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Next Chapter Meeting

July 8, 2015 | 6:00 pm

Santa Barbara Elks Lodge

150 N. Kellogg Ave., Goleta

Dinner Available

\$8.00 per person

*“Never again
will one generation
of veterans
abandon another...”*

President's Message

First, I must apologize for the communication breakdown concerning the June monthly meeting. I was unaware that John Selfridge, our membership director, had gone on his annual summer jaunt to Washington state. Subsequently, several Flash Traffic messages were not forwarded. When only 9 members showed for the June 10 meeting, it was obvious we had a problem. All is well now.

I want to congratulate the newly elected (May) officers and members of the board of directors on their willingness to serve for the next year; 1st Vice President John Blankenship, 2nd Vice President Hap DeSimone, Treasurer Mike Mauro and Recording Secretary Tom Elliott. In addition, we welcome to the board Chris Galbraith, Don Matter, Steve Penner, Pat Rumpza and John Selfridge. (Chapter officers automatically serve on the board).

There are two events just a week apart that all members need to take note:

- Our Huey Helicopter will be on display at the Rods and Roses Car Show in Carpinteria from 9a-3p on Saturday, June 27. It will also be towed in the Independence Parade at 5pm that day. We will sell our Huey T-Shirts on site.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the bird and the sales booth. Please contact me via e-mail or cell phone if you can staff the sales booth and/or the Huey. (The bird should be on site no later than 8am).

- Our Huey Helicopter will be towed in the Spirit of '76 parade on Saturday, July 4 down State Street in Santa Barbara. Every member is encouraged to march (or ride in the chopper). The Huey should be in place by 11:30 (or earlier) at the corner of State and Micheltorena and all marchers should be on site by no later than 12:30. We need a color guard and two people to carry our banner. The parade steps off at 1pm. Please wear your chapter shirt, cap, fatigues or other appropriate clothing; no shorts, T-Shirts or flip flops! (With July 4 falling on a Saturday, we can expect a larger than usual crowd along the parade route which means parking is at a premium, so get their early).

I urge all our members—vets and associates alike—to participate in both of these events as they provide an opportunity to meet the public, highlight our chapter, recruit new members and build interest in our restoration project for the Huey.

Our next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 8 at 6pm at the Elks Lodge in Santa Barbara. Please plan on attending as we will discuss logistics and staffing for our food booth during Fiesta in De La Guerra Plaza August 5-9. Yup, it's that time again!

Welcome Home!

Peter

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