

## Peninsula Seniors Lecture Series

Hesse Park—Fireside Room

29301 Hawthorne Blvd.

Rancho Palos Verdes

Wednesdays - 10:30 to 11:30 AM

**July 7** -- On Memorial Day, we pause to remember all those who served and died in order to protect our American way of life. For the remainder of the year, we have museums, monuments, books and films to remind us of sacrifices made in the past. As an amateur World War II historian, today's speaker, Joe Monfiletto, is a passionate collector of military history who sometimes learns of families with documents, photos, medals and other historical material and having no idea of their significance. Too often, these are stored in a box in the attic or even worse, are discarded.

Joe will share lots of stories with us about treasures he has found, about finding a home for them and answering questions you might have. He will also welcome other amateur historians who have collections that can be shared with us.

**July 14** -- Mr. Hal Javitt of Palos Verdes Estates will join us with an edge of the chair presentation of his experiences flying with the Chinese American Composite Wing in 1943. His story will explain how his group of US Army Air Corps pilots and airmen stayed one step ahead of the Japanese in their battles in the China/Burma/India Theater of operations.

**July 21** -- Barbara Saltzman "The Jester's Mom" will be describing how to develop charitable and compassionate traits in children. She is Executive Director of the non-profit, PV-based *JESTER & PHARLY PHUND*. The 'Phund' has its genesis in a New York Times best-seller *The Jester Has Lost His Jingle* which was written and illustrated by her late son David as his senior project at Yale University. Empowerment to face challenges while keeping laughter in your heart is one of the book's key themes and the Jester & Pharley Phund helps bring this discovery to disadvantaged children through funded literacy programs as well as providing benefits to local hospitalized children. To learn more, go to their web site at [www.thejester.org](http://www.thejester.org).

**July 28** -- The Madrona Marsh Preserve is the only remaining vernal (flooded by Spring runoff from surrounding slopes) marsh in Los Angeles County. Ms.

Tracy Drake from Friends of Madrona Marsh will describe the history of the preserve, its inhabitants of birds, insects, small mammals and reptiles and its importance to our local ecology.

Formed when the PV Peninsula was geologically uplifted, the marsh once stretched from the seaport area many miles to the north as well as to the west to the sand dunes of what is now Redondo Beach. This whole area was a vast forest of undergrowth and thickets with half-wild horses and cattle and a rich source of food for the original Gabrielino Indians who lived here.

Just a few short miles from where we are now you are in an almost ancient natural environment in the middle of Los Angeles.

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his advice and discuss our preliminary ideas for this new activity. Let us hear your ideas.

We're also searching for three veterans who would like to be co-chairs for this group. Please let us know if you are willing to help, would like to share ideas, or would like to be informed when a meeting is scheduled. You can send an email to Jarel Wheaton at [jhwheaton@cox.net](mailto:jhwheaton@cox.net) or leave a message at the Senior Center (310) 377-3003 and he'll call you back.

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