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Let's try Zintel Creek

Last month we got caught up in the change of ownership for the Clover Island Inn. Things started well, with a room reservation and menu, then changes in operations and departure of staff started to affect our reservation. A few days before our scheduled meeting the situation became unworkable, so we cancelled. The remaining staff were probably relieved.

This month we will return to Zintel Creek, where we've had several meetings in the past. John Ray will present his talk, prepared for last month's meeting, on piloting Marine One, the presidential helicopter. A few words from last month's newsletter:

Jon was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps in 1978 and was designated a Naval Aviator in 1980. His multiple assignments in aviation included deployment to Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990, where he saw combat during his 6 month tour. He will discuss his assignment to Marine Helicopter One as a pilot for President Ronald Reagan, some administrative and contingency missions the squadron filled, and a couple of stories about the assignment.

Jon retired from the Marine Corps in 2000.

In 2013 Jon moved to Richland, WA and was hired to fly DOE special mission aircraft nationally and internationally for PNNL.

Membership

As of when I'm writing this, we've had 18 renewals. We also have 4 honorary members and 3 widows on our roster. Four people have not renewed.

Gudrun Stotz

Services for Gudun were held on April 24 at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake. The Chapter was represented by Don Wicks, Bob Parr, Paul Seipt, Ron and Margie Weed, and Bob and Kari Allen. Many friends and family also attended.

HqMOAA sends . . .

Ambulance coverage under TRICARE

Does your medical coverage include ambulance services? The answer is yes, in most cases, for TRICARE (Prime, Select, US Family Health Plan, Overseas), Medicare, and TRICARE For Life.

What's Covered

TRICARE covers the following terms of ambulance utilization:

Outpatient Services: Includes emergency transfers to or from your home, an accident scene, or other location to a hospital.

Inpatient Services: Includes transfers from a hospital-based emergency room to a hospital more capable of providing the required care as well as transfers between a hospital or skilled-nursing facility

and another hospital-based or free-standing outpatient therapeutic or diagnostic department.

Air or boat ambulance transport is covered when a land vehicle can't get to you or when great distance or other obstacles are involved in transporting you to the nearest hospital with appropriate facilities. Costs might differ from land ambulance.

Ambulance Copay

Comparison by Plan and Status

- Prime Outpatient: \$0 active duty, \$20 retired.
- Prime Inpatient: 0% active duty, 25% retired.
- Select Outpatient: \$79 active duty, \$106 retired.
- Select Inpatient: 20% active duty, 25% retired.

TRICARE doesn't cover:

- Ambulance service you use instead of taxi service when your condition would have permitted use of private transportation.
- Your transport to be closer to your home, family, friends, or personal physician.
- Medicabs or ambicabs that transport you to/from medical appointments.

Medicare Part B covers medically necessary emergency and nonemergency ambulance services at 80% of the Medicare-approved amount. All ambulance companies

that contract with Medicare must be participating providers. TRICARE For Life will pay the Medicare deductible (if not already reached that calendar year) and 20% copays on all Medicare-approved ambulance services.

Part B coverage must be within a service area and cover ambulance transportation from and to the following:

- From your home or any other place where need arises to the nearest appropriate hospital or skilled-nursing facility (SNF).
- From a hospital or an SNF to your home if the hospital or SNF is the nearest appropriate facility.
- From an SNF to the nearest medical provider if the SNF cannot provide you with necessary treatment and the cost to transport is less than bringing the treatment to and from you.
- From your home to the nearest appropriate renal dialysis facility and back.

Military History for May 21

1917 – USS Ericsson fires first US torpedo of World War I.

1927 – Charles Lindbergh touches down at Le Bourget Field in Paris, completing the world's first solo nonstop trans-Atlantic flight.

1945 – The Japanese supply base at Malaybalay on Mindanao is

captured by elements of the US 31st Division.

1951 – The U.S. Eighth Army counterattacked to drive the Communist Chinese and North Koreans out of South Korea.

1956 – The first known airborne US hydrogen bomb was tested over Bikini Atoll in the Pacific.

1970 – The National Guard was mobilized to quell disturbances at Ohio State University.

1980 – Ensign Jean Marie Butler became the first woman to graduate from a U.S. service academy as she accepted her degree and commission from the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn.

2003 – In Iraq US forces captured Aziz Saleh Numan, former Baath regional command chairman for west Baghdad. He was No. 8 on the most wanted list.

2011 – Dawn, Pakistan's largest English-language newspaper, begins publication of thousands of U.S. diplomatic cables it has obtained in a deal with WikiLeaks and Julian Assange.

Zintel Creek
314 N Underwood St
Kennewick

Social hour: 6:30
Dinner: 7:00
\$35 per person

*A reservation made
is a reservation paid*

May Meeting

Tuesday, May 21

Note earlier deadline



Reservations by
Wednesday, May 15 to
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Menu

Marinated Tri Tip
Creamy Spinach
Artichoke Chicken
Roasted Red Potatoes
Season Vegetables
Twisted Caesar Salad
Garden Salad
Rolls & Butter
Cherry Crisp
Coffee, water and iced tea