



July 9, 2023

Fourth of July Celebration

There are times when it is hard to find material for the Newsletter and I struggle to do something more than just posting a few photos. This is not the case for this issue. In fact, I'm inundated with photos from so many activities and events, that I'll just post a few pics of the activities and direct you to the PLOA online accounts where you can browse through more photos and videos.

There are scores of photos on the PLOA website here: <https://pendaries-rv-loa.com>
You will need to login and then can view the most recent photos under the **Photos** tab for 2023.
If you don't have a login account, you can register here: <https://pendaries-rv-loa.com/register-2/>

We've been getting lots of videos too, so I've set up a PLOA YouTube account to make viewing easier. It is still a work in progress, but you can enjoy the 11 videos that are posted there now. You do not need a login, just click on this link: [PLOA YouTube](#)

Since we had to curtail last year's Fourth of July festivities due to the fires, folks made up for it this year with five days filled with fun, food and camaraderie. On Friday, June 30, we skipped the Pot Luck, but enjoyed playing Bingo. Saturday started bright and early with a Crafts Fair and Shuffleboard. Saturday evening was the PLOA dinner and business meeting. Sunday morning had Church Service, followed by a Patriotic Tribute and Celebration of the July 4th holiday. Then, the Remembrance Ceremony was held in the Memorial Garden. After that, it was time to go home for lunch (and barely time for a nap) before returning to the Clubhouse for the Ice Cream Social. Finally, we wrapped up the day with a golf cart parade and it was the biggest in Pendaries history with 32 decorated golf carts and patriotic music playing over a loud speaker. Monday evening was a rousing night of music, singing and dancing. And wrapping up the events — Tuesday evening was movie & popcorn night and folks enjoyed watching "Independence Day" on the big screen.



Left: TC Haynes & Mike Cosgrove
Above: Anna Hasenbank, Randall Pierce & their dog Bobby



Above Left: Myrna Coffman & Judy Marshall at the Crafts Fair.

Above Right: Jackie Shelton & Damian Lusch (foreground) playing Shuffleboard with Mimi Ott and Wayne Whipkey (background).

Below: Mary Weber, Beth Averett, Charla Yost and Isabel Garcia at the Crafts Fair. Larena Torres is standing on the left — behind them.



Over 100 folks signed up for the PLOA dinner on Saturday night. The meal was yummy with pulled pork, coleslaw, beans and all the trimmings, plus ice cream for dessert. I cannot possibly identify all the folks in the photos. Just enjoy and now it's your turn to test your memory.





Oh my, just when you think the July 4th Ceremony can't get any better — it does! This year, Mike Cosgrove was the Master of Ceremonies and, after honoring the Veterans in our community, we all said the Pledge of Allegiance while Robert Wright and Johnny Shelton raised a brand new, larger flag. Then Mike shared the history of the Congressional Medal of Honor and shared a specific story on one recipient — John Lee Levitow. TC Haynes performed three songs in sign language: The Star-Spangled Banner, America the Beautiful and My Country, 'Tis of Thee. There was not a dry eye in the house. There are videos of the Patriotic Celebration on the newly set-up PLOA YouTube sight. You can get there by clicking on this link: [PLOA YouTube](#)



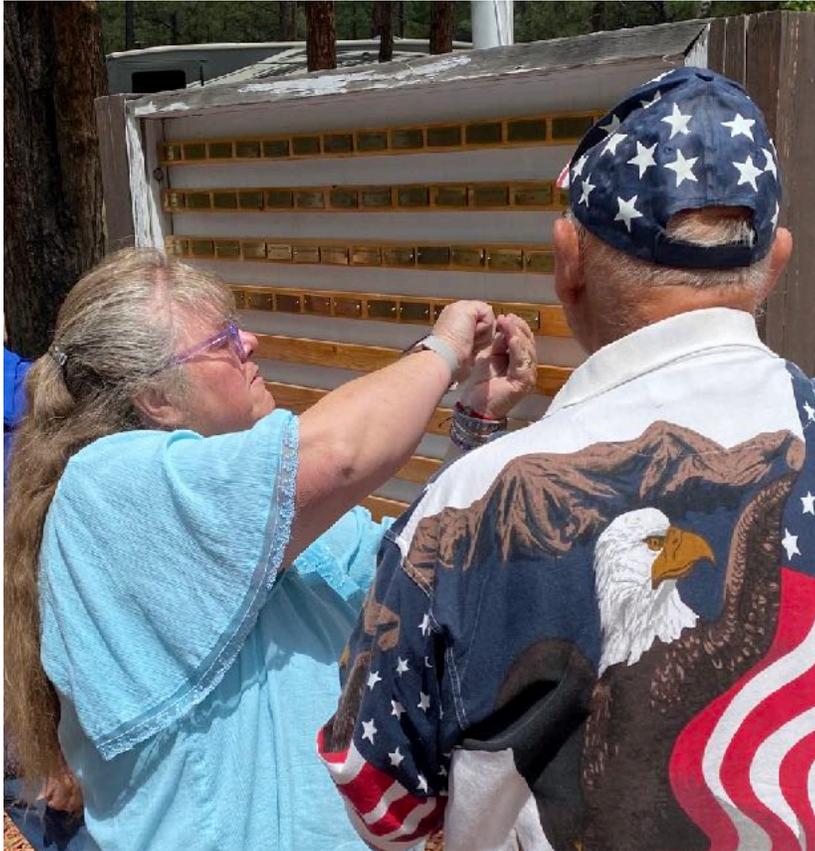
Below: Pendaries military veterans honored at the July 4th Patriotic Ceremony.

From L-R: Mike Cosgrove, Ron Weber, Mike Blackledge, J.R. Torres (tan shorts behind Mike B.), Charla Yost, Gene Strouse, Johnny Hicks, Damian Lusch (tan shirt behind Johnny Hicks), Bill Chaltry (turquoise shirt behind Harry DeLap), Harry DeLap, Mike Malone, Jack Collinworth and Joe Culbertson. Not visible, but behind them and getting ready to raise the flag are veterans Johnny Shelton and Robert Wright. Thank you all for your service.



Over the July 4th holiday, we celebrate the Pendaries family members who have passed away with a special remembrance ceremony. A name plaque is placed on the board in the Memory Garden for those recently deceased, and folks share memories of their friends and loved ones. Wanda Smith (chair of the Memorial Garden committee) shared a message in the ceremony this year — *“these folks will always be a part of the Pendaries family and we cherish their memories.”*

This year, the names added were: Jimmy & Elaine Nail, Larry & Gail Duncan, Lou Skipworth, Juanette Hart, David Sword, Royce Riggins and Craig Van Patton.



Left photo: DJ Sword (daughter of David Sword and who also owns her own lot in Pendaries) honored her Dad's memory by putting up his plaque on the Remembrance Board. Robert Wright helped with the plaque installation.

Right photo: Scott Duncan (son of Larry Duncan) honored his Dad's memory by putting up his plaque on the Remembrance Board. Jackie & Johnny Shelton and Robert Wright helped with the plaque installation. After spending a weekend with the wonderful Pendaries people, Scott decided to keep his Dad's property so he can come back to visit. He said he came to Pendaries to see why his Dad loved it so much here and now he knows — it's the people. Welcome Scott — hope we see you again real soon.



I don't know how many hundred of scoops of ice cream were served, but it was a record-breaking crowd at the Ice Cream Social, and I bet the servers, Johnnie & Gene Strouse have the biceps to show for all their hard work.



Another record-breaking event with the Golf Cart Parade. There were 32 carts and one bicycle. I cannot include them all, so I've picked a few of my favorites and will let you know that I'm partial to pets.





On Monday evening, J.R. & Larena Torres hosted a music, dance & karaoke party. Lots of dancers boot scooted to an assortment of favorites that covered several decades and genres of music. Kathy Fehlberg & DJ Sword kept the dancers going with fresh popcorn. And, who knew we had so many talented singers in our community. Larena Torres, Arael Christall and Lonnie Kirk all have beautiful voices and the courage to sing in public. The hit of the party though, was little Annika (Mary & Bennie Gonzales' granddaughter). She danced almost every dance and had at least four different dance partners (and she wore them all out.) Everyone had so much fun and got plenty of exercise. Videos of the dancing & singing can be watched on the new [PLOA YouTube](#) account.

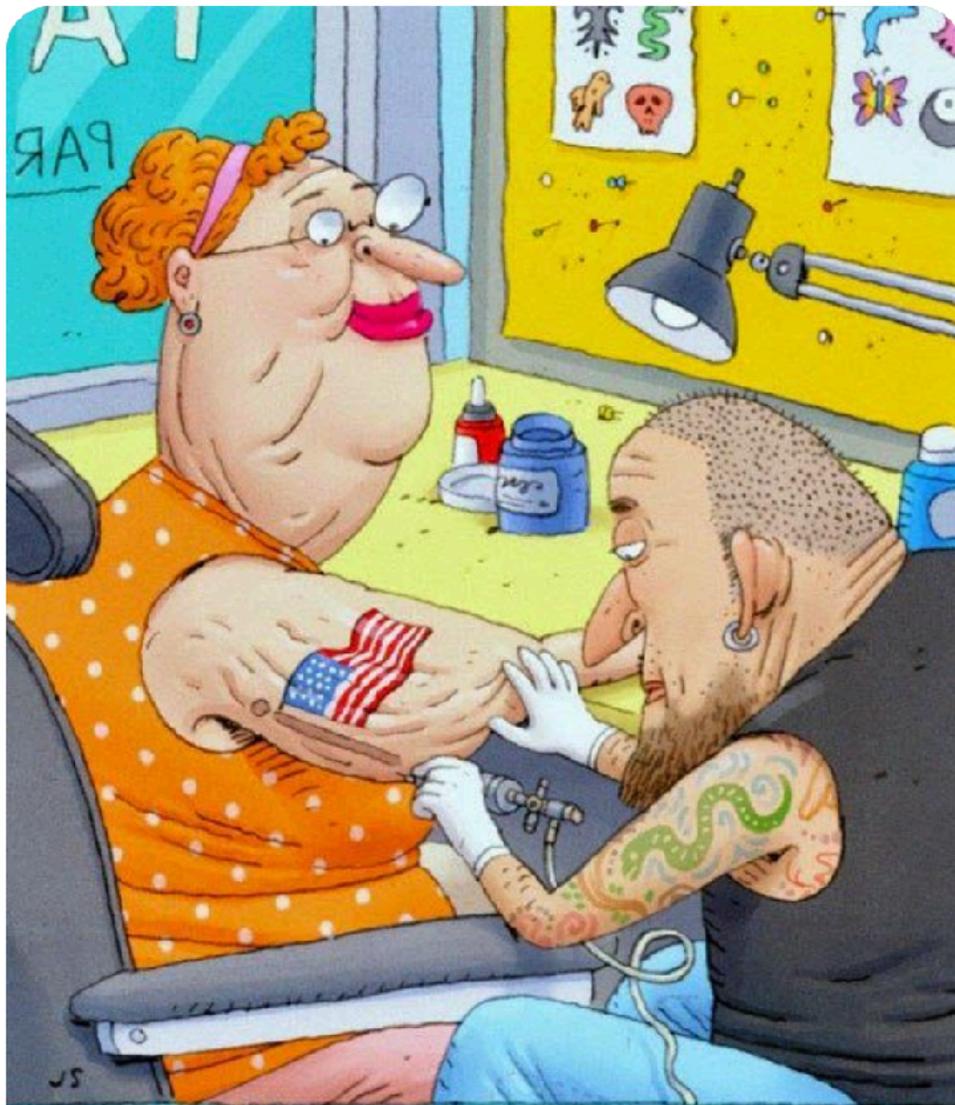
Right: J.R. and Larena Torres
Middle Left: Jerri Hudson and Annika
Middle Right: Vicki Hicks and Annika
Bottom: Lots of boot scooters having fun



**SHOUTOUT TO EVERYONE
WHO GOT THROUGH THE
DAY WITHOUT TAKING A
NAP.**

**PULLED AN ALL-DAYER
TODAY. PRETTY TOUGH.**

**THEY SAY 40 IS THE NEW 30
AND 50 IS THE NEW 40, BUT ALL I
KNOW IS THE OLDER I GET, THE
MORE 9PM IS THE NEW
MIDNIGHT.**



*Madge figured if her upper arm
was gonna flap, she might as well
make patriotic use of it.*