respect to a member of America's Armed Forces who answered the Nation's clarion call to duty to military service in World War II. Leaving the safety and security of home, family and friends, you stood in harm's way, prepared to risk life and limb to secure world order, preserve and extend those basic freedoms of life to unknown people of the world. Your service as a Veteran of the Greatest Generation must **NEVER** be forgotten.

VALOR-SACRIFICE-FIDELITY – The heroic virtues you displayed under extraordinary circumstances must be known and burn in the hearts of every succeeding generation. Your courage and that of your countless comrades-in-arms has taught us the heroic price of freedom. The NCOA Patriot Medallion of Honor and Remembrance bestows the respect and the honor of the Non Commissioned Officers Association for your military service in World War II. WE SALUTE YOU.















World War II Veterans

These 20 WWII Veterans who are Marine, Army, Navy, Army Air Corp. and Merchant Marine that came forward, represent only a small cross section of the SIRs WWII Veterans present today. We want to recognize the remaining WWII Veterans present and all who have served and are serving our country in the US Military.



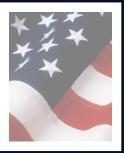
1. JOHNNY ALVES - US ARMY (1941-1946)
PACIFIC-ASIAN THEATER, T-5, 1092 ENGINEERING. BATT. WILD DUCES, OKINAWA, OCCUP. TROOPS, V-J DAY. AGE 94.





2. REX ANDERSON - US NAVY (1943-1948)

NORTH AMERICA THEATER. LT. JG. DENTAL CORPS. ADAK, ALASKA, AGE 91.





3. CHRISTIAN BAIRD - US ARMY (1942-1944)EUROPEAN ATLANTIC THEATER, T-5, TRANSPORTATION CORPS, OMAHA BEACH, BOVEE FRANCE, ANTWERP. AGE 90.





4. NORMAN BEIDLER - US ARMY (1943-1945)EUROPEAN ATLANTIC THEATER, SGT. 249TH ENG. COMB. BATT.
BUILT FLOATING BRIDGES (2) OVER THE RHINE FOR BATTON'S 3
RD. ARMY, BATTLE OF BULGE. AGE 88.





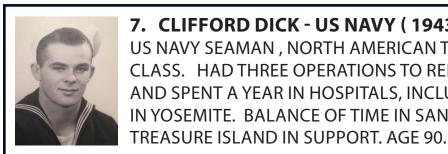
5. CHRIS W. CHRISTY - US NAVY (1942-1946, 1951-1953 PACIFIC-ASIAN THEATER, LCDR, 25 YEARS WITH RESERVE DUTY, UDT TEAM 3, GUAM, SAIPAN, LEYETTE, OKINAWA, OSAKA. AGE 93.





6. ED COLEMAN - US NAVY (1943-46, 1950-1952) PACIFIC-ASIAN THEATER, PHM 3/C. BASE 18 GUAM HOSPITAL, US S TRANQUILTY AND HORNET, MILARIA CONTROL. AGE 88.





7. CLIFFORD DICK - US NAVY (1943-1945) US NAVY SEAMAN, NORTH AMERICAN THEATER. SEAMAN FIRST CLASS. HAD THREE OPERATIONS TO REPAIR A BROKEN WRIST AND SPENT A YEAR IN HOSPITALS, INCLUDING THE AWANHEE IN YOSEMITE. BALANCE OF TIME IN SAN FRANCISCO AND





8. CHUCK DOHM - US NAVY (1944-1946) PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, E-5 RADIOMAN. 2 STARS ASIA PACIFIC, USS CHARLES S. SPERRY DD 697. AGE 87.





9. JIM HAPGOOD - US NAVY (1942-1946) N. AMERICAN THEATER, SEAMAN 1ST, AIR CORPS, SOLOED 1943, AGE 89.





10. CARL HILLBERG - USAF, (1943-1946) EUROPEAN ATLANTIC THEATER, TECH SGT., AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND, PERSONNEL AFFAIRS. AGE 91.





11. DICK LAUGHLIN - US NAVY (1943-1946) PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, LT. JG. LINE OFFICER, ABA-87 AMPHIB. CARRIER, SAIPAN. N. JAPAN LANDINGS. AGE 90.





12. H.J. BUD LEAM - USAF (1943-1946)PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, S/SGT. 14TH A.F. FLYING TIGERS CHINA SERVICE. RADIO OPR./GUNNER, 2 DFC, 2 AIR MEDALS, SURVIVED C-47 CRASH, AGE 88.





13. JOE W. OPPELT - US ARMY (1939-1959)
PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, M/SGT. E-7, AUSTRALIA, NEW GUINEA, LEYETTE, KOREAN WAR, INCHON, BUSAN. TEHRAN, IRAN AND ULM, GERMANY, EMBASSIES. AGE 92.





14. JOHN PARKINSON - US ARMY (1944-1946)PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, S/SGT. 185TH INF. 40TH DIVISION ARMED SERVICES CMD. PHILLIPINES LIBERATION. AGE 87.





15. WESLEY PETERSON - US ARMY AIR CORPS (1942-1944) PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, S/SGT., FINANCE TECH., 509TH, B-29, GROUP THAT DROPPED THE A-BOMB. AGE 92.





16. DAVID SARGIS - US NAVY (1942-1944)PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, E-5, AVIATION MACHINST MATE, USS LEXINGTON, CV-16. AGE 88.





17. GEORGE TALLMAN - US NAVY (1942-1946)PACIFIC ASIAN AND EUROPEAN ATLANTIC THEATERS, FIRST CLASS, MECHANIC AND GUNNER, SPECIAL PROJECT TO REFINE AND TEST MACHINE GUNS ON AIRCRAFT. AGE 92.





18. MILES TWADDELL - US NAVY (1943-1968)
PACIFIC ASIAN THEATERS, ALSO FLEW IN KOREA AND VIETNAM.
COMMANDER 0-6. RATED TO FLY ALL NAVY PROP A/C AND ALSO
LIGHTER THAN AIR. CRASHED 4 PLANES. AGE 88.





19. DICK WEAVER - US NAVY (1944-1946)PACIFIC ASIAN THEATER, GM 3/C AND LT. JG. ADMIRALITY ISLANDS AND PHILLIPINES. AGE 87.





20. BILL YOUNGDALE - US MERCANT MARINE (1944-1947) SOUTH AMERICA AND EUROPEAN ATLANTIC THEATERS. LT. JG. RADIO OFFICER ON MERCHANT MARINE SHIPS. PACIFIC AND ATLANTIC. RETURNED A SHIP LOAD OF ITALIAN PRISONERS TO NAPLES, ITALY. AGE 86.



SONS IN RETIREMENT (SIRS) #143 OF TURLOCK

We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 AM at the Denair Community Center, 3850 N. Gratton Road, Denair. There are about 250 members in this Chapter and normally at least 150 members attend the luncheon meeting that start promptly at 11:30. If you are retired or semi-retired and want to make new friends, participate in fun activities and better enjoy your leisure time, JOIN SIR! SIR Membership is open to men regardless of age, race, national origin or religion. Begun in 1958, SIR has thousands of members and branches in most areas of Central and Northern California. We create activities that our members enjoy.. We have monthly luncheons with interesting speakers and good fellowship. Additionally, our members have lots of fun doing a variety of other activities such as golf, fishing, bowling, card games, RV trips and computers. Many

activities like travel, dining, picnics, and holiday parties include our ladies and guests. To get more information on our activities you can go on line to: **WWW.SIRINC.ORG**/

But there are some things that we don't do! We don't raise money. We don't have a political agenda. We don't have a religious orientation. We don't sell light bulbs or anything else. We don't have a problem with organizations that do these things, its just that we don't. You've paid your dues to the working world - it's time to enjoy life.

If you are interested in attending as a guest or in joining, please call Membership Chairman Mel Carothers at 632-0011 or Program Chairman Rick Kindle at 652-8608.



SIRS #143, Veteran's Recognition

(OREAN WAR (27)				
				6TH INFANTRY-SUP
				E-3 SMALL BOAT SEAM
				MS
				MSGT KOREA, USS KERSAUGE, PANAMA, RECRUIT
RAY FERNANDES	80	ARMY	1953-1955	CPL INFANTRY & FIRE CONTR
STAN FIDEL	84	ARMY	1953-1955	2nd Lt. BATALLION COMMUNICATIONS OFFIC
ROBERT GOODWIN	85	ARMY/NAVY	50-53, 60-64	SGT KOREAN & VIETNAM, ENGINEMAN 1ST CLA
				CORPORAL IST DIVISION, EUROPEAN THEATER, SHARPSHOOT
THOMAS HALL	80	ARMY	1950-53	PDC SMOKE GENERATOR OPERAT
				PO 2, E-5 MACHINIST MATE, CHINA SERV
I. DICK JOHNSON	84	USAF	1950-1954	STAFF SGT 5TH AIR FOF
				SEAMAN ¹
				CPL 45
				CM2 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC, SEABI
				PO 2, E-5 PLANE CAPTAIN/ENGINI
				CPL LABORATORY TE
				SR USS LEWIS DE 535, LOG ROOM YOUEN
				PFC MACHINE GUNNER, 3 BATTLEFIELD STA
				MAJOR NAVIGATOR, MAN 4, S.
				,
				CPL COMBAT ME
				LCDR 0-4 SURFACE WARFARE OFFIC
				SPEC.4 ME
				PFC CL
				SPECIALIST 2 2ND ARMORED-HELL ON WHE
				E-5 COURT MARTIAL CLI
DAN ADAMS	68	NAVY	1963-1967	E-5 USS ENTERPRISE, CVA 65, EM ELECTRIC
				2NE
LARRY ASHABRANER	72	ARMY	1963-1965	E-5 864TH ENGINEERS, HVY EQUIP C
ROBERT BRUNTON	75	ARMY	?	SP 4 2ND INFAN
				STOREKEEPER ON S
JERRY CUPIT	74	ARMY	1961-1963	SPC- 4 BERLIN CRISIS, 106 RECOIL RIFLE ON TA
DAVID FRAGA	78	ARMY	1956-1962	SGT. E-5 91ST DIV., COLD WAR, INFANTRY, DRILL INSTRUCT
DON GIST	70	NAVY	1961-1981	CPO, E-7 YEOMAN, ADM FOR C
				SP-4 VEHICLE DRI
. ART GREEN	64	ARMY	1969-1970	E-4 IST. INF. 11TH ARM (
				SP.5 FOOD INSPECTOR IN U.S. , THAILA
				SP-5 COMBAT MEDIC, PURPLE HEA
				E-4 AVIATION ELECTRONICS TE
				E-5 BA
				E-3 CUTTER TANKER, PORT SECUF
				LT. F-4 RIO AND AIRCRAFT MAINT. DIV. OFFI
				CPL 2511-FIELD WIRE M
				SGT. 49TH I
				E-4 CREW CHIEF DOOR GUNNER, PERSONNEL SPECIAL
				SGT. 303X2, RADAR TE
				PFC DENTAL TE
				FFC DENTAL TE
				SGT. FINAI
				E-3 3RD INFANTRY, 0A2C SAC MISSILE INSTRUMENTATION, VANDERB

