



- ➔ SoCAL AREA SOJOURNER'S MEETING  
**22 APR 2018** - 14:00  
DEMOLAY CENTER, ANAHEIM



- ➔ HEROES' OF '76 SOCIAL MEETING  
**14 APR 2018** - 16:30  
"BURN YOUR OWN STEAK" AT IRON MIKES,  
CAMP PENDLETON



- ➔ CAMP JH PENDLETON CHAPTER NO. 243  
**25 APR 2018** - 18:00  
COCO'S BAKERY RESTAURANT( SEE BELOW)



## NATIONAL SOJOURNERS, INC.

CAMP JOSEPH H. PENDLETON, CHAPTER NO. 243  
THE 49'ERS CAMP—HEROES OF '76®

# THE PENDLETON POST

Meeting at:

Coco's Bakery Restaurant  
605 W Vista Way  
Vista, CA 92083  
**(760) 758-9340**

Menu: [cocosbakery.com](http://cocosbakery.com)

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Each Pays Own

**Meeting: 18:00**

April 2018



## 28 FEB 2018 - MINUTES

<b>Opening:</b>	Meeting was called to order in proper form by the President, David B. Shaffer. Meeting was held at the Coco's in Vista at 6:30 PM on 28 Feb 2018. Officers present were: David B. Shaffer, <b>President</b> ; Kenneth E. St. Clair, <b>First Vice President</b> ; Vance T. Johnson, <b>Third Vice President</b> ; James F. Benson, Jr., <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b> ; and Thomas R. Derby, Chaplain (arrived late). Present were seven members, one non-member and three wives.
<b>Prayer:</b>	Prayer was led by the Chaplain Protem, Timothy B. Sheets.
<b>Purpose:</b>	The President read the Purpose of the Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. First Vice President delivered the Toast to the Flag.
<b>Fines:</b>	None.
<b>Reading of Minutes:</b>	The minutes of the meeting for 24 Jan 2018 were approved as printed in the newsletter.
<b>Presentations:</b>	None.
<b>Report of Treasurer:</b>	None.
<b>Reading and Allowance of Bills:</b>	None.
<b>Candlelight Service:</b>	None.
<b>Sickness and Distress:</b>	Brother Ken has had to travel to Texas a lot due to family loss but is okay. Brother Jon Lee underwent knee surgery today.
<b>Correspondence:</b>	Lynda Derby reported that she has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the newsletter lately.
<b>Report Membership Committee:</b>	None.
<b>Receiving and Referral of Applications:</b>	None.
<b>Initiation of Candidate:</b>	None.
<b>Reports of Committees:</b>	<u>Americanism</u> : None. <u>Bridge of Light</u> : None. <u>JNROTC</u> : None. <u>Telephone</u> : None. <u>San Diego Youth Leadership Conference</u> : None. <u>Executive/Trustees</u> : None. <u>Area Representative</u> : None. <u>Other</u> : None.
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>	Brothers Benson and Derby debriefed about Camel Corps. Definitely want to do it again next year; need to start planning now.
<b>New Business:</b>	<u>Heroes of '76</u> : Discussion ensued about doing Degrees. Have several that are qualified to receive the degree. <u>Camel Corps</u> : Tentatively scheduled for 24-25 Feb 2019. Brother Benson will contact Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada to see if dates are available for us. <u>Other</u> : SoCAL meeting will be held on 22 Apr 2018 to discuss Camel Corps and other important matters. Brother Benson urged all member to attend.
<b>Good of the Order:</b>	President thanked all for attending.
<b>Closing:</b>	The meeting was closed in proper form by the President at 8:00 PM.
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	None.

# **THE EAGLE**

**This is the kind of story you need when it seems like the world is spiraling out of control. Not many people get a picture of this proud bird snuggled up next to them!**



## ***FREEDOM AND JEFF***

**Freedom and I have been together 11 years this summer.**

**She came in as a baby in 1998 with two broken wings.**

**Her left wing doesn't open all the way even after surgery, it was broken in four places. She's my baby.**

**When Freedom came in, she could not stand and both wings were broken. She was emaciated and covered in lice..**

**We made the decision to give her a chance at life, so I took her to the vet's office. From then on, I was always around her.**

**We had her in a huge dog carrier with the top off, and it was loaded up with shredded newspaper for her to lay in. I used to sit and talk to her, urging her to live, to fight; and she would lay there looking at me with those big brown eyes. We also had to tube feed her for weeks.**

**This went on for 4-6 weeks, and by then she still couldn't stand. It got to the point where the decision was made to euthanize her if she couldn't stand in a week.**

**You know you don't want to cross that line between torture and rehab, and it looked like death**

**She was going to be put down that Friday, and I was supposed to come in on that Thursday afternoon.. I didn't want to go to the center that Thursday, because I couldn't bear the thought of her being euthanized; but I went anyway, and when I walked in everyone was grinning from ear to ear.**

**I went immediately back to her cage; and there she was, standing on her own, a big beautiful eagle. She was ready to live. I was just about in tears by then. That was a very good day. We knew she could never fly, so the director asked me to glove train her.**

**I got her used to the glove, and then to Jesses, and we started doing education programs for schools in western Washington.**

**We wound up in the newspapers, radio (believe it or not) and some TV. Miracle Pets even did a show about us.**

**In the spring of 2000, I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. I had Stage 3, which is not good (one major organ plus everywhere), so I wound up doing eight months of chemo. Lost the hair - the whole bit. I missed a lot of work.**

**When I felt good enough, I would go to Sarvey and take Freedom out for walks. Freedom would also come to me in my dreams and help me fight the cancer. This happened time and time again.**

**Fast forward to November 2000. The day after Thanksgiving, I went in for my last checkup. I was told that if the cancer was not all gone after eight rounds of chemo, then my last option was a stem cell transplant.**

**Anyway, they did the tests; and I had to come back Monday for the results. I went in Monday, and I was told that all the cancer was gone.**

**So the first thing I did was get up to Sarvey and take the big girl out for a walk. It was misty and cold. I went to her flight and jessed her up, and we went out front to the top of the hill.**

**I hadn't said a word to Freedom, but somehow she knew. She looked at me and wrapped both her wings around me to where I could feel them pressing in on my back (I was engulfed in eagle wings), and she touched my nose with her beak and stared into my eyes, and we just stood there like that for I don't know how long.**

**That was a magic moment.. We have been soul mates ever since we came in. This is a very special bird.**

**On a side note: I have had people who were sick come up to us when we are out, and Freedom has some kind of hold on them**

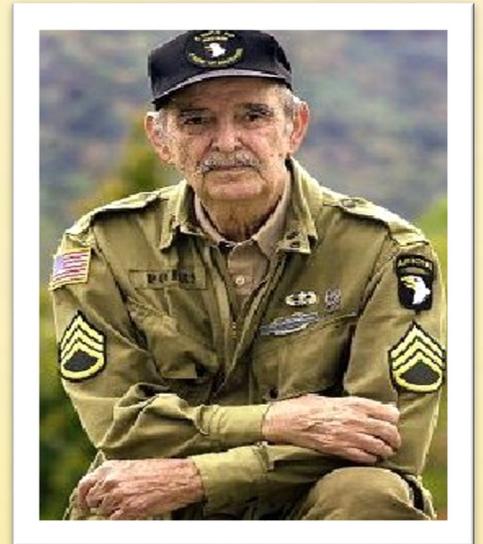
**I once had a guy who was terminal come up to us and I let him hold her. His knees just about buckled and he swore he could feel her power course through his body. I have so many stories like that.**

**I never forget the honor I have of being so close to such a magnificent spirit as Freedom!! Hope you enjoyed this!**



## **"Shifty" By Chuck Yeager**

**Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st Airborne Infantry. If you've seen Band of Brothers on HBO or the History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10 episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.**



**I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle," the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat.**

**Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the 101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served, and how many jumps he made. Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so, and was in until sometime in 1945 ..." at which point my heart skipped.**

**At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the five training jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy . . . do you know where Normandy is?" At this point my heart stopped. I told him "yes, I know exactly where Normandy is, and I know what D-Day was." At that point he said "I also made a second jump into Holland, into Arnhem .." I was standing with a genuine war hero ... and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of D-Day.**

**I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France, and he said "Yes.. and it's real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip." My heart was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.**

**I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in coach while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to get him and said that I wanted to switch seats when Shifty came forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him to have it, that I'd take his in coach.**

**He said "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to make an old man very happy." His eyes were filling up as he said it. And mine are brimming up now as I write this.**

**Shifty died on Jan. 17 after fighting cancer. There was no parade. No big event in Staples Center. No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24 x 7 news coverage. No weeping fans on television.**

**And that's not right!**

**Let's give Shifty his own memorial service, online, in our own quiet way.**

**Rest in peace, Shifty.**

**Chuck Yeager, Maj. General [Ret.]**

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# SO CAL'S NATIONAL SOJOURNER MEETING

**SUNDAY - 22 APR 2018  
2:00 PM**

**LOCATION: DEMOLAY CENTER  
303 W LINCOLN AVE  
ANAHEIM, CA**

**SOJOURNER PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARIES ARE  
PERSONALLY INVITED TO ATTEND**

**ALL SOJOURNER MEMBERS AND THEIR WIVES  
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**