

Historical Society of Laguna Woods
Honoree of the Month
September 2007

RICHARD TYHURST

A native Californian, Dick began his “life work” as a History and Geography Instructor at Long Beach State College, but soon found his true calling as an Engineering and Systems Procedures Analyst in the Aero-Space Industry. It was in this field of endeavor that he enjoyed a long and fruitful career and a fascination that continues to this day.

The proud holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters and an ETO Campaign ribbon and 5 Battle Stars, Dick traveled extensively not only while serving in the armed forces but also in civilian life.

Our Honoree and his wife Margory moved to our Community in 1992 and immediately became involved in a wide variety of activities both inside and outside of Laguna Woods Village..

Among these endeavors were President of the Aero Space Club, Secretary of the Ham-Radio Club, Board Member of the Disaster Task Force, Historical Society Archives Volunteer, Treasurer of the Recycler Bike Club, worked with the Video Club on the Veteran’s Oral History Program, Staff Commodore of the Long Beach Navy Yacht Club, Volunteer Docent/Librarian Yanks Air Museum at China Airport and this most impressive list goes on and on.

The Tyhursts raised two sons and were ardent campers and sailors. When asked which of his many activities in behalf of our Community were most important to him, Dick replied “All volunteer service is significant, but the work on the Veteran Programs and the service for the Aero-Space Club have been very rewarding,”

The Historical Society is very pleased to honor Richard Tyhurst for his many years of devoted service to Laguna Woods Village and beyond.