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Veterans of The Granada

by Laura Neustedter

Ulyssies G Moore, was an original Buffalo Soldier, fighting for the USA starting in April, 1940. When he started service for the US Marines, Ulyssies went directly into the 10th Horse Calvary, located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This was the origin of the Buffalo Soldiers, an African-American group of fighters who were some of our strongest and most reliable soldiers through our wars.

As part of the Buffalo Soldiers Regiment, Ulyssies spent quite some time patrolling the United States Border between California and Mexico. Ulyssies was also ordered to duty in North Africa, where his first post was in Casablanca. His regiment also pursued the German enemies across the Mediterranean Sea to Sicily, Italy. Ulyssies, at the distinguished age of 93, is also the Director and Founder of the Buffalo Soldiers Museum and Library of Northern California and the Greater Bay Area. The museum celebrates the history of the Buffalo Soldiers and how they assisted in protecting the United States. Shown below are some of the original Buffalo Soldiers riding to protect our nation.



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Another distinguished Veteran is Alfred Caban, who became a Granada resident on April of 2008. Alfred was motivated to enlist after he witnesses the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Alfred, along with six other fellow altar boys had been outside their church near Kahuku Golf Course when hundreds of Japanese fighter planes began to fly a mere 150 feet above their heads. The Hawaiian Islands, being swarmed by Japanese fighter planes, were shocked as military installations throughout the Hawaiian Islands were bombed.

Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Field, Barber's Point, Fort Island, Hickam Field and the legendary Pearl Harbor were all aggressively bombed aurally by the Japanese. Four United States B-17 planes were shot down right where Alfred and his peers had been watching the horror unfold. At the young age of eight, Alfred and his friends sprinted across the golf course to aid the pilots and supporting men whose planes had crashed on the golf course. The group of young boys helped pull the men from the burning wreckage to safety. All seven of the boys, including Alfred, received commendations from Admiral Kimmell, in charge of the Pacific Fleet, stationed at Pearl Harbor and General Short, commander of the Armed Forces and Air Corps of the Pacific.

After witnessing the beginning of World War II on the seventh day of December, 1941, Alfred was anxious to join the military. In February of 1948, Alfred joined the United States Marine Corps, where he served both in active duty and a reservist throughout the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1961. He fought in the First Marine Division in the Korean War from 1950-1953.

Following the Korean War, Alfred served in the Special Operations in Indo-China and other locations. He also fought communist aggressors in the Philippines and was called into active service during the Hungarian Revolt. A Hawaiian native, Alfred's warm sunshine spirit and beautiful smile are a fantastic addition to the Granada.

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A former United States Air Force Pilot and Installations Engineer, Joseph Craven started his military training in Florida and Texas in 1952. After becoming a qualified pilot, Joseph was sent to the Korean War, flying the F86 Saber Jet. Joseph and others considered the U.S. involvement a police action rather than war; as such, all pilots had been instructed never to fly past the 38th parallel. However, one of Joseph's more memorable actions as a pilot was chasing a MIG-15 across the 38th parallel where he indeed ended the war for that pilot.

The diplomatic corps attempted to court martial Joseph, but fortunately his commander and other superiors more than appreciated his actions and said, "NO WAY!" Before he knew what would become of his future, Joseph was stationed in France. He was in charge of supervising the construction of a U.S. air base being built by the French with U.S. funding. Joseph's service schedule allowed him to maintain the required pilot hours by flying to



Switzerland, Denmark and Germany.

Joseph served in the U.S. Air Force until 1958. He has always believed: "It is a singular privilege for a man to fly through the air."

This belief motivated him to eventually purchase his own plane—a true pilot—unable to give up that feeling and experience of flying.

After retiring from the military service, Joseph worked for Proctor & Gamble as the youngest plant manager they ever had. He also worked for a major public accounting firm. His service and career positions catapulted him into forging his own consulting practice. For thirty years, Joseph specialized in rescuing companies "in the red" by establishing different business practices for the firms which allowed them to be profitable and keep their financials "in the black."

Semi-retired, Joseph has embarked on a new project and career. He is now working on different projects which utilize his talents as an author. His most recent endeavors engage him as a genealogist who turns family history into written documents, combining newly discovered information and archives into factual history. Veterans of The Granada.

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The Winners



The Granada events keep rolling along. Our Halloween party included a dress up contest and this year Linda Ramsdale won hands down with her devilishly good outfit, first prize including a cash award. Cecilia Peche "speaking the english" to our visiting international students from INTRAX College.



Paul Vosper the grand prize winner of The Granada Casino Royale. Playing Texas Hold'em and Blackjack, Paul ended up with a big smile plus a cash prize. Laura Neustedter deals 21 like a pro, look!



December Birthdays

RESIDENTS

- 1 Pat Carey
- 3 Candace D'Holmbach
- 5 Norman Lamb
- 6 Daniel O'Reilly
- 6 Mary Knutsen
- 7 Spear A. N. Latos
- 9 Erlinda Kapadia
- 10 Earnest Collins
- 11 Anne Medic
- 16 Marialice Mott
- 17 Daniel Gibbons
- 19 Jerry Chestler
- 25 Edwin Keane
- 26 John Blunt
- 27 Barbara Ward
- 30 Julie Lacek
- 30 Yvonne Stagnaro
- 30 Janet Gillette
- 31 Kenneth McGuiness



EMPLOYEES

- 2 Barry White
- 2 Patricia Baldwin
- 2 Guadalupe Veloz
- 5 Laura Neustedter
- 16 Juan Moreno
- 19 Michael Bryant
- 26 Juan Meono



An important part of Granada life, our little red tour bus for the smaller tours parked outside our door with a professional driver ready to sweep us away around the bay.



Great Thanksgiving. My daughter April came home from USC so my family was all together. The December 1st Granada tour is to the DeYoung museum to see the Tutankamen exhibit from ancient Egypt. I hope you haven't lost your appetite because there's plenty of food and celebration left; yes, it's the Christmas season. Cable Car Carolers will be here to entertain you December 6th and the tree trimming party is on the 14th, the "Songbirds" sing for you on the 15th and Christmas dinner will be on the 24th, ho, ho, ho. Rain is supposed to come and we have it both ways conserve water, always and if you see a drip let me know immediately. Towels have gone short lately so when your maid changes your towels, three time a week, she will *exchange* towels with you. Dishes and silverware are always sought in the Granada, so let's have a holiday clearout of all wares that might have collected in you quarters. Hear ye, hear ye, all Santa Claus look-a-likes that would like to volunteer as the Granada "Claus" please tell Kevin. Merry Christmas.

Tony Davidauskis, manager



DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6th's Birthdays * Daniel O'Reilly * Mary Knutsen		1 1:30 Museum Tour 7:00 Bingo * Pat Carey	2 6:30 MOVIE	3 7:00 Bingo * Candace D' Haimbach	4 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE	5 1:30 Bingo HBO * Norman Lamb
6 10:00 SPCA Cable Car Carolers 1:30-3:30 2:15 Ice Cream Social 7:00 60 Minutes	7 10:00 Exercise 5:30 Monday Night Football * Spear Latos	8 4:50 INTRAX Students 7:00 Bingo	9 6:30 MOVIE * Erlinda Kapadia	10 10:00 Library on Wheel 7:00 Bingo * Earnest Collins	11 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE * Anne Medic	12 10:00 SPCA 1:30 Bingo HBO 6:00
13 1:30-2:30 Rosewood Singers 7:00 60 Minutes	14 10:00 Exercise 3:30 Tree Trimming Party 5:30 Monday Night Football 	15 1:00 Chanukah Service 3:00 Songbirds BIRTHDAY PARTY DINNER 7:00 Bingo	16 Granada Tour "View from the Bay" ABC-TV audience 6:30 MOVIE * Marialice Mott	17 7:00 Bingo * Daniel Gibbons	18 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE	19 10:00 SPCA 1:30 Bingo HBO 6:00 * Jerry Chestler
20 2:15 Ice Cream Social 7:00 60 Minutes	21 10:00 Exercise 5:30 Monday Night Football	22 7:00 Bingo	23 6:30 MOVIE	24 3:30 Christmas Party & Dinner 7:00 Bingo	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 10:00 Exercise 4:00 HAPPY HOUR 6:30 MOVIE * Edwin Keane	26 1:30 Bingo HBO 6:00 * John Blunt
27 11:00 SPCA 7:00 60 Minutes * Barbara Ward	28 10:00 Exercise 5:30 Monday Night Football	29 7:00 Bingo	30 6:30 MOVIE * Julie Lacek * Janet Gillette * Ken McGuinness	31 3:30 New Years Eve Party		* Birthday Person

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