



OCTOBER 2023

HURRICANE HITS THE DESERT

"There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, there are no limits."
MICHAEL PHELPS



When we think of Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley, probably the farthest thing from our minds is a hurricane. BUT, as you know, in 2023, there she was...Hilary.

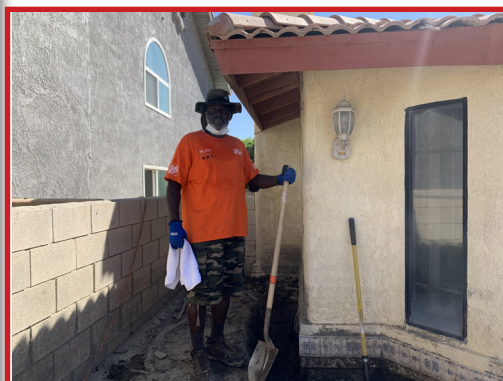
The appearance of Hilary was surprising, Heavy rain is a challenge for our valley because most of our communities are at about sea level... with no place for the water to go. But what was **not** surprising is how local individuals, and many organizations showed up and pulled together to aid in the rescues and recoveries necessary to begin to make the several communities that were affected, whole again. It's common that Military folks were there to help. Below is retired **Master Gunnery Sergeant, Artie Allen**, who volunteers with VEAP and other military groups here in our area and who really lives in Murietta but drove up with his wife, Sabrina, represented a group from Home Depot at the Clean-up. Artie is a big guy and an imposing figure, active in State and local veterans organizations and campaigns. He is probably around 6' or so. So, for some perspective, you will note that the roof of a house he is next to, nearly brushes his head. That will give you an idea of how deep the mud was that he and his wife came to help shovel.

The community and neighborhoods have a long way to go yet, before things are back to normal. Organizations that were there to help get the process moving included: The Salvation Army, Find Food Bank, The Palm Springs Air Museum, The City of Cathedral City, Congressman Ken Calvert, The Open Door, many churches, and first responders, to mention a few. Good job all, and THANK YOU!

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Lift off and Soar

What is “Lift Off and Soar”?

Well, it’s the primary and most important fundraiser that The Salvation Army, Cathedral City will hold, next to bell ringing... in fact, it precedes the beginning of the annual Christmas bell ringing season in the Coachella Valley...and it’s coming up November 14th beginning at 5:30pm at the **Palm Springs Air Museum**.

This evening of socializing and giving, is billed to be a great night of famous food (catered by **Lulu’s**) and our featured, honored, interesting and sometimes humorous speaker, **Colonel Bob Lilac**: US Air Force test pilot and Vietnam vet. **Patrick Evans** of KESQ Channel 3 News will support the evening by serving as our spirited host and emcee . But that’s not all – oh, you’ll have to show up to experience everything else that is planned. But, here’s a hint...your ticket includes admission to the available hangars in the Museum that evening.

So, besides that, why attend?

You may not have heard about your local **Salvation Army**...how it helps communities throughout the Coachella Valley. You may not know that the Salvation Army serves, not only us here at home, but on a world-wide scale in 133 countries using volunteers and officers, responding to human, family, social and natural emergencies.

Cathedral City’s services must reach all the way from the Pass area almost to the Mexican border. Recently more than 208 hours were spent helping clear out mud and feeding stranded and distressed families after Hurricane Hilary. Earlier this year, the call for human needs was met at Coachella’s mobile home fires, and the other fires and emergencies that were answered by The Cathedral City Salvation Army.

Programs...yep, they’ve got um...after school programs, Angel Tree, Music camp, summer camp, food pantry, sports and pickle ball in the gym and a cooling center, youth music classes, Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, a free thrift shop for veterans, a monthly veterans newsletter that provides the latest information about local events and benefits, an annual Veterans Expo, art classes, church, women’s groups, meeting the needs of seniors, Zoomba, and on and on.

That’s the nature of “Lift Off and Soar. Buy your ticket now...you will have the opportunity to meet the amazing officers, their staff and volunteers who head all of the activities and keep the corps running. You will also have the opportunity to be a part of this amazing effort by virtue of your generous contribution, regardless of size.

It takes the support of the community to make all this happen since those at The Salvation Army can only provide the services that they have raised the funds to support, and most of that comes from the annual Red Kettles which you usually see around the valley around Thanksgiving time through Christmas Eve, and this annual fundraiser.

How can you help? Buy your ticket now, for the “**Lift Off and Soar**’ event or, along with our Advisory Board members, you can help to sponsor the event. Tell your friends, help us get the word out. You are helping your community and you are surely guaranteed a great evening and some smiles.

You may call this number for reservations, and speak to those who will further help you to help us...Major Neil Navarro at 310/991-4942, if no answer, be patient, he could be out doing something great in YOUR neighborhood!



Col Bob Lilac USAF (ret)



Patrick Evans KESQ 3 News

EXPO

MEETING



Time to Start Planning
for the 11th Annual Veterans

Expo...

By October 24th, The Salvation Army
campus in Cathedral City, will have a much-
needed facelift courtesy of Home Depot. This is

something we are proud of and will be something new to see at
the Veterans Expo. If we are to have a successful 11th Annual Veterans

Expo next April, we need to start planning and getting the word out to all those
behind the scenes, so we can formulate the event. So far we have a plan to have the
11th Annual Veterans Expo on Saturday April 6th at the Cathedral City Corps of The
Salvation Army. Both that date and location are subject to change.

The first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday October 4th starting at 10AM at
the Cathedral City Corps of the Salvation Army located at 30-400 Landau. (Ask us about
our new look!) We will try to make it available via zoom (call if you need the link). You
should have already received an agenda, but if not let me know. Here are some of the
areas of early focus:

1. Sponsors. We have a list of past, loyal and reliable ones, but can use more help. Important that the costs are covered.
2. Discussion/final decision on best location and time frame.
3. Framework for publicity. Sunline role.
4. Booths vs tables (cost)
5. Narrow down list of exhibitors to "best" variety, offering the widest selection of benefits. A good mix of military and civilian organizations.
6. Support to opening ceremony (flag raising, color guard, music, etc.)
7. Two veterans (one male and one female) to be honored.
8. Lunch in some form for attendees/hospitality area for VIPs.
9. Gallery of Heroes (can always use more names/bios)
10. Coordination with City and Parking

Many of you have been to some or, all of our past Veterans Expos and know how valuable these can be for a number of reasons. Many in the local veteran community look forward to them and have been asking when the next one will be. It is important that if we are going to do this, that we make sure we meet the standards established at past events. We can only do that, as in the past, if we have your help and participation. Please mark your calendar and come if you can. Questions? Contact Bill Young at majorbill1@aol.com 760/861-0037.



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GREGORY COFFOS

NEW DIRECTOR OF RIVCO VETERANS SERVICES

Greg is a Navy veteran and servant leader; a Non-Profit Housing Director with 10 years of experience in the social services industry including field experience with a diverse portfolio of homeless services including street outreach, rapid rehousing, emergency housing, transitional housing, Veteran programs, and permanent supportive housing (Residential and scattered-site) programs.

He is well versed in project setup, management, and closure. Previously supervised the operations of 7 housing and homeless service programs based in the Inland Empire, providing services to over 600 persons.

. Responsible for planning, organizing and managing Countywide programs to inform veterans and their dependents of their rights and benefits and assist them in pursuing and obtaining services provided by state and federal agencies and veteran's organizations. This includes developing and implementing programs, policies, and procedures; developing a public relations program to disseminate information regarding veteran's services; making presentations and providing advice to community groups and...

Director of Inland Empire Housing Services

Housing Manager

Path Of Life Ministries

Inland Empire PSH

program coordinator/

Development Coordinator

U.S.VETS

Personal trainer/fitness coach

Forever Saved Fitness

Youth leader

The Rock Church Of Temecula

Logistics Specialist

US Navy

General Education

Liberty University

Master of Business Administration -

MBABusiness Administration

and Management, Regent University

Master's degree Organizational Leadership

Columbia College

Bachelor of Arts -

BAGeneral. psychology

Riverside County Veterans Services serves Riverside County through three offices. Still the best place to go to get answers to your veteran-related questions. Main phone number is 951/955-3060. Send a note to welcome Greg!



FAREWELL

COMMANDER LISA ROYBAL U.S. NAVY (ret.)



VEAP and The Salvation Army wish Lisa Roybal a Happy Retirement. Mission Accomplished and...JOB WELL DONE. Thank you Lisa



Veterans Health Administration

EVERY VA HAS A WOMEN VETERAN PROGRAM MANAGER

- Answers questions about services and resources
- Advocates for you and helps you navigate VA
- Leads women's health programs

Lisa Roybal
Nurse Practitioner
Veteran, U.S. Navy
WOMEN VETERAN PROGRAM MANAGER



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DID YOU KNOW



This is a 1905 Herrenrad Victoria Model 12 bicycle with a Mauser GEW 88 rifle attached to it. It is a German bicycle that was used in World War I. Various types of spring wheel were patented in the 1890s. Rubber tyres were still in their infancy at this time, were expensive and not easy to fit or repair.

After World War 1, there was no rubber available in Germany.

But the German people still wanted to ride on bicycles, so after the war factories started making bicycles without rubber.

The tires were made of springs. These post-war bicycles were not suitable for tar roads, but the spring-wheeled bikes offered a comfortable ride on dirt and gravel.

The picture on the right shows a mass-produced factory-issued standard post-war bicycle.



F Y I (a r e m i n d e r)



A cruise line sailing out of the Port of Palm Beach, Florida, to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, is offering active-duty troops and veterans free passage on its three-day, two-night trips.

Margaritaville at Sea is a 1,680-passenger cruise ship that first started sailing in 2022. It features country music star Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville-themed shows and amenities, and the "iconic Margaritaville lifestyle," according to the ship's website. It's owned by the former Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line and Margaritaville Enterprises. The ship previously sailed as the Grand Classica through Bahama Paradise.

In a "Heroes Sail Free" program announced Sept. 7, 2022, veterans, active-duty troops, first responders and educators who are verified through the GovX ID system can get free passage on two-night sailings through April 29, 2024.

Related: [How to Find Cheap Military Flights and Baggage Discounts](#)

Only those verified through the platform get free tickets. This offer is available for inside or ocean view staterooms, is not valid for single travelers, and applies to one qualifying member per stateroom.

Interested users can book on the ship's website.

The freebie may carry blackout dates, and the website states that additional dates can be added at any time. Passengers on free tickets will need to pay fees and taxes, and the tickets are non-transferable. Qualified passengers can take one free cruise a year, the website says.

<https://margaritavilleatsea.com/current-offers/thank-you-for-your-service>

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

& THE REST OF THE STORY

WITH HALLOWEEN LURKING...THIS IS THE KIND OF STORY THAT OUGHT TO BE SAVED FOR A CAMPFIRE OR FOR A COLD, RAINY NIGHT. Remember that when you pass it along.

Sarah was an heiress. A woman with money. Lots of it. And she was alone.

She had little family, to begin with. Her only child, Annie, died at five weeks. then her husband passed away, and Sarah, the society belle of New Haven, Connecticut, was without anyone.

The year was 1884, Sarah had her twenty-million-dollar inheritance and her additional income of one thousand dollars a day, but for a woman of forty-seven...a woman childless...a woman with only memories of love...the money seemed little comfort indeed.

Sixteen years before the turn of the century, Sarah left New Haven and moved across the continent to San Jose, California. She bought an eight-room farmhouse from a doctor named Caldwell. It was there that Sarah would live alone until she died. What happened during those mysterious thirty-eight years is The Rest of The Story.

Immediately after purchasing her farmhouse, Sarah bought a hundred and sixty surrounding acres. Then she called in a team of sixteen carpenters and started to work. A remodeling project was under way that would keep craftsmen working around the clock...every day, including holidays...for thirty-eight years.

It became obvious to the workmen from the very beginning that this project was more than the whim of an eccentric heiress. There was an eerie tinge to each of her instructions. For instance, each window must have thirteen panes, each wall thirteen panels, each closet thirteen hooks, each chandelier thirteen gloves.

There were plans for miles of winding corridors, some leading nowhere. One door would open on

a blank wall. Another on a fifty-foot drop. One set of stairs would lead into a closed ceiling. Peculiar and chilling designs like the spider web and the pentagram were everywhere.

There would be rooms riddled with trap doors and an infinity of secret passageways and one particular blue room...to be entered only by the widow Sarah.

It was obvious from the very beginning that this was to be more than an estate of oddities for a restless recluse. It was to be an occult cathedral. A home for the dead.

In a short while, a bell tower was erected. Every night at midnight, a trusted servant would descent into an underground labyrinth and make the only passageway connection to the tower. Then he'd ring the solitary bell...to call in the spirits...and Sarah would enter the blue room. At 2:00 a.m., the servant would ring the bell again, bidding the ghosts to return to their graves. On and on, every night...for thirty-eight years.

Construction of this poltergeist palace did not end until at last Sarah died, at eighty-five. By that time the house had spread over six acres of the estate, had a hundred and sixty rooms, ten thousand windows, four hundred and sixty-seven doors, fifty-two skylights, forty-seven fireplaces, forty stairways, thirteen bathrooms, and six kitchens.



The Air and Space Forces Association Heading into a New Era



Palm Springs Chapter 134 of the Air and Space Forces Association held their first meeting of the new season on Thursday September 7th at the Palm Springs Air Museum (PSAM). The first meeting of the season is traditionally designed to outline the plans and goals for the Chapter for the upcoming season. With a membership of over 200 and a typical attendance at the meetings of 20-40 members, it's a vibrant and healthy organization with many endeavors lined up for the next 7-8 months and beyond. It also helps to have a great partnership with the Air Museum.

Main projects in the works include:

1. Teacher of the Year. Our last candidate won both the local and state awards and competed at the national level. The challenge now is to select a candidate from our local schools to once again complete at that high level. If any of our readers have a special STEM focused teacher in mind, let us know.
2. Cybersecurity. Working to develop a number of programs/events to introduce and excite local students to the field of cybersecurity. Look for more in this area in the coming months.
3. The Palm Springs Air Museum First Flight Program. AFA supports this program by helping to select/qualify local students for a "first flight." A truly special and unique

program.

4. Interaction with our local legislators to help further AFA cause and improve veteran's benefits. Several legislators including Congressman Calvert and Congressman Ruiz have members of their staff who are also members of this chapter and often attend.
5. Annual T-34 fly-in at PSAM. Look for this great annual event each January.
6. Routine updates on all the latest to-do with veteran's benefits.
7. Annual December luncheon. The local chapter meets monthly at the PSAM on the first Thursday of the month from 8:30 to 10AM. Often there is a guest speaker with great experiences to share with the group. Many of these guest speakers are docents at the museum. Meetings are open to all whether you served in the military or not. Just a love for aviation and the opportunity to socialize with a great group of people is all that is required to come on board. For those interested to learn more, I would suggest going to our website at AFAPalmSprings.org or the Facebook page [AFAPalmSprings](https://www.facebook.com/AFAPalmSprings). You can also drop me a note a majorbill1@aol.com



Do You Know CET??

Looking for a place to “spend” your VA Education benefits? CET, is a place where you are able to learn all the fundamentals of your desired career and make it as a boss.

Everything has to do with hands-on courses. It’s all about being understood and preparing yourself for a successful future. CET offers 3 different disciplines which include HVAC Technician and Green Technology, Green building Construction Skills and Business Office Administration. Curriculum flexibility provides an open enrollment which means that you are free to apply whenever you are ready to start. One day you think to yourself, “Hey, I want to go school for construction!” “I am going to start learning tomorrow!” With CET you can go ahead and do just that.

They will provide you with an outline of your desired course study along with all the information about the programs and the many resources they provide for you.

Center for Employment Training values the dedication of Veterans who have served our country. They work with State Approving Agencies (SAAs) to provide educational services to veterans and others eligible under military programs. CET is committed to serving you responsively and compassionately with approved programs in 12 cities. Advisors can walk you through the programs and GI Bill® benefits for your new career pathway.

The CET Program is a time structured schedule, meaning it is a 9 month course with 900 hours, meeting Monday-Friday from 8am-3pm. At CET they are able to refer you to your desired position for consideration by companies ready to hire.

Please click on the link below for additional information.

Administration Hours- M–F: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Program Schedule

M – F: 8:00am – 3:00pm

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OCTOBER IN MILITARY HISTORY

October 7, 2001: U.S. War against Afghanistan begins. U.S. and Britain forces began air strikes in Afghanistan. The strikes are a result of the Taliban refusing to surrender Osama bin Laden, the terrorist who had orchestrated the September 11 attacks in strategic locations of the U.S.

October 23, 1983: Terrorists attack U.S. Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon.

October 11, 1796: President Gerald Ford implements resolution that no U.S. Army officer can ever outrank George Washington.



October 14, 1947: U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager breaks the sound barrier in his rocket powered Bell X-1 aircraft. The accomplishment was not shared publicly for several months allowing scientists to retest their theories and reach an even higher speed.

October 24, 1945: The United Nations is established. Representatives from 50 nations meet at the initial conference. There are currently 193 members of the United Nations.



October 26, 1942: Annie G. Fox becomes the first woman to be awarded the Purple Heart from her bravery during the attack on Pearl Harbor. She had joined the Army Nurse Corps at the end of WWI in 1918 and at the time of the attack, was chief nurse at Hickam Field in Oahu, Hawaii.



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October 19, 1917: Lt. Col. Helen G. Purviance inspires National Doughnut Day. Lt. Col. Purviance, an Indiana native who enrolled in the Salvation Army in 1906, came up with the idea of doughnuts for the troops on the front lines in France during World War I. Purviance and another volunteer, Margaret Sheldon, began making dough and frying it in oil using little besides flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and canned milk. The treats were an immediate success and whenever the soldiers saw the Salvation Army volunteers, they blessed the arrival of the “doughnut girls”. Now, each year on the first Friday of June, Americans celebrate National Doughnut Day.



Winchester Cathedral...

THE REST OF THE STORY

While Sarah was alive, her carpenters and servants never saw their mistress as anything but a slight, veiled figure not even five feet tall. She must have seemed a ghost herself, flitting about the monstrous, peopleless mansion. Sarah lived her life for the dead...and one moonlit night, she joined them.

If you're ever in San Jose, you can take a tour of that house...but only by day. For tour guides don't venture into the mansion at night. Frightening noises, they say. And caretakers confirm there are still sounds of heavy breathing...still footsteps in the otherwise midnight silence.

If it's true, they belong to the widow Sarah Winchester and the legion of phantoms she befriended...out of guilt.

You see, her inheritance came from the Winchester rifle...the weapon that killed more Indians and more US. soldiers than any other in our nation's early history.

Sarah built her mansion...so *they* would have a home.

And now you know...THE REST OF THE STORY. (Paul Aurandt)



**Winchester Mystery House
San Jose, CA**

Veterans and First Responder Discount: The tickets are discounted at \$34.99 and you can get that price directly on their website. : <https://winchestermysteryhouse.com/discounts-promotions/> !



SHARE YOUR MEMORIES FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Your military memories are much more than simply regaling the past. They tell the story of brave men and women who signed up to risk everything for this nation, recounting life-changing moments in time and enabling their personal stories of service and sacrifice to be passed on to their families and future generations – ensuring we never forget.

Stars and Stripes has partnered with Togetherweserved.com (TWS), the largest online community of U.S Military Veterans and significant archive of personal military histories, to help capture your military memories, one question at a time, in their monthly TWS Military Memories Competition.

A \$250 cash winner's prize and five \$50 cash runner-up prizes will be awarded to the best memories submitted each month. There is no cost to enter. Your memories will be preserved on your Service Profile on TWS, supported by any photographs you have available, as a permanent record you can share with family.

Enter for Free Today!

https://togetherweserved.com/militarymemories?utm_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm_campaign=f447d8f577-TWS+-+Military+Memories+Sept+2023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0ab8697a7f-f447d8f577-296925775



BITS AND PIECES



Four FREE tickets are available for the Patton Museum.
To claim them, please email: readback.veap@gmail.com
Attn: Tickets



School tours available now! Teachers need to schedule. And of course adult tours also. Call museum for details.
(760) 507-4143

Adults are eligible for tank rides. Call the museum to schedule and for cost per ride.



The Time is **NOW** to buy your tickets for "Lift up and Soar"... the annual fundraising dinner for The Salvation Army that will be held at the Palm Springs Air Museum on November 14. Colonel Bob Lilac is speaking with Patrick Evans, KESQ Channel 3 News, as host.
Call 310/991-4942 and talk to Major Neil Navarro for your tickets.



Mr. Willard's Closet will be **CLOSED** for the month of OCTOBER due to remodeling. Come again beginning November 13



Military Branch Birthdays
National Guard. December 13, 1636
Army. June 14, 1775
Navy. October 13, 1775
Marine Corps. November 10, 1775
Coast Guard. August 4, 1790
Air Force. September 18, 1947
Space Force. December 20, 2019

COLA - for 2024
It's estimated that...the new rate for 2024 will be 3.2%. The Final amount will be announced later this month. Down from last year, but at least we will be getting one this next year.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

3 - Monthly meeting of chapter 78 of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). 5PM. Mega Café (formerly Cocos) Palm Desert, 78375 Varner Road just off the I-10 at Washington. 760-600-0684.

3 - Monthly meeting of VFW Post 3699. 6:30PM. American Legion Post 739 Hall. 44200 Sungold, Indio. Contact Lenny at 760-668-5988.

4 - 1st Planning Meeting for 11th Annual Veterans Expo. 10AM. Cathedral City Corps of The Salvation Army. All welcome. 30-400 Landau, Cathedral City. Bill Young at majorbill1@aol.com or 760-861-0037.

4 - Monthly meeting of American Legion Post 739. 7PM. American Legion Post 739 Hall. 44200 Sungold, Indio. Contact Steve at 760-969-0035.

5 - Palm Springs Chapter of the Air Force and Space Association (AFSA) monthly meeting. Palm Springs Air Museum. 8:30 to 10AM. All welcome. Live and via zoom. Bill Young at majorbill1@aol.com

9 - Columbus Day

11 - 3rd Annual Veterans Stand-down and Homeless Resource Event. 10AM to 3PM. Perris Hill Park, 1135 E. Highland Avenue. San Bernardino. Reaching New Heights/Event info at 951-878-6900 or info@rnhf.org

12 - Riverside County monthly veterans legislative breakfast. 8AM. Brandon's Diner. 24626 Sunnymead Blvd, Moreno Valley. Guest Speaker: State Senator Richard Roth, 31st District, MGen, USAF (ret). Veteran related legislature update. Artie Allen at artie.allen3@yahoo.com. See attached flyer.

14 - Cuban Missile Crisis begins (1962)

19 - Veterans Services zoom meeting. 9AM. Great source of information for veterans, their families and services providers throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties. Contact Anita Worthen at abird82@aol.com in advance to learn more and to get plugged in.

19 - Palm Springs Chapter of MOAA. First chapter meeting of the new season. Vue Restaurant, Indian Wells Golf Resort, 44-500 Indian

Wells Lane. Guest Speaker TBD. John Schleimer, MOAA Chapter President. jojn@marketperspectives.com

21-22 - Vietnam Veterans 50 year celebration of life and remembrance/Stand Down. 8AM to 8PM daily with opening and closing ceremonies. Organized by VFW Post #1534, American Legion Post #519 and Viet Nam Veterans of America Chapter #1024. Held at Desert Hot Springs VFW Post #1534. Contact is Jim Rothblatt at redleafresources@gmail.com for more details.

21 - DAV Chapter 28 Military Veterans Food Giveaway. Drive through pantry. 9AM to Noon. 4351 University Avenue, Riverside. More info at 951-369-8626. See attached flyer.

24 - United Nations Organization founded (1945)

25 - U.S. Invades Grenada (1983)

25 - Input for the November ReadBack due ... get us your information on those Veterans Day events including flyers.

27 - America's Job Center of California ... Monthly job fair. 8:30AM to 12:30PM. Riverside America's Job Center of CA (AJCC). 1325 Spruce Street, Riverside. Room 1A. www.caljobs.ca.gov Registration required. Bring your resume.

November

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3 - November ReadBack due out

4 - 2023 Walk for End to Alzheimers Palm Desert Civic Center Park, opening ceremony at 9AM and walk starts at 9:30AM. Join

VFW Post 1534 Team to receive a free T-Shirt (760-671-6185). More info about event call Janie Bark at 760-996-0006 Ext: 8405.

4 - Vietnam War Story: Combat in F-4 Phantom. 1PM. Lt Col Petkunas. Palm Springs Air Museum, 760-778-6262.

5 - Daylight Savings Time ends (turn your clocks back Saturday night)

7 - Election Day ... Vote!

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9 - College of the Desert (COD) Veterans Celebration. 12:30PM to 1:30PM Amphitheatre at COD. Carrie Tate-Meyer at 760-862-1398 or ctate-meyer@collegeofthedesert.edu See attached flyer.

9 - Palm Springs Villagefest Honors Veterans. Downtown Palm Springs. 6PM. Free hand held flags for veterans and crafts for youth. 760-323-8265.

10 - 15th Annual Salute to Veterans Parade and Expo. 10AM to Noon. Downtown Riverside. www.asalutetoveteran.org or go to annualasalutetoveterans@gmail.com See attached flyer.

10 - Palm Springs Drive-thru lunch for veterans. 11AM. Palm Springs City Hall (while they last). 760-323-8265. attached flyer.

10 - 11th - Lifestream Blood Drive. Palm Springs Air Museum. Appointments: 800-879-4484 or go to http://www.lstream.org Walk-ins welcome. Blood drive donors receive free admission to the Air Museum.

11 - Veterans Day ... Variety of events throughout the area and the country. Fly your American flag proudly.

11 - Palm Springs Air Museum 27th Anniversary and B-29 Superfortress exhibit unveiling. 10AM to 5PM. Lots of activities all day with unveiling at 1PM. 745 N. Gene

Autry Trail. 760-778-6262.

11 - 35th Annual Veterans Day Celebration at the General Patton Memorial Museum. Starts at 11AM. 62510 Chiriaco Road, Chiriaco Summit. info@generalpattonmuseum.com or 760-507-4145. See attached flyer.

11 - 24th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Concert. Downtown Palm Springs. 3:30 to 5PM. Post parade concert featuring the 300th Army Reserve Band at intersection of Amado and Palm Canyon Drive with fireworks to follow. 760-323-8265. See attached flyer.

13 - Mr. Willard's Closet. Cathedral City Corps of The Salvation Army reopens. 10AM to Noon. Deanna Young at 760-832-2883 or readback.veap@gmail.com

14 - Cathedral City Corps of The Salvation Army Red Kettle Kick-Off Dinner/Gala. Palm Springs Air Museum. 5:30 to 9:30PM. tickets in advance! See flyer Or Major Navarro 310/9914942

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16 - Palm Springs Chapter of MOAA. Monthly luncheon. Vue Restaurant, Indian Wells Golf Resort. 11:30AM. jojn@marketperspectives.com

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20-23 - Thanksgiving at The Salvation Army. Volunteer, Donations and Service. See flyer and call Major Navarro 310/991-4947

21 - Input for the December VEAP ReadBack due.

23 - Thanksgiving

25 - Mission 91. True story of SSgt Bernard M. Tuvman as told by his son Ken Tuvman. 1PM. Palm Springs Air Museum. 745 N. Gene Autry Trail. 760-778-6262.

27 - Mr. Willard's Closet. 10AM to Noon. Deanna Young at 760-832-2883 or readback.veap@gmail.com

Phew!!

SAVE THE DATE



We Can Help!



★★★ THIRD ANNUAL ★★★



Veterans Standdown & Homeless Resource Event

Presented by Reaching New Heights Foundation

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 • 10am-3pm

Veteran Standdown Event Open To: Veterans in San Bernardino / Riverside the Counties
Homeless Resource Event Open To: Homeless and At-Risk, in the City of San Bernardino

FREE SERVICES

- Food & Clothing
- Haircuts
- Showers/Laundry
- Hygiene Products
- Free Omnitrans bus coupons

FREE MEDICAL SUPPORT SERVICE

- Dental & Health Care
- Mental Health & Social Services
- Counseling & County Services
- Homeless Service
- Covid-19 vaccinations

VA & VETERAN SUPPORT SERVICES

- VA Services & Eligibility
- Housing
- Employment & Training
- Education
- Military Surplus Items

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO - COMMUNITY HELP

Shelter Court (Homeless and those at risk).
Get rid of tickets and fees in S.B. County
by doing community service
Must be identified as at-risk of homelessness, transient or homeless
Must complete a county referral form • Attend the Homeless Resource Events • Shelter Court
Not Eligible: Felony Case • Domestic Violence Cases • Not consider as at risk of homelessness

SEE & LEARN MORE ABOUT

- Veteran Treatment Court
- ✓ Veterans currently in the program
- ✓ Phase up speeches
- ✓ Graduation speeches
- ✓ Information

Perris Hill Park

1135 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92404

Reaching New Heights/Event Info: 951-878-6900

For more information visit:
Homelessstand.com or email Info@rnhf.org

FLYER OF THE YEAR!!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6GR_J4MJ3E



**HOW'S THIS FOR A
FLYER!!**

**CONGRATULATIONS
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 739**

Riverside County
Veterans' Advisory Committee Presents:
“Legislative Breakfast”

Friday, October 13th @8:00am

*******PLEASE ARRIVE AND ORDER EARLY*******

Location: Brandon's Diner
24626 Sunnymead Blvd., Moreno Valley, CA 92592

Guest Speaker: Senator Richard D. Roth,
California's 31st District

- Veteran, Major General, U. S. Air Force-Retired, Judge Advocate General (JAG)
- Past Chairman of the Board for the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce and a multitude of other Advisory Boards, Foundations and Associations.
- Practiced labor and employment law with Riverside-based firms for over 30 years.
- The 31st State Senate District includes portions of Riverside County including the Cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Norco, Perris, and Riverside.

Topic Items:

- **District Geography** (Current Cities, Communities, Population & Growth)
- **District Highlights** (Economic Development, Human Services, Public Safety, Healthcare, Education and Public Policy for the Community and Veterans)
- **Veteran-Related Legislative Updates, Programs and Advocacy**

The Legislative Breakfast is "Open to the Public", Attendance is Free, and Meals are no host/individual pay.

Point of Contact: Artie Allen 301-364-8040 Cell artie.allen3@yahoo.com

Webpage: <https://veteranservices.co.riverside.ca.us/Veterans-Advisory-Committee>



Coachella Valley's Vietnam Veteran 50 Year Celebration of Life and Remembrance: The Last and Best Stand Down



Where: VFW Post 1534, Desert Hot Springs

When: On display, October 21 and 22, 2023

Times: 8am to 8pm both days.

Opening Ceremony: October 21st at 12pm

Closing Ceremony: October 22nd at 12pm

Sign in Poster for all Vietnam Veterans,

Other Veteran Organization Booths,

Vietnam Memorabilia,

Music & Food



**760-671-6185
VFW Post 1534
1 Club House Drive
Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241**



CHARLOTTE W FAY

CHAPTER 28



MILITARY VETERANS

FOOD GIVEAWAY



EVERY THIRD SATURDAY
DRIVE-THRU PANTRY
09:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Charlotte W Fay
DAV CHAPTER 28
4351 University Ave
Riverside, California 92501



WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING
Military/Veteran Identification

PANTRY SCHEDULE 2023
~~JUNE 17, 2023~~ NOVEMBER 18, 2023
~~JULY 1, 2023~~ DECEMBER 16, 2023
~~AUGUST 19, 2023~~
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
OCTOBER 21, 2023

CALL FOR MORE INFO 951-369-8626
darrin.dav28pantry@gmail.com
ann.dav28pantry@gmail.com

America's **Job** Center of CaliforniaSM

JOB FAIR (LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH)

DATE:

Friday, August 25

TIME:

8:30am to 12:30pm

LOCATION:

Riverside-America's Job Center of CA (AJCC)
1325 Spruce Street, Riverside, CA 92507

Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/9nhgApkaoPr>

ROOM:

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JOB FAIR: ~~August 25, September 29, & October 27.~~

NOTE: The Riverside AJCC's Job Fair is on the LAST FRIDAY of each month. ****November & **December** (DARK due to the holidays).

Due to the COVID-19, job fair may be canceled without notice and/or job-seekers may attend in a smaller group.

WIOA: DOR, EDA, EDD, Goodwill, Job Corps, Learn4Life, & YEOP. For additional info and you would like to sponsor, partner, or participate in future events please email Lance.Savayong@edd.ca.gov

This WIOA Title I-financially assisted program or activity is an Equal Opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Please call 951-955-3100, 951-955-3744 TTY, CA Relay 711, or ADACoordinator@rivco.org 5 to 7 days in advance.

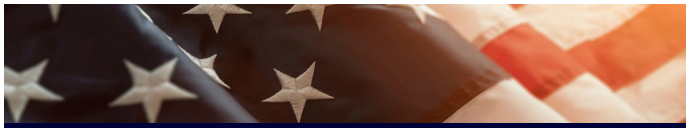
COMPANIES:

1. Absolute Security International (IE)*
2. Altura Credit Union (IE)*
3. CalTrans (IE)*
4. Contemporary Services Corporation (SoCal)*
5. FedEx (Rialto)*
6. Inland SoCal United Way (IE)*
7. Kaiser Permanente (IE)*
8. Riverside Co. Dep. of Public Social Services (Riverside)*
9. Riverside County Sheriff's Department (Riverside)*
10. United States Border Patrol (SoCal)*
11. University of California (Riverside)*
12. Ventura Foods LLC (IE)*

* A confirmed companies (employers) may not be able to attend due to the last minute of staff shortage, conflict of events & time, and traffic (or may show up late).

BE JOB READY (BRING THE FOLLOWING):

- Resumes
- Dress for Success
- www.CalJOBS.ca.gov Registration Required



VETERANS DAY PARADE & CONCERT

Since 2009, The City of Palm Springs has been honored to be designated as an Official Regional Site for the observance of Veterans Day by the Veterans Day National Committee of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington, DC.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 / 6:00 p.m.

Villagefest honors our Veterans.

Craft activities for youth, Free hand-held flag giveaway to veterans.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 / 11:00 a.m.

Drive-thru lunch for Veterans at Palm Springs City Hall

Veterans are entitled to a free box lunch while supplies last.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 / 3:30 p.m.

Palm Springs Veterans Day Parade

Downtown Palm Springs.

**Post-parade concert featuring the 300th Army Reserve Band
at the intersection of Amado Road and Palm Canyon Drive.**

Fireworks Finale!

Live telecast on NBC Palm Springs.

DUTY • HONOR • COUNTRY



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT
760.323.8265 • 401 S. Pavillion way, Palm Springs, CA 92262
www.psveteransday.com or contact michele.cirone-collier@palmsspringsca.gov



SAVE THE DATE

Honoring All Those
Who Have Served

VETERANS 
— 2023 — DAY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9
12:30 pm-1:30 pm

**Amphitheatre between Cravens
Student Services Center &
Communication Building, Palm Desert
Campus**

**Please join us in honoring all the men and women
who have served our country and recognize the
contribution they provide to our College and
surrounding communities.**

FREE FAMILY FUN!

15th Annual

A SALUTE TO VETERANS

PARADE & EXPO



Friday, November 10th, 2023
10 a.m. to Noon, Downtown Riverside
Leaves from RCC at 10:00 a.m. ends on
Main street downtown at noon near the
Courthouses & City Hall, site
of the EXPO

Airplane Fly-Overs
Marching Bands
Military Vehicles
Antique Cars
Floats

Bagpipers and Dancers
Active Duty Military
Our Veterans... and more!



*Join us first for a Pancake Breakfast
served in RCC's lower parking lot from
7 to 9:00a.m. To learn more, to register
as a unit, or to support the Parade - see our website
www.asalutetoveteran.org*

Follow us on Facebook at [annual salute to veterans parade](https://www.facebook.com/annualsalutetoveteransparade)
email us at annualsalutetoveterans@gmail.com

VETERANS RECOGNITION *Nominations*

Nominations are now open for the Veterans Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00am in the City Hall Courtyard.

For more information about the nomination criteria and to submit an online application you can click this link:

www.laquintaca.gov/Veterans

To be considered for the 2023 Veterans Recognition Ceremony, applications must be submitted by Friday, September 15 at 5:00pm.



La Quinta

GENERAL PATTON MEMORIAL MUSEUM



**Saturday, November 11, 2023
at 11:00 am**

Veterans Day



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

SAVE THE DATE

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

- **ENTERTAINMENT TO INCLUDE:
PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM FLYOVER
PATRIOTIC MUSIC WITH FRANK DESALVO
GEN. PATTON AWARDEE BRIG. GEN. GUIDO
PORTANTE, JR.
FOUNDERS AWARDEES GINA WAGNER,
CAROLE HERRERA AND RUDY MONTOYA
CHILI COOKOFF AND
HISTORICAL MINIATURE SOCIETY
EXHIBITION**

For Event Info please call us at 760-507-4143 or www.generalpattonmuseum.com

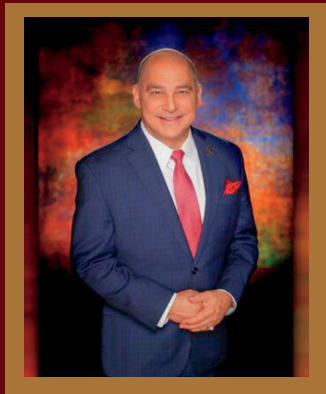
The General Patton Museum is located 30 miles east of Indio on Interstate 10 at Exit 173

The Salvation Army
**THE DICK AND BEVERLY DAVIS
CORPS COMMUNITY CENTER**

Presents

“Lift off and Soar”

1st Annual Kettle Kickoff Gala



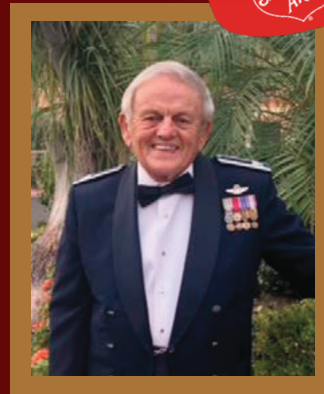
Host

PATRICK EVANS
KESQ Channel 3 News



Corps Officers

MAJORS
Neil and Rubina Navarro



Keynote speaker

COLONEL BOB LILAC
US Air Force Test Pilot



PALM SPRINGS AIR MUSEUM



WEDNESDAY | 11.14.2023 | 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Individual Tickets \$150

Scan our QR Code



Visit Our Website: [Coachellavalley.salvationarmy.org](https://coachellavalley.salvationarmy.org)

Or Call: (760) 324-2275

100% OF PROCEEDS GOES TO BENEFIT YOUTH, VETERANS, AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS
IN COACHELLA VALLEY



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THANKSGIVING

"REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS."

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

HOW YOU CAN HELP

DONATING TIME

- Join us Thanksgiving Day, November 23rd for our Community Lunch assisting with:
 - Set up and clean up (Day Before and Morning)
 - Serving meals
 - Home delivery

DONATING GOODS

- Sponsor the meal by donating the week of:
 - Turkeys
 - Pumpkin or Apple Pie
 - Stuffing Mix
 - Mashed Potato Mix
 - Any non-perishable thanksgiving food items

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING WITH THE SALVATION ARMY?

CONTACT GABRIELA GONZALEZ AT 760-324-2275 OR
GABRIELA.GONZALEZ@USW.SALVATIONARMY.ORG TO SEE HOW
YOU CAN HELP THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

30-400 LANDAU BLVD. CATHEDRAL CITY 92234