

Honoring Our Veterans Program

Retirees Association Dinner

November 10, 2017, 6:45 pm

CSUS Alumni Center

Recognition of attendees 163 veteran family members

Color Guard – CSUS AFROTC Cadets

Cadet Chase Meyers – Mechanical Engineering Major

Dominic Johnson – Kinesiology Major

Cadet Captain Matthew Migasi – Business Admin. Major

Cadet Devon Flanders – Geography Major

Medley of US Armed Forces Songs Singalong

Recognition of veterans present

Sergeant First Class, John W. Connor, United States Army

Staff Sergeant Claude Duval, United States Army

Captain Donald R. Gerth, United States Air Force

Electronic Technician's Mate Third Class Lee Kavaljian, United States Navy

Major Robin Lovering, United States Air Force

Ensign Marcus Marsh, United States Navy

Corporal Gerald R. McDaniel, United States Army

Specialist E-5 William R. Neuman, United States Army

Airman First Class Terrance A. Thomas, United States Air Force and
Commander, Navy Reserve

Seaman First Class Alan D. Wade, United States Navy and

Lieutenant, Army Reserve

Program prepared by Tom Griffith

List of Dinner Attendees' Veteran Family Members
(Veterans present are shown in blue and on cover.)

Juanita Barrena and Sylvia Navari

Master Sergeant Philip Nacimiento, Air Force, Korean War (Juanita's brother)

Private Alfred J. Navari, Army, WW II War (Sylvia's father)

Sergeant Paul Navari, Army, Iraq War (Sylvia's nephew)

Evelyn Bradley-Owens

Edward Bradley, Navy (brother)

John Bradley, Army, Vietnam War (brother)

Alvin Randolph, Air Force (nephew)

Twa'Lea Jordan, Army, Iraq and Afghanistan (niece)

Andre Jordan, Air Force (nephew)

Harold Randolph, Air Force (brother-in-law)

Nick and Debbi Burnett

Private First Class Roger W. Burnett, Army, Korean War (Nick's father)

Leonard L. Couchon, Navy, Korea War (Debbi's father)

Henry and Cheryl Chambers

William Chambers, Army, WW II (Henry's uncle)

Frank Hursley, Army, WW II (Henry's cousin)

John and Joan Lovering Connor

[Sergeant First Class, John W. Connor, Army, Korean War](#)

Chief Warrant Officer, James F. Connor, Army, Korean War, (John's brother)

Sergeant Edward J. Connor, Army, Korean War, (John's brother)

Private First Class Peter E. Connor, Army, Korean War, (John's brother)

Sergeant Rodney L. Connor, Army, Korean War, (John's brother)

Major Robin Lovering, Air Force, Korean War Era (Joan's brother)

Bill and Pat Dorman

John Bridenbach, Union Army, Civil War (Bill's great-grandfather)

Raphael Dorman, Navy, WW II (Bill's uncle)

William Finger, Army, WW II (Pat's uncle)

Claude Duval

[Staff Sergeant Claude Duval, Army, Post-Korean War](#)

Master Sergeant Jack Rosenstein, Army, WW II (brother-in-law)

Staff Sergeant Reinhold Jassmann, Army, WW II (brother-in-law)

Nancy and Ron Fox

Private First Class Frederick Fox, Army Air Corps, WW II (Ron's father)

Lieutenant Junior Grade John W, Landis, Navy, WW II (Nancy's uncle)

Captain Richard G. Landis, Air Force, WW II (Nancy's uncle)

Staff Sergeant George M. Landis, Air Force, WW II (Nancy's uncle)

Richard A. Walker, Navy, Korean War (Nancy's uncle)

Don and Bev Gerth

[Captain Donald R. Gerth, Air Force, 1952-56](#)

George C. Gerth, WW I (Don's father)

Ed and Harriette Gibson

Lewis Schnurr, Air Force, Korean War (Ed's cousin)

Jack Schnurr, Air Force, Vietnam War (Ed's cousin)

James DuShane MD, WW II (Harriette's uncle)

Larry and Kathy Glasmire

Staff Sergeant David Glasmire, Army, WW II (Larry's father)

William Glasmire, Army (Larry's uncle)

Alexander Glasmire, Army (Larry's Uncle)

Lucille Sprague, Women's Army Corps, WW II (Kathy's mother)

Robert Sprague, Army Air Corps, WW II (Kathy's father)

Kem and Eric Gravenberg

Master Sergeant Judge Albert Jr., Air Force, Vietnam War Era (Kem's father)

Senior Master Sergeant Robert F. Bell, Air Force, Desert Storm Era (Kem's brother-in-law)

Steve Gregorich and Lara Stefan

Private First Class Jeraldine Drossert, Air Force, Korean War (Steve's sister)

Private First Class Eugene Gregorich, Air Force, Korean War (Steve's brother)

Private First Class David Gregorich, Air Force, Korean War (Steve's brother)

Louis Gregorich, Army, WW II (Steve's uncle)

Corporal Maurice Moberg, Army Air Corps, WW II (Lara's father)

Sergeant Ken Stefan, Marines, Vietnam War (Lara's late husband)

Tom and Nancy Griffith

Second Lieutenant Joseph Griffith, Army, Vietnam War (Tom's brother)

Sergeant Alice Bassett Rutherford, Army, WW II (Nancy's mother)

Technician Fourth Grade John W. Rutherford Jr., Army, WW II (Nancy's father)

Corporal Abraham J. Bassett, Army, Korean War (Nancy's uncle)

Janice Hayden

Petty Officer 1st Class Gerald W. Peyton, Navy, WW II and Korea (father)

Petty Officer 2nd Class William G. Payton, Navy, Vietnam War (brother)

Specialist Four Charles A. Hayden, Army, Vietnam War (husband)

C.A. Hayden, Army Air Corps and Air Force, WW II and Korea (father-in-law)
J.P. Hofacre, Army, WW I and WW II (husband's Grandfather)
Ivy Hofacre, Army, WWII (husband's grandmother)
Edward Hayden, Army WWI (husband's grandfather)
K.W. Johnson, Army, WWII and Korean War (husband's stepfather)
N.E. Hayden, Marines, Korean War (husband's uncle)
Donald Hayden, Marines, Korean War (husband's uncle)

Candy and Bill Jackson

Alexander S. Pflueger, Army, Iraq War (nephew)
Lieutenant Garry L. Broce, Army, Vietnam War (Candy's brother-in law)
Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Zerzan, MD, Army, WW II (Candy's uncle)
Daniel Evensizer, Army, WW II (Candy's uncle)
Samuel B. Jackson, Navy, Korean War (Bill's brother)
Pilot James Kinnicutt, Army Air Corps, World War II (Bill's uncle)
William Kinnicutt, Army, WW II (Bill's uncle)
Clyde Kinnicutt, Army, WW II (Bill's uncle)
Gale Jensen, Marines, WW II, (brother-in-law)

Tom Kando

Corporal Imre Gorog, Astro-Hungarian Army, WW I (grandfather)
Chief Master Sergeant Robert Costa, Air Force, Korean War and WW II
(father-in-law)

Margo Kaufman

Private First Class Boris Kaufman, Army, WW II (husband)

Judy Reeves Kerri

Lieutenant Colonel Lawler Reeves, Army Air Corps, WW II, (father)

Richard Kornweibel

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Kornweibel, Army and Army Air Corps, WW I
and WW II (father)

Robin Lovering

[Major Robin Lovering, Air Force, Vietnam War Era](#)
Sergeant First Class, John W. Connor, Army, Korean War (brother-in-law)

Louellyn Lower

Private First Class George H. Cohan, Army, WW I (father)
Private First Class Sheldon H. Cohan, Army, 1958-61 (brother)
Lieutenant Harry Rothman, WWII and reservist Colonel (uncle)
Ensign George L. Rothman, Navy WWII (uncle)

Peter Lund and Maureen McDermott

Lieutenant Ernest H. Lund, US Navy, WWII (Peter's father)

Lieutenant 2nd grade Maurice C. McDermott, US Navy, WW II (Maureen's father)
Reginald Cooley, US Army, WW II (Maureen's uncle)
Jean LaCross, WW II (Maureen's aunt)

[Andrea Maher \(Scholarship\), Sandra Bernard, Omolabake Ogunrinde](#)
Private First Class Leroy W. Wall, Army, WW II (Sandra's father)
Specialist William B. Wall, Army, 1977-80, (Sandra's brother)

Marcus Marsh and Sue Holl

[Ensign Marcus Marsh, Navy, Vietnam War](#)

Coxwain Guss M. Marsh, Navy, WW II (Marcus's father)
Claude H. Keenam, Army, WW I (Marcus's grandfather)
Sergeant Major Buddy Keenam, Army, Korean War (Marcus's uncle)
Lieutenant Junior Grade Henry T. Roche, Navy, WW II (Sue's father)
Lieutenant John A. Munk, Navy, WW II, (Sue's grandfather)
Chief Petty Officer Everett L. Wiggins, Navy, WW II (Sue's grandfather)
Captain John E. Roche, Marines, WW II (Sue's uncle)

Lee Kavaljian

[Electronic Technician's Mate Third Class Lee Kavaljian, Navy, WW II](#)

Jerry and Ulla McDaniel

[Corporal Gerald R. McDaniel, Army, Korean War](#)
Sergeant Buell W. McDaniel, Army, WW I (father)
Ray Mc Daniel, Army, WW I (uncle)

Chuck and Barbara Mc Fadden

Colonel James Washburn, Union Army, Civil War (Barbara's great-great
grandfather)
Jim Austin, Army, WW I (Barbara's uncle)
James Austin, Navy WW II (Barbara's cousin)

Sheree Meyer

Charles Sufrin, Navy, Korean War

Lisa Woodard Mink

Petty Officer Second Class Don Mink, Navy, Vietnam War (father-in-law)

Bill and Anna-Rita Neuman

[Specialist E-5 William R. Neuman, Army, Post-Korean War](#)
Theodore Neuman, Army, WW I (Bill's father)

[Carmen Nguyen \(Scholarship\), Irene Bersola-Nguyen, and Ngon Nguyen](#)
Ernesto Bersola, Coast Guard WW II (Irene's uncle)
Commander Pablo Bersola, Sr., Philippine Military Army, WWII (Irene's
uncle)

Colonel Edring Bersola, Philippine Military Army, WWII (Irene's uncle)
Pablo Bersola, Jr., Philippine Military Army, WWII (Irene's uncle)
Manuel Bersola, Philippine Military Army, WWII (Irene's uncle)
Khanh Nguyen, South Vietnamese Army (Ngon's uncle)
Dinh Nguyen, South Vietnamese Army (Ngon's uncle)
Lan Nguyen, South Vietnamese Army (Ngon's uncle)
Minh Nguyen, South Vietnamese Army (Ngon's uncle)
Chung Nguyen, South Vietnamese Army (Ngon's uncle)

Paul and Lillie Noble

Chief Master Sergeant Thomas J. O'Keeffe, Air Force, WW II and Korean War (Lillie's father)

Karen and Ron Peterson

Leslie Peterson, Air Force, WW II (Ron's father)
Private First Class John Bacelli, Army, WW II (Ron's uncle)

Robin Pollock

Chief Petty Officer John H. Pollock, Navy, WW II (father)
Petty Officer First Class Timothy M. Moss, Navy (son-in-law)

Anne-Louise and Jan Radimsky

Maurice Guichard, French Alpine Mountain Corps, WW II (Anne-Louise's uncle)
Artillery Officer Oldřich Radimsky, Austrian Army, World War I (Jan's father)

Mark Riley

Paul J. Curry, Navy, Pre-WW II (wife's step-father)

Betty Reveley

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Reveley, Army, WW I and WW II (father)
Lieutenant Allan E. Wendt, Air Force, WW II (husband)
Specialist 4 Dale Walton, Army, Vietnam War Era (son-in-law)
Corporal Greg Wendt, Marines, Post-Vietnam War Era (son)

Terry and Glenda Thomas

[Airman First Class Terrance A. Thomas, Air Force, Post-Korean War, and Commander, Navy Reserve](#)

Staff Sergeant Melvin J. Thomas, Army, WW II (Terry's father)
Sergeant Fred M. Jeffreys, Army, Korean War (Glenda's brother)

Jerry and Beverly Tobey

Captain Raymond E. Tobey, MD, Navy, 1956-82 (Jerry's brother)
Nancy Tobey, Navy, 1955-64 (Jerry's sister-in-law)

Merlin Tobey, Army, WW I (Jerry's uncle)
Larry Osborne, Army, Vietnam, 1965-85 (Jerry's cousin)
Jim Reed, Air Force, 1956-59 (Jerry's cousin)

Nancy and Chris Tooker

Captain Christopher P. Tooker, Army, Vietnam War Era
Paul R. Tooker, Navy, WWII (Chris's father)
Major Jeffrey Gray, MD, Army, Gulf War (son-in-law)

Kris Trigales and Scott Miller

Pete Trigales, Army Air Corps, WW II (Kris's father)
Seaman Harry Miller, Navy, Post-WW II (Scott's father)
Colonel Jack DeRonde, Air Force, WW II (Scott's Uncle)
Seaman Parker Miller, Navy, WW I (Scott's Grandfather)

Shirley Vicari

Thomas J. Vicari, Navy, WW II (husband)

Alan Wade and Lynda White

[Seaman First Class Alan D. Wade, Navy, WW II, and Lieutenant, Army Reserve, Korean War](#)

David and Chris Wagner

Corporal James Wagner, Marines, WW II (David's father)
Bill Salisbury, Navy (son-in-law)

Ann Weldy

Major Frederick G. Dyas, MD, Army, WW II (father)
Lieutenant Frederick G. Dyas Jr., Army, WW II (uncle)
Private Karl C. Ostrum, Army, WW II (step-father)
Sergeant Charles K. Thayer, Marines, Korean War (brother)
Private Karl C. Ostrum Jr., Air force, Vietnam War Era (brother)
Private William D. Ostrum, Army, Vietnam War Era (brother)

I regret that there not enough space to include the job functions, medals, places assigned, and stories that you sent.

Apologies to anyone who registered for for the dinner after mid-day on November 3. I did not have enough time to request your information and prepare this program.

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ARMY

OVER HILL, OVER DALE,
WE WILL HIT THE DUSTY TRAIL,
AND THOSE CAISSONS GO ROLLING ALONG.
IN AND OUT, HEAR THEM SHOUT, COUNTERMARCHING
ALL ABOUT!
AND THOSE CAISSONS GO ROLLING ALONG.
FOR ITS HIGH HIGH HE,
IN THE FIELD ARTILLERY.
COUNT OUT YOUR NUMBERS
LOUD AND STRONG!
AND WHERE'RE YOU GO,
YOU WILL ALWAYS KNOW,
THAT THOSE CAISSONS
GO ROLLING ALONG!

NAVY

ANCHORS AWEIGH, MY BOYS...
ANCHORS AWEIGH!
FAREWELL TO COLLEGE JOYS,
WE SAIL AT BREAK OF DAY – DAY – DAY – DAY!
THROUGH OUR LAST NIGHT ASHORE,
HAIL TO THE FOAM!
UNTIL WE MEET ONCE MORE.
HERE'S WISHING YOU A HAPPY
VOYAGE HOME!

COAST GUARD

WE'RE ALWAYS READY FOR THE CALL,
WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN THEE.
THROUGH HOWLING GALE
AND SHOT AND SHELL
TO WIN OUR VICTORY!
"SEMPER PARATUS" IS OUR GUIDE,
OUR PLEDGE, OUR MOTTO TOO...
WE'RE ALWAYS READY, DO OR DIE,
AYE! COAST GUARD,
WE FIGHT FOR YOU!

AIR FORCE

OF WE GO! INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER,
CLIMBING HIGH INTO THE SUN.
HERE THEY COME ZOOMING
TO MEET OUR THUNDER
AT 'EM BOYS, GIVE 'ER THE GUN!
DOWN WE DIVE, SPOUTING
OUR FLAME FROM UNDER
OFF WITH ONE TERRIBLE ROAR!
WE LIVE IN FAME OR GO DOWN IN FLAME...
FOR NOTHING CAN STOP
THE U.S. AIR FORCE!

MARINES

FROM THE HALLS OF MONTEZUMA
TO THE SHORES OF TRIPOLI!
WE WILL FIGHT OUR COUNTRY'S BATTLES
IN THE AIR, ON LAND, AND SEA!
FIRST WE FIGHT FOR RIGHT AND FREEDOM
AND TO KEEP OUR HONOR CLEAN.
WE ARE PROUD TO CLAIM THE TITLE
OF UNITED STATES
MARINE!

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

Woodrow Wilson, on signing the proclamation on November 11, 1919 commemorating the end of fighting in WW I and creating Armistice Day, changed to Veterans Day in 1954.

U.S. Armed Forces Mottos

Army: "This We'll Defend

Navy: "Non Sibi Sed Patriae" (Not Self, but Country)

Coast Guard: "Semper Paratus" (Always Prepared)

Air Force: "Aim High...Fly-Fight-Win"

Marines: "Semper Fidelis" (Always Faithful)

Veterans Statistics

21 million veterans in the United States

They represent about 6.5% of population (323 million)

More than 2 million are women

16.1 million served during at least one war, 5.2 million during peacetime

26 of 44 presidents have been veterans

97 members of the current US congress are veterans

One third of supreme court justices throughout history have been veterans

Source: <http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/history-of-veterans-day>