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The Newsletter for Santa Rosa East Rotary

The Crown Jewel of District 5130

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Program Notes

We were dark on Tuesday so that we all could attend the Veteran's Tribute Lunch on Thursday the 5th. Our own Tom Croft was again the able Emcee. Entertainment was by the Santa Rosa High School Band. Ross Liscum moderated a panel of Veteran's who shared their experiences in various capacities in different conflicts. They were:

John Creaghe, served in the Army during WW II. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in the battle for Mt. Della Spe. **Helen Nugent** served in the Navy WAVES program. She and other groundbreaking women took over jobs stateside so that soldiers could be sent to the front. **Knick Knickerbocker** flew missions in the Korean War for the U.S. Air Force. He has related his experiences to us in the past. He went on to be a Test Pilot for McDonnell Aircraft. **Ezbon Jen** was a Medic in the Army in Vietnam. He related why a skinny butt is an advantage when crawling around the battlefield (it was at this point that I believe Tom Croft told everyone that Mike Masters must have a fat butt as he was shot in the butt during the war!) **Sgt. Fred Calonico** is active duty in the Marine Corp. He served in the initial invasion in Iraq, and then returned to the US for advanced training. HE has recently returned from a second tour in Iraq and is impressed and proud of the progress that has been made in Iraq. He looks forward to when the new government in Iraq can stand on its own.

The luncheon was a huge success once again. Thanks to all of the committee members who help put on the event each year. I believe in our club they include Tom Croft, Jim Wischendorf and Dan Drummond. I couldn't see the entire hall so I hope that's everyone!