

# Carlsbad Time Lines

Q4 2022

Carlsbad, California, Historical Society

## President's Letter

By unanimous vote, the incumbent positions were reelected: President, Susan Schnebelen Gutierrez; Secretary, Virginia Krepps Unanue; and Treasurer, Germán Gutierrez. We will continue to focus our volunteer work on preserving our Carlsbad history, reaching out to the community by creating awareness of our unique and varied past.

Our museum located in the Shipley Magee House and barn is the only place in town that creates a narrative which incorporates our entire historical story. Our displays include prehistoric artifacts such as fossilized ammonite, continuing through the indigenous period, onto ranching, founding of our coastal city, and through to present time.

The physical structures of the house and barn are treasures in their own right, being two of the remaining original wooden buildings built in the 1880s with the town's founding. Prior to their construction only ranch buildings located a few miles inland and predominately made of adobe were the only buildings around. The importance of the train connecting our area to parts beyond created the opportunity for our town founders to create our town and also build in wood.

Speaking of town founders, one room in the museum is dedicated to the Schutte Family and includes items from pocket watches to bedroom furniture. All were made possible through the generosity of family donations.

Each room is dedicated to a different aspect of our city's history, and all items contributing to our displays' narratives are for the most part donations.

Our Holiday Open house on Sunday, December 4, will be a perfect time for you to explore the displays throughout the museum.

## Holiday Open House

Mark your calendars for our Holiday Open House, Sunday, December 4, from 2-4 pm. While renewing friendships and seeing new museum displays, you can do a little "Christmas Shopping". The barn will be open, and the famous Twin Inns Chicken will be decorated in festive finery! Bring along your

camera and take photos. Light refreshments will be served on the front porch deck. Masks are optional inside the house, and we will have some disposable ones available.

Our Carlsbad Artifact t-shirts will be available for purchase, sizes range from S- XX Large. We still have copies of Windows on the Past: an illustrated history of Carlsbad, and a few Carlsbad High Year books are also available for gift giving.

Hope to see you soon!

## Visit by Kentner descendants

Jackie Kentner Miller, visited our museum this September, and brought along all of her children and son in law. They were visiting from Hawaii and made a special visit to our museum, fulfilling a desire to share her family history with her children by seeing our Twin Inns display and the last remaining chicken. Jackie, the youngest child of Ed and Neva Kentner was raised in Carlsbad and in the Twin Inns. She was enthusiastic about our display documenting her home and family. It's always a pleasure for us to meet Jackie and her family, and share in Jackie's joy at sharing her past. We are so happy when those people directly involved in our displays are satisfied that we created a truthful and respectful interpretation of their history. Thank you Jackie for your generous donation.



*Jackie Kentner and family in front of the Twin Inns display*

## Donation of Carlsbad High School Cheerleader Uniforms

Kathy Telles (now Kathy George) was a cheerleader in both sports and competition during the years 1981 and 82. She has donated two different sets of cheerleader clothes to add to our school display. They were brought to us by Bonnie (her mother) and Lou Wilson (of Carlsbad family).



*Uniform used for highs school games*



*Uniform used for competition*



## Artillery Practice in Carlsbad

Eddie Kentner, Jr. wrote this question to us:

*"... the vacant field to the north of Grand. This vacant area was where the Kearny Mesa artillery battalion(?) camped when they came to use the bluffs a few miles south of Carlsbad for their target practice. The target was a wind sock towed several hundred yards behind a biplane, and the several antiaircraft guns would attempt to hit the windsock. Time wise this event occurred in the early 1930s, I was only 5 or 6 years old, but it left me impressed enough to ask a few times if the historical society had a record of these events, and the date of the camp outs? "*

We first did a search for anything having to do with artillery practice in Carlsbad, and found a mention in a Google book from 1935. Then we searched the Carlsbad Journal of 1935 (microfilm at the Cole Library) and found several articles. There is no mention in 1935 of the Kearny Battalion, which was based in what is now the Marine Air Station Mira Mesa, instead of a Regiment out of San Pedro.

The article below mentions that once again Carlsbad is to be used by the 63rd Anti-Aircraft Regiment for coastal target practice. C. D. McClellan, secretary of the Chamber of

Commerce, made the arrangements. You may recall that at this time Carlsbad was not a City, and was "supervised" by the Chamber. Carlsbad provided campgrounds, light and water.



event. It is possible that this San Pedro regiment worked with the planes provided by the Kearny Battalion, or that the Kearny Battalion had their own training and "came to use the bluffs a few miles south of Carlsbad for their target practice."

Perhaps the last item of interest to the Carlsbad Historical Society is that the camp was located on the A. G. Blair tract opposite the Red Apple Inn and on ground belonging to Mrs. Julia Shipley "which has been donated". The Army Navy Academy is now the owner of the Red Apple Inn building.

### Carlsbad City Council Approves Local Mills Act Program

On October 18, 2022, the City Council added a local Mills Act program to our Municipal Code. The purpose of this program is to "encourage the restoration and preservation of historic buildings." The program is voluntary, but it gives participating owners a break on their property taxes "in exchange for their historic preservation and restoration efforts."

Properties need to be only fifty years or older. This means that a lot of homes in Carlsbad qualify. Most of the Barrio Carlos qualify.

The program lasts for ten years, but it can be renewed, and it is transferable at the sale of a property.

This information about the Mills Act is found at [parksca.gov](http://parksca.gov):

**Q:** How does the Mills Act benefit Owners of Historical Properties?

**A:** Owners of historic buildings may qualify for property tax relief if they pledge to rehabilitate and maintain the historical and architectural character of their properties for at least a ten-year period. The Mills Act program is especially beneficial for recent buyers of historic properties and for current owners of historic buildings who have made major improvements to their properties."

### Yearbook Donations Requested

A recent inventory of our reference library high school yearbook collection found we are missing Carlsbad High School Yearbooks from the years 1990-1994, and all from 2000 onward, and all Sage Creek High yearbooks. If you

The 63rd Coast Artillery Anti-Aircraft Regiment was based at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California. The article says that they stayed in Carlsbad for the whole month of March.

"There were 250 officers and men in the encampment, bringing with them their complete equipment, including five huge searchlights, 3-inch anti-aircraft cannon, 30 and 50 caliber anti-aircraft machine guns, target towing planes, telephone and radio communication equipment, all transported here by 50 big artillery trucks."

The regiment carried its own generators to power the electric searchlights.

The article mentions that this was the fourth visit of the Regiment to Carlsbad, so this sounds like it was a recurring

have any of these years and are considering downsizing, please send them our way.

### **New Members**

Catherine Trout Lichterman and Ed Thielicke

Dante Farenga & Tim Wolfe

Majka Penner

Floy Rupp

### **Wedding Dress Donation**

The beautiful dress shown below was donated by the late Joyce West Smith. It was worn by her mother Ruth (née Bennehoffe) when she married Joyce's father, Berkeley West.



Ruth Bennehoffe West wedding dress

### **Year End Membership Dues**

We remind our members that are not already Life Members or Gold Members, to please send in your membership dues before the end of the year. Individual memberships are \$25, families \$35, business \$50, and Life Membership is only \$250. Thank you for your support.

### **Consider us for your charitable contributions**

Inflation has increased our operating costs. By making a gift before the year ends, you will help support our planning for 2023. Your gift, no matter the size, impacts every Museum visitor, researcher, student, volunteer, and family that visits us. Your history lives here and by supporting us, you are helping others find their history here as well.

If you have not already done so, please consider making a year-end gift to the Carlsbad Historical Society today. Your gift is tax deductible because we are a non-profit organization.

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Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 to 3 pm

Private Tours with Tea are given Monday through Thursday

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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*Carlsbad Historical Artifact Tee-shirt*