

Date: November 09, 2017

Veteran's Day 2017

When we entered the room, we were handed a small American flag. All of the tables were decorated and the front tables were reserved for Veterans. On the stage were several more flags. It was very nice and added to the patriotic theme for the day. Thanks to those who put in all the effort to make the setting so nice. There was a PowerPoint showing the veterans in our club when they were in service. It was a fine looking group, but it appeared that a few of us had aged.



Some of the patriotic decorations

Thank you all for your service. While the Power Point was playing and before the meeting started, Marjeanne Stone entertained us with her beautiful piano music. Thank you Marjeanne. President Richard then called on Maurice Johannessen to lead the pledge and **PP Bill Kipp** to lead us in God Bless America. **PP Greg Balkovek** then introduced Courtney McElvain and PP Art Smithson who gave a history of the US Flags over the years starting with colonial times up to today. As they described them, the appropriate flags were brought forward and displayed. It was both informative and touching to see and hear all of the changes our flag has undergone over the years.

Our club sends a special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 37 who loaned us the flags and stands for the ceremony.

PP Ray Stewart then introduced David Kehoe who called Joe Cresto to the podium where he

presented him with a Proclamation on behalf of the Board of Supervisors honoring his service. President **Richard** then presented him with Medal of Freedom from our club. Thank you for your service Joe.



L-R David Kehoe, Joe Cresto, President Richard

Program: PP Greg Balkovek introduced a former member of our club, **Dr. Ray John. Ray** has had a stellar career in education and other management positions. In this area, he was the Principal of Bishop Quinn school in Palo Cedro. After leaving Bishop Quinn due to the school closing, he managed Haven Humane Society for many years. He currently volunteers at the Good New Rescue Mission where he teaches classes designed to help residents of the Mission reenter the workforce and succeed. He is very dedicated and very motivational.



Dr. Ray John

Ray served in the Marine Corps. He was in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 as a Sergeant. He was a mortar man. **Ray** told about some of the sacrifices he and his fellow soldiers made, but emphatically made the point that he would do it all again. He was, and still is, proud of his service. You could hear the pride in his voice at being a Marine. Fine program, **Ray**.

Calendar	
Nov. 16	Lone California Wolverine, Amanda Shuffleberger
Nov 23	Dark Thanksgiving
Nov 30	Don Armstrong Supreme Team K9 Police Dog Program
Dec 7	Santa and the Madrigals
Dec 14	Christmas Party No noon meeting
Dec 21	Dark

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