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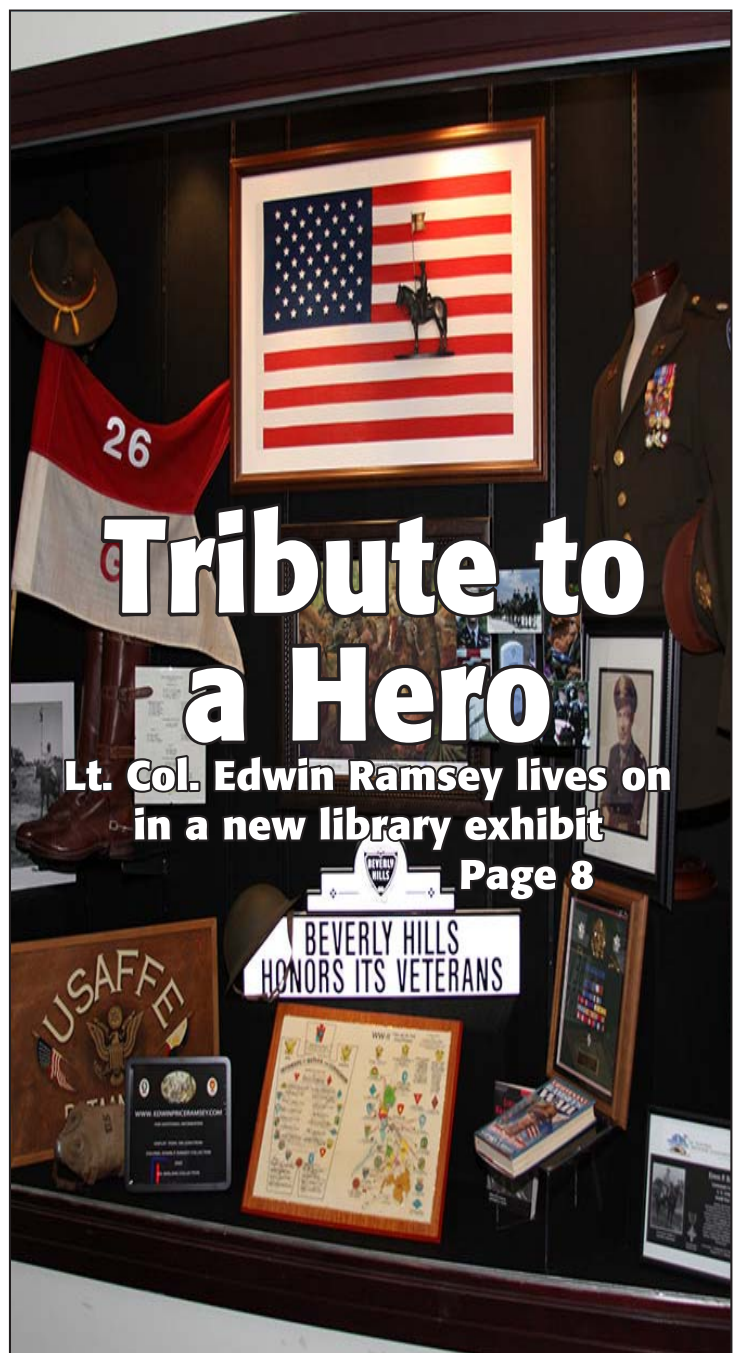
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TRIBUTE TO A HERO

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by Andrea Aldana

Beverly Hills/Greater Los Angeles Association of Realtors President Marty Geimer talks to us on how he stumbled on the idea of honoring veteran soldiers and turned the idea into reality.

What made you get involved?

It was probably about 3 o'clock one morning when I couldn't sleep. I thought of things that I wanted to do and hadn't done. I was thinking about what I could do for the veterans, both World War II veterans and more current, and I thought of a display. I thought of the concept and I knew [City Librarian and Assistant Director of Community Services] Nancy Hunt-Coffey and Director of Community Services Steve Zoet. I talked to them and I brought in Police Chief Dave Snowden. Clark Fogg is [Senior Forensic Specialist] at the Beverly Hills Police Department Crime Lab and he was brought in by the chief to help me arrange the display. Fogg is the creative genius behind the placement of memorabilia. He and I put it together usually but he does a lot of the mechanical [aspects] such as building the racks. He's what I would call the creative genius behind us as far as the display. All of this is done with the approval and endorsement of the City Council and without any cost to the city.

How many displays are there?

The displays have run for several months at a time. They are a series. Glenn Ford was the first. [One] we put in was Jimmy Stewart. The reason I did that is because I met his daughter Kelly Stewart at a World War II function. It was wonderful because his daughter wrote a

biography for her father. She [asked], "Do you want it from a historical point or would you like to have it be a daughter talking about her father?" I thought a daughter talking about her father would be fantastic. I got most of the material from her, but also reading his biography, I found out that when Jimmy Stewart married Gloria [McLean], she had two sons: one of them being Ron [McLean]. Ron, having grown up with Jimmy Stewart as a father figure and Jimmy being a World War II hero having flown 20 missions in Europe, joined the marines. In 1969, while [Ron McLean] was a lieu-



Lt. Col. Edwin Price Ramsey is the latest veteran to be honored in a display at the Beverly Hills Public Library. The exhibit completed last Wednesday will be on display for six months. Ramsey was buried on June 28 with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

tenant in Vietnam, he was killed and honored the Silver Star posthumously, so I got [Kelly's] permission to put her stepbrother in. [The display] was a combination of Jimmy and Ron.

Lt. Col. Edwin Ramsey was actually a personal friend of Chief Snowden's, so that's how Col. Ramsey was [chosen.] He led the last [mounted] cavalry charge in World War II over the Philippines. Ramsey was there from 1942 until about 1945 until [General] MacArthur came back and at the time, he was one of the last maybe twenty men and officers that were left alive after this three year period. He was in command of 40,000 Philippine guerillas.

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– Realtor Marty Geimer

How long has the series been going on?

It's been a couple of years now. I did it to really try to educate the young kids who really are not aware of what these service people did for them, whether it's World War II or Korea or Vietnam [or] the current wars we're involved in. It's just a matter of supporting the troops that have supported us. You may or may not

agree with what is going on in certain area, but it's to educate the young kids, and also bring forth memories. We have a lot of veterans that walk in and out of the library. People, like my parents, who were of that era up until the kids now who have parents and grandparents that fought in wars and skirmishes.

Is there criteria that needs to be met to be displayed?

It has been kept [to those] who have lived, worked, or played in or around Beverly Hills. Like Glenn Ford lived over on Oxford Way. Jimmy Stewart lived on North Roxbury Drive. Col. Ramsey lived just outside of Beverly Hills and his wife [is a recently retired English Learner teacher at Beverly High].

We have the next person who will be going in and his name is Sam Storm. He's lived here for about 30 years and he fought in Vietnam.

How did you find him?

Sam's an old friend of both Chief Snowden and myself. I was looking for a Vietnam veteran to put in. What I'd love [to display next] is a female veteran from the World War II era. There aren't many, but that's what I'd love to find.

detention&arrestsummary

Beverly Hills Weekly receives the information that appears below from the Beverly Hills Police Department. This information is released each week to the public. We assume no responsibility for any errors or omissions in the Detention and Arrest Summary.

FAUSTO GOMEZ-HERNANDEZ, 39, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/14/2013 for driving under the influence blood alcohol over .08 and driving under the influence.

KAREN ELISE ROUSE, 57, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 10/14/2013, for battery-use of force or violence upon another.

PARUYR AKHVERDYAN, 47, of North Hollywood, arrested on 10/13/2013 for petty theft.

TIARA KATRICE BIGLOW, 27, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/13/2013 for BHPD bench warrant – felony.

FATIMA NICOLE WATKINS, 34, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/12/2013 for BHPD bench Warrant – felony.

ROBIN NANETTE WINTERS, 45, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/12/2013 for receiving property in assumed character.

AGUILAR CRUZ-MARTINEZ, 20, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/12/2013 for possession of meth/etc and possession of drug paraphernalia.

JOSE EZIEL VENEGAS-DOMINGUEZ, 23, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/12/2013 for driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia.

DANIEL LEONARD GINZBURG, 21, of Encino, arrested on 10/12/2013 for driving under the influence blood alcohol over .08 and driving under the influence.

BOBBY LEE BROWN, 41, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 10/10/2013 for BHPD arrest warrant-misdemeanor.

VICTOR HUGO DUBOIS, 61, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/11/2013 for driving

under the influence.

NINA MAYNARD, 34, of Los Angeles, arrested on 10/10/2013 for false personation of another; burglary-shoplift; possession of meth/etc, possession of marijuana/hashish; making, passing or possessing fictitious bill, note or check; and getting credit using other's ID.

CARLO ABDUK MABSON, 38, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 10/10/2013 for trespassing of real property.

MILLIE ASHLEY EFRAIM, 18, of Beverly Hills, arrested on 10/10/2013 for trespassing: occupying property without consent.

VICTOR RICKS, 35, of Reseda, arrested on 10/10/2013 for threats to commit crimes