



Rancho Bernardo Historical Society Newsletter



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Annual Pancake Festival In Support of Veterans

By Jane Harmon

Join us Memorial Day Monday, May 29, from 8 am - Noon, for our fun-filled Pancake Festival and the Annual Veterans Memorial Ceremony at Webb Lake Park. Lively Dixieland music will entertain us while friends and families enjoy delicious pancakes and sausages prepared by the RB Kiwanis Club, together with fruit, yogurt, juice, and coffee. Children will enjoy decorating paper hats with red, white and blue stickers and glitter, having their faces painted, and being awed by a balloon artist!

A \$20 donation will provide the opportunity to paint a ceramic tile, which will be glazed and fired, then mounted on our tile mural wall outside the RB History Museum. The lucky door prize winner will receive a hammered sterling silver necklace, earrings & bracelet handcrafted by a local designer, and there will be tables full of fabulous raffle prizes to win!

Tickets are \$8 – FREE to veterans, active military, and children under age 3 – and may be purchased in advance at the Museum or at the event. Begin Memorial Day with us for a hearty breakfast, then take a short stroll to the Veterans Memorial Ceremony at 11 am. If you would like to become a sponsor for the event, please visit our website for details.

A Time Capsule View of Rancho Bernardo

We have recently added a temporary exhibit at the RB History Museum about the Rancho Bernardo Time Capsule. This exhibit was curated by our collections manager Peggy Rossi.

In December 1989, the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society was asked by Promontory Associates to join them in creating a time capsule, meant as a promotion for the opening of the Promontory office building which stands above the intersection of West Bernardo Drive and Rancho Bernardo Road (those big round buildings). On December 5, officials from the Promontory, the board of the Historical Society and members of both the Rancho Bernardo community and the Poway community gathered to bury the time capsule. A contest was held among students at Painted Rock School to write essays about why they loved their community. Six winning essays were included in the capsule, and four are on display in the exhibit at the museum. Other groups that contributed items to the capsule were the Poway Unified School District, Rolling Hills Elementary School, Gerber Preschool, St. Michael's School, Twin Peaks Middle School, Rancho Bernardo Chamber of Commerce, Westwood Boy Scout Troop 681, the RB Community Planning Board, Senator Pete Wilson, San Diego County, State Senator Bill Craven and Council member Abbe Wolfsheimer.

The 100-year time capsule is buried on the east side of the Promontory Building, facing out over our community. It is to be opened in 2089.



The Promontory building off West Bernardo Drive and location of the Time Capsule on the East side of the building shown in the inset photo.



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Presidents Message

By Nancy Canfield

We are always busy bees at the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society and Museum.

Three cheers for our outstanding volunteers – board members, archive workers, docents, financial supporters, grant and personal donors! You are what the RB Historical Society is all about, we would not be here without you. Watch for your invitation to a special thank you Reception at the Museum. In particular, we'd like to single out these outstanding contributors:

Congratulations to **Tom Cook**, 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee and the RB Historical Society is most thankful for more than a decade of dedication to grow the Society and the History Museum.

Hats Off to Volunteers – congratulations to **Peggy Rossi**, our volunteer of the year, for all her excellent work in the archives and collections, and everywhere she's asked to help.

Our volunteers, under the leadership of **Jane Harmon**, are responsible for creating our 12th annual Pancake Festival. Mark your calendars, for this signature event on May 29th at Webb Park, where we honor our Military. Three times a year, The Rancho Bernardo Veterans of Foreign Wars, #VFW 3766 honor those who protect and serve, and at this time we at the RB Historical Society wish to showcase their dedication by serving them a free Pancake Breakfast. We also wish to call attention to these fine men and women who continue to serve, long after their tour of duty is passed.

Thank you all.

Directors Message

By Ted Oatway

We have been very busy this year but it would be easier with a few more helping hands. There are many volunteer positions that only take a few hours each month; from sorting through our collection, to helping plan events, or even becoming a docent. If you are interested you can contact us at rbhistory1@gmail.com anytime.

April marked the 100th Anniversary of the United States entering World War I. It is an honor to remember our early residents who served in that war. Visit the museum to see our new display about the war and if you have any information about the men and women who served please drop us a note. Our Historical Insert in this issue commemorates this milestone as well.

Our permanent Wall of Honor display is where we proudly show photographs of the men and women of Rancho Bernardo, and adjacent areas, who have served our country. Each year, at the Pancake Festival, March 29th, we invite all who served to bring a photo of themselves in uniform, so that we can make a copy of it to post on the Wall of Honor.

Another new display at the museum is about our very own Time Capsule. The exhibit talks about the creation of the time capsule, what it contains, the building it sits behind and the large piece of art that sits in front of the building. See the article on page one.

Also new to the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society is a magnificent painting of Juan Cabrillo's flag ship, the San Salvador graciously donated to the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society by Richard DeRosset. See the short article on page three about Mr. DeRosset.

We also just posted to our online archive, over 1000 photographs of early Rancho Bernardo dated between 1962 and 1974. These photos are in addition to the many photos we already have online at <http://rbhistoricalsociety.pastperfectonline.com/> Select Advanced Search and enter Catalog Number 2015.29.* (don't forget the little *)

Last, but not least, we are truly grateful to all the volunteers and donors who spend time and money to provide valuable resources needed to preserve history for future generations.

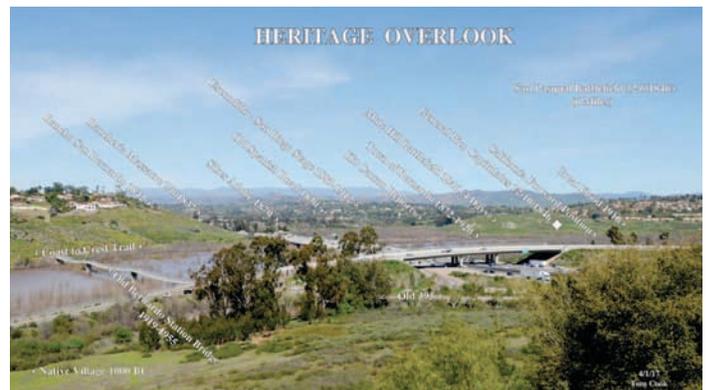
The “Heritage Overlook” at Casa de Las Campanas

By Tom Cook

The Casa de Las Campanas Retirement Community and the Rancho Bernardo Historical Society are working together in two areas. The Society along with the San Dieguito River Park are sharing history panels and displays for their Heritage Appreciation Program. Since Christmas, the Casa History Committee has installed a permanent 1,000 year Bernardo History Time Line panel in the South Building, and additionally, a Heritage Corner display which will change each month in a high traffic location under the Bell Tower. Shortly Casa will install a Heritage Overlook panel (shown below) on a balcony at the top of the North Building, attached to their largest meeting hall. From that point residents and many guests can see the sites of Native Village 1000 BC, Old Bernardo Station Bridge 1919,

Coast-to-Crest Trail (4 miles), Rancho San Bernardo House (1837), Rancheria Massacre (July 6, 1837), Sikes Adobe (1870), Old Spanish Road (1830), Stage Road (1887-1912), Kit Carson Reports (1846), Town of Bernardo (1872-1920), Mule Hill Battle Field 1846 (6 miles), General Pico Capitulates (December 10, 1846), Californios Forward Position, Great Flood (1916) and Old 395 Road. These 15 historic sites represent our Rancho Bernardo Heritage.

For the last quarter century, a residents’ committee at Casa has maintained files of in-house bulletins, media and news clippings. Recently the Casa Historical Committee upgraded to the same software system used in our museum. A meeting was held to secure our expertise in developing and sharing its database.



San Salvador Painting by Richard DeRosset

Mr. DeRosset was born April, 1953 in Boston, Massachusetts. At the age of nine, his family moved to La Jolla, California. Richard’s mother was an artist for the Walt Disney Company; so it is understandable where his artist skills originated. He did not, however, begin painting until 1977.

In addition to this painting of the San Salvador for the Historical Society, Richard’s major ongoing art project is contributing to the restoration and beautification of the San Diego’s Veteran Museum in Balboa Park. In the San Diego’s Veteran Museum, he has painted seven wall murals (which took 5 years) and donated a fine collection of individual paintings to the museum. He has been selected as the official artist of numerous associations, galleries and museums nationally and internationally.

It is no surprise that Richard DeRosset has become one of the most sought after maritime artists in the nation.





Historic Rancho Bernardo

A ROUND-UP OF STORIES AND NEWS FROM THE RB HISTORY MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES

Spring 2017

This Special Edition of *Historic Rancho Bernardo* commemorates the 100th Anniversary of US entry into World War I.



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On June 28, 1914, a Serbian nationalist assassinated an Austro-Hungarian archduke in Sarajevo, Bosnia. One month later, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia. The conflict quickly escalated into a global war, pitting Germany, Austria-Hungary and the Ottoman Empire, known as the Central Powers, against the Allied Powers of Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and Japan.

The United States originally declared itself neutral, but joined the Allied side in April 1917. Originally known as the World War, the Great War, or the “War To End All Wars,” it came to be called World War I when World War II began.

It was the war that introduced the machine gun, chemical weapons and trench warfare to the world, creating a scale of destruction unseen up to that time. Almost nine million soldiers died on all sides, with 21 million wounded. Of 4.7 million U. S. soldiers who served, 117,000 were killed with 204,000 wounded.

In November of 1918 various members of the Central Powers agreed to an armistice. The war officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles, signed in Paris on June 28, 1919.

At least 140 men who lived in Rancho Bernardo served in World War I. That figure was the total number of members of Rancho Bernardo Barracks no. 1089, a branch of Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., an organization composed of men who served in the war.

The Veterans of World War I of the U.S.A., Inc. was organized by War I Buddies in 1948, uniting those who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during the period of World War I beginning April 6, 1917 and ending November 11, 1918, Armistice Day. It also included those who served in Siberia from November 11, 1918 to July 1, 1921. Among Americans, 4,734,991 men and women participated in the First World War. The VWWI was incorporated by the 85th Congress on 18 July 1958.

SEVEN OAKS NEWSLETTER

by Otto J. Alvarez, Director
Seven Oaks Community Center
January has set off 1965 like a rocket, and if the year's beginning is any forecast of the months to come, I guess we'd all better increase our intake of vitamins or something.

SPANISH—When we said that the response to registration for conversational Spanish classes was terrific, we did not then know how much so. RB has suddenly taken on the guise of an early California pueblo, language-wise at least, for on Mondays and Wednesdays Spanish is heard all through the Community Center as the students go to and from Spanish classes. The number of residents who took advantage of this, our initial adult education experience with the Poway Unified School District, was so great that it became necessary to have two beginning classes and one intermediate. We want to take this opportunity to welcome the two personable gentlemen who are the instructors, Arthur Ruiz, and Valerio Rodriguez. From all reports, both gentlemen have already been warmly accepted

your neighbors, make new acquaintances, and dance to the music of Johnny Kicman. You are reminded that each person is to bring a valentine signed by you for a special event! Cost for an entire evening of fun \$1 per person. How to dress? You are going to a party aren't you? Assisting the Olivers will be the Vic Reids and the Ed Staggs.

VETERANS—On the day that our last newsletter was distributed, another group was organized. This time it is World War I Veterans. The number of individuals attending the first meeting was so large that future meetings will be held in the auditorium, rather than in one of the clubrooms. Their first regular meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 1:30 p.m. This is the third Tuesday of the month and all subsequent meetings will also be held monthly on the third Tuesday at the same time and place. They issue a cordial invitation to all other qualified veterans who would care to join them.

MEN, HOW ARE YOUR TASTE BUDS?—One of our single male residents has approached us with a sugges-

at least six or eight who might find this an enjoyable activity and we urge that any one of you who would find participation "tasteful" come to our office and give us your name in order that an organization meeting may be called.

PHILATELISTS—There have been a couple of inquiries concerning the formation of a stamp collectors group or club. We take this opportunity to request that any of our residents who are philatelically inclined, please make it known to us in the office in order that we may take necessary steps to form a group.

LADIES BRIDGE—The results of last Monday's Ladies Bridge game, with ten tables in action was as follows: Mrs. James Connal, Mrs. Edward Boughton, Mrs. Floyd Jones, and Mrs. Marie Bacon. We had a happy chuckle when we saw the winner of the first prize. It couldn't happen to a nicer lady.

Wild Flowers To Be Topic

Mrs. Esther Nesbin, Palomar College

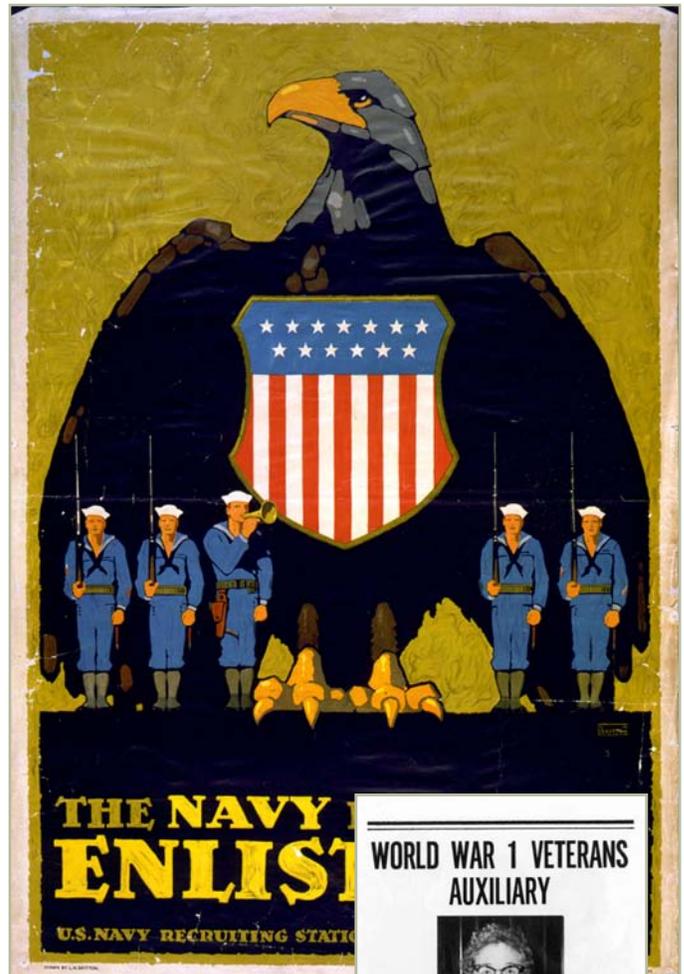
The RB Barracks no. 1089 was formed in February 1965, and so many attended the initial meeting, they had to move the next meeting from a club room to the Seven Oaks auditorium. The members were officially called "Buddies."

As part of our exhibit, we are gathering the names of all Rancho Bernardo residents who served in World War I. We are also creating short biographies of each person. As they are written, we will add them to a binder on display at the museum. We hope to have a biography for everyone completed by Veterans Day in November, if not sooner.

Included now in the binder is a list of all the names we have found, along with some biographies. We will also be featuring individuals in the display window, and this display will change each month.

If you know of other individuals in RB who may have served, please let us know and we will add their names. If you are personally related to one of these servicemen or knew them, we would love to hear from you. Please visit the RB History Museum, at the Bernardo Winery to see the list of names.

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RB BARRACKS NO. 1089 VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I



By
Wallace A. Sawdon, Publicity Chairman
Commander Gouert and the 1968 officers of Rancho Bernardo Barracks, Veterans of World War I, conducted their first meeting December 19, 1967. The Commander announced the appointment of the following Chairman: Mat Stein, Legislative Officer; Senior Vice Commander Merle Smith, Membership Chairman; Junior Vice Commander Paul Parker, Service Officer; Wallace Sawdon, Publicity Chairman; Bob Fox, Americanism Chairman.

The Commander then outlined three projects for consideration during 1968. First was for increased membership of eligible Rancho Bernardo residents. Second, a resolution to back the President in Vietnam war efforts advantageous to the United States. Third to propose a Round Robin Lawn Bowling Tournament among the various R B organizations.

CHARLES B. GOUERT
Commander, Rancho Bernardo Barracks No. 1089, Veterans of World War I
Commander of South Pasadena Post, American Legion in 1942. Adjutant and Sergeant at Arms of 18th District, American Legion. Also served on the California Americanism Committee. During World War I was with the 108 Field Artillery, 28 Division.
Retired as Manager of Southern California Loan Department in 1962. Came to Rancho Bernardo in 1965. Is a Charter Member of R B Kiwanis Club.

WORLD WAR 1 VETERANS AUXILIARY



by Mrs. Anne Nelligan

At the July 18th meeting of the World War I Veterans Auxiliary of Rancho Bernardo Barracks No. 1089 Mrs. Ruth Giffin was one of the guests. She reported on a new book she is writing which will take the place of the R. B. Brandings. She took pictures of a group of the ladies who had made 25 Ditty bags for the soldiers in Vietnam. This had been the Auxiliary's project for July in conjunction with the American National Red Cross. The ladies donated items to fill the bags including tooth brushes, tooth paste, ball point pens, shave cream, etc. Their project for August is to make 30 more of these bags for the boys.



Members of World War I Veterans Auxiliary shown above with the ditty bags which they are making for the boys in Viet Nam.



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SPEAKERS SERIES UPDATE

May 6, 2017

SD County's Agricultural Past, Present and Future

Eric Larson is the Executive Director of the San Diego County Farm Bureau. He will be speaking on San Diego County and its rich history of farming dating back to the founding of the Spanish missions.

Past Speakers Available on YouTube search

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A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM - RECEPTION

We will be holding a member recognition reception, "A Night At the Museum", Sunday, June 11 at 5:30 PM at the museum. We will honor our Corporate, Life Members as well as Bench & Cornerstone and Brick, Paver Donors. This is an invitational Thank You celebration for all our donors and special members.