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70" ANNIVERSARY O.S.S (OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES) MU (MARITIME UNIT) & OSG (OPERATIONAL SWIMMER’S GROUP) SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HERITAGE, 5-DAY GATHERING OF “SWIMMANDOS” (**), OCTOBER 10TH TO OCT 15TH 2012.


When?
October 10th thru October 15th 2012

Where?
Los Angeles, Malibu, Santa Monica, Catalina Island and Camp Pendleton California
This Event is being organized in conjunction with:

The Adventurers Club of Los Angeles  www.adventurersclub.org

The O.S.S. Society  www.osssociety.org

The British United Services Club of Los Angeles  www.buscinfo.com

The Hotel Shangri-la Santa Monica  www.shangrila-hotel.com

The P-520 Crash Boat  www.p-520crashboat.com

Catalina Island Marine Institute at Toyon Bay
With Additional Support From:

The USMC 1st MSOB and 1st Force Reconnaissance, United States Naval Special Warfare, Los Angeles County Lifeguards, Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors Association and Southern California Navy League chapters of Southern California, The California Wreck Divers, and various military and veterans groups…

Why?

Background and History:

2012 marks the 70th Anniversary of the founding of O.S.S., the United States first covert espionage organization for secret, unorthodox overseas wartime operations. The modern O.S.S. direct successor is today’s CIA… This 70th Anniversary included the Amphibious classified O.S.S. Maritime Unit-Special Operations Diving Unit and its Operational Swimmers Groups… who were the forerunners of Navy SEALs who they themselves this year celebrate their 50th anniversary. This event is to celebrate, recognize and honor how the O.S.S. “Swimmandos” (swimmer/commando, combat swimmer/frogmen…) came to be via a much storied legend and lore that are steeped in Southern California’s geographic, societal, Hollywood and waterman-ship history. The event will bring together the remaining O.S.S MU and MU Operational Swimmer veteran personnel and their families, to honor them at the places where the key men of the Swimmers developed their diving and waterman techniques to make this type of special maritime warfare possible.
The OSS Operational Swimmers creation required a skill-set found in a small group of civilian ‘watermen’ skin-divers who daily, used the only available complete skin-diving equipment sets on a regular basis. These men were primarily Southern Californian watermen. Their pioneering OSS MU “Swimmando” efforts and influence were key ingredients which insured Navy UDT and SEAL Teams along with other similar amphibious warfare units in both U.S. and allied forces would carry on today. Ironically because 2012 also marks the 50th anniversary of the Navy SEALs, this 70th anniversary OSS MU event, will also recognize how UDT Team 10 of WWII was complemented by OSS Swimmers of OSS Special Maritime Group A, on loan to Admiral Chester Nimitz and the Navy’s Pacific theater to bring their face-plates, fins and watermanship, special weapons, LARU SCUBA and reconnaissance ability to the Navy UDT family; such a wartime effort was the seed to keep the post war UDTs, SEAL Teams and Naval Special Warfare as the modern legacy of such pioneering OSS Operational Swimmer enterprises.

History of OSS MU
The first O.S.S. seaborne infiltration training was established in late April 1942 when a Marine Section was established in the O.S.S Special Operations Branch (SO) with responsibility for planning covert infiltration operations by sea. This was due to a number of seaborne projects in which O.S.S operatives would be infiltrated by boat or which would involve the demolition of ships, harbor facilities, or landing obstacles. O.S.S. and General Donovan went to President FDR, who personally authorized the commandants of the Coast Guard and Marine Corps to assist Donovan’s Maritime needs with personnel, equipment and facilities to get this Marine section and Maritime unit going.

This first O.S.S. seaborne infiltration training was at Smith Point on the eastern bank of the Potomac River in southern Charles County, Maryland took place on a lake at Prince William Forest Park, and at a Maritime training camp (Training Area D) where O.S.S. SO and Secret Intelligence (SI) operatives continued to receive seaborne landing instruction. This was also where OSS Maritime Unit Special Operations Diving Unit (SODU) emphasized for its own personnel training, not just small craft handling and underwater explosives, but also the first sustained underwater combat swimming
exercises. At Area D, O.S.S. Santa Monica Skin Divers Jack Taylor and Fred Wadley undergoing training brought to Maritime Unit the first flexible rubber swim fins and face plates (face masks) to used by the combat swimmers or “frogmen” of the OSS and the U.S. Navy which were only being produced in Southern California at that time. Spence would then become the first of the O.S.S men to be trained on the pioneering invention of underwater, self contained breathing device (SCUBA) the revolutionary Lamberti LARU Unit, which did not leave any tell-tale trail of bubbles on the ocean’s surface. His training took place in Washington D.C and Annapolis… However about this same time an O.S.S. workup was in the works to utilize the vastly rich maritime environment from Santa Barbara to San Diego and the Southern California Channel Islands to insure a surely unique American subculture to train operatives and Operational Swimmers in.

Effective 9 June 1943, by Supplement 4 to General Order 9, OSS, 10 June 1943, The Maritime Unit became officially established. It had overall responsibility for planning and coordinating infiltration of agents of other branches by sea; supplying resistance groups by sea; engaging in maritime sabotage; and developing special equipment to effectuate infiltration by sea.
Since the Potomac proved unsatisfactory for various reasons (lack of surf to simulate sea landings, iced over in winter, too murky and polluted for underwater swimming), MU moved its facilities and training to California - primarily Southern California- which was called “Area WA”. While, Santa Monica and Los Angeles beaches provided the initial men with the skill-sets recruited into O.S.S to make this happen-- Catalina Island, Newport Beach, Orange County Coastline, Camp Pendleton and San Diego all had key roles in its training legend and lore and would become the first organized diving training of citizen –warriors , in the free world.

The Maritime Unit produced underwater explosive devices such as the Magnetic Limpet that saboteurs could use to blow a hole in a ship’s steel hull. It also developed specialized boats, such as collapsible kayaks, motorized surfboards and paddle boards that could be launched from submarines or parachuted via airborne insertion.

The first wet submersibles and Semi-submersible Swimmer and agent boats (the ‘Sleeping Beauty’ and ‘Gimik’). Waterproofed and suppressed (silencer) laden pistols and submachine guns.

Most importantly, O.S.S. MU Operational Swimmers were the first SCUBA wearing American secret warriors, ever. Christian Lambertsen M.D. -the inventor of the secret O.S.S. SCUBA rebreather the LARU, and ‘father of Combat Swimming’ - stated that without the “beach rat” watermen from Southern California and their fine diving skills, his invention would be rather useless as a weapon for warfare. These men were akin to the frontiersmen who taught early American troops to fight with Indian tactics and tools. These watermen tools: fins and masks and skills honed by years of diving for survival and recreation, became the base gear for all American and allied combat swimmers from WWII to present day.
The Maritime Unit deployed and supplied SO teams, Operational groups and OSG teams by secret small craft flotillas across the Adriatic Sea to Yugoslavia, over the Aegean Sea to Greece. They also trained and made sorties into Scandinavia and into France from England in preparation for a daring D-Day Normandy mission.

They crossed the Bay of Bengal to the coasts of Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Sumatra and China; where they conducted the first U.S secret combat swimmer operations using fins, face plates, SCUBA and weapons. In the Pacific, O.S.S. frogmen became the first swim fin wearing, suppressed weapon carrying, SCUBA capable frogmen who, under the U.S. Navy authority assisted the Navy in scouting the shores and defenses of Japanese held islands prior to invasion landings by the U.S. Marines. Several of these O.S.S MU “Swimmandos” were also the first U.S. personnel to be parachute trained and deployed as parachuting combat swimmers. MU was abolished with O.S.S. effective 1 October 1945. MU’s post war legacy is carried on via CIA SOG Maritime division, Navy UDT and SEALs; Marine Corps Recon and MARSOC Swimmers, Army Special Forces Combat Divers and Air Force Para Rescue teams, Coast Guard Ocean Forces and MSS teams.
The reason for this event?

- To honor these unsung O.S.S. and O.S.S. Maritime Unit individuals who were trained and or had an influence from or with Southern California and Santa Monica native watermen who became O.S.S. swimmers.

- To honor O.S.S. training and presence in Southern California during WW II which led to the post war continuation of this unique secret military presence via the USMC Recon and MARSOC at Camp Pendleton and schools as well as the USN SEAL and Special Warfare Programs in San Diego. This event will show how San Diego, Orange and Los Angeles counties and cities, including the Pacific Palisades, Santa Monica Canyon and Beaches of Santa Monica, Catalina Island, were prime training grounds for the Pre WW II Maritime Unit Swimmers to hone their skills set.

- To show how Santa Monica followed by Catalina Island, Newport Beach, Los Angeles City and Southern California were prime centers for equipment development, recruitment and training, essential to Southern California O.S.S. schools in WW II.

- To show the “how and why and where” history of the allied WW II maritime special warrior commando and his skill-sets, were from citizen warrior volunteers recruited into O.S.S. MU and the British SRU.

- To layout and identify, the Southern California waterman lifestyle, that combined larger than life native and non-native to Southern Calif. watermen, whose pre WW II way of life, provided skill-sets via O.S.S. MU, that would become cornerstones for every post O.S.S. / post war U.S.A. NATO based naval /military and or clandestine maritime combat swimmer-diver/amphibious program as well as the foundation for all scientific and civilian watermen and SCUBA instruction training programs, the world over.
Who: Who Are The Men of the OSS MU OSG and SRU?

The O.S.S. operational swimmers, or “frogmen / Swimmandos”, were part of the Maritime Unit that Donovan had established in 1942 with its training facilities first at O.S.S. Area A and then Area D on the Potomac River, and then Area WA in Southern California before finally moving to the Bahamas Islands near Nassau. Such men, whose units evolved from this WW II legacy or were created in the post war modern era and continuing to this day, all owe any amphibious commando skill-sets they may have, to the pioneering enterprise and history of the O.S.S. amphibious maritime commandos of WW II.

Simultaneously, because of an extraordinary wartime U.S. / British secret operations development, the British O.S.S counterpart -- the S.O.E -- tasked the creation of a unit pioneered and conceived by a Canadian Naval Officer Lt. Cmdr. Bruce Wright, under the direct operational authority of Lord Louis Mountbatten. Lt. Cmdr. Wright sought to recruit the help of Lifeguards he knew from Los Angeles County before the War. These men would secretly join this British Sea- Reconnaissance Unit (S.R.U.) and parallel the efforts Donovan’s O.S.S. MU Swimmers were achieving.
This O.S.S. effort was only achievable and became so ready and doable, because of the cadre of pre-war lifeguards from the beaches of Santa Monica and Los Angeles, who were one of the very, very few groups of men at the time using not only rubber swim fins but also rubber diving face-plates (masks) for skin diving on near daily basis – and had an indirect connection to the O.S.S. founder.

Their luck was to become recruited by a fellow Santa Monica waterman, Jack Taylor, whose personal acquaintance with the founding and leading O.S.S. General William J. “Wild Bill” Donovan WOULD CHANGE HISTORY.

Little did Donovan know how important the Santa Monica Lifeguards Taylor introduced him to, would, with fellow Los Angeles County Lifeguards, become the lasting legacy the O.S.S. MU (Maritime Unit) pioneered for all future U.S., British and NATO special maritime warfare outfits including the U.S. Navy SEALs.

*Many of these MEN being honored at this event are still “unsung” to the public, to their O.S.S. peers and to American Frogman History!*

**Honored O.S.S. MU and O.S.S. Attendees**

- **Mr. Walter Mess:**

Some Operatives never live a life like 007. Occasionally one comes around.

At 99 years old and 8 months (He turns 100 on December 20th 2012…)…The legendary Walter Mess was one of General Donovan’s “Best and Brightest” of O.S.S. and particularly O.S.S. Maritime Unit.

A true American treasure and enigma, by 1937 when Mr. Mess played professional football, already spoke several languages and held law and business degrees and a Coast Guard Ships’ “Master” rating which would soon help him on several of his future secret operations. In 1937 --4 years prior to the U.S.A. involvement in WW II -- Mess was recruited by Donovan, who at the
time was in private law practice, into Donovan’s private OI (= Office of Intelligence – the “Blackwater” of its Day) while completing his PhD in Law, at Catholic University at night. There he became one of the United States most private secret agents:

By 1938 – Mess was trained by the British and then dropped into Czechoslovakia where he walked out to the Adriatic with four 13-15 yr olds for training in the USA & reinsertion as USA agents. Mess also set up interaction with the British Station Chief & Tito. (One of those boys became USA Ambassador to Slovakia in recent years.).

In 1939 - Again flown by RAF into Poland on similar mission - Brought out three more young men.

In Nov’41 into US Army for COI (pre O.S.S. training) Pulled from OCS to repeat ‘37-’38 missions.

In 1942 things really started to heat up. Working at COI, Mess ventured to the Philippines on a mission by submarine. Later that year, he was in Morocco with the then new (O.S.S.) team to resupply a team to bring more gold to buy off the Vichy French to insure the French would not shoot at U.S. troops upon landing in operation Torch!

Late 1942/ early 1943 - Mess attended Boat training in the Gulf Mexico the Florida Keys and Cuba on his Army Air crash Sea rescue boat P-564 which would later become the O.S.S. Maritime units’ Flotilla operating in the China Burma India Theater. Mess repaired the cracked hull of a “Liberty ship” in Anchorage Alaska. O.S.S. boats P-564 & 563 loaded in San Diego liberty ship. Mess was the ship’s Captain across the South Pacific to Ceylon via Sydney & Calcutta.

In late 1943 he commenced ultra classified OSS MU ops in the Bay of Bengal against Jap forces. Mess became an official O.S.S. operative and MU’s senior “flotilla officer commander” of O.S.S. Maritime Unit Operations in Burma, India and Thailand. As senior flotilla officer for O.S.S. SEAC MU operations, Mess’s O.S.S. air crash sea rescue (PT) Boat P-564 numbered over 36 missions with P 564 across the Bay of Bengal for official O.S.S. MU operations ferrying OG and Operational Swimmer teams; Also returned over 220 downed pilots & crewmen from 3 E&E pickup points on Burma coast.

In Apr 1944 he became primary boat for Dr Lambertsen & swimmers for combat evaluation of system & then swimmers became integral part of O.S.S. OG (operational groups) and SI (secret intelligence missions. These missions included many of the firs underwater.

This did not include the Occasional interruptions for special individual missions for the Viceroy of India, Lord Louis Mountbatten head of the British SOE and is O.S.S. Swimmer counterpart, the SRU.

In 1945 when the Japanese were eliminated from the Burma Coast, P-564 ["Jeanie"] no longer needed. Walter transferred to O.S.S. Det. 404 and assisted with air support missions to O.S.S. teams in the interior of Burma and Thailand. He made 10-15 + parachute jumps, including leading 30-50 Kachins (Burmese Highlanders) on 7 jumps to clear 7 landing strips for Air Ops...

Mr. Mess had over 100 secret operations under his leadership—many unbelievable—all very classified missions. Mr. Mess is a tireless, vigorous and stalwart example of the MU leadership General Donovan envisioned and is a lasting pioneer for all modern day U.S. Navy, Coastguard, Marine Corps and law enforcement, maritime, Special Boat unit operations and Air Force Special Tactics Squadron missions which American Treasure O.S.S. pioneer Walter Mess squarely left his foot print on
**Master Chief John Pitts Spence USN( Ret):** A then Navy Gunners Mate and Deep Sea Diver with several liberty ship convoy deployments behind him, Spence originally from Tennessee was stationed at Long Beach Naval Shipyard and called Southern Calif. his home, when, O.S.S. recruited him in 1942 for training in small boat handling and underwater demolition. This was in advance of Spence being the first O.S.S. man -- America’s ‘Father of Combat Swimming’ and coiner of the world SCUBA, the great late Dr. Christian Lambertsen -- trained to use his revolutionary first the U.S Armed and Clandestine Forces SCUBA “rebreather” apparatus the LARU and is this recognized by Navy SEALs as “America’s First Frogman”. Spence would undergo further SO (Special Operations) paramilitary training at Area B and then combat swimming and demolition training at Area D with the man responsible for Southern Calif.’s watermen skin-divers to bring their skills into O.S.S. - Lt. Jack Taylor. Spence remained at Area D as an OSS/MU instructor through the end of 1943. Spence was the advance swimmer operative part of the first O.S.S European theater operational team, the L-Unit, where upon deployment to England for a secret just prior to Normandy D-Day diversion mission; Spence trained with British Secret units and accompanied them into France on several sorties. After Normandy, Spence was subsequently sent to the Bahamas where he trained frogmen for deployment in the Pacific. Spence is recognized by the O.S.S. historians and by the Navy as “one of the first combat swimmers in the United States,” and in 2001, the Naval Academy celebrated him as “the last surviving member of the original five OSS combat swimmers.” Spence is like all these men a member of both Army Special Forces and the UDT SEAL Associations.

**Other Scheduled O.S.S Swimmer guests:**

- **Mr. Henry “Hank” Weldon:** Mr. Weldon was a Navy Specialist recruited into OSS OSG Group A training. His group were the first O.S.S combat swimmers to train at Catalina Island’s secret O.S.S. base known as “Area WA, Toyon Cove” During this phase of the training Hank was part of a “training mission” which was the first operation to pit combat swimmers against America’s maritime harbor defenses and successfully prove that a combat swimmer unit could defeat a standing port security element.
Mr. Gordon “Gordie” Soltau: Mr. Soltau, who would later gain fame as a San Francisco 49er football player in the post WW II era, was during the war, a very young and highly athletic USN O.S.S. Operational Swimmer who landed agents and saw action in England with the L-Unit, and in Burma and Malaysia.

Mr. Norman Abbott: OSS OSG Group II in Burma. Trained at Camp Pendleton, Catalina Island and the Bahamas Islands, before engaging in Operations in Burma Thailand and Malaysia. Norman was the nephew of comedian Lou Abbot of Abbott and Costello comedy fame. He had a long time post war dramatic motion picture and television industry career as a director.

Mr. Sam Backus: As a Operational Swimmer with OSG II in Burma, Backus would later be part of the first official Navy sponsored simulated attack on a U.S. Navy facility by combat swimmers, attacking and sinking several U.S. Ships in Guantanamo Bay Cuba… and the first unofficial Lobster Dive using a SCUBA rebreather on the California Coast … off Laguna Beach. Backus would later deploy to Burma for operations along the Burmese Arakan Coast.

Commander Tom Hawkins USN (Ret.): (invited) SEAL and authority on O.S.S. Navy Officer Jack Taylor considered by many to be the first and O.S.S. Missions and their post war legacy into the U.S. Navy SEALs.
• **Master Chief Harold Dunnigan USN (Ret.)**  Former Santa Monica Lifeguard who as a pre Korean War era young Santa Monica Lifeguard knew and trained with many of the prewar SM and LA County Lifeguards who became OSS Operational swimmers. Chief Dunnigan would later become highly entrenched within the Navy UDT and SEAL programs as well as becoming one of the longest serving Los Angeles County Lifeguards He was all so the basis for a influential character on the successful dramatic TV Series *Baywatch*.

• **Martin Sugarman PhD:** (invited) Sugarman’s life reads like a Graham Greene spy novel, the title of which could be *Surfer Dude, Man of Mystery.* In between Sugarman’s sojourns as an artist and combat photographer in both Kashmir and Bosnia in the 1990’s His great contribution to the preservation to the O.S.S. swimmers was in knowing many of them without knowing who they really were. His Chronology of their stories intertwined with his expertise on the rich history of Santa Monica Canyon, where many of the pioneering O.S.S. waterman and lifeguards, Bob Butts, Pete Petersen, Fred Wadley Gard Chapin Art Garrett and Frank Donahue and Fred Zendar lived and worked Sugarman knew them in their later lives and learned their stories as part of his great scholarship of *California Cool and Watermanship, H2O Magazine.* H2O set the standard for highlighting the (Will Rogers) state's beach culture and spotlighting the surfer waterman lifestyle.

• **Craig Lockwood:** Laguna beach based Lifeguard Author historian and expert on watermanship will discuss the Southern California Waterman ship era before 1941 and after 1945 until the middle 1950’s

• **Arthur C. Verge, PhD.** - LA County Lifeguard, author & historian of the Los Angeles area watermen

**Other To Be Invited Guests of Honor are:**

• **Commander Tom Hawkins USN (Ret.):** (invited) SEAL and authority on O.S.S. Navy Officer Jack Taylor and O.S.S. Missions and their post war legacy into the U.S. Navy SEALs.

• **Commander Michel Bennett USCG:** (To Be invited) Authority on the US. Coast Guards extremely pivotal role in the development and genesis of all OSS Maritime Unit operations

• **MSgt Brian Danis (Ret.)** (To Be invited) – Former Special Forces Combat Diver who is an authority OSS operational Swimmers. Mr. Danis was a key man who greatly assisted Dr. Lambertsen in finding to get the MU files declassified as the pertained to Army Special Forces history

• **Leslie Leaney** - (Invited) Historical Diving Society founder chairman

• **Troy Socquety PhD** (invited) – US Army Special Forces Command Historian and Expert in OSS operations

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• **Edward Cargile** (To Be invited) – Former Marine Lt Col. USMC Recon Swimmer and one of the first SEAL team class Mr. Cargile, is an expert on Dr. Lambertesen’s Diving apparatus and O.S.S. pioneering underwater operations.

• **Lt. Phillip J. “Moki” Martin USN (Ret.)** (invited) - Former Navy SEAL participating in one of the last combat swimming operations utilizing SDV’s during the Vietnam war.

• **Lt. Patrick Walsh** USN (ret) - EOD Diver and Combat Swimmer

• **Arthur C. Verge, PhD.** - LA County Lifeguard historian and former LACO Lifeguard.

• **Chief Mickey Gallagher** (invited) - LA County Lifeguards - As Chief and longtime director of LA county Lifeguard Diving Unit – the modern amalgamation of the pre and post WWII Santa Monica lifeguard service and LA county Lifeguards whom pioneered the first ever usage of breath-hold skin diving techniques that lead to most of how military and Civilian SCUBA are taught.

• **Gary Hilb**: Captain County Lifeguards director of Los Angeles County Underwater Instructors course the oldest and pioneering post war SCUBA instructing agency in which brought many former military, O.S.S. and scientific diving personnel into civilian diving including pioneering O.S.S. Swimmer and UDT man Robert Scoles.

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> The Families of all past O.S.S. MU Operative Swimmer’s Eubank, Scoles, Butts and Taylor Beck, Becker, Talmadge, and other Operatives not to be forgotten.

(Other Guests to Be Determined)

**The Event’s Highlights:**

The event will be composed of a social and lecture evening on the first day at the *Los Angeles Adventurers Club.*

The second day will be followed by a touring of Santa Monica and Malibu piers and Lifeguard HQs and other sites to illustrate the who and where these watermen came from. It will include a breakfast at the Annenberg Santa Monica Club, Marion Davies Beach House … and an evening cocktail reception hosted by the *British United Services Club* at the Hotel Shangri-La in Santa Monica Calif.

The third day we will travel to the Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) at Toyon Bay Catalina Island via the P-522 vintage O.S.S. MU Crash Sea Rescue (PT style) boat and other yachts. We will rendezvous at this OSS Area WA HQ used during World War II –at the
present day CIMI campus at Toyon Bay for an all day visit, before making the short water transit to the island city of Avalon for lodging.

Sunday morning we will have early breakfast and R Z with the Catalina Island Museum staff before crossing back to the mainland via Oceanside Harbor for a bus to Camp Pendleton for a visit with the USMC MARSOC. This is followed by a short ride to the Eubank residence for an afternoon/evening Bar B-Q.

The Event’s Four Day Itinerary:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday preliminary schedule is as follows:

**Day 1 Wednesday Oct 10th**

The Hotel Shangri-la Santa Monica  [www.shangrila-hotel.com](http://www.shangrila-hotel.com)

Day: Arrive HOTEL SHANGRI-LA, sponsored hotel for O.S.S. veteran honorees and guests

**Day 2 Thursday Oct 11th**

The Hotel Shangri-la Santa Monica  [www.shangrila-hotel.com](http://www.shangrila-hotel.com)

Day: Guest rest and enjoy the HOTEL SHANGRI-LA club facilities

Evening The Adventurers Club of Los Angeles  [www.adventurersclub.org](http://www.adventurersclub.org)

The British United Services Club of Los Angeles  [www.buscinfo.com](http://www.buscinfo.com)

The O.S.S. Society  [www.osssociety.org](http://www.osssociety.org)

Sponsored evening – Opening Lecture – OSS MU OSG History with Walter Mess, Norman Abbott and Gordon Soltau
6PM Until 10:30pm

**Day 3 Friday Oct 12th**

The Hotel Shangri-la Santa Monica  [www.shangrila-hotel.com](http://www.shangrila-hotel.com)
Morning: Tour and guided lectures of various local historical sites and locales the pre O.S.S Swimmers trained and worked out from: the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Canyon, Santa, Lifeguard HQ, and Marion Davies Santa Monica Beach house
Breakfast: Santa Monica at The Beach Club Historical lecture about the O.S.S Santa Monica Connection (Afternoon: Santa Monica, Malibu, MDR and Los Angeles)

Evening: PRESS and Cocktails Reception hosted by HOTEL SHANGRI-LA
1700 to 1900 15pm to 7pm
(Last evening stay at HOTEL SHANGRI-LA)

**Day 4 Saturday Oct 13th (Event Day)**

“In all The World there is no trip like this!”

Morning: Check out HOTEL SHANGRI-LA

**The P-520 Crash Boat**  
[www.p-520crashboat.com](http://www.p-520crashboat.com)

Long Beach Marina Ship Yard, Alamitos Bay 07:30 Launch 10:30 hours Arrive:

Catalina Island Marine Institute at Toyon Bay
Day 5 Sunday Oct 14th (Event Day)

Midday: Camp Pendleton U.S.M.C. 1st MSOB (Site of WW II Raider Training)
Afternoon and Evening: Rancho Vera Cruz OSS MU Bar-B-Q San Marcos
(Sponsored by former MU OSG member’s Jim and Vera Eubank family estate)
Evening: Stay in San Marcos
(Sponsored by former MU OSG member’s Jim and Vera Eubank family estate)

Day 6 Monday Oct 15th (Travel Day)
Morning: Breakfast and travel to LAX
(optional: Afternoon: Battleship tour - USS IOWA with Lunch on Board -- San Pedro.)
FOR FURTHER EVENT DETAILS and up Date Please Contact Event Director

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