

CRA MARIN CHAPTER NEWS



Chevron Retirees Association
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Summer 2026. I hope you're enjoying our warm days and cool, often breezy evenings - I sure am.

It was good seeing those of you who were able to attend our May 13th lunch. Our speaker, Richard Torney, a Marin Historian, was our speaker and gave a truly fascinating presentation on the San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906 (120 years ago). While everyone in attendance had read and or seen stories on this event numerous times, none of us had done so from the perspective that Richard shared. Richard's great grandfather, Lt Col George Henry Torney, was a trained physician and a Senior Military Leader. At the time of the earthquake, he was serving as the Commander of the US Army General Hospital in the Presidio. The Mayor of San Francisco quickly placed him in charge of all actions necessary to prevent the spread of serious health contagions. He was also placed in charge of setting up temporary housing and managing all sanitation issues.

At that time, SF was experiencing cases of bubonic plague, Tuberculosis, Measles, typhoid fever, diphtheria and smallpox. No small task to manage in the best of times let alone following the earthquake and fire which resulted in half the city (over 200,000 people) becoming homeless overnight. As my friend Chat GPT put it, "the city's ability to avoid a major epidemic after one of the worst urban disasters in US history is actually considered one of the notable public health successes of the early 20th century"

On the day of the tremor, and in the following days, George Torney's 26-year-old son "Ned" went around

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MEETING NOTICE

Our August 12th luncheon will be at the McGinnis Club Restaurant on Smith Ranch Road in San Rafael starting at 11 am for the social hour. Our speaker will be Jason Balderama, Chief Information Security Officer at the County of Marin.

Lunch will be choice of (1) Slow-Cooked Pot Roast with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables; or (2) Grilled Salmon with Mango Papaya Sauce, or (3) BBQ Pork Ribs with Potatoes and Cole Slaw, or (4) Penne Pomodoro; all with Brownie Delight with Ice Cream & Chocolate Sauce, coffee, and iced tea. For Vegan, note request on reservation form. The cost will be \$42 per person.

Marin CRA is encouraging on-line reservation for luncheons, so in addition to the usual printed form here in the newsletter, you will be able to sign up on-line in 2 ways:

1. You may receive (or already received) a separate email with the on-line reservation form
2. Or you can find the same form on our website www.marincra.com in the Event Sign-Up tab.
3. Instructions for completing the form are shown on the website under More> Event Sign-up Instructions.

Regardless, fill out and submit the form. You can pay by credit card (via Pay Pal) or send us a check.

For those without e-mail who receive their newsletter by USPS, use the form included with the newsletter, which can then be printed and mailed with your check just as in the past.

Please return the reservation form with payment by **July 31st**. Late responses may not be able to get their preferred entrée. To request cancellation with refund after that date or to inquire about space available, telephone Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707.

the city with his camera taking snapshots of the devastation, the raging fire, and scenes showing some of the city's displaced residents. A selection of these images were used by our speaker as he delivered a very interesting and entertaining presentation. I for one was favorably impressed and would like to thank Kirk Beales for setting this up.

As we plan the balance of our 2026 lunch meetings, and begin lining them up for 2027, the Marin CRA Board remains committed to having speakers that inform our membership about a variety of topics of interest including once per year an update on Chevron. We also look to organize social events all in the spirit of providing fellowship for our members.

Our lunchtime calendar for the remainder of 2026 is currently as follows: · August 12: Jason Balderama - Cyber Security, November 11: Mauricio Molina - Chevron Planning & Projects Manager - Chevron Update. As usual, the lunch will be from 11am to 2pm at McInnis Park Club Restaurant, Smith Road Ranch, San Rafael.

Working with our Marin CRA Board of Directors, I will do my best to serve all of our members. Please feel free to approach me at our luncheons or drop me a note at JeffHartwig1gmail.com with any questions, concerns or comments you may have.

Jeff Hartwig, President

CHEVRON ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Chevron Advocacy Network! The Chevron Advocacy Network (CAN) leverages the power of our collective voices and experiences in support of smart energy policies. It empowers members to speak up about the fundamental benefits of oil and natural gas in their communities and on social media to inform public opinion and positively impact policy. Through the CAN website, members have access to resources and fact-based information that can be shared with family, friends and decision makers. It provides members with information about their government representatives, including photos, bios, and contact information. When a key issue arises at the county, state or federal level, members will be alerted about the actions they can take to make a difference.

Joining CAN is a great way for Chevron retirees to stay connected with Chevron and the challenges it is facing in today's world -- and enables all of us to provide meaningful support to Chevron in addressing these challenges. Registration for CAN is free. You can even register on the go -- simply text CAN to 64122.

CYBERSECURITY AND YOU

Our August 12th speaker, Jason Balderama, is Chief Information Security Officer at the County of Marin. He has over 25 years of experience in government IT, including 9 years in cybersecurity. His talk will cover the county's cybersecurity efforts as well as what you, as an individual, can do to protect yourself.

LIFETIME DUES OPTION

The Marin Chapter of CRA is now offering a new dues option. For \$120 you can have a lifetime membership (\$160 for print), free of any future dues payments. If you have previously prepaid multi-year dues, they will be credited against the lifetime amount. The plan includes \$50 lifetime dues for spouses. If interested, contact Brad McCullough at bjcc2mcc@comcast.net or (925) 348-6707 to determine any credit you might be able to take.

2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 12—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park
September 14—Board meeting, Room 410B, Civic Center
November 11—Luncheon meeting, Club at McInnes Park
December 14—Board meeting, La Toscana

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Date: Wednesday, August 12th, 2026
Place: The Club Restaurant at McInnis Park, San Rafael
Time: 11:00 AM No-host bar and fellowship
12:00 PM Luncheon
12:45 PM Program
2:00 PM Adjourn

Our speaker: Jason Balderama, Chief Information Security Officer at the County of Marin

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Cost: **\$42 per person**

Please return the reservation form with payment by July 31st. Late responses may not be able to get their preferred entrée. To request cancellation with refund after that date or to inquire about space available, telephone Bill Schultz at 415-883-5488 or Mike Elgie at 415-939-5601.

Luncheon Reservation for August 12th

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pot Roast</u>	<u>Salmon</u>	<u>BBQ Ribs</u>	<u>Penne</u>
Member: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Spouse or Guest: _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E-mail address: (unless you have already given it to us) _____				

Luncheon Cost: \$42 per person

Luncheon: _____ Reservations at \$42 Total \$ _____

Make your check payable to Chevron Retirees Association.

Mail to: Chevron Retirees Association
Box 6477
San Rafael, CA 94903-0467.

Members without Internet access: Check this line if you would like a printed copy of *Encore* brought to the luncheon for you. (Funds not available for mailing.) _____

Members needing a ride to luncheon: Call Brad McCullough at 925-348-6707 and we will try to arrange transportation.

ATTENDANCE AT THE MAY 2026 LUNCHEON MEETING

Kirk Beales
Don Beers
Bruce Beyaert
Stuart Brown
Dave Brossard
Ignatius Chan
Mike Elgie
Phil Fisher
Jeff Hartwig
Alice He
Paul Hodgen
Bruce Hope
Jay Hubert
Brian Hubinger
Muigai Karigaca
Desmond King
John M King
Russ Krug
Stephen Lee

David Lesnini
Toby Marion
Brad McCullough
Roger McGee
Rich Moore
Tim Mossteller
Alphonzo Nelson
Gary Price
Robert Rettig
Vic Revenko
Mike Ring
Ron Schafer
Barb Smith
Dave Stangland
Richard Sullivan Jim
Tighe
Heidi Wilbert
Russ Wilbert
Jirong Xiao

RECRUITING INCENTIVE

If you bring a prospective new Chapter member to one of our luncheons, both you and the prospective new member will get the lunch free.

USEFUL INTERNET LINKS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING THE MONTHLY CHEVRON NEWSLETTER, YOU CAN SIGN UP HERE:

<https://www.chevron.com/newsroom/subscribe>

THE CHEVRON RETIREES WEBSITE HAS BEEN UPDATED WITH A NEW FORMAT—SEE IT HERE:

<https://www.chevronretirees.org/>

OTHER LINKS ARE SHOWN ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Humor Section – “Let’s Play Ball....”

The sound of a bat hitting a baseball is the heart-beat of America.

“Why do people sing ‘Take Me Out to the Ball-game’ when they’re already there?”

*I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger...
And then it hit me.*

*All ballplayers should quit when it starts to feel as if all the baselines run uphill
–Babe Ruth*

*What has 18 legs and catches flies?
A baseball team.*

Baseball players are the only ones that are happy when they get the runs!

Girls who date baseball players eventually see a diamond.

Baseball players are smarter than football players.

How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field.

Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets.

What does baseball have in common with pancakes?

They both rely on the batter.

Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona.

Baseball uniquely serves as a bridge between generations, with parents teaching children the game and sharing stories of past players. The sport’s relatively unchanged nature allows grandparents to relate their experiences to grandchildren, creating a continuous thread of shared experiences that few other cultural institutions can match.

LINKS

CRA Marin Chapter: www.marincra.com

Chevron Retirees: www.chevronretirees.org.

Chevron: www.chevron.com.

Texaco: www.texaco.com.

Caltex: www.caltex.com.

Chevron Advocacy Network: www.chevronadvocacynetwork.com/

Chevron Humankind: <https://chevron.yourcause.com>

MetLife Long Term Care: <http://www.metlife.com>.

ChevRec Benefit Hub <https://chevrec.benefithub.com/>

The company store: <http://www.chevronstore.com>.

Benefits Connection website: <http://hr2.chevron.com/retiree>.

CVX and other Chevron publications: <http://www.chevron.com/news/publications>.

Gulf retirees may be interested in checking out the web page on Gulf history: www.gulphistory.org.

Learn about the Company's historical milestones: www.chevron.com/history.

UnitedHealthcare: <http://www.uhc.com>.

BlueCross BlueShield: <http://bcbs.com>.

Medicare: <http://www.medicare.gov>.

Energy issues: www.willyoujoinus.com.

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