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SENTINALS OF FREEDOM



Our Redding Rotary Club took the opportunity on Thursday May 18th to celebrate several dozen graduating students who have proudly volunteered a career of service to their nation and countrymen by committing to a branch of the Armed Services.

Rotarians and guests were greeted by Team 5 members PPJeff Avery, Michelle Nystrom, PP Dave Gerard, Andree Blanchier and Randy Smith. Tickets were peddled by Steve Fitch. PP Dave Gerard announced his team unassisted as co-captain Ken Freigher was again attending Leadership Redding. We were led in the pledge by Trudy Tavares, then Joe Wyse followed with the invocation. Tony Giovaniello secured AV, including photography, and Michelle Nystrom hustled as Sergeant-at-arms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PP Amelia Ward, the tip-of-the-spear for many Rotarian projects and functions, made the club aware of the need for more team captains and volunteers to serve breakfast and dinner to the Redding Police Youth Program on July 18th. The response was underwhelming at first, with only Tonja Donoho and Azi Barzin immediately stepping forward as Team Captains. With 10 more volunteers needed, Amelia intrepidly proceeded to secure 6 more people to fill 8 spots. She will be hunting the club for the final two volunteers so be warned! Additional volunteers were Joe Wyse, Rob Adams, Mark Wood, Jerry Kelly, while Saeed Hedayattzadeh and Joe Ayer each volunteered twice.



PP Dave Gerard introducing guests

Join your Redding Rotary Club for a day of fun at Whiskeytown Lake. This is a new event so help make it a success!

Keyway Lake Day

- June 10, 2023
- 10 AM till whenever
- Oak Bottom Marina
- All families welcome.
- Bring your paddle boards, kayaks, boats, sunscreen, food and....



We will have a Trifoon Boat or a Party Barge available

Info Contacts: Jerrod (303) 588-9644 or Ken (805) 208-3284





9:45 pm - 12:45 am 12:30 am - 3:30 am 3:15 am - 6:00 am

Linda Fitzgerald





The UPrep Sober Grad night is an all-nighter event for graduating seniors. They have asked specifically for help as <u>security</u> but also some positions inside running games, etc.

U Prep is hosting their annual Sober Grad night and volunteers are needed for security and game hosting. This is an all-night event for the students but NOT for the volunteers, as it is broken down into 3 hour shifts. Please contact **Phillip McCarthy**

There is another blood drive coming July 13th. Our last drive was a success procuring 11 units. Have a seat, feel the pinch, save a life.



Appointments strongly encouraged and prioritized.

If a Rotarian brings a donor, the Redding Rotary Club will buy them lunch.



Redding Rotary Blood Drive Thursday, July 13th 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

For an appointment go to donors vitalant.org and enter the Blood Drive Code SMFM171 or call Vitalant at 530.893.5433 or scan QR code.

Please complete your Fast Track Health History the day of your donation on your Smartphone or computer at witalant.org/health.

Please eat well & drink plenty of water prior to donating. Please bring a photo ID.

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RECOGNITIIONS



Tony Giovaniello will be giving away a daughter next month, and in preparation he tidied up his yard. Kind of weak for a recognition but that's what leaders do when they must! In addition, Tony, along with Rob Adams, PP Jake Mangas, Kristi Coughlin and PP Steve Westlake, participated in Reach Higher Shasta's College Signing Day. Twenty \$500 scholarships were awarded, and Tony donated the remainder of his pledge.

PROGRAM: SENTINALS OF FREEDOM

(The following was written by Greg Balkovek)

Thirty of our highs school seniors were recognized at Thursday's meeting as part of Redding Rotary's 10th Annual Sentinel Send-Off Luncheon, in a program prepared by **Greg Balkovek** with the assistance of **Tim Thomas, Leslie Williem, trudy tavares, PP Jeff Avery** and the Veterans Committee. Each student was recognized and presented with a special certificate by **President Mark Ball**.

Working with military recruiters, the student recruits were identified, letters of invitation were prepared and sent to each recruit, who could bring two additioinal guests. Fourteen recruits and their guests were able to attend the luncheon.

Kristina Deva, Director of Operations for Dignity Health Connected Living, was the featured speaker. An accomplished Marine Corps veteran and innovative community leader, she described her entry into the Marine Corps and the positive impact the service had on her ife, leading to a passion for learning with multiple degrees ranging from music to business, from pastries to health leadership.

A Soroptimist and a "new mom", **Devan** said her "hope is that I can set and example for my daugher of compassion, courage, initiation, integrity, commitment, and service to God and Country



Kristina Devin recounts her young life in the Marine Corps and the positive effect it has had on her

"Each of the students has chosen a military path at this point in time in their life" **Balkovek** said. Some see it as a path to higher eduation, others for adventure; some to find out who they are and where they want to go in life. They will travel to places they've only seen in the news or read about. Some will see and do things that will truly test their mettle. Others will find a career. All will grow and

mature. The road they have chosen is not for everyone. Not everyone can or would travel this military road. All are volunteers."

The recruits represented 13 north state high schools in Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama counties.

Military recruiters providing assistance incuded: Petty Officer Jacob Carvell, U.S. Navy; Staff Sgt. Justin Neureuter, U.S. Marine Corps; Staf Sgt. Matthew Hart, U.S. Army, Staff Sgt. Joseph Crittendon, U.S. Air Force; SPC Alexander Hardy, California Army National Guard.





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Sentinel Send-Off Recruits by Service & School

U. S. Army

Aaron Dunagan (CVHS) - Aiden Miller (YHS) - Aiden Rivers (YHS)

California Army National Guard

Michael Bush (WVHS) - Landon Morgan (FHS) - Roman Reber (EHS) Martin Tapia (AHS) - Cody Torres (AHS)

U. S. Navy

Pearl Christopher (SHS) - Dylan Dann (THS) - Blake Helwig (SHS) - Ashton Fulkerson (FHS)

U. S. Marine Corps

Cadle Canfiled (AHS) - Sonny Canada (ETHS) - Treece Carson (THS) - Brian Cicero (RBHS)
Cale Cunial (YHS) - Andrew Davidson (YHS) - Cody Davidson (ETHS) - Caleb Guske (HS)
Michael Hamann (THS) - Elijah Horn (EntHS) - Clarence Hughs (YHS) - Gauge Kaplan (YHS)
David Peraza-Ruiz (YHS) - Justin Reyes (SHS) - Quenton Yates (YHS)

U. S. Air Force

Ethan Borland (U-Prep) - Owen Dennis (CVHS) - Richard Murphy (BHS)

U. S. Military Academy—West Point

Luke Shoffner (SHS)

U. S. Air Force Academy

Ian Hancock (U-Prep)

U. S. Coast Guard Academy

Kenny Rupp (THS)

Virginia Military Institute

Roy Bae (FHS)

Notes: (AHS) Anderson High School—(BHS) Burney High School—(EHS) Enterprise High School—(CVHS) Central Valley High School
(ETHS) Etna High School—(FHS) Foothill High School—(HS) Home School—(RBHS) Red Bluff High School—(SHS) Shasta High School
(THS) Trinity High School—(UP) U-Prep—(WHS) Weaverville High School—(YHS) Yreks High School

	Calendar
May 25	Teacher of the Year
June 1	Shasta County Voting
June 8	Rotary Mentor Committee
June 15	President's Meeting



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