



**SONS IN RETIREMENT (SIR)
#143 OF TURLOCK**

Vietnam/Vietnam Era Veterans Recognition

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



COMMEMORATION

A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU



Program

- **WELCOME:** Mel Carothers, Turlock # 143, BIG SIR - *Please stand for the colors*
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- **RECOGNIZING**
WW II VETERANS
KOREAN VETERANS
- **PRESENTATION OF LAPEL PINS TO COMBAT VETERANS**
- **PRESENTATION OF LAPEL PINS TO IN COUNTRY VETERANS**
- **PRESENTATION OF LAPEL PINS TO VIETNAM ERA VETERANS**
- **CLOSING REMARKS**

THE VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION:

Today we are honoring all our veterans and especially our Vietnam Veterans. Our Vietnam Veterans were not properly treated upon their return due to the war's unpopularity. Many have only been able to wear their Vietnam Hats the last several years and to be proud of the fact they served.. The Secretary of Defense has authorized us and many others to perform programs on behalf of the nation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Today we will honor basically three categories of Vietnam Veterans. First and foremost, we honor our Combat Veterans, those who were in the trenches and jungles, taking fire and giving fire. Second we honor the in country veterans who served in country and supported the Combat Veterans. Third, we honor Vietnam Era Veterans. For purposes of this Commemoration, these are United States Veterans who served in active duty between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975 regardless of location. All were called to serve and the overwhelming majority of these veterans served honorably and admirably.



The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration



Join the Nation ... Thank a Vietnam Veteran!

The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 110-181 § 598) empowers the Secretary of Defense to conduct a program on behalf of the nation that commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. This law also authorizes the Secretary to coordinate, support and facilitate federal, state and local government commemorative programs and activities. To that end, "The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration" was formed.

By presidential proclamation on May 25, 2012, the Commemoration extends from Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day 2025. Congress articulated five objectives for this Commemoration:

1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9 million Americans served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces during the period of the Vietnam War; approximately 7 million are living today. To reach these large numbers, the Commemoration has enlisted the assistance of many thousands of Commemorative Partner organizations at the local, state and national levels to conduct hometown- centric events and activities that thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families in their local communities.

Join the nation, become a Commemorative Partner and thank a Vietnam veteran today! Apply online at www.vietnamwar50th.com, where visitors can find more information and enjoy photos, videos and compelling Commemoration stories.

★ What it means to be a Vet

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 the Vietnam War. 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.

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. **WE SALUTE YOU.**





Vietnam War Local Boys Lost

The Vietnam War was the longest running war in American History. It claimed over 58,000 Americans of all services and ranks both men and women. California led the rest of the United States with 5,572 killed in action in Vietnam... This also does not include those lost in training preparing to go to war. As the years pass, we must continue to honor our Veterans and the fallen soldiers who sacrificed everything for America in Vietnam. Locally, almost every community lost some of their very best in Vietnam. Most young men had just finished High School and answered the Call to Duty. They each signed a blank check payable to people of the United States and they all paid the ultimate price. Most never had the opportunity to marry their sweet hearts, have children, grandchildren and to grow old gracefully. To them, we are forever indebted. They died and we survived. We cannot forget and we will not forget them. We pay them and their families our highest honor.

THOSE LOCAL BOYS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES AND MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE:

Location	Name	Service	Age	Rank	Died
Denair	Stephen Edward Austin	Marine	21	Corp E-4	June 8, 1968
	Larry Allen Walker	Army	20	SPEC. 4	October 13, 1970
Hughson	John Henry Franklin	Marine	20	PFC E-2	March 21, 1966
	Jack Date Le Tourneau	Air Force	28	FIRST LT.	February 11, 1962
	Anthony Leroy Lema	Army	21	SGT E-5	January 11, 1969
	Coy Foster Stark	Army	19	CORP E-4	June 12, 1968
Turlock	Steven Epefanio Amesuca	Marine	18	PFC E-2	May 15, 1968
	Anthony James Blevins	Marine	19	PDC E-2	August 23, 1968
	Gary Convers Parkinson	Navy	21	HN E-5	March 4, 1968
	Larry Michael Sabo	Army	19	SP4-E-4	October 2, 1968
	Jose A C Silveira	Army	20	SGT E-5	January 2, 1968
Ballico	Jerry Donald Sisco	Army	19	PFC E-3	February 19, 1968
Livingston	Peter Joseph Gallo	Army	22	FIRST LT.	March 30, 1968
	David Lee Martin	Army	21	CPL E-4	December 2, 1969
Gustine	Larry Paul Lussier	Army	20	PFC E-3	October 28, 1965
	David Lee Martin	Army	20	PFC E-3	August 23, 1967
Hickman	Phillip Lee Inman	Marine	18	PVT E-1	September 11, 1968
Hilmar	Stephen William McKinley	Navy	23	SN E-3	January 19, 1969



The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration



Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin

“A Lasting Memento of the Nation’s Thanks!”

Front



Back



Purpose: To recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War.

Eligibility: Living United States veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, are eligible to receive one lapel pin.

Presentation: These lapel pins will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam veteran during public events held in their communities by Commemorative Partners. Accompanying remarks should reflect the nation’s thanks for their service and sacrifice. In the rare instance when an honoree cannot attend a public event, the pin may be presented during a private ceremony.

Symbolism:

- **Eagle** - The eagle represents courage, honor, and dedicated service to our nation. As one of the most recognizable and notable American symbols, it is emblazoned with distinction on numerous military insignia.
- **Blue Circle** - The color blue matches the canton of the American flag and signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The circle shape and blue color also match the official seal of the Commemoration.
- **Laurel Wreath** - A time-honored symbol representing victory, integrity, and strength.
- **Stripes** - The stripes behind the eagle represent the American flag.
- **Stars** - The six stars represent the six allies who served, sacrificed, and fought alongside one another: Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and the United States.
- **Message** - “A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You” is embossed on the back, closest to the heart of the wearer. Also, the official name of the Commemoration is included to remind each veteran that this is a national initiative, and this lapel pin is the nation’s lasting memento of thanks.



SIR #143, WWII Recognition

Name.....	Age....	Branch.....	Years	Theatre	Rank.....	Comments
Rex Anderson.....	94.....	NAVY	1943-1948	N. America	Lt. Jg.	Dental Corp, Bremeraton, Wa. and Adak, Alaska
Christian Baird	93.....	ARMY	1942-1944	European Atl.	T-5.....	Transp. Corps, Omaha, Bovee, France, Antwerp.
Norman Beidler	92.....	ARMY	1943-1945	European Atl.	Sgt.....	249th Eng. Combat Batt. Blt.T Flt. Brid, O/Rhine Patton's 3rd Army, Batt. Of The Bulge
Nance Clement.....	90.....	ARMY	1945-1948	Philippines.....	M.Sgt	86th Division
Ed Coleman	92	NAVY	43-46, 50-52	Pacific-Asian	PHM 3/C	Base 18, Guam Hosp. , USS Tranquilty and Hornet, Milalaria Control.
Chuck Dohm	90.....	NAVY	1944-1946	Pacific-Asian.....	E-5 Rm.....	2 Stars Asia/Pacific, USS Charles S. Sperry DD 697
Jim Hapgood.....	92.....	NAVY	1942-1946	N. America	Seaman 1st ...	Aircorp, Soloed 1943
Carl Hillberg.....	94.....	USAF	1943-1946	European Atl.	Tech Sgt.....	Air Transport Command, Personnnel Affairs
Dick Laughlin	93	NAVY	1943-1946	Pacific-Asian	Lt. Jg.	Line Off. Com. , Aba-87 Amhib. Carrier, Saipan, N. Japan Ldgs.
H.J. Bud Leam.....	91	USAF	1943-1945	Pacific-Asian.....	S/Sgt	14th A.F. Flying Tigers China Serv., Radio Opr./Gunner, 2 Dfc, 2 Air Medals, Surv. C-47 Crash
Albert (Al) Miroo ...	89.....	ARMY	1945-1947	Pacific-Asian.....	PFC.....	Occupational Forces
Joe W. Oppelt.....	95.....	ARMY	1939-1959	Pacific-Asian.....	M/Sgt. E-7	Aust., New Guinei, Leyette, Korea, Incho and Busan, Tehran, Iran Embassy and Ulm, Germ.
John Parkison.....	90.....	ARMY	1944-1946	Pacific-Asian.....	Staf Sgt	WWII and Korea, 185th Inf. 40th Div, Armed Service Cmd, Phillp. Liberation, Occup. Medal
Wesley Peterson....	95.....	ARMY AIR .	1942-1944	Pacific-Asian.....	Staff Sgt.....	Finance Tech., 509th, B-29's A-Bomb
David Sargis.....	92.....	NAVY	1942-1944	Pacific-Asian.....	E-5	Aviat. Mach. Mate, USS Lexington, Cv-16,
George Tallman	95.....	NAVY	1942-1946	Pac. Asian, Eur. E-6....	Air Mec. 1st....	Naval Air, Mechanic, Three Theaters, Reseach and Test Machine Guns In A/C.
Miles Twaddell	91	NAVY	1943-1968	Pacific-Asian.....	CDR, 0-6.....	Naval Aviator, Pilot, WWII, Korean and Vietnam, Flew All Navy Prop. A/C and Light/ Air
Dick Weaver	90.....	USNR	1944-1946	Pacific-Asian.....	Lt. Jg.	Gm 3/C



SIR #143, Korean War & Cold War Recognition

Name.....	Age	Branch.....	Years	Rank	Comments
Del Ahlberg.....	86.....	ARMY	1952-1954.....	6th Infantry-Supply
George Bogren	85.....	USCG.....	1951-1954.....	E-3.....	Small Boat Seaman
Harry Carlson	82.....	USAF	4 Years	Msgt.....	Education and Training
Charles Cline	79.....	USMC/ARM. RES.....	54-62, 64-95	Msgt.....	Korea, USS Kersauge, Panama, Recruiter
Lloyd G. Fantazia.....	81.....	NAVY	1953-1955.....	SN	DD 747
Stan Fidel.....	87.....	ARMY	1953-1955.....	2nd Lt.	Batallion Communications Officer
Robert Goodwin	88.....	ARMY/NAVY.....	50-53, 60-64	Sgt	Korean and Vietnam, Engineman 1st Class
Carl Grubb.....	84.....	ARMY	1952-1954.....	Corporal.....	1st Division, European Theater, Sharpshooter
Thomas Hall.....	83.....	ARMY	1950-53.....	PDC	Smoke Generator Operator
Mel Howell	79.....	NAVY	1955-1958.....	PO 2, E-5	Machinist Mate, China Service
Dick Johnson.....	87.....	USAF	1950-1954.....	Staff Sgt	5th Air Force
Walt Lantelme.....	79.....	NAVY	1954-58.....	Seaman 1st.....
Marvin Larson	84.....	ARMY	1954-1955.....	Cpl	45th
Bob Lopes.....	87.....	NAVY	1950-1954.....	Cm2.....	Heavy Equipment Mechanic, Seabees
Carlos Marchbanks.....	83.....	NAVY	1951-1971	PO 2, E-5	Plane Captain/Engineer
JERRY Mcatee.....	87.....	ARMY	1950-1952.....	CPL	LABORATORY TECH
Jack Miller.....	80.....	NAVY	1955-1957	SR	USS Lewis De 535, Log Room Youeman
J. Leon Morrison.....	86.....	ARMY	1951-1952.....	PFC	Machine Gunner, 3 Battlefield Stars
Dick Paulson	80.....	USAF	1958-1979.....	Major	Navigator, Man 4, S.A.C.
Albert Puffer	89.....	ARMY	1950-1952.....	PFC	I & E
Brad Sleeper	84.....	NAVY	1953-1973.....	LCDR 0-4.....	Surface Warfare Officer
Bernard Souza	83.....	ARMY	1954-1956.....	Spec.4.....	Medic
Dick Stafford.....	84.....	USAF	1951-1972.....	Msgt.....	Boom Operator, Air Refueling,
Evan Thompson	83.....	ARMY	1956-1958.....	PFC	Clerk
Charles Wickwire.....	83.....	ARMY	1953-1955.....	Specialist 2	2nd Armored-Hell On Wheels
Ron Witort	82.....	USAF	1956-1959.....	1st Lt.	Navigator, During Cold War, S.A.C.

SIR #143, Vietnam/Vietnam Era Recognition

Name.....	Age...	Branch	Years	In Country	Rank	Comments
Joe Adams.....	77.....	ARMY	1962-1964.....		E-5	Court Martial Clerk
Dan Adams	71.....	NAVY	1963-1967.....	X	E-5	USS Enterprise, CVA 65, EM Electrician
Lance Anderson	75.....	MARINE ...	1959-1965.....		2nd Lt.....	OCS, Preflight
Gene Apalata	73.....	NAVY	1960-66.....		HN3.....	Hospital Corpsman, Us Naval Hospital San Diego
Larry Ashabraner	76.....	ARMY	1963-1965.....	XX.....	E-5	864th Engineers, Hvy Equip Opr.
Dan Bapista.....	67.....	N.G.	1969-2000.....		E-7	149th Armored
Robert Brunton	78.....	ARMY	1962-1964.....		Sp 4.....	2nd Infantry,
David Bailey.....	70.....	ARMY	1964-1985.....	XX.....	Cw3.....	Trans. 520, 20 Yr Vet., Viet. Service Medal/ One Silver Star and 4 Brze Stars
Mike Bronner.....	67.....	ARMY	1967-1970.....	XX.....	Combat Medic....	173rd Airborne Brigade, CmoH, VSM
Wardee Bruce.....	72.....	NAVY	1962-1992.....	XX.....	Lt/CWO4	Aviat. Ord., VSM (7 Brz Stars) Rep. Of Viet. Camp. Medal, Gall. Cross Unit. Cit., Rep. Of Viet Armed Forces Merit Unit Cit., Nds, Navy Ach. Medal, S/E Serve Med.
Harry Carlson	82.....	USAF.....	1954-1981.....		E-8, Msgt.....	Served In Europe, Morocco and Stateside, 4 Yrs Active and 13 Yrs Reserve
Dan Courtney.....	78.....	NAVY	1956-1959.....		E-4	Storekeeper On Ship
Jerry Cupit.....	77.....	ARMY	1961-1963.....		SPC- 4.....	Berlin Crisis, 106 Recoil Rifle On Tank
Elvin Eugene Evans	75.....	NAVY	1959-1963.....		E-5	USS Burton Island , Electrician's Mate 2nd Class
Garry Dudley	67.....	USAF.....	1970-1991.....		Lt. Col.....	F-4 Phantom Pilot and Squadron Commander,
Michael Dulaney.....	68.....	ARMY	1968-1971.....	XX.....	E-5	Combat Engineer, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Ist. Cav.
Sid Emerson.....	80.....	NAVY	1959-1962.....		CDR.....	Naval Hospital San Diego, Reserves 1962-1979
Enrique (Rick) Ezparza ...	79.....	USAF.....	1959-1979.....	X	Capt.....	Navigator, Missile Crewmember, Bronze Star(Vn), Af Comm., VSM
Phil Franco	77.....	MARINE ...	1968-1970.....	XX.....	Corporal	Tet.
Stan Fidel.....	87.....	ARMY	1953-1955.....		2nd Lt.....	Battalion Comm Officer
David Fraga.....	81.....	ARMY	1956-1962.....		Sgt. E-5	91st Div., Cold War, Infantry, Drill Instructor
Burt Gilpin	88.....	NAVY	1945-1970.....		CDR.....	Pilot, F-4
Don Gist	70.....	NAVY	1961-1981.....		Cpo, E-7.....	Yeoman, Adm For OCS,
Bob Glover	76.....	ARMY	1963-1965.....		Sp-4.....	Vehicle Driver
Curt Green.....	67.....	ARMY	1969-1970.....	XX.....	E-4	11th Armored Cav, Vietnam Serv. Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal
Ladd J. Hackler.....	74.....	ARMY	1967-1970.....		Sp.5.....	Food Inspector In U.S. , Thailand
Earl Hamilton	69.....	ARMY.....	1965-1968.....		E-5	Finance Supply
Marty Healey	70.....	ARMY	1968-1971.....	XX.....	Ssg	Supply Sargeant, Bronze Star, Army Commendation With "V"
Larry Hughes.....	74.....	NAVY	1961-1965.....		E-4	Aviation Electronics Tech.
Ed Hutz.....	71.....	ARMY	1964-1966.....		E-5	Baker
Mel Howell	78.....	NAVY	1955-1958.....		E-5	USS Herbert J. Thomas, Machinst Mate
Wesley Jacobs.....	73.....	ARMY	1968-1970.....	X	Capt.....	Veternarian, Cared For Service Dogs That Were Used In Combat, Bronze Star
Jim Jensen.....	73.....	ARMY	1963-1966.....		E-5	Equipment Operator, Europe
Mike Johnson.....	72.....	USCG	1962-1966.....		E-3	Cutter Tanker, Port Security
Woody Jorritsma.....	75.....	USCG	1959-1963.....		Rd3.....	Radarman
Ron Kendrick.....	65.....	MARINE ...	1970-1973.....	XX.....	Corporal	7th Fleet, In and Out Of Country
Jimmy Kendrick.....	68.....	ARMY	1969-1971.....	XX.....	Sgt.....	Americal Division
Howard Knapp	82.....	NAVY	1953-1959.....		E-4	Third Class Po, Machinist Mate, USS Hancock, CVA 19
Rick Kindle.....	72.....	NAVY	1968-1971.....		Lt.....	F-4 RIO and Aircraft Maint. Div. Officer
Rock Libby.....	70.....	USAF.....	1966-1970.....		Sgt, E-4	A/C Cont., Warn. Intercept, Nuke Cont. Tech., Dir. Tech., 623rd Ac 7 W, Okinawa
Terry Lambert	70.....	MARINE ...	1965-1968.....		Cpl.....	2511-Field Wire Man.
Walt Lantelme.....	78.....	NAVY	1954-1958.....		Seaman 1	USS Raymond De 341, Lab Tech
Ron Lawrence	72.....	NAVY	1964-1968.....	X	E-4	Aviat. Mac.Mate, VR7A, VC-5, VS-23, USS Yorktown, Vietser. Medal W/2 Brz Star
Carlos Marchbanks.....	83.....	NAVY	1951-1971.....		E-5	VP2 Patrol Squadron, Plan Captain/Engineer
Bill Martin	71.....	NAVY	1964-1967.....		E-4	Personnel Man
Frank Martin	77.....	NAVY	1951-1955.....		E-4	Boiler Man
Jim Mann.....	71.....	USAF.....	1964-1971.....		Sgt.....	303x2, Radar Tech



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Name.....	Age ...	Branch	Years	In Country ...	Rank	Comments
Tom Mickelsen.....	75.....	NAVY	1964-1979.....	XX.....	LCDR.....	USS Mckean DD784, O In C PCF(Swift Boat) NROTC Inst. Vietnam S/M
Jack Miller.....	80.....	NAVY	1955-1957.....		E-4.....	USS Lewis. De S535, Sr, Log Room Youeman
Ken Olson.....	66.....	ARMY	1969-1971.....	XX.....	E-4.....	Crew Chief Door Gunner, Personnel Specialist
Joe Oppelt.....	95.....	ARMY	1939-1959.....		E-7.....	WWII and Korean
Art Pargament.....	78.....	ARMY	1960-1962.....		PFC.....	Dental Tech
Dick Paulson.....	80.....	USAF.....	1958-1979.....	XX.....	Major.....	Navigator, Sac, B-52, C-5A, C-141, Hospital Evac and Combat Duty
William R. Preuss.....	76.....	NAVY	1958-1961.....		ET-3.....	Electron Tech, Beach Jumper Unit 1
Wayne Rickey.....	76.....	NAVY	1958-1964.....		EN3.....	Diesel Mechanic, USS Wilhoite Der 397, USS Walker DDE 317
Ernest Scheuber.....	81.....	NAVY	1954-1962.....		PO 2.....	Electron Tech
Ron Shearer.....	75.....	USAF.....	1964-1968.....		E-4.....	Ground Power
Brad Sleeper.....	84.....	NAVY	1953-1973.....		LCDR.....	Surface Warfare Officer
Bernard Souza.....	83.....	ARMY	1954-1956.....		Spec 4.....	Medic
Hartley Spycher.....	81.....	ARMY	1959-1960.....		E-5.....	3rd Inf. Pres. Eisenhower's Honor Guard, Washington D.C.
Wally Spycher.....	71.....	NAVY	1965-1970.....	X.....	IC2.....	IC Electrician, USS Mahan
Dick Stafford.....	84.....	USAF.....	1951-1972.....	X.....	Msgt.....	Boom Operator, Air Refueling, 26th and 34th Air Wing
Bob Stammerjohan.....	73.....	MARINE ...	1961-1965.....		L. Corpral.....	Infantry, Alameda
Bill Stires.....	70.....	ARMY	1968-1970.....		Sgt.....	Finance
Tracy Sunde.....	71.....	ARMY	1969-1970.....	XX.....	E-5.....	199th Lib A Co 2/3 Infant., Purple Heart, Bronz Star With V, Viet. Service Medal
Evan Thompson.....	83.....	ARMY	1956-1958.....		PFC.....	25th Infantry Div. , Clerk
Evan Tipton.....	71.....	USMC.....	1959-1963.....		E-3.....	3rd Infantry, 0311
Miles Twaddell.....	91.....	NAVY	1943-1968.....		LCDR.....	Pilot
Rufus Joe Valdez.....	84.....	NAVY	1951-1955.....		EM2.....	USS Pelican Msc 32, Mine Sweeper Elec Mate
Barry Vincent.....	75.....	USAF.....	1962-1966.....		A2C.....	Sac Missile Instrumentation, Vanderberg
Charles Wickwire.....	83.....	ARMY	1953-1955.....		Spec 2.....	Specialist 2, 2nd Armored-Hell On Wheels
David Williams.....	62.....	ARMY	1973-1984.....		Sgt E-5.....	9th Army, Radio Relay
Ron Witort.....	82.....	USAF.....	1956-1959.....		1st Lt.....	Navigator, Sac

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We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 11: 30 AM at the Denair Community Center, 3850 N. Graton Road, Denair. There are about 200 members in this branch and normally at least 125 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. Began 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**





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