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OUR FEBRUARY MORNING SEMINAR

We will not be having a morning seminar in April.

OUR FEBRUARY LUNCH MEETING

Please join us for our special April 1, 2016 lunch meeting, starting at noon, to be held on board the Battleship USS Iowa (www.pacificbattleship.com). We will have a very short meeting at noon, have lunch, and then have plenty of time after lunch to take a self-guided tour of the ship.

Our guest speaker will be David Canfield, Vice President of IT / Security and CIO with the Iowa. Mr. Canfield has graciously agreed to speak at our April 1st luncheon. He served on board the Iowa and will offer first-hand knowledge of safety, security, and general life aboard the ship.

The self-guided tour takes about 90 minutes, but you are free to take as much time as you'd like until closing time at 5:00 PM. Ship Crewmembers are available throughout the tour to describe the areas you visit and to answer any questions. Phone Apps for Android and IOS are also available to download to help with your self-guided tour. You are encouraged and more than welcome to invite guests to this special meeting.

Our luncheon will be held in the Chief Mess Hall, which is a private area of the ship and not part of the tour or accessible to visitors. Please note the Chief Mess Hall is not on the main deck so there are stairs to climb to access our meeting area and to tour the ship. Our menu will include:

- Chicken Parmigiana
- Penne Pomodoro
- Rigatoni Alfredo
- Mixed Green Salad & Italian Dressing
- Bread & Butter
- Beverages

The price for this special lunch meeting is \$50.00 per person which includes admission to the ship and our meal. For this special meeting only, we will require payment in advance. ***We need to let the caterer know the how many meals to prepare by March***

18th, so please register ASAP. Payment may be made via the PayPal link on our chapter's website at www.csssp.org/CSSSPTickets.html. You may purchase up to four tickets at one time. If you need more than four tickets, please make additional purchases. Dan Leiner will be notified by PayPal of the number of tickets you purchase, so there is no need to RSVP for this meeting. Unfortunately, refunds cannot be issued after March 18th. If you have any issues with ordering tickets, please contact Dan Leiner at danleiner@aol.com.

The Battleship USS Iowa is located at:

Pacific Battleship Center
LA Waterfront Berth 87
250 S. Harbor Boulevard
Los Angeles (San Pedro), CA 90731

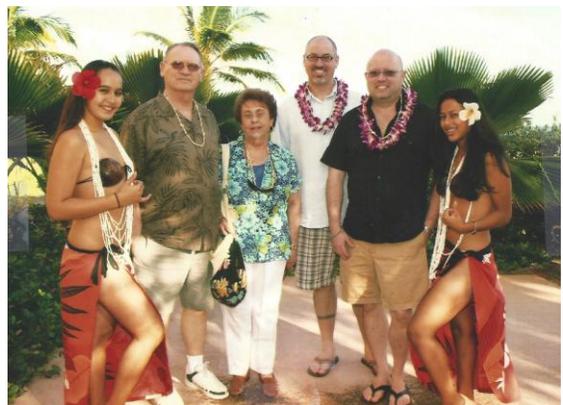
Parking is across the street (www.pacificbattleship.com/directions-). The first hour is free; any additional hours are charged at a rate of \$2 per hour per vehicle with a maximum of \$16.00.

We hope you will join us for our first "field trip" meeting in a long while and look forward to seeing you on April 1st!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was with great sadness that last month I had to make the announcement of the passing of our organization's founder, John O'Toole. Many people did not know that John had been suffering from cancer over the past few years. While the cancer improved for a while, it returned and spread during the last few months. If you attended our December 2015 morning seminar and/or lunch meeting, John was our guest speaker on Behavior Based Safety and Health. After his presentation, many noticed how tired John was. On our drive home, John was tired but he also expressed how happy he was that he was able to be our speaker that day.

John was more than the CSSSP founder; to many he was a mentor and friend. At his memorial service a couple weeks ago, I told people I've known John for over 22 years. I met him when I started working with Cal/OSHA Consultation and realized he lived very close to me. Over the years, he took me under his wings and we became close personal friends who did things socially outside of work, mainly revolving around food. As former health inspectors, we both enjoyed



eating out. Several years ago, my partner, Timothy, and I joined John and his wife, Beverly, on a trip to John's beloved Kauai.

John's passing leaves a huge hole in the CSSSP. I heard people refer to John as the "heart and soul" of our chapter. For our 2016/2017 Board, everyone has agreed to stay in the same position while we plan for our chapter's future. As President, I plan to keep things pretty much the way they are, offering morning seminars and our lunch meetings. Current Board members will pick up the work John did, such as printing seminar attendance certificates, taking meeting RSVPs, making phone calls, etc. If you are interested in becoming more active by becoming a CSSSP Board member, please let me know.

With John's passing, the annual dues notifications were not sent in February; they will be sent out in early April. The cost of membership will remain at \$50.00 and you can pay via PayPal on the Chapter's website (www.csssp.org) or in person at a meeting.

I hope to see you at one of our meetings very soon.

Dan Leiner
Chapter President

SAFETY & HEALTH HIGHLIGHT

Poison Prevention.org (www.poisonprevention.org) reports that National Poison Prevention Week is March 20-26, 2016. According to their website, more than 2 million poisonings are reported each year to the 57 poison control centers across the country. More than 90 percent of these poisonings occur in the home. The majority of non-fatal poisonings occur in children younger than six years old. And, poisonings are one of the leading causes of death among adults.

The U.S. Congress established National Poison Prevention Week in 1961. Shortly thereafter, the Poison Prevention Week Council was organized to coordinate this annual event and promote poison prevention. National Poison Prevention Week, the third week in March each year, is a week nationally designated to highlight the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them. However, every day people can and do prevent poisonings.

While 90 percent of poisonings occur in the home, occupational exposure to chemicals is an issue in the workplace. Most chemical exposure at work is from breathing the chemical's dust, fumes, and vapors or by direct skin contact with the chemical. Because of workplace chemical hazards, OSHA established the Hazard Communication Program (www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5194.html) giving employees the right to know about the hazards of the chemicals they work with by requiring Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and proper labeling of primary and secondary containers.

In addition, OSHA established Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs) for several chemicals which are found in Table AC-1 of Section 5155 (www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5155table_ac1.html). PELs which are considered to be a safe chemical concentration to work in for an 8-hour day, 5-days per week, for a working lifetime. Many employers are aware of the “safety” hazards in their workplace, but many are unaware of the chemical “health” hazards. Conducting industrial hygiene monitoring is the only way to determine if the exposure levels are safe for employees and may be required by OSHA (www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5155.html).

Don't let your employees be poisoned by workplace chemicals. Evaluate your workplace to determine airborne chemical levels and determine what sort of protective measures are needed to eliminate or reduce employee exposure.

SECURITY HIGHLIGHT

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has excellent information on workplace violence in its *Current Intelligence Bulletin 57, Violence in the Workplace* (www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/96-100/). While this publication is almost 20 years old, it contains much useful information. According to the document, each week in the United States, an average of 20 workers are murdered and 18,000 are assaulted while at work. These numbers are staggering. This document reviews what is known about fatal and nonfatal violence in the workplace, defines research gaps, and recommends general approaches to workplace violence prevention. The document also summarizes issues that need to be addressed when dealing with workplace violence in various settings such as offices, factories, warehouses, hospitals, convenience stores, and taxicabs. No definitive strategy will ever be appropriate for preventing violence in all workplaces, but we must begin to change the way work is done in certain settings to minimize the risk to workers. We must work together to address the research and prevention challenges posed by the complex issue of workplace violence.

A number of factors may increase a worker's risk for workplace assault. These factors include the following:

- Contact with the public
- Exchange of money
- Delivery of passengers, goods, or services
- Having a mobile workplace such as a taxicab or police cruiser
- Working with unstable or volatile persons in health care, social service, or criminal justice settings
- Working alone or in small numbers
- Working late at night or during early morning hours
- Working in high-crime areas
- Guarding valuable property or possessions
- Working in community-based settings

Prevention Strategies include:

- Environmental Design, such as implementing cash-handling policies; physical separation of workers from customers, clients, and the general public; visibility and lighting; access to and egress from the workplace; and security devices.
- Administrative Controls, such as staffing plans and work practices; increasing the number of staff on duty; use of security guards; and establishing policies and procedures for assessing and reporting threats, policies clearly indicate a zero tolerance of workplace violence, and providing mechanisms by which incidents can be reported and handled.
- Behavioral Strategies include employee training which emphasize the appropriate use and maintenance of protective equipment, adherence to administrative controls, and increased knowledge and awareness of the risk of workplace violence; and increase vigilance and compliance with violence prevention policies.

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