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Reminds Me of a Story... From the President's Corner

FARE THEE WELL

Four years, 48 articles, 10 parades, 12 fundraising events, and 102 various meetings- that's how being President of the Saddleback Canyon Riders has engaged me in this season of my life. It is said that the 4 years as President of the United States can age one more than triple that. The temples accelerate their graying, the creases deepen in the forehead, and the walk becomes less brisk- unsure of what might lurk in the shadows of the next press conference.

But as President of the Saddleback Canyon Riders, I feel as though I have aged more like a fine wine. I have become enriched by the relationships I have had the good fortune of making. I have become more full-bodied, putting on 10 pounds since the day in 2015 when I took office. And I hope I've become more pleasing to the palate of the members- understanding that though it is impossible to please everyone, that being sensible goes with everything- like a good Chardonnay.

Perhaps this column has cradled my biggest pleasure. Though there were months that I had no ideas on what to write, by the deadline to submit my article, (and sometimes past, sorry Renate!) I uncovered something hopefully worthy of sharing with all of you. Though the main topic was often not horses, I tried to weave an experience that had some nexus to our equine world. I wrote of many things- my Father's passing, a photograph of my brother, a pancake breakfast, a friend's battle with cancer, a town hall meeting, vacations in Europe, and a spiritual retreat. So though you may have not liked all of them.... Or any of them.... they somehow purged me of a thought, a belief, a secret, a fondness for life. Maybe I saw something



for the first time, and like a child who found an old tarnished quarter in the back yard, I just had to share it. My hope is that you were able to cash in on something I shared.

Whatever the motivation, this column has allowed me trot out my musings and gallop out my reflections. It has been productive therapy. Most of all, it has connected me to you through the most majestic of animals. It has been the horse that continues to move us from point A to point B- not just physically, but emotionally and spiritually.

I may be retiring as President, but I will continue to be a part of this Club, and live, love, and ride in Trabuco Canyon.... Where heaven is a local call.

James M. Iacono
President
ETI Corral 357
Saddleback Canyon Riders



NATIONAL PRIDE

What is national pride? What makes us unique in the world? That our founding fathers believed that..."all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

This is our American creed; this is what we stand for.

When the world was thrust into World War II, Americans everywhere "joined" the fight. At home, sentiments were strong...much like they were after 9/11. We were bound together against a common enemy, but we were stronger as a nation because of what we believed....that the very core of our being was being and had been attacked. Our belief and pride in America, our willingness to oppose a common enemy and our willingness to fight and win was the mantra of our American culture during World War II. And America and its allies saved the world...

My dad is a WWII veteran and I'm very proud of him and the millions of other veterans from every war and conflict. That's why when I heard about "Honor Flights" to Washington, D.C. I knew I had to take my dad. As a friend of mine, a retired Marine colonel, said, "This will be the honor of his life!" It absolutely was and here's why...

Honor Flight Southland is the local group of a nation-wide organization dedicated to providing veterans with honor and closure. <https://www.honorflight.org/> I took my dad on this trip to our nation's capital in October and it was probably our most memorable time together. But it began with a 4:00am start time at LAX!

When we got to the airport we joined about 40 other WWII veterans and their "guardians" (a family member or friend to assist the veterans) and an entire entourage of current and retired military personnel. It was incredible, and all for my dad...



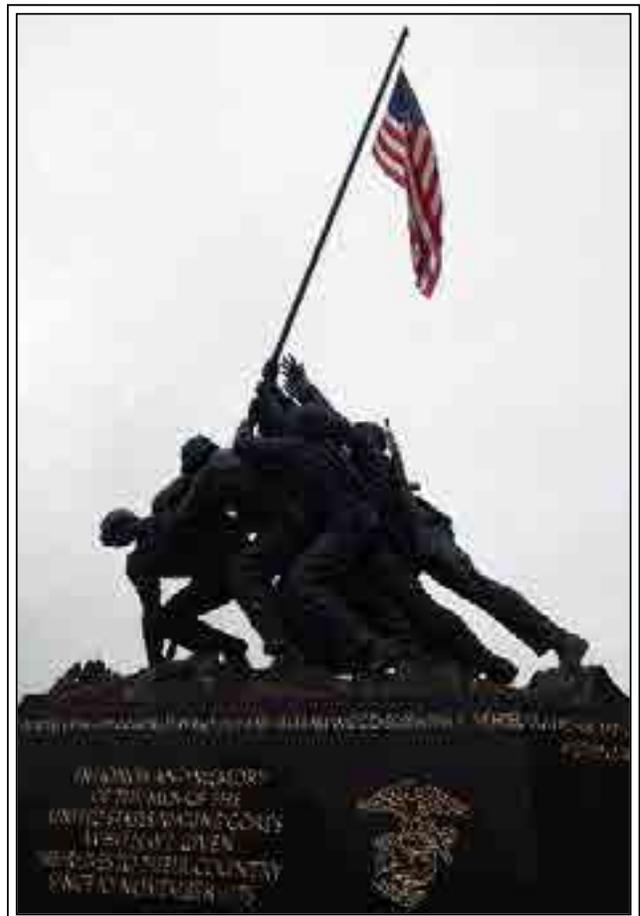
We took off for Washington, D.C. and on the plane, just like during WWII, they had "mail call" with letters from home. I had been told in advance this would happen so I asked family and friends to write letters to my "Pop" – not only did he get letters from them, but from people he didn't even know. He received cards and letters from grateful Americans of all ages from all over the country...we spent about an hour, choked-up and laughing at the same time...



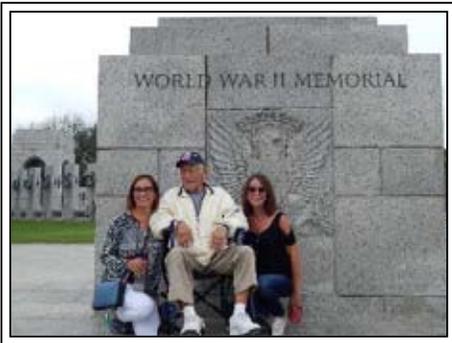
We landed at Baltimore International Airport to a water-spraying group of fire trucks and a welcoming group of hundreds of, again, grateful Americans! Wow...what an honor and what emotions...



From our accommodations at the Hilton to the police escort everywhere we went, the tribute to these old, hardened men was incredible. Of course, the World War II Memorial was the highlight for this group of veterans...and we all became so close. Veterans and guardians alike shared the feeling of brotherhood and patriotism. It's no wonder we won the war!



Two of my first cousins even flew in from Minnesota and North Carolina to see and welcome my dad...wow, was he surprised!!! And everywhere we went, people came up and simply shook my dad's hand and said, "Thank you for your service" – even retired Senator Bob Dole.



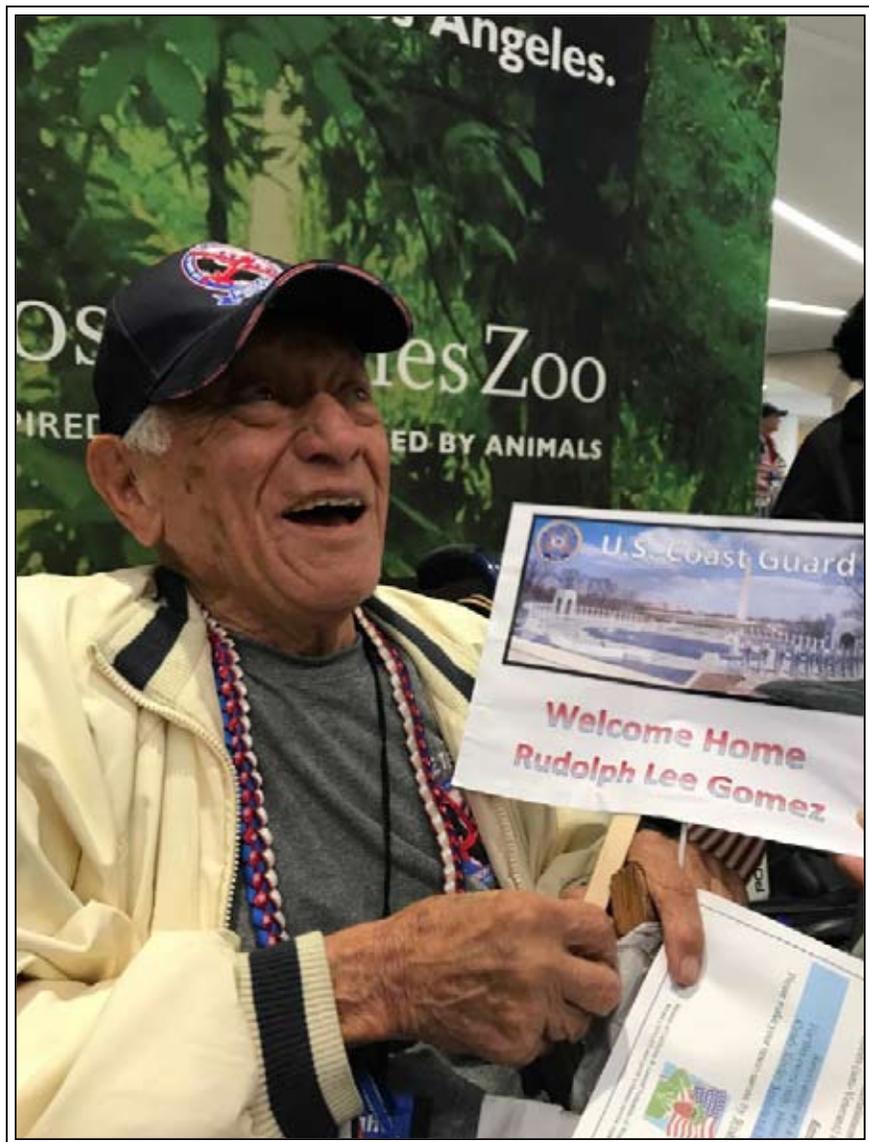
As you can imagine, it was an emotion-filled experience filled with priceless moments...but one of the most moving stories was told at Fort McHenry by a national park ranger describing the famous battle during which Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics to our national anthem...

The British, after having broken into OUR White House, having eaten OUR food and having drunk OUR wine, smashed Dolly Madison's dishware and glasses, destroyed priceless art and then burned the White House. They then sailed to Baltimore to destroy the city. On September 14, 1814, the bombardment began from two-miles out in the harbor. The Americans fired back for 24-hours even though they KNEW their cannon balls only had a range of one-and-a-half miles. They were NOT going to let the British take Baltimore. Resolve, commitment, maybe even stubbornness...but it was American patriots who were determined to win, and that included all 14,000 Baltimore residents who constructed berms and trenches to fight the British. The poem was written early the following morning, and as you know our flag still waved over the fort. The British retreated and headed to New Orleans where runners had already told General Andrew Jackson about the White House and the attempt on Baltimore. The British were defeated by American resolve; determined Americans fought with that same stubbornness to win at New Orleans and the War of 1812 came to an end. Patriots. Americans.



We flew back to LAX and were greeted by yet another and even larger group of grateful Americans. Whether it was the people, our family members, the active duty and retired servicemen or the band and the flags, the moment was the absolute highlight. My emotions couldn't take any more. The good news is my dad's emotions were welling with pride. He had a smile on his face that I've never seen when he saw my mom and gave her a kiss just like he did over 70 years ago at the end of World War II.

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Saddleback Canyon Riders Christmas Party 2018



We just want to remind everyone to save the date for our annual Cowboy Christmas Party and gift exchange! It is less than three weeks away. This year it will be Saturday, December 15th around 6:00 pm in Robinson Ranch. More details to follow. We will of course have our time honored Cowboy gift exchange which is always the highlight of the evening. Participation is optional but if you want to be part of the fun bring a new gift with a value of about \$20.00. New officers will be welcomed in as well as farewell to those whose term is up. Please join us for a fun filled evening with fellow members and friends.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

6pm in Robinon Ranch

Please RSVP for details!!!

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DECEMBER EVENTS

BOARD MEETING	DECEMBER 13, 2018 at 7PM	RSVP Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
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CHRISTMAS PARTY	DECEMBER 15, 2018 at 6PM	RSVP Jimmy I (949) 459-7742
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2019 CALENDAR COMING SOON!!!

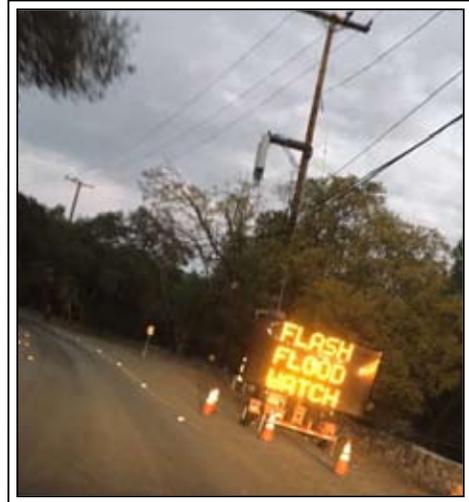
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TRABUCO CANYON NOVEMBER 28, 2018





Treasurer's Report

By Vicki Iacono

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING: OCTOBER 2018

Ending Balance (BofA):	\$10,308.84
DEPOSITS: Deposits Made After Closing:	\$0.00
Sub-Total for beginning Balance + Deposits	\$10,308.84

EXPENSES:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2130	D Kelly	Acorn Day	\$ 18.00	2131	R Gomez	web domain	\$ 20.00
		Board dinner	\$ 50.00				

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID: \$88.00

UNPAID CHECKS ISSUED THIS PERIOD:

Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:	Ck#	Source:	Reason:	Amount:
2132	ETI	member dues	\$103.00	2133	ETI	member dues	\$ 35.00
2134	USPS	box annual fee	\$156.00				

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID THIS PERIOD: (\$00.00)

FUNDS ON HAND AFTER EXPENSES PAID & UNPAID CHECKS THIS PERIOD: \$9,987.84

PETTY CASH ON HAND (INCLUDED IN BALANCE): \$400.00

CORRAL FUNDS ON HAND: \$10,387.84



Note from the Editor

Renate Soderstrom

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Established in 1991, we are one of the largest ETI corrals in California with members from South Orange County and points beyond. We are a family-friendly equestrian group based in **Trabuco Canyon** at the foot of the majestic Saddleback Mountains. Our Corral is committed to supporting and helping maintain O'Neill Regional Park and other local riding trails.



ETI: Equestrian Trails, Incorporated is a family oriented riding club established as a nonprofit corporation in 1944 with the Charter to be "Dedicated to the Acquisition and Preservation of Trails, Good Horsemanship, and Equine Legislation." With its combined membership, ETI has successfully worked to keep our trails open and add more equestrian facilities. The more members we have backing equine legislation and trail preservation, the more likely the State, County and City Officials will be to comply with our needs.

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