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Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.
Member of the Conference of California Historical Societies
April 2025

Meetings:

Regular Meetings:

- 3rd Tuesday of the month (except July, August); 5:30 pm.
- Wayside Chapel Community Church - 2584 Felsite Ave, Rosamond, CA

Board Meetings:

- 4th Thursday of the month as needed; 4 pm; all are welcome, email for directions to location.

Hello to all our Kern Antelope Historical Society Members and Friends.

- ❖ What: **Regular Meeting**
- ❖ When: **Tuesday, April 15th (3rd Tuesday)**
- ❖ Time: **5:30 pm**
- ❖ Where: **Wayside Chapel Community Church, Rosamond, CA**
- ❖ Program: **Don Sladek & Charles Wallis - An Honor Flight**

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Veteran Honored

Our presenter at the April meeting will be our own KAHS member, Don Sladek, who has been selected to go on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC, in just a few days, as a veteran of the Vietnam War. He will be accompanied by Charles Wallis, who will travel with Don on the Honor Flight as his guardian. It's quite an honor to be selected as a participant in this program.

The Honor Flight Network is designed to celebrate America's veterans by inviting them to share in a day of honor at our nation's memorials. The trip is free for the honored veteran and the guardian pays for his or her trip. The veteran or family member submits an application. Top priority is given to WWII Veterans followed by Korean War Veterans, then Vietnam Veterans, or a veteran who is currently terminally ill, and continues in chronological order of conflicts. Anyone serving anywhere at any time during the following dates is a veteran of the war or conflict:

- WWII – December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- Cold War: Dec 1946 – Dec 26, 1991
- Korean War: June 25, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- Vietnam War: February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
- Lebanon/Grenada: August 24, 1982 – July 31, 1984
- Panama: December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism: August 2, 1990 - Present



Don during the application process



Don Sladek - Honor Flight Veteran
& Charles Wallis, Guardian



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These three-day trips include stops at military and war memorials, Arlington National Cemetery, and other sites. The trips are powerful, emotional celebrations of military service and friendship, a time of healing and closure, and an opportunity for veterans to receive long-overdue thanks for their service and sacrifice.

Don was stationed in Udorn, Thailand during the Vietnam War where he worked on the flight line and in the revetments removing and replacing photographic equipment from F-4 fighter jets. Wallis, himself an army veteran, is currently the instructor of the California Cadet Corp at Rosamond High School. Sladek and his guardian, Wallis, will be traveling to Washington, D.C. April 8 - April 10. And they will return just in time to share about this inspiring adventure at the meeting on April 15th.

The Vietnam War - a Brief Overview

The Vietnam War, 1 November 1955 – 30 April 1975, was an armed conflict in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia fought between North Vietnam (Democratic Republic of Vietnam) and South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam) and their allies. North Vietnam was supported by the Soviet Union and China, while South Vietnam was supported by the United States and other anti-communist nations. The conflict was the second of the Indochina Wars and a major proxy war of the Cold War between the Soviet Union and US. Direct US military involvement greatly escalated from 1965 until its withdrawal in 1973. The fighting spilled over into the Laotian and Cambodian Civil Wars, which ended with all three countries becoming communist in 1975.

The **Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017** was signed into law by U.S. President Donald J. Trump, **designating every March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day**. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_War



Don Sladek on the right



The "AV Wall", a half-scale size tribute monument of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., at it's Rosamond visit, 11/2023.



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A



War Memorials and Other Sites Around Washington, DC

B



How well do you recognize these memorials and other sites around the District of Columbia which Don & Charlie are likely to see?

C



D



E



F



G



H



I



J



Names:

1. Arlington Cemetery

Monuments

2. Civil War
3. Korean War
4. Spanish-American War
5. Vietnam
6. World War I
7. World War II

Government Buildings

8. Capital
9. White House
10. Supreme Court

Answers on pg 4.



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Reminder - Election of Executive Board Members at April Meeting
We will hold the election of officers and directors at the April 15th meeting.

Washington, DC Quiz Answers

1. Arlington Cemetery is **F**, showing graves & the Custis Lee Mansion.
2. The Civil War Monument is **D**.
3. The Korean War Veterans Memorial is **A**.
4. The Spanish-American War Memorial is **C**.
5. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is **B**.
6. The World War I Memorial is **E**.
7. The World War II Memorial is **J**.
8. The Capitol Building, home of Congress, is **I**.
9. The White House, home of the president of the United States, is **G**, showing the north portico.
10. And the Supreme Court Building is **H**, the newest building housing the three branches. For over 130 years, the Supreme Court met in the Capitol building in various areas.



Check out the KAHS videos which are available on YouTube. Or visit the website for more information about Antelope Valley history. Copies of recent newsletters are available, as well as other information. Follow us on Facebook for reminders about meetings and other items of historical interest. You can always contact us by email.

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Kern Antelope Historical Society - Membership Application

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Membership Type	Dues	Amount Paid
Student/Active Military	\$5	_____
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Business	\$35	_____

Note: • Club Year is June 1st through May 31st of the following year; new members, paying after February 1st, pay only half.

• Zelle: info@kahs1959.org You may now use the following cell number for Zelle payments, also: (661) 609-8757.



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*In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times
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Antelope Valley Pioneers

Castles in the Valley - Shea's Castle

A Page in the History of Antelope Valley: the Arthur

Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years

Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mining and Flight

Gold-Fever - 40 Years Digging Antelope Valley History

*Antelope Valley News and Views During Part of the
Great Depression 1925-1935*

Video DVD - \$15: *Antelope Valley Yesteryears*

Maps - \$4 (*\$3): *Historic Settlers Circle Map*

Online Book: *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*

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2024-2025

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General Meetings:

Third Tuesday of the Month, September through June

5:30 pm - 2584 Felsite Ave, Rosamond, CA

(Exceptions: June, September & December -

Location to be announced)

Memberships:

\$5 - Student & Active Military; \$15 - Individual;

\$20 - Husband & Wife; \$30 - Family; \$35 - Businesses

The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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