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Dave Leckness  
Editor



## Mission Viejo Veteran Resources and Hotlines



by Colonel Greg Rath  
USMC (RET)  
Councilmember, Mission Viejo

Mission Viejo takes care of its military veterans. When I was first elected in 2014, I made it a priority to ensure our veterans have available the necessary information for local veteran services. I would like to thank the city staff for acting quickly to set up veteran displays of literature at the Norman P. Murray Center and the Mission Viejo Library. The literature contains Veteran Benefits Services, Crisis Support Services, Veteran Legal Assistance, and Veteran Mental Health support and resources counseling. Pamphlets are also available containing State and County Veteran assistance programs as well as non-governmental resources. Orange County has a One-Stop Shop Center which includes a CA Employment Development Department, contact information is 949-341-8000 and <http://onestop.com>.

Mission Viejo has a Marine and Sailor Adoption Committee consisting of volunteers to help our active duty military members and their families at Camp Pendleton. This citizen-run adoption committee partners with the Mission Viejo Community Foundation and local businesses to provide year-round support to our adopted Marines and Sailors of the Headquarters Battalion of the 1st Marine Division. To find more information contact them at 949-470-3061 or at [www.cityofmissionviejo.org/marines](http://www.cityofmissionviejo.org/marines).



## UNITY

### PLAYING AS A TEAM LEADS TO SUCCESS



by Trish Kelley  
Mayor Pro Tem  
Co-founder Mission Viejo  
Community of Character

Mission Viejo has character! In February, the City highlights the quality of **unity**. Unity is a trait which includes teamwork, harmony, support, sharing, selflessness, oneness, collaboration, brotherhood, and friendship. In practicing Unity, we gain a valuable tool: synergy, which is the increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or groups work together. Through unity we can recognize our limitations and appreciate the resources available through others. Unity does not mean that we must agree about everything or that we are all the same, but we can respectfully see the viewpoint and strength of another, and we may be stronger when we work together!

Unity is an important element in families, sports teams, bands, choirs, orchestras, businesses, service organizations, schools, churches, and neighborhoods. Babe Ruth's words help us to see the value of unity: "The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." To read our character documents in full, visit [www.cityofmissionviejo.org/character](http://www.cityofmissionviejo.org/character).

## VOTER REGISTRATION

### MISSION VIEJO VERIFY YOUR VOTING STATUS



by Patricia Bates  
California State Senator  
36th Senate District

California's presidential primary election will take place on March 3, 2020.

You may have heard of recent media reports of Californians claiming their voter registration was unexpectedly changed after interacting with the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Regardless of who is to blame for the incorrect registrations, I strongly encourage all voters to verify their existing voter registration status at the California Secretary of State's website by visiting <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov>. Mission Viejo's voters should also visit the Orange County Registrar of Voters' website at [www.ocvote.com](http://www.ocvote.com) to verify that their information is correct.

If you see anything that needs to be changed, please contact the Registrar of Voters at 714.567.7600. If you have not yet registered to vote, you can register at the Secretary of State's website by visiting <https://registertovote.ca.gov>. The last day to register to vote for the March 3rd election is February 15th.

For assistance with state agencies such as the DMV, please contact my Laguna Hills office at 949.598.5850 or send an e-mail to [senator.bates@senate.ca.gov](mailto:senator.bates@senate.ca.gov)

Senator Patricia Bates represents the 36th Senate District in the California Legislature, which covers South Orange County, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and North San Diego County.

# FLO JO ROSE GARDEN

## BEAUTIFUL PARK MEMORIALIZES MV OLYMPIAN

Florence Joyner Olympiad Park is a 22-acre park dedicated to **Florence Griffith Joyner**, the Olympic Gold Medalist who made her home in Mission Viejo, California.



*The Rose Garden*

The park features a bronze statue of "Flo-Jo" winning the 100-meter race at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. Especially pleasant are the Olympic Gardens – a place to relax, unwind, and walk among the gardens that have been designed with an international flair.



*Bronze Statue of Flo- Jo*

The first garden has a large wood shelter and a playful tulip fence incorporating the Olympic Rings. After crossing over a wooden bridge, a side path leads to a second garden with a brass and bronze sundial. The third area is a community rose garden complete with the perfect "Olympiad" red rose. The fourth setting is the aromatic herb garden with a Moorish stone urn, accompanied by traditional lemon and orange citrus trees. The final area is a walled, outdoor garden room which includes a stone water wall. In addition, there are benches, chairs and tables – ideal for close conversation, napping, or reading the paper.



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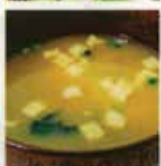
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FROM OUR MOM'S POINT OF VIEW DEPT.

## EL DORADO PARK

### Great New Renovations

"Have you checked out the playground near....?" This is my world now. I remember those days of getting advice on the best places to go for happy hour. Now, I am getting suggestions on the best playgrounds near my house.

Honestly though, have you had a chance to check out the newly renovated El Dorado Park playground? The sand is so soft my kids beg to take their shoes off as soon as we get there. This three



El Dorado Park

level playground has an awesome twisty tunnel slide that descends from the top level. Insider tip: do not "test it out" first. My husband and I both got a little beat up going down. I may be a little obsessed with this new trend of mommy & me baby swings, and this playground has them. If you are in the area check it out.

El Dorado Park

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FROM OUR GET YOUR SNEAKERS ON DEPT.

## RUN FOR FUN

### AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY



The 3rd Annual Oso Fit 5K Fun Run and Community Health Fair will take place on Saturday February 29th. This event will feature a 5K race, a children of all abilities half-mile run, a children of all abilities quarter-mile run along with the ever so popular Community Health Fair. By simply registering for this event, you can support your favorite local nonprofit.

The event kicks off at 7:30 a.m. with the Community Health Fair featuring more than 60 health and

wellness organizations offering giveaways, handouts and free health screenings. The 5K Fun Run follows at 8:30 a.m., then the quarter- and half-mile runs beginning at 9:30 a.m. The children's course will be accessible for kids of all abilities – even those with braces, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs. All pre-registration fees will benefit Mission Viejo nonprofits. For more information, visit [www.osofit5k.org](http://www.osofit5k.org). You can register and pick up your bib early from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday and on race day from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Village Green (24932 Veterans Way).



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## A Conversation With..

# Col. Greg Rath, USMC (Ret.)

## Mission Viejo City Councilman

**T**he Mission Viejo Reporter sat down with Mission Viejo Councilman Greg Rath and discussed his extortory life. Raised in Arizona, graduated from Arizona State University, went on to flight school and graduated at the top of his class (Only the top new aviators went on to fly jets; the rest flew helicopters). In 1996, Greg took on a prestigious assignment at the White House (His office was just doors away from the Oval). After Greg retired, he was a pilot for Jet Blue. Now, he looks after the City of Mission Viejo and it's residents as a proud city council member.

**What's been a big hurdle for you to overcome?** Successfully completing military jet flight training was my biggest hurdle in life. I endured 15 months of training where I was evaluated and challenged academically, physically, and aeronautically. June 24, 1977, the day when my father pinned on my Navy Gold Wings, was a very proud moment for me.

**Who were your biggest influences growing up?** My mother was my biggest influence on me growing up. She kept me disciplined and focused on what was important in life. She believed in education, service, and orderliness, and passed it on to me and my siblings.

**What was your first car?** I purchased my first car at age 21 when I was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. I bought a 1974 Chevrolet Malibu, white with a maroon top. With a steady paycheck now coming in, many of us new Lieutenants were buying cars, thus the name 2nd Lieutenant mobile came into our vocabulary.

**Have you ever landed on an aircraft carrier?** I have over 500 carrier landings on various Navy aircraft carriers. My first landing was in 1976 on the USS Lexington flying the jet trainer T-2 Buckeye. I later flew the RF-4B Phantom II off the USS Midway. I concluded my carrier flying as the

Commanding Officer of a Marine Corps Fighter/Attack Squadron flying the F/A-18 Hornet off the USS Abraham Lincoln.

**Do you remember where you dropped your first bomb?** I flew in three combat operations, the most notable Operation Desert Storm in 1991. My first taste of combat was in February 1991, flying the F/A-18D Hornet. It was during Desert Storm that I first released live ordnance on enemy positions.

**What is your fondest memory of working in the White House?** I had the honor to be assigned to the White House from 1996-1999, as Assistant Chief of Staff of the White House Military Office. I was a Colonel during this tour of duty. My fondest memory was sitting in the Oval Office with the President, Vice President, Secretaries of Defense and State and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I thought, "How did this kid from Arizona end up in the most powerful room in the world with the most powerful men and woman in the world?"



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READERS' PHOTOS





# Ask Aunt Sandy



- WITH MISSION VIEJO'S SANDRA FERGUSON

In the tradition of great personal advice, Mission Viejo Reporter's own Aunt Sandy is a straight shooter who relates to all ages. She researches topics of interest to her readers and then answers their most personal questions with empathy and gentle humor.

Dear Aunt Sandy,

I have lived in Casta del Sol for over twenty years. For a year now, I've seen my neighbor setting traps for innocent rabbits around his property. I've even seen him taking the captured rabbits into his garage many times. Now, I've discovered he is selling rabbit feet key-chains at the Orange County Fair. My husband says to mind my own business, but I can't help but think what he might be doing in his garage. Is this something the city should look into?

- PETA Lover

Dear PETA Lover,

Sounds like you live next door to a true entrepreneur. I used to have a pink lucky rabbits foot key chain that held the key to my Hope Chest (that I never used, thank you very much). Those of us who love our gardens don't exactly consider rabbits "innocent" when they mow down everything from my cilantro to my zinnias. My first thought is to pick up more traps and place them around your property. That way, you could help double production and inventory. However, realistically that's not a good idea. Your husband is wrong this time. You should get involved. It does sound like you've got a little-shop-of-horrors going on next to you. I know you want to be a good neighbor but this calls for getting the authorities involved. Who knows? Your neighbors next project might be selling shrunken heads.

- Aunt Sandy

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**SYMBOLIC SPANISH ARCHWAY**—Entry to the new San Carlos model in La Paz homes is marked by a distinctive curved arch. This four-bedroom design features selected refinements based on homeowner surveys taken the past three years.

## Painting by Mission Viejo Artist Leads to Design of County Medal

A painting by Mission Viejo artist Lloyd Harting inspired the design of the Orange County bicentennial medal, struck in honor of the 200th year since the first Spanish settlement was established in this area.

Harting's watercolor of the Portola party as it crossed southern California in 1769, is also on the cover of the written account of that first Spanish land party — "The Call to California." The Portola expedition crossed the county two centuries ago and established what came to be El Camino Real, the route linking the 21 California Missions.

The obverse of the medal was designed through the combined efforts of W. Harold Lang of Fullerton, the bicentennial committee's administrative director; Doris

Walker of Dana Point, writer, historian and member of the bicentennial advisory board and J. Malcolm Dunn of San Clemente, graphics designer.

### Saddleback Setting

Harting's painting was localized with county scenery—Saddleback Mountain in dominance as it appears from both the Capistrano and Santa Ana Valleys, (two sites selected for Missions). Capistrano's was established in 1776 — coincident with the birth of the United

States, but Orange County lost its second Mission with the founding of one at San Gabriel valley.

Artist Harting, of 24496 Chamalea Drive, Mission Viejo, is a nationally recognized "Western" painter. His work has appeared extensively in calendar and Christmas card art for over four decades. He first placed paintings on public display only three years ago.

Semi-retiring from Hollywood to Mission Viejo, he has since had hangings in such galleries across the country as the Grand Central in New York. Eight of his commissioned paintings of the Far East are also in the permanent U.S. Air Force collection.

### Disney Art Direction

Versatile, too, in various phases of commercial art, he also handled art direction for the Disney movie "Bambi" and was instrumental in creation of "Fantasia" and "Pinocchio."

This pictorial historian's watercolors for "The Call to California" were researched to capture details of the original scenes as the first Spaniards crossed California and

(Continued on page 6)

## NEW LA PAZ MODELS SHOW INNOVATIONS

The completion of two new model homes, located on Floresta Lane off La Paz Road, introduces two new plans in the La Paz series now being constructed in Units 17 and 18.

Since the April 1966, opening of La Paz homes, when 92 homes were sold from five models in 140 minutes, these homes have continued to set sales records for the industry.

With over 1,100 now having been sold, the Market Research department has obtained sufficient data to suggest possible improvements in these already successful designs.

### Ideas Weighed

A number of recommendations were considered and these new plans reflect the best of these suggestions.

One of the two models is the San Carlos, (Plan 35), a four-bedroom home with family and dining rooms. The San Felipe (Plan 21), is one of four available in this series. A three or four-bedroom home with family room, and a three or four-bedroom design with dining room are other variations in the series.

### Hillside Locale

Other alterations in basic plans were made to allow proper utilization of home placement on the hillside view sites.

Enlarging the kitchen area into an extended U-shape design was one of the most frequent requests of homeowners so that space for informal dining in a corner "nook" was achieved.

Another feature is the step-down living room with fireplace in the San Felipe. The San Pablo offers a fireplace in its family room.

### Practical Touches

Cabinet and closet placement has also been modified in the recent models with increase in storage area provided.

In the four-bedroom, two-bath San Carlos home, which replaces the San Angelo design, the exterior concept has been revised. Covered entryways with wrap-around garden walkways are a feature of the new models.

Interior changes in the present design make the formal dining room an extension of the living room. The kitchen is now separated from the dining room by an interior wall.

The master bedroom accents privacy with an option that offers a divided bedroom suite with retreat. Greater closet space and an extension of glass sliding doors for accessibility to the outdoors are additional features.

Other practical features include the utility area which has been separated and elongated to allow for indoor utility wash area.

### Attractive Entertaining

The living area features the sunken floor level concept, and kitchen area offers a pass-through counter for patio entertaining.

Both models will give prospective buyers a "preview" of the 97 homes now under construction in these two units. Completion for Units 17 and 18 is scheduled for late Spring.



**COMMEMORATIVE COIN** — Orange County's bicentennial medal in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Spanish settlement in this area was adapted from a watercolor by Lloyd Harting of Mission Viejo. The commemorative medallion depicts the Portola party who established El Camino Real.



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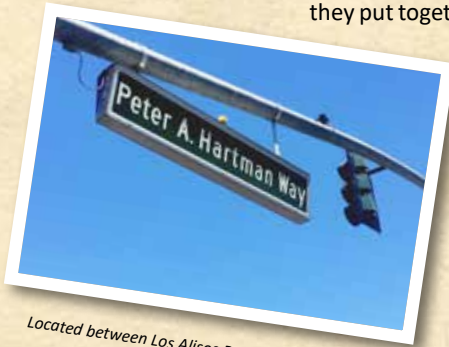
# Who Was PETER A. HARTMAN?

Peter A. Hartman was the District Superintendent of the Saddleback School District. He was also a proud member of the Mission Viejo Rotary Club. The work he did had a giant impact on our community.

Back in 1988, Rotarians Bill Craycraft and Peter both had been exposed to the idea of having students participate in a function that would support the community's effort to fight drugs.

Bill used his ties with the City of Mission Viejo as Mayor and with Peter providing the facilities needed and the necessary tools, they put together the first **WALK AGAINST DRUGS**.

Peter died in 2003 of a massive heart attack, but his legacy lives on. This year is the 30th Annual Walk Against Drugs. Peter Hartman Way was dedicated in 2005.



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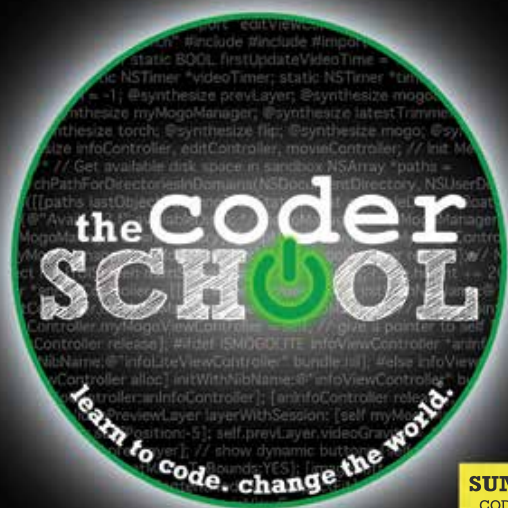
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# Remembering "Mr. Mission Viejo"

## A Life Spent Volunteering

The City of Mission Viejo lost a dear friend and a "Hometown Hero" with the passing of **Mark "Ziggy" Wilczynski** in 2017 at the age of 95.

After fighting for freedom in the Polish Underground Army during World War II, Ziggy and his wife, **Nina**, came to America—a land that he deeply loved. Through his work with the Mission Viejo Company, Ziggy helped to physically build Mission Viejo, and with his years of volunteer service also contributed to creating many of our unique and special programs.



Mark "Ziggy" Wilczynski

He helped with the Olympic Bicycle Race in 1984, and later was instrumental in the creation of a Finish Line to commemorate the site on Olympiad Road. Ziggy was the City's unofficial "historian" for years through his informative displays in the Library and the treasures and memorabilia he collected. Ziggy loved children and brought joy and wonder by serving as Joseph for 20 years in the Live Nativity performance on the Four-Corners. He received numerous recognitions over the years, including receiving honors from his home country of Poland, President George H. Bush, the State of California, the County of Orange, and our City of Mission Viejo.



"Ziggy" the Bear

Next to the Lake Mission Viejo entrance and the finish line for the 1984 cycling portion of the Olympic games you will find a memorial dedicated to him. In 2011, the **Mission Viejo Rotary Club** supported the funding for a statue of a bear, affectionately named "Ziggy" to be placed there and benches to sit down and enjoy the sights along the Lake path. The bronze plaque there says, "All my days start with volunteering somewhere. I've built my life around doing things for others - Ziggy Wilczynski" A fitting tribute for the man known as 'Mr. Mission Viejo'.



Ziggy's Memorial Plaque

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# LIFESAVER RON

**Craig Chandler** was playing volleyball and started to feel woozy, so he called it a day and started to drive home, but first he thought he'd stop by the pool supply store and have his pool's water tested.

As **Ron Eroh** entered **Leslie's Pool Supply Store** on Marguerite Parkway, he noticed several people, standing behind the water testing station. They all were looking down at the floor. No one was talking. He heard the store manager say, "Stand back. Give him room." Ron's eyes searched in the direction of his voice and found his target. The manager was kneeling on the floor, cradling a man's head in his lap. Then, the store manager said, "He's not breathing."

Ron yelled as loud as he could, "Get out of my way." People scattered in all directions, except for the manager. He immediately dropped to his knees and started chest compressions... CPR. Pump. Pump. Pump. Ron performed CPR while singing to himself the tune and lyrics from "Staying Alive" by the Bee Gees. He had seen it on TV.

Pump. Pump. Pump. Ron kept up the cadence while singing the song to himself. Finally, the paramedics arrived. Ron asked if he should stop. "No," came the terse reply. They needed time to set up, and they wanted him to continue what he was doing.

They eventually yelled, "Ready!" By that point, Ron was completely exhausted and simply crawled out of the way. They shocked Craig 3 times before transporting him to Mission Hospital. When he walked out of the store, Ron asked a fireman what were his chances? He replied, "Not good. Maybe 50%, but you gave him that 50% chance."

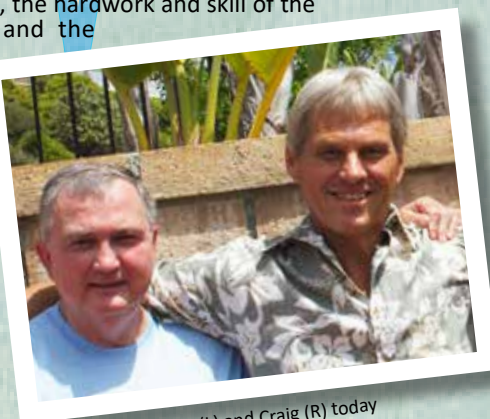
On Tuesday morning, Ron was already at work. The office phone rang; it was his wife. She told him he was about to receive a phone call from someone he didn't know, and that he needed to take that call.

Immediately, his iPhone rang. A woman's voice asked, "Are you Ron? Are you Ron Eroh?" He replied that he was. She then asked, "Were you in Leslie's Pool Supply on Saturday?" "Yes, I was," Ron answered. There was total silence for a few brief moments. Then this woman began to cry. Through her tears she said to Ron, "You saved my husband's life! You saved my husband's life! You are our Guardian Angel. You are our hero. How does my family and I ever repay you?"

Ron simply replied, "Ma'am, I'm not sure if I am any of those things. But, what I do know, I was at the right place, at the right time, and I knew what to do." By then, Ron said that they were both crying.

The doctors had told Craig's wife, "You do not survive a widow-maker heart attack." According to Craig's doctors, the main artery, which supplies blood and oxygen to the heart, was 100% blocked. In actuality, Craig was dead before he hit the floor. Through the quick response of Ron, the hardwork and skill of the paramedics (EMTs), and the doctors at Mission Hospital, there was a positive outcome to Craig's story.

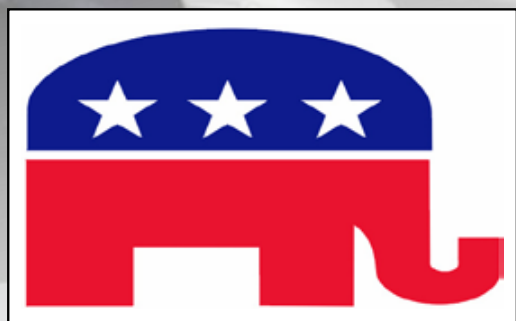
Ron's employer, AT&T honored him with the **Vale Award**. It is the highest honor given to employees for acts that help others. The City of Mission Viejo, gave him the **Difference Makers Award**.



Ron (L) and Craig (R) today

Every year now, Craig and Ron meet for lunch. This past May, they celebrated the third anniversary of their first meeting and Craig's second chance at life. Please, learn CPR. You may save someone.

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# The History of de Portola's RED CABOOSE



The Red Caboose as it is today

Back in 1974, de Portola Elementary School **Principal Jim Mitchell** was inspired to acquire a historic 1940 Southern Pacific Railroad caboose for the children of his school. It has been there ever since and remains there to this day.

Over time, it has seen the worst of the sun, and so consequently it has been painted many times over by students, Boy Scouts working on their Eagle Badges, and others.

It remains a reminder of a simpler time and the regional history of our area. Plus, we are told it is fun to climb on.



The Red Caboose as it is in 1974 with Principal Jim Mitchell and kids

FROM OUR BORROWING FROM FACEBOOK DEPT.

# MAKE YOUR BED

## LESSON FROM TOP NAVY SEAL

by William Harry McRaven Ret. Admiral -US Navy

If you want to change the world, start off by making your bed. If you'll make your bed every morning, you will have accomplished the first task of the day. It will give you a small sense of pride, and it will encourage you to do another task, and another, and another. By the end of the day, that one task completed will have turned into many tasks completed.

Making your bed will also reinforce the fact that the little things in life matter. If you can't do the little things right, you'll never be able to do the big things right. And, if by chance you have a miserable day, you will come home to a bed that is made. That you made. And a made bed gives you encouragement that tomorrow will be better.



**William Harry McRaven** is a retired United States Navy admiral who last served as the ninth commander of the United States Special Operations Command from August 8, 2011, to August 28, 2014.

FROM OUR TIME-LOCK VAULT DEPT.

# OC BICENTENNIAL

## 1969 COIN COMMEMORATES HISTORIC EVENT

This is a photograph of the Orange County Bicentennial Coin minted in 1969 to honor the two hundredth anniversary of the Portola Expedition back in 1769. The scene depicts the First Spanish Expedition to enter California. They traveled through the wilderness on a route from Baja California all the way to past San Francisco and established what came to eventually become El Camino Real.

The scene was inspired by a painting by **Lloyd Harting** called 'The Call to California'. Key figures portrayed are Governor Portola, Sgt. Ortega who directed scouts, Jose Yorba who predicted the region's agricultural potential, Father Crespi who wrote about their trek and a Baja Indian, who acted as intermediary with local tribes.



Lloyd Harting

Lloyd Harting was a well-known artist who settled in Mission Viejo early. He had a long career as an illustrator and worked for both 20th Century Fox and Walt Disney Pictures among other companies. At Disney he worked on 'Pinocchio', 'Fantasia' and was an art director for the film 'Bambi'. By the time he semi-retired in Mission Viejo, he had left films and advertising behind and focused on primarily painting Western scenes. His work was collected from coast to coast and was even a part of the Air Force's permanent collection.





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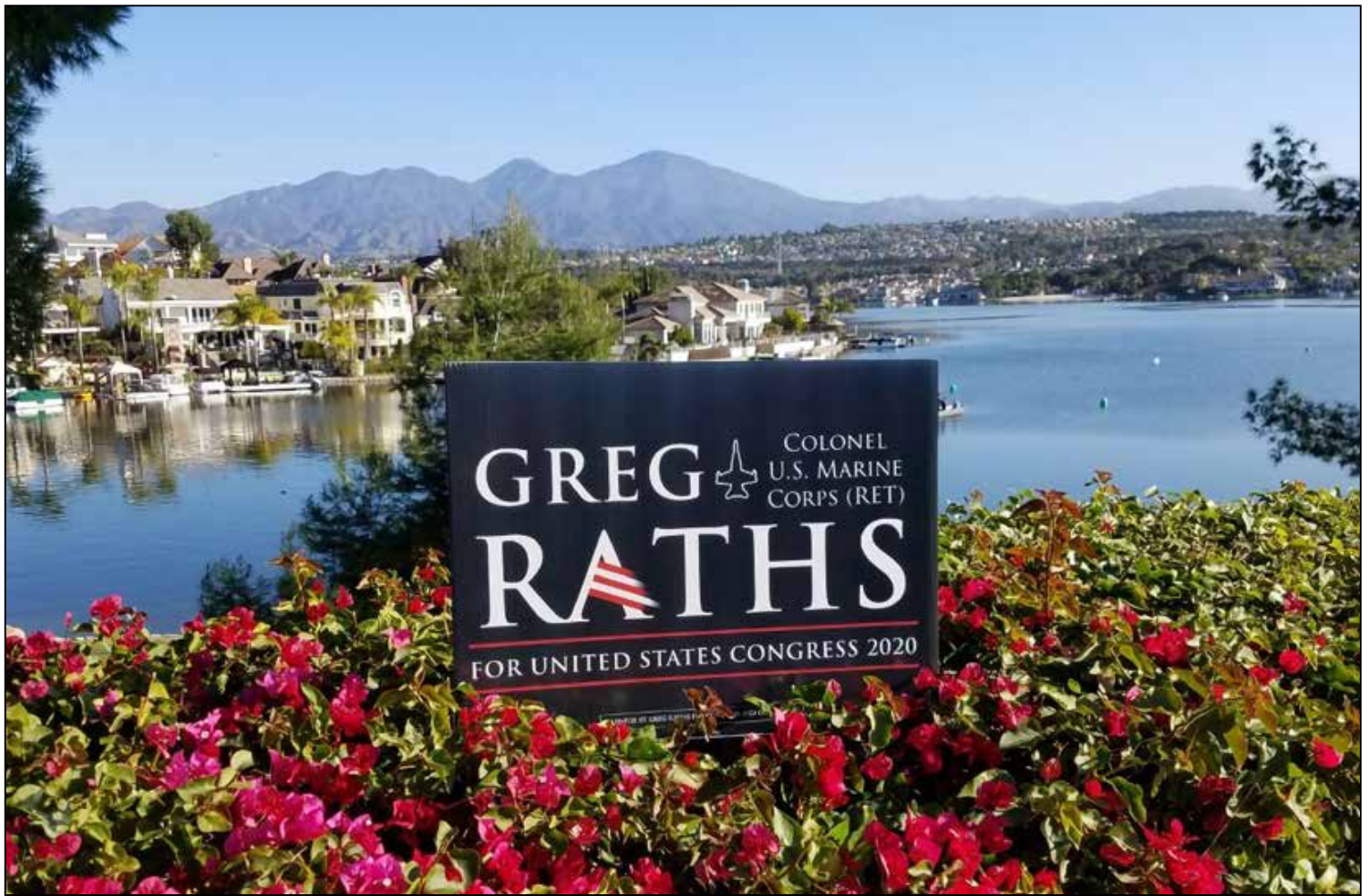
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Because of that win, the team moved onto CIF SoCal Regional State Championships. The boys were determined to take it all the way by this point, and so they won three more games over Nov. 23th & 24th to take the title of CIF SoCal State Champions. SoCal & NoCal do not compete against each other, so that was the end of their Championship Season. Each and every boy on the team played an important part in the success of this season, so, if you see any of these guys around town, give them a hearty congratulations: **Joe Carlucci, John Stout, Matthew Rodriquez, Matthew Strouse, Victor Plesco, Quinn Volmer, Ryan Talone, Cooper Call, Kadin Kendall, Gavin Waldvogel, Tennyson Smith, Tanner Hauck, Jude Gallagher, David Plesco & Peter Riserbato.**



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