



➔ SoCAL AREA SOJOURNER'S MEETING
22 APR 2018 - 14:00
 CAROLINA'S RESTAURANT, ANAHEIM



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



➔ CAMP JH PENDLETON CHAPTER NO. 243
23 MAY 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

★★ 25 Apr 2018 ★★
 ★★ 23 May 2018 ★★

Each Pays Own

Meeting: 18:00

May 2018



28 MAR 2018 - MINUTES

- Opening:** Meeting was called to order in proper form by the President, David B. Shaffer. Meeting was held at the Coco's in Vista at 6:00 PM on 28 Mar 2018. Officers present were: David B. Shaffer, **President**; Vance T. Johnson, **Third Vice President**; and James F. Benson, Jr., **Secretary/Treasurer**. Present were seven members, and two wives.
- Prayer:** Prayer was led by the Chaplain Protem, Vance Johnson.
- Purpose:** The President read the Purpose of the Order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Brother Steve Walker delivered the Toast to the Flag.
- Fines:** None.
- Reading of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting for 28 Feb 2018 were approved as printed in the newsletter.
- Presentations:** None.
- Report of Treasurer:** Balance as of 28 Feb 2018; \$1,616.48 in savings and \$1,520.17 in checking for a total of \$3,136.55.
- Reading and Allowance of Bills:** Brother Benson presented bills: \$7.04 for nametag and \$400.00 to SDYLC for a total of \$407.04.00. Brother Sheets moved to pay our bills; seconded and carried.
- Candlelight Service:** None.
- Sickness and Distress:** Prayers and cards were asked for those members in need
- Correspondence:** Brother Benson passed out a list of reports that are due to National Headquarters each year by 31 Jul. Things our members do could go into these reports. HE stated that we are currently presenting 10 medals a year and he is requesting six more. He will get all the certificates, medals and stuff to the schools must have someone else do the presentations as he is preparing for term as National Camp Commander starting in June.
- Report Membership Committee:** None.
- Receiving and Referral of Applications:** None.
- Initiation of Candidate:** None.
- Reports of Committees:** Americanism: None. Bridge of Light: None. JNROTC: None. Telephone: None. San Diego Youth Leadership Conference: Brother Shaffer passed out a copy of the essay received from Anakaren Martinez. She is the one we chose to send to Youth Leadership this year. She is a straight A student at Del Lago Academy. Executive/Trustees: None. Area Representative: None. Other: We are possibly sending Vance Johnson's grandson to Valley Forge, looking into the expenses and details.
- Unfinished Business:** None.
- New Business:** Heroes of '76: Camp Commander, Tim Sheets announced three possible dates to do the next Heroes Degrees: 21 Apr, 5 May or 2 Jun. He will contact Chapter 45 to bring a candidate and to assist. Brother Shaffer offered his home (patio) for the Degrees. Camel Corps: Tentatively scheduled for 24-25 Feb 2019. Brother Benson will contact Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada to see if dates are available for us. Other: SoCAL meeting will be held on 22 Apr 2018 to discuss Camel Corps and other important matters. Brother Benson urged ALL member to attend. Brother Benson stated that next year, Sojourners will be 100 years old. A new medal is coming out so and he encouraged all to go onto the website to check it out.
- Good of the Order:** President thanked all for attending.
- Closing:** The meeting was closed in proper form by the President at 7:22 PM.
- Guest Speaker:** None.

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SO CAL'S NATIONAL SOJOURNER MEETING

SUNDAY - 22 APR 2018

2:00 PM

**LOCATION: CAROLINA'S RESTAURANT
915 S HARBOR BLVD
ANAHEIM, CA**

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

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

The Wall

A little history most people didn't know. Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth , Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia . I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.



Memorial Day