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President's Message

DON'T FORGET THE VETERANS

As odd as it may sound, there are people for whom the word "veterans" only conjures up visions of fighting men at the battle front. However, veterans include men and women in combat and those who serve in non combatant positions. This is true during times of war and peace.



November is set aside as the month we honor our veterans. I'm always happy to see the number of "Veterans Day" activities across our county and our nation.

Prior to the release of this newsletter, there were at least two events taking place in Costa Mesa honoring our veterans. One was a **Veterans Observance Day** at Orange Coast College on November 6th and the other was a **Thank You To Our Veterans Day** at the Orange County Fairgrounds on November 11th.

Part of our mission here at the Costa Mesa Historical Society Museum is to preserve the memory of the Santa Ana Army Air Base and to pay tribute to the SAAAB veterans. But we don't stop there. Each November our monthly program at the Costa Mesa Historical Museum is dedicated to veterans of all branches of service. This year's program will be on Sunday, November 17th. Show your support and join us.

Our veterans, past and present, deserve our thanks and gratitude because of their sacrifices and service for us. We can never repay the debt owed to our veterans. Next time you have the opportunity, please thank a veteran for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Bob Palazzola

Costa Mesa Historical Society
Presents a Salute to Our Veterans

A Mission of Honor: *A Journey for Truth for Two Missing In Action Uncles*

Speaker:
Daniel J. Henry,
Author

**Join us Sunday,
November 17, 2013**

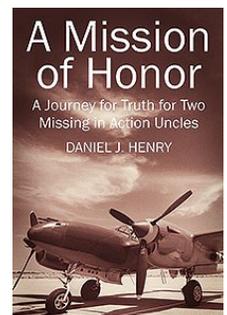


Doors open 2:00pm—Program at 2:30pm
Free Admission, Refreshments for All

Costa Mesa Historical Society Museum
1870 Anaheim Avenue, NW Corner
Lions Park Complex

Daniel Henry has a lifelong passion for genealogy and American history. Little did he imagine that one day, these interests would lead him to unwind the tangled thread of his own family story, bringing him the gift of two uncles whose remarkable stories had been buried for decades in the vast piles of World War II statistics. **Bring a friend and join us to hear this poignant story of World War II!**

Books will be available for sale and/or may be ordered from Outskirts Press at: <http://www.outskirtspress.com/bookstore/9781478706977.html> For further information call (949) 631-5918, visit www.costamesahistory.org or go to [facebook/costa mesa historical society](https://www.facebook.com/costa-mesa-historical-society)



Promoting and preserving Costa Mesa's history is our mission.

It's Election Time Again!

At 2:30 p.m., Sunday, November 17, a public election of officers and board members for 2014 will be held at the start of the program. The nominees below will be presented. At that time, nominations will be taken from the floor. If you wish to be nominated for an office, please speak up at the appointed time of the meeting. Term of office is one year and begins January 1. Installation of officers and board members is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 17.

The nominating committee - Hank Panian, Susan Weeks, and Dave Gardner - came up with the following candidates:

Officers

President: Bob Palazzola

Vice President–Programming: Terry Shaw

Recording Secretary: Gladys Refakes

Treasurer: Susan Weeks

Board Members

Mary Ellen Goddard - Archivist

Cynthia Humphreys - Newsletter Editor

Ed Baume*

Tess Bernstein

Dave Gardner

Dave Rusher

***New board member**



Dendel Exhibit Opens November 14th

To learn more about the lives of Jo and Esther Dendel, you are invited to visit the new exhibit at the Costa Mesa Historical Society. The Society is privileged to present photos, artifacts, dishware and crafts in order to honor and preserve the memory of the Dendels.



Our local community, as well as the world, lost a master craftsman and teacher on January 5, 2013. Born in Allegan, Michigan, in 1919, Gerald, known to most as Jo, received his degree in horticulture from Michigan State University. Jo immediately began working on the Firestone Rubber Plantation in Liberia to provide rubber for the allied war effort during World War II. It was in Liberia that he met Esther Warner who became his wife and business partner. Jo and Esther's experiences in Africa were a strong influence throughout their lives, and they dreamed of earning a living with arts and crafts. Together they created Denwar Ceramics in Costa Mesa, and they embarked on a creative journey that enriched the lives of all who knew them.

A line of pottery, based on shapes and colors they had seen in Africa, was designed and manufactured in their Costa Mesa studio. Esther, an accomplished author, wrote several bestsellers based on her experiences in Africa; and Jo illustrated them with carved woodblock prints. Many other books and projects followed, and they successfully realized their dream of earning a living by teaching and sharing arts and crafts with others.

The creation of beautiful crafts evolved into the Denwar Craft Fair which continues today and is known as the Artistic License Fair held annually in Estancia Park each October.

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