

# TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER

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### At the Temecula Duck Pond

## Letters Home Memorial Honors All Military Vets

By Dick Fox

At the Temecula Duck Pond is the location of the “Letters Home” Veterans Memorial. This monument was dedicated November 11, 2004 to honor all of our military service veterans regardless of whether they were wounded, or paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Many men and women have served their country honorably during times of peace and war conflicts, and this Memorial

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# Letters Home Memorial Honors All Vets

designed by artist Christopher Pardell was designed to recognize average Americans and honor them for their service. An inscription on the front of the memorial states:

*“This Memorial Is For The Men & Women  
Who Had The Courage To Stand Up For Their Beliefs  
Answering The Call Of Their Nation  
And Risking Their Lives To Protect Freedom  
The People Of Temecula Honor Their Deeds”*

As a major feature of this memorial, 16 different “Letters Home” from different eras of America’s history have been reproduced. Letters ranging from 1779 during the Revolutionary War, through the 2003 Iraq conflict are available to read and many visitors have commented that they “. . . bring tears to your eyes” or “. . . tear your heart out”.

I attended the dedication event along with my brother, who I had specially invited to come down from his home in Tumwater, WA. As a surprise for brother Don, I had purchased two of the special “pavers” that were part of the original project, and have since been added to as part of a path of honor. The two pavers I purchased (#96 & #100) were for brother to recognize his service during the Korean War and his having been awarded the Purple Heart, but also for our father Edwin to acknowledge his 30 years of service in the Navy as a corpsman and having been part of the Marine Embassy Guard Unit in Peking



China on December 7, 1941 when WWII began with the surprise bombing of Pearl Harbor. Dad ended up being a POW for the entire length of the war. Needless to say brother was surprised and deeply touched to tears.

So this year on Veterans Day don’t forget to honor and remember all of those in your family and circle of friends who served in the military. A strong and active military is the best defense of our freedoms. Perhaps a visit to the Duck Pond would be in order.

## *Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve Wilderness Hikes Schedule Released*

Attached is a list of fall/winter hikes and bird walks on the Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve. We have added a “New Short Hike and SMER Introduction” to our list. This hike is located at the north field station area of the reserve and offers a beautiful view of the Temecula Gorge. Some of the hikes are much easier than others. The “Bird Walk” is rather slow and easy with a focus on birds. Bring your binoculars.

We will have an additional hike schedule for the spring months which will be e-mailed in January 2019. For more information on any of the hikes send an e-mail to [smerdocenthikes@gmail.com](mailto:smerdocenthikes@gmail.com).

They appreciate your RSVP via e-mail so know who is coming and can notify you of any weather-related changes.

Dates for fall/winter hikes:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| ..# Sunday, November 4 2018   | Temecula Gorge Hike |
| ..# Sunday, November 11 2018  | Highlands Hike      |
| ..# Saturday, December 1 2018 | PJ’s Bird Walk      |
| ..# Sunday, December 2 2018   | New Short Hike      |
| ..# Saturday, December 8 2018 | Chaparral Hike      |
| ..# Saturday, January 12 2019 | Highlands Hike      |
| ..# Saturday, January 19 2019 | PJ’s Bird Walk      |
| ..# Sunday, January 20, 2019  | New Short Hike      |



# Spotlight on Members – Featuring – Cheryl Cady

Born in N.C. and raised in Israel, Cheryl graduated from the Walworth Barbour American International School. She played in the first Women's Field Hockey League, and the Hand Bell Choir in Israel. Cheryl attended Carson Newman University-TN, and Hofstra University – NY, and was on the honor roll studying Fine Arts/ History through the 1st semester Jr. year. She then returned to Israel to teach Elementary art, Ballet, and to coach little league Softball. Cheryl volunteered as Ceramic arts/Pottery assistant at the Israel Museum and juried fine arts venues in Israel and Canada. Fluent in Arabic and Hebrew, she calls herself a Third Culture Kid/Global Nomad-survivor.

Her late Husband was first President of Israel College of the Bible, and the college has since branched out into several languages across the Holy Land. Cheryl graduated from Archaeological Seminars, and was hired at the Bible Lands Museum, Jerusalem after completing certification in Ancient Near Eastern Tour guiding. Highlights include translating for Bedouin tribes, live radio and film broadcasting, fundraising for Telethons on "100 Huntly St" Toronto, touring with reconciliation teams in Egypt, and vacations on Cypress Island. Cheryl has met Presidents, befriended Ambassadors, and hosted attaché families, Authors and even Apollo 15 Astronaut, James Irwin.

Cheryl moved to Southern California with her children sixteen years ago. She worked for the Mingei International Museum Satellite in Escondido, and volunteered at the California Center for the Arts.

She met her current husband while they both were employed at the Welk Resorts. Cheryl and her husband enjoy researching their strong historic US lineages.

Cheryl's Great Aunt's family store is now the Goshen Indiana Historic Society Museum.

Cheryl is very active in many groups in Temecula. In the Historical Society, she has served as Secretary, Public Relations Director, Annual dinner chairman, member of the Scholarship Committee & Tour Guide Committees. Her various memberships include the Temecula Valley Museum, VaARRA, and the Temecula Valley Genealogical Society.

Temecula Valley has provided a warm welcome to Cheryl where she says her 'old soul' has time to process the past in solitude, writing poetry and memoirs. She enjoys hiking with her husband, sharing hobbies together, and awaiting the next adventurous season of life.



*Cheryl and husband Larry on a recent fall outing*

## **Membership News**

Welcome New Members:

**Ken & Rachael Dillberg**

THANK YOU for renewing your membership:

**Loretta Barnett**

**David & Louise Roripaugh Beesley**

**Susan Blanch**

**Kathleen Casas**

**Betty Condren**

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**Ronald & Judith Turco**

**Phil & Char Washum**

**Liz White**

**George & Mary Ziegler**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Friday, Nov. 2 thru Sunday Nov. 4** — Haunted House “*Terror in the Oaks*” at Vail HQ. 7 to 10 p.m. at Vail HQ. \$15 admittance.

**Sunday, Nov. 4** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dachsund Races at Vail HQ and Sunday Fundays. Demonstrations, music, rides on train. Family fun free. Be sure to visit the VaRRR folks in the Water Building antique store.

**Saturday, Nov. 10** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Vintage Marketplace at Vail HQ.

**Saturday, Nov. 17** — 5:30 p.m. TVHS Annual Meeting Dinner at Assistance League. Program will feature Jeff Minkler presenting “*Rancho California: The Kaiser Role*”. Reservations required.

**Saturday, Nov. 17** — 6 to 10 p.m. Moonlight Fever Band Night at Vail HQ.

**Sunday, Nov. 18** — “*Arts for Autism*” at Vail HQ from 1 to 5 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 24** — 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Small Business Saturday at Vail HQ.

**Saturday, Nov. 24** — 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. *Santa’s Arrival*, Carriage Rides and Tree Lighting at Vail HQ.

## **\* Notable Women of Temecula \* Presentations Scheduled**

Beginning In January 2019, the Notable Women of Temecula will be performing at the Little Temecula History Center on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month at 2:30 p.m. Mark your calendar. The programs are open to the public. Presentations already scheduled are:

**Sunday, January 6th**, Lynn Cudé will be portraying Ramona Wolf, the wife of Louis Wolf, who owned the Wolf Store Adobe. That building is still standing today at the Vail Ranch Headquarters. Come to hear the fascinating story of Ramona's life here in the late 1800s.

**Sunday, February 3rd**, Elaine Eshom will present Freda Knott who was a well-known Teacher, Librarian and School Board Trustee. This 15-minute presentation will be followed by Mindy Johnson, recounting the life of Maria Apis, a Luiseno Indian woman who inherited the Little Temecula Rancho.

**Sunday, March 3rd**, Bonnie Martland will portray Elena Coutts Dear, a descendant of a prominent California family, who lived both at the Rancho Guajome Adobe, and later at Rancho Santa Rosa.

**Sunday, April 7th**, Mindy Johnson, will present Annie Mendenhall Bergman, a well-known business owner, rancher, postmaster, and world traveler who lived most of her life in Aguanga.



## **TVHS Members Tour Historic Areas of Camp Pendleton**

On Thursday, October 18 a sizeable group of TVHS members participated in a group tour of Camp Pendleton and its historic adobe ranch house, chapel, Los Flores adobe, and mechanized museum.

Another outstanding tour organized by Phil Washum.



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