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We Honor Sentinels of Freedom

Once again we met at the Gifford Pavilion at Turtle Bay. **Jennifer Finnegan** entertained us with some very nice piano playing before we started. Thanks, **Jennifer**. Nice job.



Gifford Pavilion

President Jake was away today so **President Elect Joe Ayers** stepped up to start the meeting. He introduced **PP Greg Balkovek** and **Tim Thomas**, co-captains of Team 4

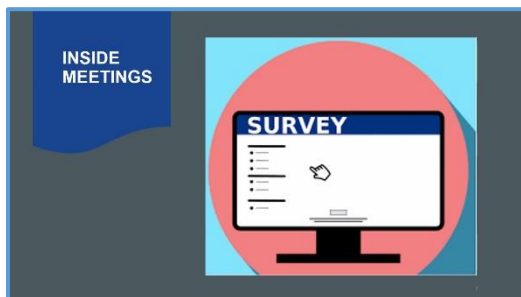


Jennifer Finnegan

who got things going. **Kristy Lanham** did the pledge; **Betty Harrison-Smith** did the invocation. **PP John Dunlap** introduced visitors and guests. We were off and running.

Announcements: **President Jake's** demotion will be held on June 24th. Save the date and more info to follow.

Survey: You should have received an email with a survey link. Please take the survey as it relates to getting back together for in person meetings.



Recognitions: **PE Joe** tried to raise some money with some trivia questions from the Rotary magazine. If you got the answer right, no fine. Everyone got the questions right. Was a good try, but

didn't raise any money.

Eva Jimenez went to a fancy event at Win-River. Was honoring local first responders. **Eva** threw **Joe Wyse** under the bus for future attention and paid \$100. Thanks, **Eva**.



Eva Jimenez

Lindsay Meyers celebrated her 11th anniversary with a quick getaway. **Lindsay** said to take whatever she had left on her pledges. Thanks, **Lindsay**.

Program: Sentinels of Freedom: PP Greg Balkovek and his committee have worked hard on this program over the last eight years.

Sentinels of Freedom is a program hosted each May by the Rotary Club of Redding to honor and recognize those students who have chosen to serve in the United States Armed Forces, a military/service academy, National Guard or Reserve following high school graduation. Redding Rotary and Sentinels of Freedom, an organization that supports Veterans, believe that the highest level of "Service Above Self" is young men and women who have voluntarily chosen to serve in the military.

2021 marks the eighth year of the program where recruits are usually invited to a special hosted luncheon with two additional guests of their choosing. In light of pandemic restrictions, we cannot again this year hold the luncheon. Instead, members donated funding to prepare a letter, special certificate, and a \$40 gift certificate to CR Gibbs, Black Bear Diner, or Mosaic restaurants to each recruit as a way of thanking them for serving our country.

Rotary wants the members of Sentinels of Freedom of 2021 to know they have a community that cares about them and is honored to know them. Rotary encourages them to visit the club and be our guest when home on leave or upon completion of service



PP Greg introduced **Petty Officer Michael Hooper**, US Navy and **SFC Timothy Pruitt**, US Army who were in attendance at the Pavilion. He also worked with recruiters from the Air Force and the Marines, who were unable to attend today.

PP Greg thanked them for their cooperation in helping with the program this year.

This year, the 57 recruits chose:

Figure 1L-R Petty Officer Michael Cooper, US Navy PE Joe Ayer, PP Greg Balkovek, SFC Timothy Pruitt, US Army

Air Force	12
Army	11
Marines	16
Navy	18

Our club thanks **PP Greg Balkovek** and his committee for their hard work under particularly difficult conditions.

PP Tom Stovall then showed a video that he assembled after a trip to the beaches of Normandy and the Normandy American Cemetery. **Tom**, that was a great video. Thank you.



Click the image to see the video on You Tube.

Memorial at Normandy

Calendar

May 20	Team 3
May 27	Team 5
June 6	Team 6
June 24	Demotion: No noon meeting

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