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This **JULY 10 UPDATE** is brought to you by the folks at Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) - the town of Templeton's local government agency with a Board of Directors who are essentially the "town council".

TCSD provides local services - water, wastewater, fire & emergency services, and solid waste collection, with parks & recreation along with a very small amount

of lighting and drainage - that the people of Templeton believe can be best provided at the grassroots level.

TCSD's Board of Directors - Templeton's "Town Council" - meets regularly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Templeton CSD boardroom (5th & Crocker next to the Fire Station). The public is encouraged to attend and participate!

For more information, please visit the TCSD website at www.templetoncsd.org or call the office (corner of 5th & Crocker) at (805) 434-4900.

INDEPENDENCE DAY IN TEMPLETON - PART I



Above: With lights flashing, a Sheriff's Department vehicle leads Templeton's Independence Day Parade up South Main Street to its final destination. Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.



Above: Templeton American Legion Post 220 veterans Tom Jermin, Martin McAulay, and Lawrence Mora served as the Color Guard for the 2019 Templeton Independence Day Parade. Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.



Above: Parade Grand Marshals included three WWII veterans - Colonel Thomas R. Hildalgo, U.S. Army Retired, Robert Fallow Brown, U.S. Navy, and Cecil Gambel, U.S. Army - and Korean War veteran Rex C. Hendrix, U.S. Navy. Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.

2019 TEMPLETON INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

The Grand Marshals rode in a beautiful 1958 Buick Roadmaster Skylark. The car is one of only 1600 that were custom built at the factory in honor of Buick's 50th Anniversary. Owner Bill O'Neil chauffeured the local HEROES.

Colonel Thomas R. Hildalgo, U.S. Army - Hildalgo was born in 1920 on Memorial Day in Santa Barbara. He graduated from Santa Barbara High School in 1938 and joined the National Guard. His unit was activated in 1942, and landed on Utah Beach on June 6th, 1944. He also served for two years (1951-52) in the Korean War. A plumber by trade, he remained in the National Guard Command until he retired from the Army after 35 years of service. He is 99.

Robert Fallow Brown, U.S. Navy - Brown was born in Cody, Nebraska, graduated from Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles, and joined the Navy in 1941. He was assigned to the newly commissioned troop transport ship, the USS Oneida, APA 221. The ship moved troops around the South Pacific. Finishing his tour of duty, Brown moved to San Luis Obispo and took over as the manager of KVEC in 1958, becoming part owner in 1976. Today he resides in Atascadero.

Cecil Gambel, U.S. Army - Gambel was born across the street from Templeton Park in a home where the Fire Station now stands. His father was born on York Mountain and served in the Army during WWI. Gambel was drafted into the Army in 1945. While serving at Camp Roberts, atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. His unit then landed in Kobi, Japan where he was assigned as a driver for officers and the Battalion Chaplain. After serving one year in Japan, Gambel returned to Fort Beal, was mustered out of the Army and returned home.

Rex C. Hendrix, U.S. Navy - Hendrix was born in Atascadero. With the outbreak of the Korean War, he traveled to San Diego to enlist in the U.S. Navy at the age of 17. After completing Boot Camp and numerous tests, Hendrix was selected for training as a Dental Technician and served his entire tour at Camp Pendleton caring for both Navy and Marine Corps inductees. Because he joined the Navy under the age of eighteen, he was entitled to be discharged at the age of twenty-one and enrolled in Cal Poly upon returning home.



"PARADE FAVORITE" AWARD

Above: Flanked by symbols of the birth of our nation - the American Eagle and the first American flag or "Betsy Ross Flag" - Ben Franklin waves to folks along the parade route. Ben is followed by a bevy of ladies in colonial dress sporting parasols. Photo courtesy of Francisca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.

This float was sponsored by the El Paso de Robles Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The chapter is 77 women strong and growing! All members have proven their bloodline to a Revolutionary War Patriot and the group's focus is education, patriotism, and historical preservation. This 4th of July, the group honored Margaret Corbin aka "Captain Molly".



"PATRIOTIC GROUP" AWARD

Above: From the American flag draped from the front of the semi to the trailer load of youngsters, teachers and parents waving small flags, red, white and blue dominated the Children's Garden float. Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.

"The Children's Garden has been participating in the 4th of July Parade for 30 years! Each year, between 65 and 85 kids, teachers and parents celebrate the U.S.A., Templeton, and our "Grand Old Flag". We are the future and we love Templeton!"



"ANTIQUÉ CARS" AWARD

Above: After more than three years, at least \$20,000, and hundreds of volunteer hours, Templeton's lovingly restored 1933 Ford vintage school bus was one of two historic vehicles entered in the Independence Day Parade by the Templeton Historical Museum Society. The bus was driven by Robert Teitsworth and passengers included a few of the volunteers who donated time to the bus

restoration. Also entered, the Museum's 1927 Ford Model "T" driven by Greg O'Sullivan with passengers Carl Koiner, a founding member of the Museum, and Jim Greer who was born and raised in Templeton and whose family members have been area farmers and dairymen for many decades. Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.



"MOUNTED GROUP" AWARD

Above: Manuel Enrique and the Famous Dancing Horses! Known for their annual performance at the Atascadero Tamale Festival, they were accompanied by their charro friends from all over the Central Coast, Santa Maria, Nipomo and Paso Robles. "Manuel Enrique and his dancing horses show is an excellent complement to barn, ranch, or vineyard events and weddings - creating unforgettable memories!" Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.



"COWGIRL / COWBOY" AWARD

Above: The horses of Jennifer Rose Ranch. Jennifer is riding her home-bred Gypsyian stallion, Lord Xalvdor. Her friend Chris is on her Morgan/Percheron mare, Zaianna, and Jennifer's nephew is also riding along. Photo courtesy of Francesca Ross of www.filiceimages.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE

i hope you enjoyed Part I of the 4th of July edition! I'd like to take a moment to thank Rotary members for all their help in providing the necessary information on parade awards and the script for parade announcers. And of course, Francesca Ross who made her collection of parade photos available for publication AND to any of you who would like to download a pic or two for your photo album. Without their help, this special edition would not have been possible as I was unable to attend the festivities this year. Thank you!

On another note, the agenda packet for tomorrow night's school board meeting is now available. I understand a number of folks are interested in accessing it. Simply go to the school district website ([CLICK HERE](#)), scroll down to the Board of Trustees box on the front page and click on the link.

Have a good evening!

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