



OH 63 NEWS!

Retired Public Employees' Association of California
Chapter 063 – Indio Southern California Area VI



You're invited to attend our November Luncheon

When? Noon to 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, 2019

Where? Heritage Palms Clubhouse 44291 Heritage Palms Drive South, Indio
(Just tell the gate attendant you're attending the luncheon.)

Program: "History of the Medal of Honor" (program details on page 2)

Reservations are required by November 8.

Phone Carl Thibeault at (760) 459-3174 or email thibeaultfc@earthlink.net. When you RSVP, please give the name (with correct spelling) and phone number for each attendee.

Lunch Price: \$10 per person.

New RPEA member attending for the first time: FREE

**KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN JOINING RPEA?
PLEASE SHARE THIS INVITATION.**



Colonel Mitchell Paige,
U.S. Marine and
WWII Recipient of the
Medal of Honor

NOVEMBER LUNCHEON PROGRAM

The daughter of Colonel Mitchell Paige will be our guest speaker.

According to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, there are 3,500 recipients of whom only 71 are still living. Nineteen were awarded the medal twice. This program will explore the history of this highest military honor awarded by the United States as well as tell the story of Colonel Paige's service.

**PLEASE SAVE THESE
2020 LUNCHEON DATES!**

February 21

May 15

September 18

November 20



In Remembrance....

Margaret Ritzel
Rancho Mirage

Reece McPherson
Blythe

WELCOME NEW CHAPTER 63 MEMBERS!

Beatrice Lopez
Imperial

Marcia Petersen
Texas

Lotus Williams
Texas

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We are California public employees who are working together to maintain and improve the quality of our members' lives by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits. RPEA members include retirees, beneficiaries, currently-employed public employees, friends, family members, and others who share our goals. We welcome everyone!

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS!

CALPERS BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

In the election for the position as representative of retired CalPERS members, unofficial results indicate the incumbent and current CalPERS Board President Henry Jones received 76,570 votes (65.82%). Challenger J.J. Jelincic received 39,495 votes (34.18%). Election results are considered unofficial until formal certification by the California Secretary of State.

RPEA RECRUITMENT GOALS MET

AMBIA, the company that provides for our Member Benefits, brought in 1,721 new RPEA members during 2018-2019. In addition, RPEA's own recruitment efforts brought in 688 new members.

When you join RPEA, you become eligible for discounts on a wide variety of insurance—vision, dental, hearing aids, identity theft, travel, medical emergency air services, long-term care and much more. Some people choose to become RPEA members as a cost-effective way to afford insurance. For example, you may have adult children or friends who need coverage. Details are available by phoning our RPEA Headquarters at 1-800-443-7732.

As of August 1, AMBIA now has a sales force created specifically to serve California.

SB512

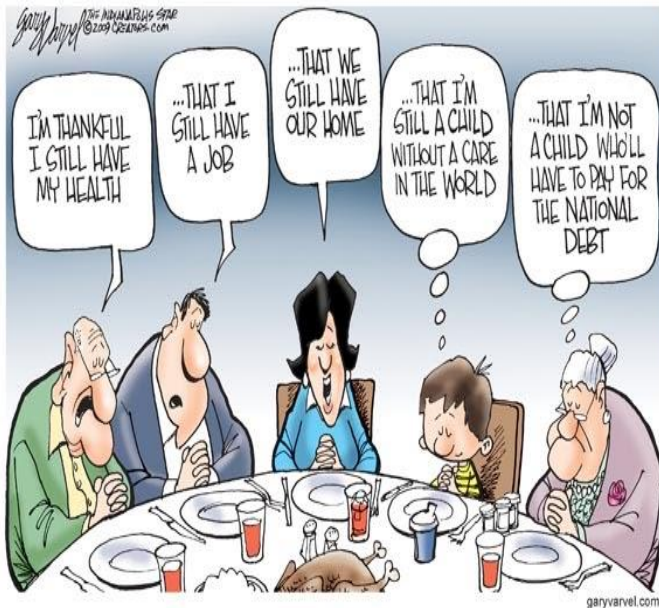
The RPEA Legislative Committee is keeping an eye on coalition-backed legislation designed to create the framework for a new long-term care program to provide a managed cash benefit to spend on LTC services and supports (LTSS).

State Senator Richard Pan, a pediatrician who represents the Sacramento area, joined San Jose Assemblywoman Ash Kaltra to sponsor SB512. California currently has almost 8 million people with physical or mental health disabilities. Many must “spend down” their assets to qualify for Medi-Cal LTSS programs. More than 110,000 home care workers are paid poverty-level wages for the critical care they provide. This new program will be designed to bring relief to middle-class Californians since it targets families who earn too much to qualify for Medi-Cal but who earn too little to afford LTC insurance or to pay out-of-pocket for LTSS services.

Obviously, SB512 addresses a growing health care crisis. As it makes its way through the legislature, more detailed information will become available. It is worth noting, however, that the bill was developed in concert with the California Aging and Disability Alliance (CADA) which includes a broad section of stakeholders, including statewide representatives of 20 groups.



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**THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING
TO BE THANKFUL FOR!**



**Don't
forget to
set your
scales
back ten
pounds
this week**

Empathy is walking a
mile in somebody
else's moccasins.
Sympathy is being
sorry their feet
hurt.