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**A TRIBUTE TO OUR
DISABLED VETERANS**

All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to Turning Point Housing project
for homeless disabled veterans building fund.

Knollwood Country Club
12024 BALBOA BLVD, GRANADA HILLS, CA. 91344
3:00 TO 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, July 30, 2017

To Benefit

Operation Confidence Turning Point Housing Project For
Homeless Disabled Veterans

And

Honoring Disabled Veterans From

*World War 11, Korean War, Vietnam, Gulf, Iraq and
Afghanistan era*

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To Host A

VETERAN & CIVILIAN FASHION SHOW EXTRAVAGANZA

Words From The Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Operation Confidence's 5th Annual Tribute To Our Disabled Veterans & Fundraiser. It's our mission to raise awareness and the necessary funds to provide permanent housing to homeless disabled who are now living on the streets of Los Angeles in the Skid Row district and under freeway bridges.

All proceeds raised will go to Operation Confidence **Turning Point Housing project** for our homeless disabled veterans building fund. Our goal is to obtain a house or apartment building to refurbish with community support similar to Habitat for Humanity. Once completed, the house would be a home for disabled veterans.

Operation Confidence, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, was founded in 1980 and has assisted 10,000+ individuals with disabilities, providing wraparound services to better their lives in mainstream society. Operation Confidence has also hosted community outreach and job fairs throughout the City of Los Angeles by collaborating with Fortune 500 corporations and small businesses to connect our clients with career and employment opportunities.

In 2008, while serving on the Los Angeles Rescue Mission Advisory Council, my team and I discovered a large number of disabled veterans were living in their wheelchairs on the streets. Many were still wearing portions of their military uniform and displaying tattered pieces of American flags. Operation Confidence made a commitment to correct this injustice and help this forgotten population.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

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HISTORIAN HONOREE



99 Year Old, 1st Sgt. Margaret Bellino-Barker, World War 11 Veteran

WAC Margaret Bellino-Barker served during WWII as a 1st Sergeant at Fort McDowell Angel Island, San Francisco, and was responsible for processing veterans coming in from overseas. Margaret will be 100 years old in August but continues to volunteer for veterans organizations.

Post Colors:

Devonshire Cadets Color Guards, North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy JROTC and Garfield High School JROTC

Interfaith Invocation:

Pastor Frank Orzio, Sgt. Ret. USMC-2x Purple Heart Recipient and Father Mike McCullough

HONORED & DISTINGUISHED GUEST SPEAKERS

Brad Sherman, U.S. Congressman

Representing California's San Fernando Valley, Brad Sherman has been in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1997 and is currently serving his eleventh term in Congress.

Congressman Sherman is a senior member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He serves as the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Asia, and the second ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Europe and Eurasia. Sherman is a Chairman Emeritus of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade. He is also a senior member of the Financial Services Committee.

During his tenure in Congress, Sherman has developed a reputation as a strong advocate for fiscal responsibility, a balanced budget, federal aid to education, the interests of working families, strong environmental standards, the protection of Social Security and Medicare, and policies to expand U.S. exports.



According to *USA Today* and *The Washington Post*, Congressman Sherman led the effort to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used for unlimited bailouts to Wall Street giants. In 2009, he took an important role in crafting legislation that ended bailouts putting taxpayers on the hook for risky Wall Street behavior, by successfully defeating the Treasury Department's proposal for permanent, unlimited TARP.



Betty Yee, State Controller

State Controller Yee is the Chief Fiscal Officer of California, the sixth largest economy in the world. She helps administer two of the largest public pension funds in the nation and serves on 78 state boards and commissions. These are charged with duties ranging from protecting our coastline to helping build hospitals. The Controller is the state's independent fiscal watchdog, providing sound fiscal control over more than \$100 billion in receipts and disbursements of public funds a year, offering fiscal guidance to local governments, and uncovering fraud and abuse of taxpayer dollars.



Assemblyman Dante Acosta

Was elected in 2016 to represent California's 38th Assembly District. Before joining the Assembly, Assemblyman Acosta was Mayor Pro Tem on the Santa Clarita City Council. In the private sector, he worked as the General Manager of a car dealership and in a number of senior leadership positions in the finance industry as well as volunteering for several worthwhile charities. He attended California State University Northridge and the University of Phoenix. Assemblyman Acosta is very supportive of both veterans and active duty military. His eldest son, Rudy Acosta and Army Specialist was killed in action in Afghanistan.



Kathryn Barger, Los Angeles County Board Supervisor

Supervisor Barger is the only County Supervisor who was born raised and is a lifelong resident of the Fifth District. After earning a BA in Communications from Ohio Wesleyan University, she began her career working in the private sector. Her interests in public service led her to return home where she went to work for Los Angeles County Supervisor Mike Antonovich. For the past 15 years, Supervisor Barger was Chief Deputy Supervisor, managing the Supervisor's office and serving as official liaison with community and local business groups. She has developed strong ties to these groups, knows their problems and delivers results. Supervisor Barger is an expert on healthcare, mental health and children's issues due to her work with Supervisor Antonovich. He encouraged her to run for the office of County Supervisor and endorsed her candidacy.



A special thanks to **Councilmember Mitchell Englander** for his continues support.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Brigadier General Ruth A. Wong, Director Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

United States Air Force (Ret) Director – Department of Military and Veterans Affairs County of Los Angeles. Retired from the United States Air Force Brigadier General Ruth A. Wong is Acting Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs County of Los Angeles. General Wong completed a distinguished career in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Brigadier General in September 2001.

She served as Assistant to the Air Force Surgeon General for Medical Readiness and Nursing Services, Aeromedical Evacuation Flight Commander in the Persian Gulf during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and was selected to become one of the first nurse practitioners in the Air Force.

General Wong began her career with the County of Los Angeles in 2001 as the Quality Improvement Manager for the Department of Mental Health. She was promoted to the Chief Executive Office in 2002 as the Executive Director of the Quality and Productivity Commission, and became the Director of Workplace Programs in 2011. Appointed by the Board of Supervisors, County of Los Angeles, she became the Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs July 16, 2013.

She earned a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, a Bachelor's degree from Occidental College and received her nursing education at St. Mary's School of Nursing, Chicago and the University of Virginia. Major awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. She received the Lt. General Charles H. Roadman, U.S. Air Force Surgeon General, Mirror Force award upon retirement.



Mistress of Ceremony

Patrina Croisdale, Director Veterans Resource Center CSUN

Patrina Croisdale received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Master of Social Work from California State University, Northridge. She is a longtime supporter and ally of the veteran community and began working with veterans in 2013 at Los Angeles Pierce College. During her tenure at Pierce College, Patrina conducted research, ran focus groups and programs, and made proposals advocating for a Veterans Resource Center on campus. For the past three years, she has promoted the academic, professional and personal development of over 2,100 student veterans as the Director of the Veterans Resource Center at

CSUN. A few of her most noteworthy accomplishments include the development of the Joining Forces Veteran Ally Program, research on student veteran homelessness and food insecurity, and the creation of a Student Veteran Emergency Relief Fund.



Honored Guest Speaker & Honorees

Steve Ruda, Los Angeles Fire Department **Battalion Chief** - (Station 18)

A veteran U.S. Marines Captain, former seminarian and LAFD Battalion Chief Steve Ruda is a 27-years veteran with the Los Angeles Fire Department. He presently serves as Commander of Battalion 10 which covers the San Fernando Valley. He received awards for bravery and valor, including a Medal of Valor in 1996 for exposing himself to gunfire to rescue a police officer who had been shot by a gang member.

After the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, he inscribed a message on a quilt to be sent to the Flight 93 National Memorial, honoring the passengers on the hijacked plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. The organizers of the memorial used a phrase he wrote to serve as its mission statement - "A common field one day, a field of honor forever".

Battalion Chief Ruda was nominated for the Firefighter of the Year award by other firefighters and selected by the Los Angeles City Firefighters Association board. The awards are a lifetime achievement award, stressing accomplishments from his long career.



Dr. Mark P. Ryan, Superintendent North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy

Dr. Mark P. Ryan, Superintendent North Valley Military Institute College Preparatory Academy, has served in this position since 2014. He was previously the Commandant and then Superintendent of the Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy from 2007-2014. Prior to that he worked as a Program Specialist for the San Bernardino City Unified School District, a teacher and instructional coach in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and as a teacher and administrator in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles. He was the principal of Saint Matthias High School when it earned prestigious Blue Ribbon School recognition. For more than 30 years, he served in the California State Military Reserve and California Cadet Corps, retiring in 2014 as a Lieutenant Colonel. For fifteen of those years he served as Assistant Executive Officer of the California Cadet Corps, and his military awards include the Order of California, the California Medal of Merit, the California Commendation Medal and the California Cadet Corps Distinguished Service Medal with Gold Oak Leaf Cluster. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in Curriculum, a Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration, a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies, and California clear teaching credentials in elementary multiple subjects, single subject physical education, health, introductory mathematics, designated subjects basic military drill and administrative services.

John Brown, Special Agent in Charge-FBI Los Angeles

Mr. Brown began his career as a special agent with the FBI in 1999. For the past 18 years, Mr. Brown has held various leadership positions in the FBI's Counterintelligence, Counterterrorism and Cyber programs. During that time, he has been assigned to the FBI's Chicago Field Office, the St. Louis Field Office, the Counterterrorism Division, the Cyber Division, and most recently the Los Angeles Field Office.

In July 2010, Mr. Brown received orders for Active Duty with the 10th Mountain Division, United States Army. Holding the rank of Major, Mr. Brown was deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan as a Deputy Senior Intelligence Officer for a 250 person intelligence section in a multinational combat environment in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Mr. Brown returned to the FBI in 2011 after his deployment.

In October 2016, Mr. Brown was appointed to the Senior Executive Service as a Special Agent in Charge in FBI Los Angeles Field Office where he leads the Cyber and Counterintelligence Operations.



Prior to the FBI, Mr. Brown served in the United States Army as an Air Defense and Military Intelligence Officer. He is a graduate of the Army's Officer Candidate School, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Air Defense Officer Basic Course and Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course.

Mr. Brown has deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Maldives, Bangladesh, and Russia in support of FBI operations and the Global War on Terrorism.

Mr. Brown's military awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, NATO Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

FBI Agent John Brown is special agent in charge of the Administrative Branch for the Los Angeles Division. In 2010 and 2011, Agent Brown also served on active duty with United States Army deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan



Captain Bryan Lium, Commanding Officer, Los Angeles Police Department-Devonshire Division

Captain Lium spent nine years in the Army Reserve and National Guard as a military policeman and was discharged as an E-6 Staff Sergeant assigned to a criminal investigation division.

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and Justice, Captain Lium began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department in December 1995. As a police officer, he was assigned to Harbor, Wilshire, and Pacific Divisions. In 1998 he was selected to be part of the Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (CLEAR) task force as a gang officer and later as a gang investigator.

He was promoted to detective in 2001 and assigned to the Van Nuys Area. He was later promoted to sergeant and was assigned to Devonshire Division as a patrol supervisor.

In 2003 he was selected to supervise the Los Angeles Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (LA IMPACT). In 2006 Captain Lium helped to start a new unit within the Counter-Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence Bureau (CTCIB), the Protective Security Task Force (PSTF), which was designed to protect critical infrastructure in the Los Angeles Region. In 2011 he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to North Hollywood Area as a Watch Commander, and later assigned to Internal Affairs as The Officer-in-Charge of the Valley Section. In 2015 he was promoted to captain and was assigned to the Devonshire Area

Honorees



Jose Sanchez, Assistant Director, Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) Investigator U.S. Department of Labor

Jose Sanchez enlisted in the Marine Corps and served 11 years on active duty as a supply and logistics specialist, including a 2003 combat deployment to Iraq. He achieved the rank of Sergeant.

Following the completion of his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from California State University, Fullerton, Assistant Director Sanchez was hired as the Veterans Benefits Coordinator at California State University, Los Angeles in April 2013. In that position he managed the Veterans Resource

Center, admissions, peer counseling, program development, budget tracking and academic counseling for veteran students.

In January of 2015, Sanchez was hired as the Assistant Director for Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) Investigator with the U.S. Department of Labor in Anaheim CA. His responsibilities include developing programs to assist veterans find employment, promoting the hiring of veterans to employers, oversight of veteran employment re-integration grants to the state of California and non-profit organizations, and conducting federal investigations into USERRA (The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act) rights of veterans.

Sanchez completed his Master's degree in Business Administration from California State University, Los Angeles in December of 2016.

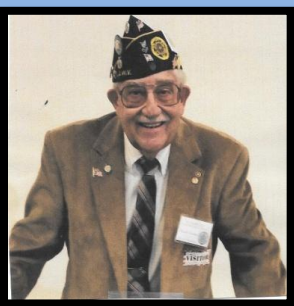


Jason Agcaoili, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage - Palos Verdes Beach Cities

Jason served in the Department of Defense for over 18 years. Most recently, he served 9+ years in government civil service as an Intelligence Officer in the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Prior to DIA, he served 9+ years on active duty military service as an Intelligence Analyst in the U.S. Air Force.

While serving at DIA, he deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and Southeast Asia, during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom respectively. He received the DIA Award for Excellence, DIA Civilian Service Medal, and the National Intelligence Meritorious Unit Award.

After separating from civil service, Jason pursued his passion for business entrepreneurship and is now a Realtor with Coldwell Banker - Palos Verdes Beach Cities. He specializes in residential properties for homeowners and real estate investors. With his knowledge of real estate investing and as a military veteran, he brings his motivational drive and wealth of guidance for Operation Confidence Turning Point Housing Program that's second to none.



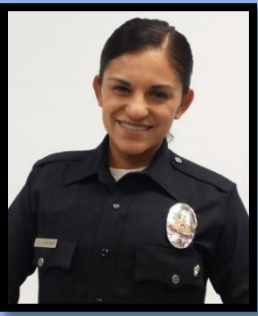
Charles (Chuck) Schwartz, Commander, Jewish War Veteran Post 603, San Fernando Valley

Chuck Schwartz is the Commander of one of the largest Jewish War Veteran posts in the Country, San Fernando Valley, CA Post 603. He has served the post as Adjutant, Jr. Vice Commander and Senior Vice Commander.

Schwartz joined the Navy in 1956, graduated from Boot Camp in San Diego and qualified for Sonar school. He was sent to Key West, FL he graduated near the top of his class of 35 students and began his sea duty aboard the "USS The Sullivans" (DE537) as a Sonar operator and technician. Schwartz earned his 3rd Class Petty Officer stripe after six weeks aboard ship.

The Sullivans operated in the sixth fleet, and Schwartz traveled to the Mediterranean Sea twice. Gibraltar, Spain, Italy, France, Suez Canal and Africa were a few of the destinations. He has also traveled numerous times to the Caribbean and the North Atlantic Ocean.

Schwartz was honorably discharged in 1961 and began his 35-year career in the recreational vehicle industry, where he and his father built Golden Bear RV Service, a large RV service center.



Officer Anna Villasenor, Los Angeles Police Department-Devonshire Division

LAPD Officer Anna Villasenor enlisted into the U.S. Army in 2011 as an E-3/PFC and graduated Army basic training course at Fort Jackson, SC in 2012. She graduated in the top 10% of the battalion while in the Army and received an award that same year. Officer Villasenor attended Fort Huachuca School of Military Intelligence, and graduated in 2012. She was stationed at Fort Huachuca as an Imagery Intelligence Analyst from 2012-2013. In 2013, she was assigned to the 40th Infantry Division, Los Alamitos, CA, and then to Warfighter Exercise at Fort Leavenworth, KS in 2013. She was transferred to the California Border Patrol (Calexico/Mexicali Border) counter drug task force in 2014. In 2016 she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Villasenor completed a six-year military contract on May 5, 2017 and began a second six-year contract May 6, 2017. She is also active in the California National Guard.

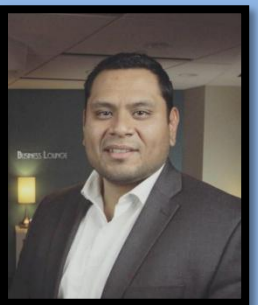
She received the Military Service Ribbon, Counter Drug Ribbon, a diploma from the Army School of Military Intelligence at Fort Huachuca, AZ. She has also been awarded acting NCOIC recognition received during Warfighter exercise at Fort Leavenworth, KS, the Army Military Intelligence award at Fort and TGS.

The California Border Patrol presented her with an award for participation in the counter drug task force, border checkpoints.



Jonathan Kim, Mortgage Loan Originator, HomeBridge Financial Services

Jonathan Kim graduated in the Class of 2004 from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned as a Marine Corps Ground Intelligence Officer. Kim served one tour in Japan and two combat tours in Iraq. He is now separated from the Marine Corps as a Captain (O-3) and received his MBA from the University of Notre Dame. Currently Kim is a Mortgage Loan Officer at HomeBridge Financial Services and specializes in VA loans.



Pedro De Leon, Financial Advisor, RTB Financial Group

Pedro De Leon is a disabled veteran who served 12 years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Sgt. OEF. For six of those years he was on active duty while the remaining six were served in the reserves. During his time in the reserves he focused on completing his bachelor's degree. Today he is a financial advisor and Chief Operating Officer for RTB Financial Group, a tech company that provides a virtual platform for tutors called Tutors Live.



Ric Maddox, U.S. Army Veteran

Ric graduated high school and joined the US Army, serving in the 4th Infantry Division as an Alpha Team Leader in the 1st Battalion 8th Infantry Regiment with one tour in Iraq. While in service, Ric had the honor of earning 5 Army Achievement Medals and the prestigious Expert Infantry Badge. This achievement is not surprising considering his grandfather CPO George Lawrence Myers, a World War 11 Navy veteran and his great grandfather, Purple Heart recipient Corporal George Labania Myer was a decorated World War 1 Army Infantry machine gunner. Today Ric is Director of Corporate Events for The Stadium, a unique entertainment venue



Jose Martinez Pila, Account Executive, Lubnau Gonzalez Insurance Agency

After serving in the United States Army in an airborne unit for eight years, Jose Martinez Pila dropped his rifle and hit the books attending Cal Poly Pomona where he received a B.S. in marketing and international business while working at PATH, a nonprofit organization that helps homeless veterans to acquire-housing. After finishing his undergraduate degree, he attended the University of Redlands where he received his MBA in marketing and finance. Martinez Pila has a service dog named Ranger, which he received from Pets for Vets, an organization that provides service animals for wounded veterans.



Officer Jeffrey Johnson, Los Angeles Police Department-Devonshire Division

Officer Jeffrey Johnson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1989, graduating boot camp from the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot (MCRD) San Diego in November of that same year. He attended combat training December 1989 and was assigned to the MOS school as Amphibious Assault Vehicle Crewman in January 1990. In March 1990 he was assigned to his first duty station at Quantico Virginia. Officer Johnson was deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Desert Storm from January 1991 to April 1991.

During the Gulf War Officer Johnson was assigned to OCD-1 Task Force Ripper 1st Marine Division and cleared mine fields for the rest of units to pass through. He finished his first enlistment at Quantico (1991 to1993), and achieved the rank of E-5 Sergeant.

He received orders to Camp Pendleton's 3rd Amphibious Assault Battalion, Alpha Company in July 1993, and was deployed to Okinawa, Japan from May to October 1995, and again from May to October 1997. He completed his 2nd enlistment in August 1998 with an Honorable Discharge and the rank of E-6 Staff Sergeant.

Officer Johnson was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Navy Sea Service Ribbon and Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon. He joined LAPD December 1998.



Coy Reyes, Readjustment Counseling Therapist, Chatsworth Vet Center and Sepulveda Outstation

Coy Reyes served as a Marine Corps Infantryman with 3rd Battalion 5th Marines of the 1st Marine Division. With the Darkhorse Battalion, he completed three combat deployments to Iraq (2003, 2004, and 2006). His unit was tasked with peace-keeping and counter-terrorism. He is a recipient of Purple Heart Medal and Combat Action Ribbon. After active duty, he completed his graduate studies from USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. He now serves as a Readjustment Counseling Therapist for the Chatsworth Vet Center and Sepulveda Outstation. He assists combat veterans and their families with issues with readjustment, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Military Sexual Trauma by providing evidence-based treatment and counseling.



Francis Orbin, U.S. Army Veteran

Francis Orbin joined the U.S. Army in 1985 and was assigned to 396th transportation company, 4th transportation battalion, 7th group in Ludwigsburg, Germany. In 1988 he had a change of duty assignment to Fort Eustis, Virginia and was assigned to 100th transportation company. In September of 1990 his company was deployed to the Port of Damon, Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm. After off-loading the equipment from the boats, he supported the 2nd ACR and 3rd AD and transported the tanks to the front line. While there, he was exposed to chemicals causing him to develop a cardiovascular disease which resulted in the amputation of his left leg. He was discharged after returning from Desert Storm in May of 1991.



Shanty Acevedo, Global War on Terror Outreach Specialist for the Chatsworth and Sepulveda Vet Centers

Shanty Acevedo is a native of Los Angeles. In 2003, at the age of 18, he volunteered to join the United States Army in response to the 9/11 attack on US soil. Shanty served as a field artillery mechanic and was assigned to a Combat Recovery vehicle team with the 1st Infantry Division. He deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and 2006. Some recognition of his achievements include Army Commendation Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medals, Army Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. In 2008, Shanty was honorably discharged from the United States Army with the rank of Sergeant,

Shanty assisted countless Homeless Veterans with housing and substance abuse issues, when he worked for the Housing and Urban Development's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing program at the West Los Angeles Veteran Affairs Hospital. He now serves as Global War on Terror Outreach Specialist for the Chatsworth and Sepulveda Vet Centers where he helps veterans receive the mental health counseling they need. Shanty is active in Southern California's veteran's community. In addition, he founded the Facebook page called "Veterans of Los Angeles" to provide community resources to veterans. He is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in business at the University of LaVerne with a focus on continuing his education to earn an MBA.

Interfaith Clergymen



Pastor Frank Orzio

Sgt. Orzio, (ret) USMC-2x Purple Heart recipient, was wounded in the Vietnam War in 1968. He was with the 1st Battalion 7th Marine, First Marine Division, the 106 Recoilless Rifle Platoon attached to Suicide Charley Company. Pastor Orzio served with his cousin, Corporal George Waigande, who is now a Professor at the University of Columbia in Missouri. Dr. Walgandt himself received three Purple Hearts for wounds received in combat and a medal of valor for saving his cousin Frank Orzio's after a deadly ambush and landmine explosion. Pastor Frank was ordained in 2006 and shortly after founded The Wounded Warriors Ministries, a non-denominational ministry.



Father Mike McCullough

Father Mike is in his 37 years of ministry to the law enforcement community in Southern California, Los Angeles Police Department and simultaneously 13 years with the FBI, Father Michael McCullough has buried 97 police officers; 13 were suicides.

Father Mike is not only the Los Angeles Police Department's sole full-time chaplain, but is also a graduate of the police academy and a reserve officer.

According to the veteran chaplain, who started his special ministry with the Culver City Police Department during an early clerical assignment at St. Augustine Church in Culver City, the number one danger for those working in law enforcement today is cynicism. Cops witness on a regular basis human suffering and evil the rest of us might never encounter in a lifetime.

Father Mike conducts orientation classes at the police academy and tells raw recruits it's better to meet the problems they will inevitably face in their career and life "head on" rather than try to keep a lid on their negative and painful feelings.

As a priest, he has the highest level of confidentiality of any chaplain in the LAPD, especially when it comes to hearing the confession (sacrament of reconciliation) of Catholic officers.

Honored Chairpersons



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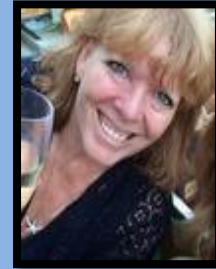
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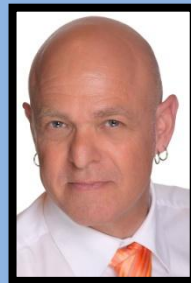
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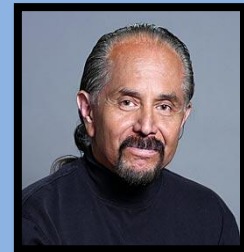
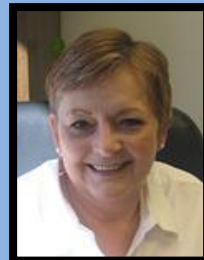
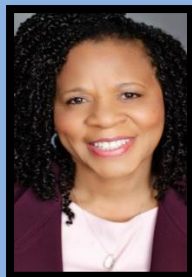
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Congratulation To Tayloure Richardson, Ms. Wheelchair 2017

Several years ago Tayloure began volunteering her time for Operation Confidence as Consuella's executive assistant and used her advocacy skills to help open doors to opportunities for disabled veterans.

Tayloure was born with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, which is also known as brittle bones. At an early age, she knew she would not allow her physical limitations keep her from living a full life. With the support of her family and friends, she became a driving force in the community as a role model.

She is no stranger to oppositions-when faced with life challenges. She interned and lived in Washington, D.C. for a semester although she found it a struggle getting around the city which was not easily accessible for people with disabilities.

Tayloure received a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University Northridge in sociology and is now working towards her master's degree in social work with a concentration on veteran affairs at the University of Southern California.

Tayloure was nominated Ms. Wheelchair 2017 in January and created a platform to bring awareness and resources to veterans with a disability. She says, "It would be an honor to serve our heroes." <http://www.mswheelchaircaliforniafoundation.org>.

Operation Confidence Turning Point Housing Executive Committee



Pedro De Leon, Financial Advisor, R & B Financial Group

Pedro De Leon brings knowledge to structure a solid financial future for Operation Confidence. He has the ability to design a financial platform that addresses the needs of veterans, offers practical solutions and provides valuable insights.



Jason Agcaoili, Real Estate Broker, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Jason is a successful real estate brokers with Coldwell Banker. With his years of knowledge he brings a wealth of real estate experience and guidance for Operation Confidence Turning Point Housing Program that's second to none.



Robin Kellogg, President, Robin Kellogg Associates

Robin Kellogg works with small to mid-size companies providing content for business communications and marketing. She also works with aspiring authors offering one-on-one coaching and workshops.

The author of two books, Kellogg brings Operation Confidence her professional expertise as overseer for proposals, grants, branding, marketing, promotions and a business development platform.

Operation Confidence **2018 Fundraiser** “A Veterans 3-Day Cruise”

Sponsors are needed: With a \$2,000 donation, Operation Confidence can sponsor eight (8) veterans on a 3-day cruise to Ensenada, Mexico on Carnival Cruise Line. This exciting vacation would be a fundraiser for Operation Confidence Turning Point Housing Program for homeless, disabled veterans. The cruise will take place the weekend of February 23, 2018. To sponsor a veteran, email OCDisabledVeterans@gmail.com, or call 818. 281.4916 for more information. To book a reservation, call Jana at 310.916-6130 or email Jana@worldwideodyssey.com. Reservations can also be made the day of the tribute event on Sunday, July 30, 2017.



This fundraising opportunity is made possible by Jana Huntley, President of Worldwide Odyssey Travel/Cruise Planners, who strives to bring personal service back to travelers. Everything is accessible for individuals with disabilities.

Huntley's staff expertly customizes the itinerary so that preparing for the big trip is as relaxing as the trip itself. They not only track down the best prices and book your hotel room but also offer advice and guidance that only an experienced travel professional can provide.

With 30+ years of travel experience, Huntley travels the globe to match her first-hand experience with each customer's goals to provide a customized, unforgettable and unique vacations.

As a member of the Cruise Planners/American Express network, one of the largest travel companies in the U.S., she has strong relationships with travel suppliers across the globe. These connections help her company offer perks not available when booking online, such as free room upgrades and amenities; behind-the-scenes, VIP tours and special offers and promotions not available anywhere else.

The Reality

The State of California is home to 7% of the country's veteran population and is the number one state for homeless veterans.

In 2010, over 20,000 military members and veterans faced foreclosure.

About 53% of all veteran renter households nationwide are low income (below 80% of average median income for their area).



Combined, over 48,000 servicemen and women have been physically injured in the recent military conflicts. Many of these wounded soldiers and veterans require accommodative housing. And this does not touch upon the high numbers of older veterans aging in place

Operation Confidence

Overview: "Support our veterans" has become a mantra in American Society. It's on the lips of politicians, community leaders and people on the street, but unfortunately when it comes to "disabled" veterans, many are homeless, overlooked and forgotten.

Mission: To obtain a house donated to Operation Confidence Turning Point Housing Project for homeless, disabled veterans, then as a community effort have it refurbished into permanent housing for these veterans. Disabled veterans will live in a supervised, homelike environment and receive good proper nutrition, mental health assistance from the **Project Solider** organization, substance- and drug-abuse assistance, adaptive and independent living equipment, resources and services, mobility devices and much more to help them transition back to productive members of society once again.

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