



## Tule Lake Unit, World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument

The Tule Lake Unit of the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument<sup>[4]</sup> in Modoc and Siskiyou counties in California, consists primarily of the site of the Tule Lake War Relocation Center, one of ten concentration camps constructed in 1942 by the United States government to incarcerate Japanese Americans forcibly removed from their homes on the West Coast. They totaled nearly 120,000 people, two-thirds of whom were United States citizens.

National Park Service Ranger Amy Collier gave an excellent talk detailing the internment facilities that were located at the Tule Lake Unit of the Lava Beds National Monument. [Executive Order 9066](#),



Tule Lake Internment Camp about 1944



National Park Service Ranger  
Amy Collier

issued by President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) in early 1942 as a response to the [attack on Pearl Harbor](#), authorized establishing an Exclusion Zone on the West Coast, from which local military authorities could remove certain populations under wartime exigency.

Between 1942 and 1943 anyone of Japanese ancestry was sent to an incarceration camp. After 1943 the Tule Lake Unit was designated the camp for disloyal or problem Japanese. At that time a jail was constructed, a barbed wire fence erected and armed military guards detailed at the facility. On November 14, after a series of meetings and demonstrations by prisoners over the poor living conditions at the overpopulated camp, the army imposed martial law in

Tule Lake. The Army had additional barracks constructed early in 1944 to accommodate a second influx of segregated inmates, pushing the already swollen population to 18,700.

A few of the buildings still stand today. The jail is one of those buildings. Inside the jail graffiti can be found on the walls. It is covered by a protective structure to preserve everything as it was.

Amy gave a great presentation detailing a very difficult time in American history. The Japanese sent to these camps lost everything, their businesses, their homes and most of their belongings.

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One final note, despite their families enduring the hardships of the camps many Japanese volunteered to join the U.S. Army. The 442nd Infantry Regiment composed of all Japanese became the most decorated unit in U.S. military history.<sup>[2]</sup> Other Japanese American units also included the 100th Infantry Battalion, Varsity Victory Volunteers, and the Military Intelligence Service.

All incarceration camps were closed in 1946. So ended a dark page in American history.





## Honor to Youth

From Shasta High School we have Rebekah B. She was introduced by principal Milan Woollard. Rebekah is honored for her academic excellence and leadership skills. She maintains a 4.15 GPA, was awarded the Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award in 2015, along with the Athletic Scholar Award in 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Rebekah is the Interact Club vice president, played four years of varsity volleyball, three years of varsity basketball and two years of varsity track and field. She was Link Crew Leader in 2014 - 2015.

Her career goals are to become a neuropsychologist. She will attend Chico State to complete her undergraduate degree in psychology and to play volleyball on a scholarship.

She thanks her parents, three siblings and her coaches and teachers along the way.



**Welcome to Kathy MaLain. Kathy is retired. She was the principal of U-Prep High School. Her sponsor is Gene Poch.**

## President Dave's Recognitions

First up was Jude Price. Her son got married and she celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary.

Next was Chuck Spafford. Seems Chuck spent some time on the International Space Station as evidenced by a picture of Chuck floating in space. He also was seen on Waikiki Beach on the island of Oahu.

Mark Rincon was seen racing a super looking car at Sears Point Raceway now Sonoma Raceway. Mark won the race. Wish we had a picture of Mark with the champagne bottle.

Steve Fitch is proud of his grandson who won the animation award at the Sundial Film Festival.

Mark Lascelles' son also was a big winner at the Sundial Film Festival. He also is home from a trip to North Korea.

Jason Montague and son went on a heavy metal cruise. The bands were all heavy metal types.

Courtney McElvain is honored for being the Chamber of Commerce board president.

Bobby Ranger and Gary Burks were in the spotlight for The Redding Bank of Commerce acquiring several Bank of America branches.



**Robin Dummer of Simpson University gave his craft talk. This completes another notch in getting his blue badge.**

## Fireside, Always a Great Experience



Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, found newly inducted members of Redding Rotary and their respective sponsors, enjoying the Fireside meeting by Dee Domke at her lovely home. We were welcomed by Dee, and our president, Dave Gerard. The hors d'oeuvres were beautifully prepared and delicious, and accompanied by a choice of wines. We had the opportunity to relax and to learn about Redding Rotary, and to share why we have joined Rotary. We were invited to ask questions. It was amazing to learn that two of the new inductees are 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Rotarians! Jason Salter's father is his sponsor and was part of the fun evening. Leslie Williem is the daughter and granddaughter of Rotarians. Most of us shared a connection with Rotarians, either in our club or in other communities. The new inductees attending were Jason Salter and his wife Irene, Leslie Williem, Eva Jimenez, Dan Crain, and Marjeanne Stone.

Our hosts and sponsors gave information about the pledge forms, the various committees and activities, and encouraged us to use our directories, contact the team leaders and chairpersons, and to continue the legacy of service and commitment to our community and our organization.


Thank you to Dee, Karen Edkin Stovall, Dave Gerard, and our sponsors, for a very special evening.

**By Marjeanne Stone**


# Calendar

March 24st	I - House Visit
March 31st	TBA
April 1 - 2	Ashland Bash - Leaving from the Riverview Golf & Country Club Parking
April 1 - 3	District 5160 Conference
April 7th	TBA
April 14th	TBA

A special offer from president Dave. He will pay the registration for any Keyway member that wants to attend the District Conference. This is a once in a lifetime offer. Great events and chances to socialize. Contact Dave directly.



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