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Thursday: Harold J. Wagner. Can you help out an hour or two one day a week? Call us.

UPCOMING EVENTS – 2018

NOTE: Yearly meetings and luncheon months: February, April, June, August, October and December - Held on the 4th Saturday, every 2 months, unless otherwise specified. Meetings are held at the War Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness Ave, Rm. 202, San Francisco, CA. Please let us know one week in advance if you will be attending the luncheon, in order to ensure that we will purchase enough food! Office: (415)252-0760.
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FEBRUARY 23, 2019 12:00 Noon - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Regular meeting followed by raffle
Guest Speaker to be determined

MARCH 19th - 24th, 2019 33rd AMMV NATIONAL CONVENTION
Westshore Grand Hotel, Tampa, FL.

APRIL 27, 2019 12:00 Noon - Lunch
1:00 P.M. - Regular meeting followed by raffle
Guest Speaker to be determined

VOLUNTERS & DOCENTS NEEDED: The Red Oak Victory remains in dire need of docents and volunteers. If interested, call (510)237-2933



CROSSED THE BAR:

Harry Bruce Bradley was one of the original members of the chapter. Harry regularly attended our meetings until he moved out of the area.

Ed Jacobson, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Christian Yuhas and I participated in the celebration.

We send our condolences and prayers to their family and loved ones.



CARE AND CONCERN: Mickey Anderson, Bill Fairfield, Gus Guzelian, Frank X. Portanier, Raymond E. Westberg. You each remain steadfast in our prayers and thoughts. We wish you renewed health.

ANOTHER LOSS: On Jan. 29, 2019, the Chinese American Veterans of WWII were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, which means we have to start all over again to get our bills passed in the 116th Congress. H.R. 154 Honoring Merchant Mariners of WWII was reintroduced by Rep. Al Green. H.R. 550 Congressional Gold Medal Act was reintroduced by Rep. John Garamendi, and SB-133 Congressional Gold Medal Act was reintroduced by Sen. Lisa Murkowski. Attached are copies of letters you can simply fill in, sign and send in. This is a priority. **DO IT NOW.**

On Jan 3, 2019, Park Joon-young, the Consul General of So. Korea, invited the officers and Board of Directors of the Korean War Memorial Foundation to lunch as his guests at the St. Francis Yacht Club. It was a thank you from the Consul General to the Board for all the work that has been done on the Memorial. There were eight of us in attendance. Very nice affair.

On Jan.12th, a function was held at the Korean War Memorial. Eighteen visitors from So. Korea wanted to visit the memorial and wanted to have a few Korean War Veterans in attendance. The visitors included the Mayor Eun Soo of Seongnam City, So Korea, and two members of the So. Korean Assembly. Two wreaths were placed in front of the memorial and the four veterans were all presented with beautiful bouquets from Mayor Eun Soo Mi. After the ceremony, V.P. Man J. Kim invited everyone to be his guests at his restaurant Sears Fine Foods on Powell St. The Mayor presented beautiful business card holders to the four veterans. Great afternoon.

On Jan. 20th, Chapter members President Capt. K.C. O'Brien, V.P. Christian Yuhas, Jim Anderson, and Frank Mendez visited the Yountville Veterans Home to help Golden Gate Chapter member Dagner B. Alholm celebrate his 102nd birthday. The event was held in the main dining hall at 12:00 noon. Capt. O'Brien brought two large birthday sheet cakes. So everyone in the dining hall was served cake. Christian Yuhas had contacted Congressman John Garamendi's office to obtain the Congressional Commendation certificate to present to Dagner. The Congressman's office had the certificate placed in a beautiful frame. A great time was had by all!

The 33rd National Convention is just a month away. Tampa FL. March 20th - 24th. The convention committee has lined up some great speakers and entertainment. Hope you plan to attend.

Congratulations to the newly elected National Officers who will take over on July 1. They are National Pres. John Pitts; Exec V.P. Capt. Dru Di Mattia; Treasurer Dennis Kelley, Secretary Stanley Blumenthal.

A sincere thank you to the outgoing Officers who did such an outstanding job the past four years: Shirley Cauble and Christian Yuhas. And a special thank you to outgoing Pres. Capt. Chris Edyvean. Your past four years of dedication and service have been of great value to the Merchant Marine. You will be missed.