

# THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village Retirement Community

Hemet, CA



*For All of Those Who Served...We Thank You.*

November 2011

## Time for a Change

I generally greet the Daylight Savings time change with mixed emotions in the Fall. On the one hand I love the extra hour of sleep I gain and enjoy waking up before my alarm clock for several weeks. Falling back to sleep for that extra hour is a sweet luxury. On the other hand, I'm not really thrilled about streetlights coming on at 5:00pm, nor do I like driving home in the dark. The motivation for me to take an evening walk is quickly set aside because I tell myself that it's safer to take a weekend morning walk...yes, I may be easily persuaded on this topic.



I wish I had the motivation that our residents have in the autumn evenings, because as I'm leaving at the end of the day I often see couples, friends and fitness enthusiasts taking their evening walks around the community. Some are engaged in lively conversations as they walk with a clip to their heels, while others are leisurely strolling and enjoying the cool evening breezes. The individual walking style is unimportant, because what is important, is that our residents feel safe and secure walking our grounds at night. **The Village's** gated community includes well-lit walkways and 24-hour security, which lends peace of mind to a resident's evening walk.

Now, I suppose I could bring my walking shoes and join a few **Village** residents in the evening, but I really don't want to intrude on their nightly routine. Yes, that's my story, and I'm sticking to it!

And now, on behalf of our entire **Village** community, we'd like to thank all the men and women who have served in our nation's military. We appreciate you and wish you all a happy Veterans Day.

Valerie Machain  
Executive Director

## Resident Viewpoint Mary and Bob McClatchey

Bob is originally from Kankakee, Illinois, and joined the Army Air Corps at age 18. He attended Syracuse College for training to become an Armorer Gunner aboard the B-24 and was stationed overseas getting there, via the Queen Mary. Bob served his country for three years and returned home to attend the University of Illinois. He earned his degree in accounting and moved to CA, beginning a long career with the Union Oil Co.



Mary was born on her family farm near Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her great-great-grandfather originally purchased the 400-acre farm in 1848, with then-President Polk signing the deed. The farm remains in Mary's family to this day. She later attended business college in Cedar Rapids and soon joined her sister in CA. Mary also began a long career with the Prudential Insurance Co.

Bob and Mary met at a "Parents Without Partners" meeting over 38 years ago. After they married, family camping trips with their combined family of three sons and three daughters were especially memorable and fun. Mary also loved it when Bob's business with Union Oil sent him to such places as Tahiti, Australia and Fiji, because Mary was able to join him.

After Mary and Bob retired in 1992, they moved into a home built for them in Prescott, AZ. Ten years later, long time friends who had recently moved to **The Village** encouraged Mary and Bob to visit. They loved the spacious apartments and friendly environment and joined their friends in 2003. "The Assurance of Continuing Care was very important to us", says Bob. "And the fitness programs, including pool exercises and Tai-Chi, have truly allowed me to live a stronger and healthier life", adds Mary.

# A Village Veterans Day Reflection



John Feiger  
(Pictured on Cover)

Years back, when these young faces were photographed, they were the faces of someone's child, sibling, spouse, parent or friend. All have served with an honorable and patriotic spirit. Each has a story to tell. Some have shared their story while others will hold it deep within their soul. They are the faces of American honor and represent countless others who have served our great nation, past and present.

The photos on this page and in our center section, represent just a few of the many retired Veterans now in their 70's, 80's and 90's, who currently reside at **The Village Retirement Community**. The camaraderie they share today is reminiscent of their days in uniform and we are honored to share their military photos with you.



John Ballard



Harland Phillips



Harold Chenault



Bill Murphy



Jack Sawyer



Bob Mayne



Hal Hardesty



Floyd Smith

# SACK LUNCHES

*Based on a Story by Bever*

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,' I thought. Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation. 'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. "Chicago, Great Lakes Base. We'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Iraq."

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time. As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base.'

His friend agreed. I looked around at the other soldiers. None was buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty-dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She took my arm and squeezed tightly. Her eyes filled with tears, she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq; it's almost like you are doing it for him.' Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated.

After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the restroom. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars. Soon after I returned to my seat, I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held



Art Hale



Harry Andrus



Bob McClatchey



Kleo Loba

## *ly Brass, Originally published in 2008*

out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. He said, 'I was a soldier and a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.'

**L**ater I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was another passenger who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

**U**pon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them the seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base. It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.'

**T**en young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

*A veteran is someone who, at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' -- author unknown*



Wayne McGowan



Leon Carver



Jeff Myers



Ray Flynn

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Veterans Day Breakfast

*Friday, November 11th at 9:00 am*

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## A Touch of Country...

Country music artist J.R. Houston (yes, that's his real name!) recently entertained **Village** residents with country hits dating from the nostalgic 1950's to present day favorites. J.R. had everyone singing along, tapping toes and enjoying the festive atmosphere. It was a great opportunity to dust off the plaid shirts and cowboy hats and do a little boot scootin' down the BBQ grub line.



J.R. with Marj East,  
Activity Director

## ...A Splash of Pop & Jazz!

The Pulcini Brothers returned for another amazing dinner show performance at our recent Bring-A-Friend event. Residents and their guests were treated to a gourmet lunch followed by the smooth, musical styling of Bruce and Wayne Pulcini, featuring songs by Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra and Neil Diamond. A fabulous event!





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