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A Newsletter from Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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Camp Lockett's History is East County's Pride

San Diego County history is filled with tales of military prowess. From the skillful Marines of Camp Pendleton to the hard-working sailors of the Naval Station 32nd Street, generations of service men and women have shipped out from San Diego to a future certain of nothing except service to Country.

Out in the small East County community of Campo, there's a movement afoot to honor the cavalry soldiers of Camp Lockett, a World War II Army base and the last home of the famous Buffalo Soldiers. I'm proud to be part of the effort to turn Camp Lockett into a State Historic Park and to preserve the remarkable chapters of military history that have unfolded on its land.

When it was built in 1941, Camp Lockett originally housed the 11th Cavalry of the U.S. Army, an all white regiment charged with protecting the Border with Mexico during the war. As fighting waged in Europe, the unit was soon shipped out to Georgia and two entirely African-American cavalry units moved in. First came the 10th Cavalry, which was then joined by the 28th Cavalry Regiment to form the 4th Cavalry.

These all-black regiments, known as Buffalo Soldiers, had a history dating back to 1866. They got their nickname from Native

Americans who thought the black soldiers had the same fighting spirit as the sacred buffalo.

At Camp Lockett, the Buffalo Soldiers patrolled the border and protected the area's water supply. Their worn uniforms, leather boots and personal possessions, now on display at the Gaskill Stone Store in Campo, tell tales of riding horseback along endless miles of dusty Border.

In early 1944, the Army decided it no longer needed cavalry units and the Buffalo Soldiers were disbanded. Camp Lockett went on to become an Army hospital and a Prisoner of War Camp that housed German and Italian soldiers.

Among the 3,000 Buffalo Soldiers stationed at Camp Lockett was Fred Jones who today lives in Los Angeles and is among those leading the effort to create a State park. Fred recently discussed his WWII experience with the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. He remembered riding the train from Cincinnati to Campo in 1943. He remembered that many of the horses at Camp Lockett had never been ridden. What he said he wanted to remember most was the role that the all-black cavalry units played in our Nation's history.

Like Fred, Roger Challberg, President of the Mountain Empire Historical Society, believes that Camp Lockett's history has a lot to do with American history. For

"We are closer to our vision of a State Historic Park to commemorate the service of the Camp Lockett cavalry units of WWII."

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years, Roger has envisioned a place where history, duty to country and education all come together. The community of Campo is also home to the 1885 Gaskill Stone Store, the San Diego Railroad Museum and the Motor Transport Museum. Its culture-rich past tells of the adventures, good and bad, of America's younger years. I can think of no better place in all of San Diego County more deserving of a State Park.

Imagine the educational opportunities for school groups, families and all those curious about history.

Last month, my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors approved my recommendation to deed nearly 300 acres of County-owned land encompassing Camp Lockett to the State. This land includes several of Camp Lockett's original historic buildings.

We have a long way to go to turn Camp Lockett into a State Historic Park and we've got passionate people working hard to make it happen. Someday soon, I hope to watch Roger Challberg and Fred Jones break ground in yet another phase of this important project.

Every year, thousands of retired Marines visit the museum at the Marine Corps Recruitment Depot downtown. The old Naval Training Center in Point Loma soon will be renamed Liberty Station in honor of the sailors who passed through its barracks. Thousands attend the Air Show at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar to watch the thrilling aerial acrobatics. Now, it's time to lend that same respect to Campo's Camp Lockett and the Buffalo Soldiers!



Living History: Supervisor Jacob joins soldiers from the 4th Calvary Brigade stationed at Camp Lockett and Roger Challberg, President of the Mountain Empire Historical Society.

Supervisor Jacob's SAFETY FEATURES...

Helping Seniors Beat the Heat



Don't 'bear' the heat! Visit a Cool Zone!

East County seniors have always been cool. Now, they're getting cooler thanks to Supervisor Jacob's summertime Cool Zones.

There are over 60 Cool Zones now open throughout San Diego County. They are located in existing public buildings where the climate is comfortable and the people are friendly. Seniors can save money on their electricity bills, keep cool and stay connected to their communities. Some Cool Zones offer information about money-saving electricity programs.

People in frail health can easily be impacted by high temperatures and may not know they're in trouble until it's too late. So, look for the cute Polar Bear logo in your community today!

In some neighborhoods, the County is offering limited transportation services to select Cool Zones. For Cool Zone locations or to find out how your business can become a Cool Zone, call the

County's office of Aging and Independence Services toll free at 1-800-510-2020.

Tough New Laws for Strip Clubs

If an adult entertainment establishment wants to open its doors in your neighborhood, you deserve a public hearing to make your opinions known. Such hearings were unanimously endorsed by the Board of Supervisors recently, along with a new set of rules designed to keep the seedy side of strip clubs from plaguing residential neighborhoods.

The U.S. Supreme Court may have ruled that strip clubs are protected by the Constitution, but that doesn't stop the clubs from attracting unsavory characters and it's the surrounding homes and businesses that pay the price.

Law enforcement officials agree that strip clubs are magnets for crime. Across the nation, strip club case files speak volumes. When a strip club moves in, neighborhood crime goes up and property values go down. The number of arrests and assaults increase along with the potential for blight and the neighborhood's overall crime index.

Club owners, more interested in making money than the health of the communities in which they operate, rarely concern themselves with the wishes of the surrounding merchants and homeowners. This is the case in an unincorporated neighborhood just north of the City of El Cajon where a strip club is attempting to set up shop on a street already inundated with liquor licenses, criminal activity and registered sex offenders.

Thanks to the tough new rules established by the County, any strip club hoping to do businesses in the unincorporated area, including the proposed club north of El Cajon, must comply with restrictions that ban nudity, direct tipping, lap dances and touching between patrons and performers. In addition, the clubs are now restricted to industrial zones.

The ultimate goal is to give residents more control over the types of businesses that comprise their neighborhoods.

Fire Safe Not Sorry

This especially dry and worrisome summer, the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County wants to help you create defensible space around your home, business, barn, garage or outbuilding.

The Council has a new office in El Cajon and welcomes East County residents who want to learn more about fire safety.

**FireSafe Council Office
1524-A Graves Ave, El Cajon**

Since 1996, the Fire Safe Council has been working to prevent wildfires and reduce the damage they cause. For information call the Council at (619) 562-0096.

Join me for Coffee and Conversation...

**Friday, August 9, 2002 8:30 a.m.
Wynola Pizza Express
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