

# TEMECULA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER



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## Letters Home Veteran's Memorial

Duck Pond Park,  
Temecula

*Keeping the faith . . .*

## Temecula Honors Its Veterans & Armed Forces

By Dick Fox

A visit to the Duck Pond city park will make clear that the City of Temecula acknowledges and honors the many military veterans that reside in our beautiful City. Several recognition programs have been established by the city to honor active military and veterans alike such as the Combat Wounded Parking, and Military Banner Program, however the well-done monuments at the Duck Pond are the special heart of the recognition to our veterans.

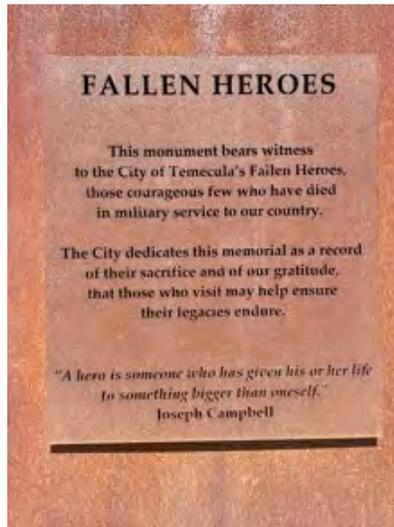
The "Letters Home" Memorial and the "Path of Honor" were created as the initial veterans' memorial in 2004. The walkways providing access to the "Letters Home" memorial are filled with Veteran Pavers which were donated by families to individually recognize one of their family who served in one of the branches of our United States Military.

In 2018 an additional memorial was erected at the Duck Pond to specifically honor our "Fallen Heroes". If you haven't had a chance to personally go visit any of these previously it is suggested this might be the right time of year to do so. Plenty of places to sit and reflect on the veterans in your family.

*More pictures, next page . . .*



*Fallen Heros Monument at Duck Pond Park was dedicated in 2018. Text of plaque shown at right. Opposite of main portion but still part of the entire monument is display with boots, rifle, helmet and sandbag.*



## **Fallen Heroes**

*Duck Pond Park, Temecula*



*One of the Path of Honor segments can be seen above as well as samples of pavers purchased by citizens to honor family and friends.*





**Save Our Heritage Organization**  
*presents the Warner-Carrillo Ranch House stagecoach rides. The annual fundraiser is back this year on Sunday, November 14, 2021, from noon to 4pm, after having to be canceled in 2020. Tickets are \$35 for the general public.*

*The adventure begins at the historic Warner-Carrillo Ranch House museum, where the long and multilayered history is there to be discovered. Built in 1857, the ranch house served as the Butterfield Stage stop along the route that transported thousands of passengers across the United States years prior to the Civil War as California's first regular overland stage connection with St. Louis. Visitors will learn the story of the emigrant trail, the Overland stage, and the prominent ranching history of the area.*

*Fall is a beautiful time in the backcountry so come and enjoy this unique, one-of-a-kind experience. The journey along the original trail will take approximately 15 minutes round-trip and includes a guided tour of the ranch house before or after each stage ride, and light refreshments of lemonade and cookies. Live entertainment will include the Jugless Jug Band, folk duo Nathan & Jessie, the Hole in the Wall Gang, and the Victorian Rose Tea Ladies. We will once again raffle a quilt handmade especially for this event by local quilter Nan Rebik, who will also be providing demonstrations on how quilts are made and tied.*

*Visitors may also tour just the ranch house the day of the event and enjoy the fun. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and older, and \$3 for children 12 and under.*

## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

This year has been one of many challenges, from Covid restrictions to member health concerns. TVHS has weathered the storm and come through with a very positive result, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers. They accepted the challenges and through the many generous donations made to the Antique Store's inventory, the long hours spent tending the Train and Store, and assisting at the History Center we managed to prosper. We were even able to add an additional informational program at the Ranch Headquarters each Monday evening during the summer. We are hoping to continue this in the future. And we now have two vehicles running at the Ranch, with the addition of our Stagecoach rides on Sundays.

Without active dedicated volunteers, our organization would be unable to maintain all these activities. They are important to help to keep our Temecula history and that of the Vail Ranch alive within the community. I applaud all of our generous volunteers for their support. We're all grateful for your time spent. We hope to carry on and to add more open hours to the History Center and Vail Ranch Headquarters in the coming year.

By the way...our tasks are forever growing, and include even the standard yard duties of Fall! Does anyone out there have any extra time and muscles to help clear the "Fall" from our yard at the History Center? Always room for more volunteers!

Thanks again for all the support received this year. To discuss volunteering, please contact me, Bonnie Reed at : [grannyofive@gmail.com](mailto:grannyofive@gmail.com) or phone (760) 484-6019.

### Membership News

**Welcome New Members:**

**Rebecca Ford  
 Lorraine Harrington  
 Ken Leach**

**Thank you for renewing your membership:**

**Louise Beesley  
 Mark Bellnap  
 Betty Condren  
 Terry Craig  
 Chris & Shari Crall  
 Sandra Devol  
 Perry Doubt  
 Phil & Connie Harris  
 Roger & Carole Honberger  
 Lynn Marie Hornecker  
 Mike & Shelley Leddy  
 Jackie McNamara  
 Jeffrey & Martha Minkler  
 Patricia Ommert  
 Jim & Lori Sappington  
 Dennis & Karen Sterner  
 Phil & Char Washum  
 Roger Weber  
 Liz White  
 Nancy Windus**

# President's Message

November, 2021

I lost my Dad this fall, six months after my Mom. They had been married 66 years. Watching him navigate the last year of his life, through CoVID and breaking his hip, I got to see clearly what he was made of. He was a veteran, of the military yes, but also of life. The last time he had faced being away from my Mom was the 19 of 24 months he spent on an aircraft carrier, spending their honeymoon travelling to said ship.

The day my Mom died, I spent the night. From my bedroom I heard him talking aloud, sternly, to himself. He was saying, "You can do this. You've got to do this." He was setting his mind. He was accepting the circumstance. He was steeling himself. And he did.

The next morning he was dressed, ready to go down to eat at his assisted living, ready to join another table, although he really didn't like socializing. My Mom was gone, it was up to him to carry on. That was that. That was so much of my Dad's generation, honed through tougher times than mine. Low ego needs he called it.

This year we hold our annual meeting on Veteran's Day, giving us an opportunity to sit and reflect, to honor, to check our egos and be grateful for those who served causes greater than themselves, benefitting us all. Thank you to Bonnie Martland for bringing us that story, "in their own words." See you there!

— Shari

## Notable Men and Women of Temecula Continue to Receive Invitations

*The Notable Men & Women of Temecula are frequently invited to give presentations to other groups.*

*Recently Michelle Elling spoke with a group from the Daughters of the American Revolution as they were presenting a plaque to the Chapel of Memories. Michelle spoke about life in Temecula in 1916, the year that the Chapel was built.*

*We also have received an invitation from the Temecula Valley American Association of University Women for future presentation.*

# EVENTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, November 2** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer's Market. Antique store open and train rides for kids.

**Wednesday, November 3** — 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Temecula Middle School Band performance.

**Saturday, November 6** — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday Homeschool Students Handmade Market for kids.

**Sunday, November 7** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday, Activities and vendors. Antique store open & train rides. History Center open 12-5.

**Tuesday, November 9** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer's Market. Antique store open and train rides for kids.

**Wednesday, November 10** — 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. TV High School Hockey Team Banquet.

**Thursday, November 11** — *Veterans Day*, TVHS Annual Meeting luncheon at Wilson Creek Winery. Reservations required. 1 p.m.

**Friday, November 12** — 6 to 9 p.m. Herrkooled VW Club meet, 20-30 cars parked on property.

**Sunday, November 14** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday, Activities and vendors. Antique store open & train rides. History Center open 12-5.

**Tuesday, November 16** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer's Market. Antique store open and train rides for kids.

**Saturday, November 20** — 4 to 9 p.m. Thistle & Sage Vegan Market. Vendors and foods.

**Sunday, November 21** — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Funday, Activities and vendors. Antique store open & train rides. History Center open 12-5.

**Tuesday, November 23** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer's Market. Antique store open and train rides for kids.

**Thursday, November 25** —

## THANKSGIVING DAY

**Friday, November 26** — 6 to 9 p.m. Herrkooled VW Club meet, 20-30 cars parked on property.

**Saturday, November 27** — 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Small Business Saturday. Bazaar booths, vendors.

**Sunday, November 28** — NO SUNDAY FUNDAY.

**Tuesday, November 30** — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Farmer's Market. Antique store open and train rides for kids.

*During the Holiday Shopping weeks  
Don't forget to visit the  
Antique and Collectibles Store at Vail HQ  
Operated by the Historic Society.  
Open Tuesdays 9-1, and Sundays Noon to 5 p.m.*

# 100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected items from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column – November 1921

**Issue of November 4, 1921**

**By Elizabeth Nienke**

The cafeteria supper given on Friday evening by the teachers and trustees of the school was a wonderfully successful and highly enjoyed affair. Over \$55 was realized for the new playground equipment. Mr. Lunt, Riverside physical instructor of the county, gave an interesting talk on the need of physical education and the natural opportunities which Temecula gives its young people in that line. Merry games were played and music enjoyed and all voted the teachers and school trustees royal entertainers.

M.E. Barnett is building a new house on his ranch on the Hot Spring road just north of the J.E. Roripaugh home. It is of pressed brick and will be very attractive.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Spivey and family spent Sunday evening in Winchester at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pease, who have recently moved there from Temecula.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Guthrige of Ethanac were Saturday evening visitors at the W.T. Barton home.

Miss Ethel Birmingham spent the weekend in Escondido at a house party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kirkham.

Little Phyllis Smith is quite ill at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roripaugh were in Oceanside on Monday.

Mr. Mann and Mrs. Reed, of Perris, were Saturday evening guests of V.B. Sands and family.

Mrs. J.E. Thornton, of St. Joseph, MO., has been visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. W.T. Barton, the past week.

The Temecula baseball nine played Beaumont Sunday on the Beaumont diamond, and after many errors on both sides, some circus stunts and a lot of fun all around, came home with a score of 12-9 in Temecula's favor. Temecula ladies served a delightful picnic lunch to the players at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters, Mrs. W.T. Barton, and Mrs. J.E. Thornton enjoyed a picnic lunch near Cold Water Canyon, Sunday.

Ghosts galore paraded the streets and played all sorts of pranks in Temecula Monday night, Halloween.

Mr. Arlie Bergman, of Aguanga, left Wednesday morning with a car load of cattle for Arizona.

Mrs. Diffenbacher, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W.H. Haynes for some time, returned to her home in Long Beach Thursday.

The Misses Genevieve and Maybelle Pope, who have been visiting their aunt, Mrs. W.T. Barton, returned to their home in Ocean Park Monday.

**November 11, 1921**

**By Elizabeth Nienke**

The following students of the Temecula Grammar school were neither absent nor tardy the past month: Albert Leas, Emielle Leas, Margaret Roripaugh, Crouch, Harvey

Freeman, Maxie Banks, Emma Tortuga, Lester Otto, Leo Roripaugh, Mary Roripaugh, Edward Escallier, James Freeman, Edward Sands, Mabel Nienke.

Mr. A.B. Barnett, Barney Roripaugh, Lewe Roripaugh, Ralph Barnett, and Bruce Clogston of the Temecula Boy Scout troop attended a meeting of the Riverside Boy Scout troop, at Riverside a week ago Sunday, the boys met at the Y.M.C.A. and marched in uniform to the First Baptist Church where they heard an inspiring address by the Deputy Scout Executive, Dr. Fisher. Although the meeting was for the scouts of the county, Temecula distinguished herself by having the only team in attendance from outside the city of Riverside. The county Boy Scout officials held a conference in the afternoon.

Mrs. A.B. Barnett and Mrs. W. M. Friedemann attended Eastern Star Chapter in Elsinore Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burnham entertained at dinner, Sunday in honor of Mr. Frank Burnham who celebrated his 'tenth birthday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. John Burnham, the Misses Rita and Dorothy Putnam, Buster Putnam, Miss Alda Webber, all of San Marcos, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Shipley of Fallbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burnham and Miss Ethel Burnham. Miss Edith Keith, Miss Carrie Harmon, Ellie Fees and Harvey Keith of Elsinore were visitors at the A.F. Nienke home on Friday evening.

Mrs. Johnnie Cantarini of Riverside was the weekend guest of her sister, Mrs. W.M. Friedemann.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Greenfield entertained with a quail dinner Tuesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cantarini, Jr. and Mr. Henry Gray.

Banning canceled the baseball game with Temecula which was to have been played last Sunday. Temecula played the Riverside Giants at Hot Spring diamond for a practice game and met defeat 3 to 4. Two or three of the regular team were absent. Next Friday the Temecula team will play the Riverside Giants at Riverside and on Sunday, November 20, the tie between Perris and Temecula will be played off at Hemet to decide which team will win the cup.

The Sawday Cattle Company received 15 carloads of cattle from Anita, Arizona, on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Haynes and Mrs. V.B. Sands spent Wednesday shopping in San Bernardino.

Sam Seiple has had a few days vacation from Santa Fe duties the past week. He was relieved by M. Guy of San Bernardino. Mr. and Mrs. William Friedemann had as their Sunday guests, Mrs. Otto's Cleve Van Slyke and children of San Bernardino. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Otto has as weekend guests, Mrs. Otto's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eich of Redondo

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Beach and Miss Anne Merritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Higgins of La Habra were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Higgins mother, Mrs. Fisher. Mrs. Carl Swanguen and daughter Marjorie left Monday for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Alden Barnett of La Habra.

A fair crowd attended the dance given for the Baseball Boys in the Temecula Amusement hall Saturday evening.

Vetsy and Joe Cantarini are working on their ranch near Winchester this week.

**November 18, 1921**

**By Elizabeth Nienke**

Mr. and Mrs. Aldin Barnett and baby son, and Miss Eleta Smith, of La Habra, were visiting relatives and friends in Temecula last Saturday. They brought home Mrs. Carl Swanguen and daughter, Marjorie, who have spent the past week in La Habra. Mr. and Mrs. H. Price have returned from a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Otto and family spent Saturday at Sage, at the Robertson home.

Mr. and Mrs. William Friedemann, and son, Billy, spent the first of the week in Los Angeles.

Mr. Bernard has forsaken his Ford for a five-passenger Chevrolet car.

Mr. and Mrs. Friedemann spent Armistice Day in San Bernardino with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Kolb are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. M. Kolb of El Centro.

The Temecula baseball nine played the Riverside Giants Friday, Armistice Day, at Riverside, score 4-3 in Temecula's favor. Sunday a six-inning game was played at Elsinore, the score again in Temecula's favor. Next Sunday is the big Perris-Temecula game at Hemet.

Little Phyllis Smith, who has been quite ill, is improving rapidly. Miss Banks is assisting with the housework in the Smith home for a few weeks.

Many Temecula people attended the funeral of Mrs. Kate Sleeper of Murrieta Tuesday. Mrs. Kate Sleeper was the proprietor of the Fountain House in Murrieta. She was well known throughout the valley. Her funeral was highly attended by many in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Barnett were in Riverside Monday and purchased a new top for their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters and daughter, Peggy, and Mr. Sam Seiple spent Sunday on the coast fishing. Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Barton were in San Jacinto Sunday to visit Mrs. Barton's father, Mr. Schain, who has been quite seriously ill, but is now improving.

**November 25, 1921**

**By Elizabeth Nienke**

Mrs. V.B. Sands spent Thursday in Perris at the home of Mrs. George Crandall, who entertained with bridge and luncheon. Mr. and Mrs. George Marruffo and family

have moved to Perris.

A group of movie people of the Prairie Producing Company, of Los Angeles, have been booked at the Temecula hotel the past week and have been very busy taking pictures in town and adjacent places. The company is making scenes for a decidedly western drama, "The Black Ranch," the story of which was written by the director, Leonard Wheeler, and Dick Hatton, who plays one of the parts. S. E. (Al) Jennings takes the leading man's part and Miss Lucille DuBois the leading feminine role. Several Temeculans have taken various minor parts, especially in the riding scenes.

Elsie Clogston is working in Elsinore in the Nichols garage.

The Temecula Lumber yard has received a car of lumber from the north the past week.

Miss Ethelyn Walters, who has spent several weeks in Los Angeles and vicinity, has returned. Miss Walters will begin her training as a nurse in the Clara Barton hospital in Los Angeles in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Otto had as their Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robertson of Sage.

E. D. McSweeney spent part of last week in San Francisco and vicinity. On Saturday he witnessed the big football game between California and Stanford universities. We noticed that Mac was hoarse on his return.

Mrs. Barton's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dodd, of Los Angeles, are guests at the Barton home this week.

Mrs. Baxter, of Ethanac, was a visitor at the J.B. Kelly home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cantarini were Riverside visitors on Monday, remaining for the theatre in the evening.

Mr. Stanley Schain, of New Mexico, is visiting his sister, Mrs. W. T. Barton, for a few days.

Verne Spivey has been at home on the sick list with a severe cold this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Knott had as their Sunday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Bendick and baby, of Redlands. Mr. Bendick will be remembered to have worked in Knott's blacksmith shop about a year ago.

Mrs. William Friedemann has as her guest this week her grandmother, Mrs. Clogston, of Hemet.

The Temecula baseball nine and a host of rooters journeyed to Hemet last Sunday, where they met defeat by the Perris team, score 3-1. The Perris team gained three runs in the first two innings from Tano, who had not his usual luck. Newman, in the last seven innings, held the Perris batters down. Concannon, for Perris, did some excellent work. It was an evenly matched game and hard fought. This still leaves Perris and Temecula a tie for the cup. A series of three games will be played to decide the championship, the first of which will be played at Perris Sunday.