



LIONS PRIDE



“MISSION POSSIBLE - MISSIONS WITHOUT BORDERS”

District Cabinet Meeting

August 1, 2026
8 am - 2:30 pm

Depot Park Conference Center

DISTRICT 4-C5 SACRAMENTO REGION
1ST CABINET MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2026
8:00AM – 2:30PM
DEPOT PARK CONFERENCE CENTER
8215 FERGUSON, SACRAMENTO, CA 95828

NEW MEMBERS LUNCH IS COVERED!

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
8:00AM – 9:00AM

LUNCH IS \$15

TODAY'S MISSION BRIEFING

9:10 – 10:00 AM MISSION 1 GATHER INTEL - ROOM 1: PDG Meeting - ROOM 2: Applying for the CLF Grant PDG James Fong Applying for the LEF Grant PDG Nick McNichols - ROOM 3: Officer's Training Lion Susan Gall/ PCC Derek Ledda	10:00 – 10:10 AM MISSION PAUSE BREAK REFUEL & RECON	10:10 – 11:00 AM MISSION 2 SKILLS TRAINING - ROOM 1: CPR Training Lion Lynne Ventura - ROOM 2: NCLSA Vision Equipment Training Lion Sheri Retzlaff - ROOM 3: Officer's Training Lion Susan Gall/ PCC Derek Ledda	11:10 AM – 12:00 PM MISSION 3 STRATEGY BRIEFING MAIN ROOM: Marketing Presentation – Digital Governance and Protocol Lion Deanna Dyson, District Marketing Chair
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MISSION DEBRIEF & RESULTS

12:00 – 1:00 PM MISSION RESULTS OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS & SILENT AUCTION RESULTS	1:00 – 2:30 PM MISSION 4 EXECUTION & MOVING FORWARD
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YOUR MISSION, SHOULD YOU ACCEPT...

HUMANITARIAN OUT REACH

HUNGER RELIEF

Together, WE SERVE. WE IMPACT. WE CHANGE LIVES.

TOP SECRET

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DG MARK BAMBA

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Greetings from Hong Kong!

In a couple of short days, our president AP Singh will be inducting our new president Mark Lyons and all of us new District Governors from all around the world! As we get closer to that day on July 6, 2026, I reflect on the journey that brought me here.

Eleven years ago, I joined my club, the Sacramento Maharlika Lions Club, mentored by the late Past District Governor Bert Melizza. Little did I know back then that I would eventually find myself in his shoes, being asked to help lead our great District 4-C5 into a brand-new Lion Year.

Lions of District 4C5 — or as I'll be calling you for the next twelve months, the team - Just as my wife Kendra and I are a team, our district is full of giving and caring Lions willing to continue our legacy of our mission “We Serve.” Lions Year 2026–2027 starts now, and we picked a theme that does double duty: Mission Possible. Kendra and I picked this theme for one reason: We believe that with all of us engaged in focusing on service and focusing on helping each other achieve our service goals, every mission is possible.

Because here's the thing nobody tells new members — the work Lions do isn't impossible, it just feels that way some Tuesdays or on weekends at 6am when you're setting up chairs in the rain or in the cold. It's possible. We've proven it for decades across the Sacramento area, one pancake breakfast, one eyeglass drive, one fundraiser at a time.

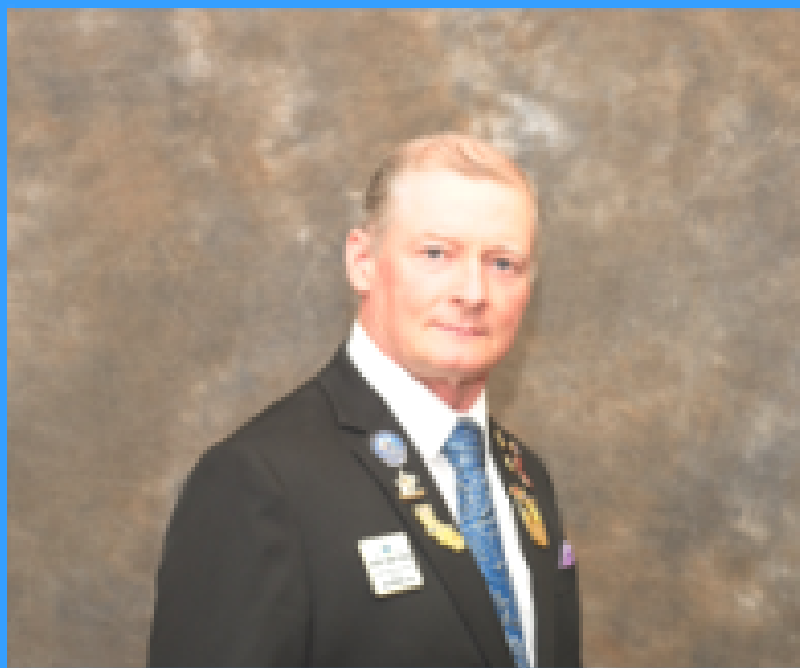
This newsletter is your monthly briefing: what's working, what needs hands, and what we genuinely can't stop thinking about. We are not here to cheerlead from a podium. We are here because we signed up for the same reason you did, and we would rather tell you the truth about what we need than send another generic thank-you email.

We are truly excited for our upcoming year as we build on the great momentum we started last year. We have new teams formed and new ideas to launch and share with everyone.

Mission accepted. Let's get to work!

District Governor Mark Bamba





1VDG GENE KYPKE

INSIGHTS ON THE JOURNEY TO DG

For more than over a hundred plus years, our banner has flown high—through fair winds and stormy seas alike. Together, we’ve stood tall, serving with courage, compassion, and vision. And while the years may weigh upon all of on us, may the spirit of service never grow old. It may change over the years as to the how, but NEVER THE WHY!

But hear this—the tides are changing. New challenges arise. New tools and new shipmates wait to join our crews. Change is not our enemy—it’s the wind upon our sails. If we embrace it, we’ll steer all of our clubs forward into even greater service.

We have all faced storms before, and each time, we’ve come through stronger. But to keep all of our ships moving forward, we need fresh energy, new ideas, and the boldness to chart new waters. For ALL our communities, they still needs us! They need our ROAR, they need our strength, they NEED our hearts.

So let’s rally together. Let’s hoist our colors high and show that the best voyages of the Lions as the clubs we are known by, are not behind us, but straight ahead. Together, we’ll make our community a harbor of hope, joy, and vision for all. YOU make a difference!

Now, Lions: let’s raise our voices, embrace the winds of change, and sail boldly into the future!

Humbly your servant,

VDG Gene Kypke

VDG Gene Kypke, PIRATE!





2VDG ED SMITH

LEADERSHIP ON THE HORIZON

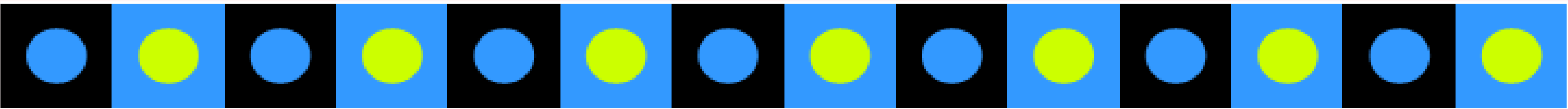
Greetings to Lions of District 4-C5:

I am excited about serving as your 2nd Vice District Governor this year. My goal is to work as a team with District Governor Mark Bamba and with 1st Vice District Governor Gene Kypke. I have a lot to learn and I am up to the challenge.

Speaking of learning, I traveled to Anaheim in June to attend the Joint Council of Governors Meeting (COG) for a full day of training with the other incoming 2nd Vice District Governors from our 14 districts in California. They say "Read your Constitution and By-Laws" and they provided everyone with a copy. Keep it by your bedside, so you will never suffer from insomnia. I did and slept well. I will serve as the liaison on the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and look forward to working with District Constitution and By-Laws Chair, PCC Don Gall as a team. I also requested and was appointed as a liaison on the Marketing Committee. I hope to share good information with our Marketing guru Deanna Dyson and I am sure she will reciprocate. We will all benefit from great marketing. We have a great product to sell--Service through Lionism.

Our clubs will be turning over the baton to new leaders effective July 1. Thanks to all our Lions who are stepping up. To all our new club officers, thank you for volunteering your time to allow us to better serve our communities. Our Global Leadership Team exists to provide necessary training to allow you to do your job better. I ask that you take the time to be trained for your new positions. It will pay off for you and your clubs.

Did I mention we have a new Lions Club in our District? Put July 31 on your calendar for the Blue Oaks Lions Club Charter Night. The Blue Oaks Lions will be the third Lions Club in Roseville and it is just a couple miles from my home. Please join me in celebrating this great event. I will do my best to welcome the Blue Oaks Lions Club to our Lions family.

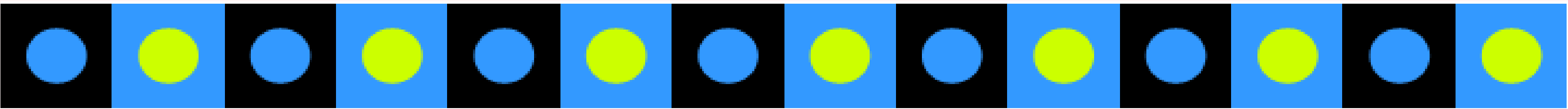


While at the COG meeting, I was excited for our District because for the second time in three years, our District Student Speaker advanced to the state finals. That means, in addition to great pride, these students receive substantial scholarship monies. These students live in our District. We have been bringing home the bacon for our student speakers. In the past three years, more than \$25,000 in scholarships has been awarded locally by the Student Speakers Foundation.

Our District’s Student Speaker did not win the final contest this year, but she gave a great speech and is highly motivated to continue in her quest to always improve her public speaking skills. Iyanna Earls is now a Sacramento State Hornet and will be competing on Sac State's speech and debate team. She plans to continue her education with a master’s degree at UC Davis. All of her schooling is in our District. Iyanna has the skill set to be an influential leader, and we hope maybe someday a leader of our Lions Clubs.

I hate to cause some rain to fall on our Student Speaker parade, but we do have a problem I need to share because the only way to fix it is to recognize the problem and find a solution. Sadly, over the past two years, we as a district have not pulled our weight financially to pay our fair share to support the Foundation to help pay for these scholarships. We as a district ranked dead last among the 14 districts in the multiple as of May 15, 2026, the paltry sum of \$600 for two years. We can do better. How, you ask? Each club should have a budget. I would ask that each club include as a line item in its project account budget a contribution to the Student Speakers Foundation of \$200 or more or whatever your clubs can afford. A recommended contribution to the foundation can be in the form of a fellowship purchase and a plaque presented to that special Lion in your club who deserves recognition, such as Lion of the Year.

Roseville has about 90 parks, most small neighborhood parks for kids to play. Many of these parks are named after community volunteers and public servants, both living and departed, who significantly improved the quality of life for its citizens. Similarly, our Lions, at all levels from clubs, districts, multiple districts, Constitutional Areas and International, we strive to honor and recognize our Lion leaders who make



a difference to help those in need. Lion Bernie Milmoe has been honored for his leadership service as a Lion by his club, by our district and by MD-4 (California Lions) as “Lion of the Year.” Most recently, the City of Roseville honored Lion Bernie Milmoe by naming a future city park (currently under construction) the Bernie Milmoe Park. Congratulations to Lion Bernie for this great honor. This community park will be dedicated next Spring and the monument/sign will include a Lions Clubs International logo referencing Lion Bernie as a member of the Roseville Host Lions Club.

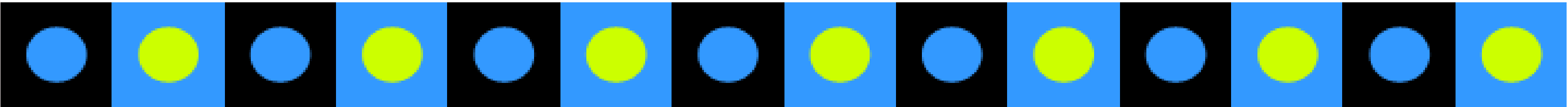
Finally, a few words about Past District Governor Don Ring. My common bond with Lion Don includes our Portuguese heritage, our devotion to the Student Speakers Contest and Foundation, that incredible campaign to help a fellow Lion win the MD-4 endorsement for International Director and a fondness for Palomino horses, including Mr. Ed. I have never met a kinder kind and more caring person and he has changed my life for the better by getting to know him and by trying to follow his lead. To Don and Carol, you are in our prayers.

Enough said. If I don’t see you sooner, I hope to see many of you at our next Cabinet Meeting on August 2nd followed by the Cabinet Installation Dinner later that evening.

Yours in Lionism,

Ed Smith

Ed Smith
2nd Vice District Governor



*Please submit your articles and
announcements about club service
projects, activities and fundraisers
to the Pride
(4c5bulletin@gmail.com).*

*Deadlines:
August 20, October 20,
December 20, 2026*



GMT NEWS

DISTRICT STATISTICIAN DAVE PEVNY

Greetings Fellow Lions:

Our opening membership balance on May 1, 2026, was 1,207. At the end of the month of May our membership total was 1,229, resulting in a net gain of 22 members for the month. This "+22" net change included 27 new members, one (1) reinstated member, one (1) transfer member, and seven (7) members dropped. None of the dropped members were reported as deceased.

Roseville Blue Oaks Lions Club was added by Lions Clubs International ("LCI") as a new club on May 5, 2026. Nevada City Lions Club was canceled by LCI on May 29, 2026. For purposes of this data, Blue Oaks Lions Club is placed into the same Zone/Region as its sponsoring club, Embarcadero Lions Club.

By Region for May:

- *Donner---plus 4, minus 1
- *Dos Rios---plus 0, minus 3
- *Sacramento---plus 23, minus 2
- *Washoe---plus 2, minus 1

District Total for May: $1207 + 29 - 7 = 1229$

By Region, Cumulative for the Year 2025-2026:

- *Donner---plus 20, minus 18
- *Dos Rios---plus 27 minus 24
- *Sacramento---plus 82, minus 16
- *Washoe---plus 29, minus 19

District Total, Cumulative since July 1, 2025: $1148 + 158 - 77 = 1229$

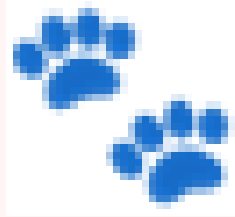


Dave Pevny

District Statistician

MARKETING NEWS

LION DEANNA DYSON, MARKETING CHAIR



Pawsitive Marketeer

Every Mission Needs a Messenger

A new Lions year is underway, and District Governor Mark Bamba has issued the call: **Missions Without Borders- Missions Possible.**

Across District 4-C5, special agents are already preparing for their assignments. Some will be collecting eyeglasses. Others will support youth programs, organize food drives, conduct vision screenings, plant trees, award scholarships, or serve their communities in countless ways.

Our mission is clear.

But every successful mission has one thing in common.

Someone tells the story.

The greatest service project in the world cannot inspire others if nobody knows it happened. A family cannot benefit from a program they have never heard about. A potential member cannot join a club they never knew existed.

That's where marketing comes in.

Marketing is not about recognition. It is not about collecting likes or followers. Marketing is about communication. It is about making sure our communities know who Lions are, what Lions do, and how Lions are making a difference every day.

Think of your club's photographer, newsletter editor, social media volunteer, or website administrator as members of your mission support team. They help carry your message beyond the event itself and into the community.

Every photograph becomes evidence of service.

Every article becomes a mission report.

Every social media post signals that Lions are active and engaged.

Every flyer becomes an invitation to serve.

As we begin this new year, I challenge every club to assign a "communications agent" for your projects. Take photos. Share your successes. Submit articles. Update your social media pages. Let your community see the incredible work happening throughout District 4-C5.

While Lions perform the mission, stories help it travel farther.

And when those stories are shared, they inspire new volunteers, new partnerships, and future Lions who are ready to answer the call.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is simple:

Tell the story. Share the impact. Inspire the next act of service.

Mission accepted?

Yours in Service,

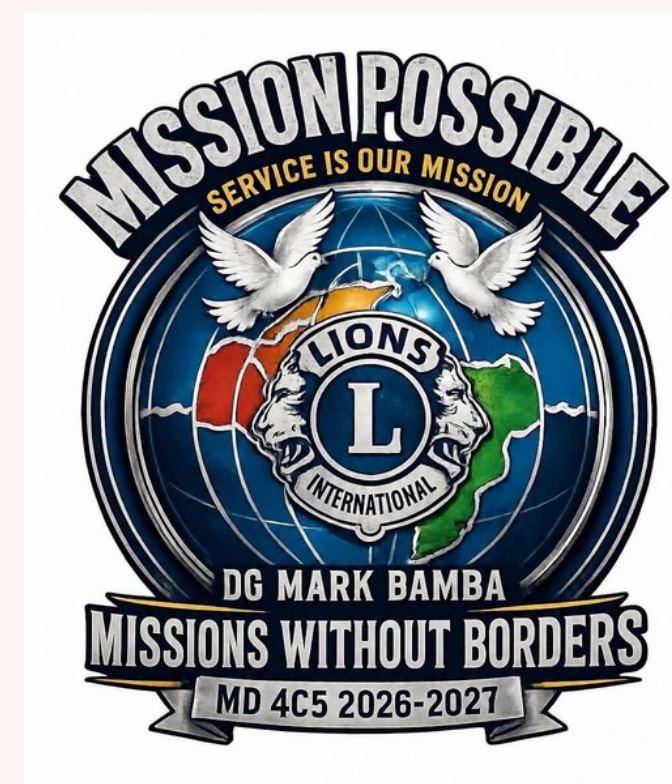
Lion Deanna Dyson

Lion Deanna Dyson
District 4-C5 Marketing Chair
The Pawsitive Marketeer



SPECIAL THANKS

***TO LION TONY SANTOS
FOR PROVIDING PHOTOS OF
THE CABINET OFFICERS
FOR THE PRIDE NEWSLETTER***



STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

SUBMITTED BY 2VDG ED SMITH



Iyanna Earls (right) represented District 4-C5 in the state finals of the Student Speakers Contest in Anaheim on June 13, 2026. She was sponsored by Roseville Host Lions Club.

Ms. Earls graduated from Woodcreek High School in June and will be attending Sacramento State. She is majoring in Biology and will be competing on the Speech and Debate Team.



MY FLAG—YOUR FLAG—OUR FLAG

SUBMITTED BY PDG BOB OLIN

The date was July 14, 1777. A flag consisting of 13 stars and 13 stripes was recognized by Congress as the first United States flag. History has it that our first flag was sewed by Betsy Ross.

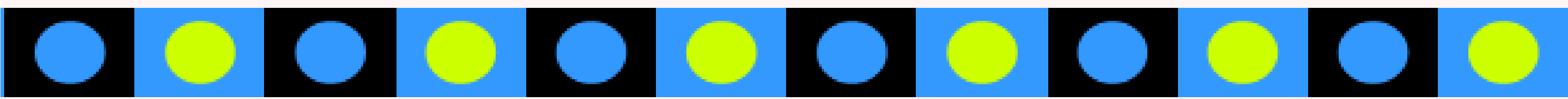
It was red, white and with a field of blue with 13 stars representing each state of our union and 7 red stripes and 6 white stripes, again a total of 13. When Vermont and Kentucky were admitted in 1792, they added 2 stars as well as 2 stripes. Realizing that adding a stripe for each future state would be cumbersome, Congress decided to revert back to 16 stripes in 1818.

The 15 striped flag which flew over Fort McHenry in 1814 inspired Francis Scott Key to write “The Star-Spangled Banner”.

Many things have been written about the meaning of our flag since 1777. Not only is our flag a history of our American symbol but a history of our country and people. It is a unifying symbol of all of our United States.

The following meanings were assigned to the colors in 1782 by the Secretary of the Continental Congress, Charles Thompson, during the design process for the Great Seal of the United States. The red represents valor, bravery and hardiness, white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue signifies vigilance, perseverance and justice.

Each time a state was admitted to our union a new star was added to the field of blue the year after admission. To date we have had a total of 27 different flags. Since our first flag was issued with 13 stars there have been 22 flags issued with 1 added star 2 with 4 added stars and 2 with 5 added stars.



California was admitted to the Union on Sept 9, 1850 and the 31st star was added to the flag in 1851.

Our current flag of 50 stars representing 50 states was issued in 1960 and is the longest serving flag, 66 years. The shortest was 1 year, the 49th star flag which admitted Alaska and was designed by the Heraldic Branch of the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corp.

The 50-star flag was designed by a 17-year-old by the name of Bob Heft. While his story of designing and submitting his design is a great one here is a shortened version of his journey.

At Lancaster High School in Saginaw Michigan, Bob's class were given an assignment by U.S History teacher Stanley Pratt to prepare a history project of choice and report it in class. It was the Spring of 1958.

Bob prepared by sewing together a 50-star flag and Prat commented, "Do you realize we only have 49 states." And Bob was given a B- grade. Bob did 50 stars because he thought Hawaii had a good chance of becoming a state. He also designed a 51-star flag in anticipation of Puerto Rico being admitted.

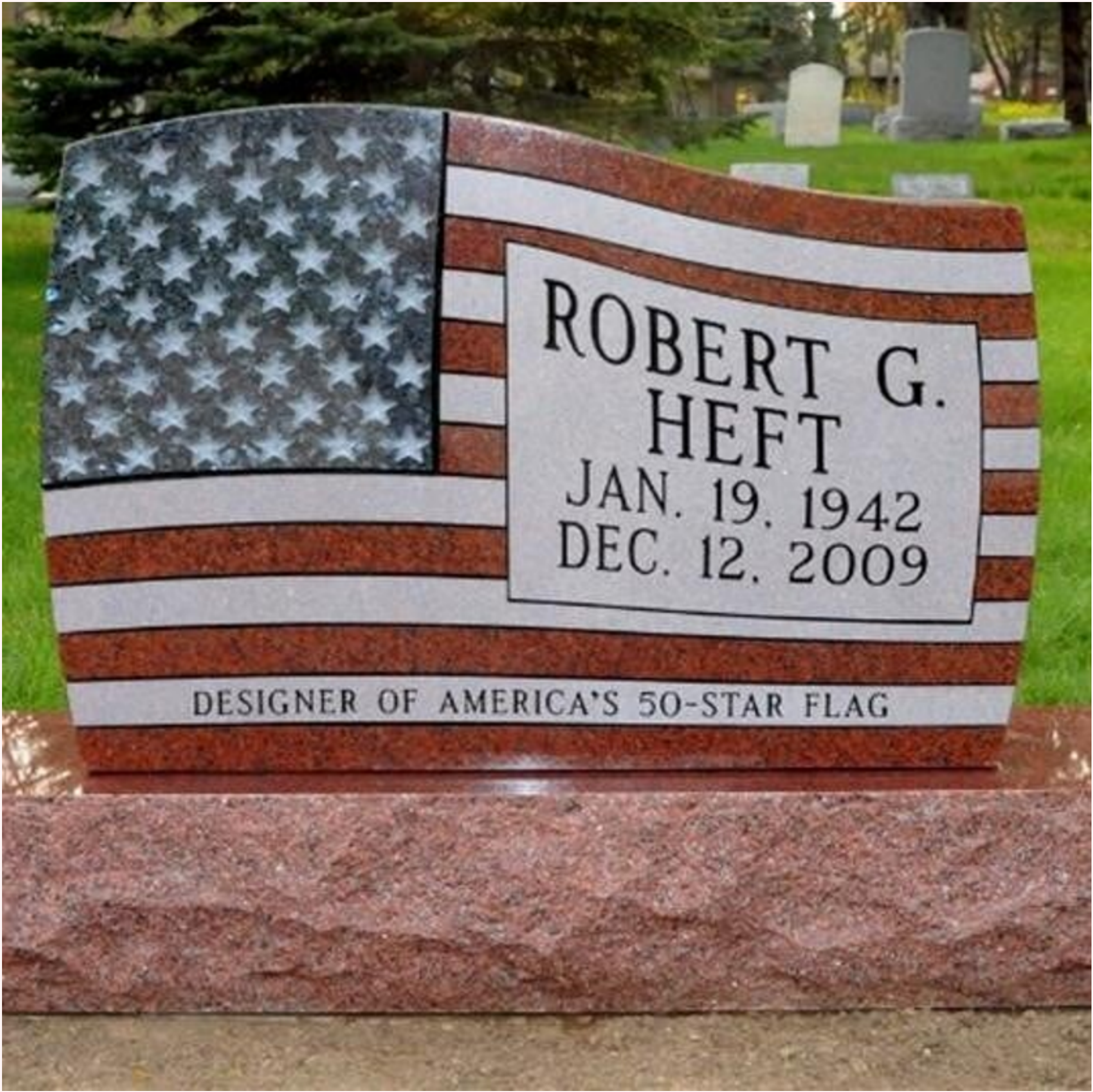
Pratt went on to say 'If you get the 50-star flag approved by the President I will agree to change your grade. A year later, on August 21, 1959 Hawaii was admitted. President Eisenhower called Bob at a company where he just started working, told him his design was approved and asked him to come to Washington to take part in a ceremony on July 4, 1960 to watch the official 50-star flag be raised as the official flag of the United States. Pratt change Bob's grade to an A.

His original flag that he had sewn has been flown over the White House, all 50 state capitols and over 121 American embassies and was damaged in an attack in Saigon in 1967.

Bob Heft joined the Napoleon Lions Club in Ohio in 1991. He transferred to Saginaw Downtown Lions Club in Michigan in 1999. Bob was Governor of District 11 D-1 in 2005-2006.

I had the pleasure of spending a week with Bob at the Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook Illinois where we had Leadership Training. He wrote a sketch which a group of us performed. We took second place.

Bob passed away on December 12, 2009. He was 67. His granite monument simply has his name and dates and is graced with a 50-star flag. He was a humble, intelligent and very patriotic.



COMMUNITY RECOGNITION



Sacramento County’s Adult and Aging Commission celebrated five compassionate individuals who, instead of slowing down as they aged, decided to get involved and make a difference where they live. To celebrate these individuals, the commission awarded them with the 2026 5 Over 50 Award. To win, each volunteer must be over the age of 50 and must be nominated by at least two people who see the standout work they are doing.

District 4 Winner: Ed Valencia

Ed, a lifelong Rio Linda resident, has dedicated more than four decades to community service, beginning in the 1970’s when he joined the Lions Club of Rio Linda. He has since served in numerous leadership roles—including President and Secretary—while leading longstanding projects such as Ruby’s Baskets Christmas Program to support families in need.

Ed believes in pouring love back into the community he grew up in. All the money raised by the Lions Club of Rio Linda helps residents in Rio Linda.

“Any money we raise in the community, has to go back into the community so we try to help out however we can,” said Ed.

Congratulations, Lion Ed!

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

🌳🦁 It's not every day that a city park is named in your honor! 🦁🌳

The City of Roseville has officially recognized Lion Bernie Milmoe for more than 40 years of extraordinary philanthropy, leadership, and community service by naming a city park in his honor.

For over 45 years, Lion Bernie has led a remarkable feeding program that has helped feed hundreds of families throughout the Roseville area. Working alongside community partners, including the Rotary, Masons, Roseville Food Bank, local businesses, service organizations, and countless volunteers, his efforts have resulted in tons of food being distributed to those in need year after year.

Lion Bernie has never sought recognition for his work. Instead, he has quietly dedicated decades of his life to serving others, strengthening our community, and demonstrating what it truly means to be a Lion.

His impact can be measured not only in the food provided but in the lives touched, the families helped, and the partnerships built throughout the community.

Today, that legacy has become a permanent part of Roseville.

Congratulations, Lion Bernie, on this well-deserved honor. Thank you for your decades of service, compassion, and unwavering commitment to helping others. You have set the standard for service above self and continue to inspire Lions throughout our district and beyond.

🎉 Thank you, Lion Bernie Milmoe! 🎉





DISTRICT 4-C5

MISSIONS

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INCOMING

CABINET INSTALLATION 2026-2027

Your mission,
should you
choose to
accept it...

**Humanitarian
Outreach &
Hunger Relief**

MISSION BRIEFING

**SUNDAY
AUGUST 2, 2026**

5 PM - 9 PM

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FOREIGN WARS
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Sacramento, CA
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**\$40
PER PERSON**

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★ **INSTALLING OFFICER** ★

Retired California Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye

★ **GUEST SPEAKER** ★

PDG MANNY SANCHEZ, MD4 LCIF CHAIR

MISSION MENU

- ▶ Tri Tip
- ▶ Salmon
- ▶ Vegetarian Pasta
- ▶ Salad

- ▶ Buffet- All you can eat
- ▶ No host bar
- ▶ No "To Go" Allowed.



RESERVATIONS

*Make reservations early
space is limited.*

RSVP BY JULY 20, 2026

Incoming Cabinet Secretary Wanda Yanez

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INCOMING CABINET TREASURER CECILLE PRESLEY

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ONE MISSION. ONE TEAM. ENDLESS IMPACT.



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