

This is the inaugural issue of "Member Profile," a monthly article that highlights one of our branch members. We hope that you will enjoy knowing a little more about your fellow members and the interesting life they have had. If you have someone you would like to nominate for next month please email the editor, Ron Nakamoto, at ron.nakamoto(at)yahoo.com

Creed Morgan – Former Big Sir and current Area Governor



It is always interesting to talk to Lt.Colonel (ret) Morgan, or Creed as we know him. He often treats you with a story of history come alive with famous people he has met, dates, circumstances and some activity he was engaged in at the time. His memory is superior to most recounting who said and did what at the time. Much like Forrest Gump's travel through history, Creed in Panama played softball with then Lt.Col. Manuel Noriega. Creed's wife, Patty, never cared for Noriega and we know what happened to Gen. Omar Torrijos in 1981 that brought Noriega to power. In Japan he met Maj. Gen. Minuro Genda who was the Air Operations Officer who

helped plan the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor for Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto. In Europe he was the Deputy Field Station Commander for Field Station Berlin and dealt with Yuri Plieve, the local KGB Commander. You may recall the Four-power partnership that rotated the guarding of Rudolph Hess, former Deputy Fuhrer, co-author of Mein Kampf and the only prisoner at Spandau Prison between 1966-1987. All four nations were required to verify that the prisoner was alive on a monthly basis and Creed at one point was appointed to represent the U.S. while Plievei was the Russian lead. You should hear from Creed how the Russian-hosted party went that evening.

Creed grew up in Kellogg, Idaho where his father owned and operated numerous gambling joints in Northern Idaho through 1945. Creed learned the ropes early in life. Unfortunately, his father suffered a fatal hunting accident and Creed soon thereafter became a self-made person leaving his home and living on his own at age 13. In 1954 at the age of 18 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and one year later he was commissioned an Artillery officer. Three weeks after his commission he married Patty and they grew into a family of four.

This interesting man spent some 30 years in the U.S. Army in the Intelligence arena working with or for the National Security Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office and various Department of Defense organizations. His assignments brought him to Korea, Vietnam, Germany, Japan and South America. But even beyond that full career, his boundless energy drove him into a second one with Lockheed Martin Corp. There he spent another productive 26 years building military and intelligence systems. His proudest achievement is his "Service to the Nation" and his biggest regret is his loss of

security clearances so he cannot attend the daily morning intelligence briefing for our top leaders.

Over his two careers he has earned many unique awards for his service including two Legion of Merits, two Bronze Stars from the military and the Eagle and Nova awards given for exceptional service in 2004 from Lockheed Martin Corporation. He recounts in Vietnam how he could have received a Purple Heart but declined to do so when he was shot. The entire story is a riot and involves the Intelligence Officer to Gen. Duong Van Minh, Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

Creed's current exploits with SIR brought him responsibility early with his selection as the Little Sir in his first year as a member and as Big Sir the following year. In the evenings Patty (his wife of 59 years) and he are often out exploring familiar and new restaurants in the area. On the weekends they are winetasting, riding their bikes on 20+ mile trips or volunteering with the local veterinarian.

As a patriot you would expect that his words to his fellow members are to "Continue to pray for the Country we love. KTF!"