E Pluribus Unum
Out of Many, One

A publication of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange
Earlier in 2016 (*Bridges Spring 2016*) we shared the big decisions we’ve made to make the best use of our resources to carry our mission into the future. A major part of this stewardship is improving the use of our St. Joseph Center campus. Renovation to the College Building is complete (see right) and the Spirituality Building will re-open in January. As renovation projects continue to progress, we had yet to answer the big question of what was happening with the Motherhouse Building. In July 2016, after much due diligence, we set our course with this historic building.

We are collaborating with Mercy Housing, Inc. to renovate our Motherhouse Building. It will become affordable living for seniors and veterans. The building will be known as Villa St. Joseph.

Mercy Housing is an excellent fit with our congregation. Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange have been sponsors of Mercy Housing since 1997, and not surprisingly, we have similar missions. Based in Denver, Mercy Housing develops, finances and operates properties all over the country, including about 130 properties in California and several in Orange County.

Affordable housing means that rents are below market value – a great benefit in high-priced Orange County. Construction is funded in multiple ways, which can influence the number of units available for seniors or veterans. After a redesign of the second, third and part of the first floor, there will be about 50 apartments available. Villa St. Joseph will continue to be owned by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, though it will be on a long-term lease with Mercy Housing who will also staff the program.

We hope these familiar calls for unity can be an encouragement in the wake of a rancorous and divisive political campaign season. After all is said and done, we are one big family created in God’s image. As such, we each have inherent dignity. It’s in our heritage to treat each other with respect and to aspire to love one another as God so loves this world.

That is why the Leadership Conference for Women Religious called on candidates to engage in civil discourse. It’s also why Sisters of St. Joseph around the nation called for Prayer of Unity and Reconciliation following the election. Moving forward we offer each other a personal challenge to:

- Be a unifying presence
- Uphold the dignity of others
- Engage in respectful conversation
- Practice non-violent language
- Listen more
- Be a positive voice of calm
- Recognize and affirm acts of kindness

Let us remember that God creates newness out of brokenness and chaos. As Sisters of St. Joseph, we believe in fostering unity that’s not uniformity and diversity that’s not divisive. We can move forward as one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences may be. In God we trust.
St. Joseph Library Re-Opens

St. Joseph Library is open for business. Head to the second floor of the College Building to the end of the main hallway. At the wall inscription by Dorothy Day, turn right into the brightly lit space.

St. Joseph Library has a unique collection of books, CDs and DVDs that specialize in Scripture, Spirituality and Religion. You can search their collection at sjlibrary.follettdestiny.com. Membership is only $10 per year.

St. Joseph Library Hours
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Wednesday and Friday 1 pm - 5 pm

University of San Francisco Expands

The University of San Francisco (USF) moved into the renovated building in August, just in time for the master's in nursing program to launch its second cohort. A third cohort will begin in January 2017. Combined with their Sports Management program, the campus is buzzing.

The new space features more classrooms with high tech amenities including a simulation lab. When USF is not in session, two of the classrooms are available for other organizations to use as meeting space. Contact Carol Shoemaker at cshoemaker@csjorange.org for more information.
Emmaus Spiritual Ministries
COMPANIONS ON THE SACRED JOURNEY

Emmaus Spiritual Ministries brings together and expands the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange’s spiritual ministries. The new ministry serves as a sacred epicenter that responds to the spiritual needs of faith communities, locally and globally. Whether you are located as close as Anaheim, or as distant as Ghana, Emmaus’ speakers network can assist with your next formation program, presentation or retreat.

And in 2017, seekers can return to the St. Joseph Center campus to attend onsite programs offered by Emmaus Spiritual Ministries. The team is readying itself to move into the renovated Spirituality Building (a blessing of the building will be announced). Take a look at the programs offered over the next few months (right). Your next class, spiritual direction appointment or private retreat may be in the new space.

Emmaus continues to meet spiritual direction needs also. To find a spiritual director, to train to become a spiritual director (via the Art of Spiritual Direction program), or if you are already a spiritual director and would like to grow, then Emmaus is a resource for you.

Derived from the road to Emmaus story in Luke’s Gospel, Emmaus Spiritual Ministries looks at a wounded world in need of healing and compassion and brings together all paths leading toward God.

For more information or to register, visit EmmausSpiritualMinistries.org or call (714) 633-8121 ext. 7123.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

INVITATION TO THE JOURNEY
SATURDAYS, 9 am - Noon
Programs may be attended individually or as a series.

- December 3
  Journaling

- January 7
  Introduction to Spiritual Direction

- February 4
  Introduction to Contemplative Prayer

- March 4
  Forgiveness

- April 1
  Heart of the Matter: Examen Renewed

PILGRIM HEART - THE DEEPER JOURNEY
SATURDAYS, 9 am - Noon
Programs may be attended individually or as a series.

- December 17
  The Dark Night: Exploring the Shadow and Seeking Wholeness

- January 21
  Deep Discernment

- March 18
  Spiritual Direction with the Aging and Memory Impaired

- April 22
  Narrative Identity in Personality and Spiritual Development

- May 20
  The Spirit’s Weaving Across Cultures

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

- Tuesday, December 6, 7-8:30 pm
  Nativity Scenes: Signs of Faith

- Tuesday, December 13, 4-5 pm
  Advent Reconciliation Service

- Saturday, January 28, 10 am - 2 pm
  Pilgrimage of Loss and Finding a Sweeter Grace

- Tuesday, March 14, 4-5 pm
  Lenten Reconciliation Service
Above: Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange arranged for a delegation of employees and friends to join them at the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph Event in Orlando, Florida last July.

Federation events occur every five years. The large gatherings nurture our hearts for mission, deepen relationships among the global Family of Joseph, and lead to action for social justice.

Center: In October, several sisters attended the opening of Cafe LePuy at St. Joseph Hospital. The space is in a patio area just outside of a Starbucks within the hospital. The walls feature murals of LePuy, France and the first Sisters of St. Joseph making lace by candlelight. It’s an inspiration to all to carry the mission forward. Sisters living at St. Joseph Center enjoy “taking a pilgrimage” to LePuy (next door).

Below: Sister Cindy Hoang became a novice in our congregation last July. Over the next two years, she is studying what it means to be a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange. We are grateful for her passion and pray for her ongoing formation as a CSJ.
Ian Salazar was just there for the college credit. As a film and television major at Loyola Marymount University (LMU), he was familiar with the annual social justice performance program, Voices of Justice. He thought it would be a simple way to check off a credit requirement.

Then he went to visit The Francisco Homes. The organization offers support to formerly incarcerated individuals. There Salazar, now a senior at LMU, met men trying to re-enter society after being behind bars and his worldview changed in a heartbeat.

“When it comes to something like homelessness or the incarceration system, a lot of people are going to have preconceived ideas of what people in those communities are like,” he said. “Getting to talk to people really helps you get an understanding of the shared humanity between you and them.”

What Salazar didn't know was that moments like the one he experienced were what Sister Judith Royer had envisioned when she helped to establish the CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice on LMU's campus five years before.

Early Start

Things began rather quietly. In 2010, Sister Judith was teaching a class called Voices of Justice. As part of the curriculum, students were asked to dramatize stories about homelessness and trafficking. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Students not only gained a deeper understanding of these issues but the project also brought together six departments that co-sponsored the course.

Around that time, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange were approached by then University president David Burcham. He was looking for a way for LMU to provide more representation for the congregation, one of the three founding orders of the University. A proposal for a center devoted to social justice initiatives was accepted, and Sister Judith was made the interim director during the CSJ Center's pilot year. She would later become the Director outright.

Together with Sisters Linda Buck and MaryAnne Huepper she put together programming. But they didn't do their work alone.

Making a Difference Together

As its name suggests, everything the CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice does is to increase awareness of social needs and bring people together. From the start, they have been committed to building bridges between groups including those at LMU.

“We talk to people and ask what is not being done and what needs support,” said Sister Judith. For example, the CSJ Center has held retreats for staff and helped faculty to develop engaged learning programs for their courses.

Sister MaryAnne proudly notes that every project they've done is co-sponsored by or in collaboration with organizations, academic departments and groups. The annual symposium is a perfect case study in partnership.

The three-day event gives attendees an opportunity to dive deeper into social justice issues through panels, keynote speakers, films and performances. Past symposiums include the effects of trauma, celebrating arts that do justice, and faith, values, and justice in the world of business. Each year, a planning committee from across the university develops programming and an advisory board then helps refine the topics.

LMU faculty work together to plan and execute the event. Oftentimes these are faculty who don't get the opportunity to do projects with one another. In any one year professors of business, communications, fine arts, theology, theatre and liberal arts may work in tandem. The work pays off. Last year's symposium was so well attended many sessions required overflow seating to be added at the last minute.
Not All Heroes Wear Capes

The compassionate, unified spirit cultivated by the CSJ Center leaves a lasting impression on all who encounter it, directly and secondhand. The annual Hidden Heroes award was created to honor LMU and Loyola Law School faculty, staff, students and alumni who enrich the community and the lives of the people around them. Nominations come from departments and groups across the campus who see others doing exceptional work. Those nominated aren’t national organizations or celebrities but rather everyday individuals and groups who are sometimes “hidden” but whose work leaves a lasting impact.

Past awardees include a compassionate custodian, a professor of special education, the co-founder of a college readiness mentoring program, a librarian and a student activist. To honor them is to also see the impact of the CSJ Center stretch beyond its projects. Sister Judith put it this way, “We celebrate the people who work with us on all levels.”

Justice Through the Arts

From the start, Voices of Justice has played an integral part in CSJ Center’s mission. Each year the program focuses on an issue such as human trafficking, homelessness, or immigration. For the project, students work closely with community organizations dedicated to that year’s topic. They conduct research and prepare a presentation, often an oral history of one or more members of that community.

The dramatized narratives bring justice issues we sometimes struggle to comprehend into focus through the lens of humanity. Throughout their research process, students are exposed to the way advocacy programs and services function; they get to experience the work, not just learn about it.

“It’s really transforming for the students and for us,” Sister MaryAnne said.

In 2015 the CSJ Center introduced a new event, Cinema and Sacrament, which uses film to explore values, relationships, and critical needs in our world. The screenings are open to the public and include a reception and discussion with filmmakers and scholars. In January 2016, a screening of Pixar’s Inside Out was held on the St. Joseph Center campus in Orange. In attendance were many LMU alumni with their children. It was a reminder that the work they do reaches beyond the LMU campus too. It is helping to cultivate thoughtful, informed generations and passionate social justice advocates who can change their communities and world for the better.

Hear more from students and alumni like Ian Salazar by visiting our YouTube Channel.

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Hot Zeal in the Neighborhood
The Family of Joseph Reunion and Day of Service

“Hot zeal” is an enthusiasm for the Gospel that impels one into the world to be the Word of God through service. The phrase, translated from our 17th century founder Father Jean Pierre Medaille, SJ, set a tone for about 90 participants of a Family of Joseph Reunion, October 14-16, 2016.

The event was called a reunion because it gathered people who attended a community assembly in July 2015 where Sister Carol Zinn was a featured speaker. Participants were mostly from local, southern California communities, though some came from as far as northern California and even Lubbock, Texas and Seattle, Washington. We cannot express enough gratitude to those who are devoting themselves to build the Family of Joseph movement.

Local musician and songwriter Daniel Nahmod welcomed guests and connected the different sessions throughout the weekend. The days included presentation, prayer, music, food, Mass, and service together.

Sister Cecilia Magladry got the ball rolling on Friday evening by asking attendees to make “appointments” with one another. Every ten minutes people would go to their next recently-made appointment with another participant. Attendees quickly learned about each other and the connection with the Family of Joseph.

A guided meditation, dinner and a presentation by Sister Cecilia deepened connection with our charism - a God-given gift and desire for unity and reconciliation. Sister Cecilia wove together descriptions of the people who live the charism and the words used to describe it. Like hot zeal. Attendees soon put their hot zeal into action.

Fifty more people joined the reunion group on Saturday, October 15 for a Day of Service. Gathered in service groups, participants divided the city to find and meet the needs of the neighbor, like the first sisters did over 365 years ago. How fitting that October 15 is recognized by Sisters of St. Joseph around the world as Founders Day.

Blue t-shirts filled the Mother Louis Room - the color of the sky is a symbol of peace and unity for all. Some logistics were given, then groups were excused to get a box lunch and head to their Service Sites.

There were 12 Service Sites. Some had just a few people while others welcomed over a dozen participants. We truly divided the city and went in every direction from our base in Orange. Painting, packing, letter writing, babysitting, deep cleaning, nail painting and even chicken-deboning were some of the day’s activities. In addition to an advocacy operation on behalf of Bread for the World and a gardening project next to Regina Residence, Service Sites included:

- Catholic Charities
- L’Arche Wavecrest
- OC Food Bank
- Salvation Army
- TSJ Hope Builders
- Jamboree Housing
- Mary’s Kitchen
- Open Door Center
- St. Francis Home
- Thomas House

Returning to the Mother Louis Room mid-afternoon, the workers unpacked the day at fresh tables where they could hear each other’s experiences. Day of Service participants departed, and the Family of Joseph guests stayed on to break bread together. Evening prayer guided by Sister Theresa LaMetterey, and a movie, Peaceful Warrior, followed dinner.

The Reunion concluded Sunday morning with Mass, breakfast and a reflection on being a bridge for others. A Starter Kit for small groups was introduced. It features reflections on Charism Consciousness, the State of the Heart and Sharing the Order of the Community. Attendees finished the event by addressing what is next for the Family of Joseph. The common response is that people are eager for the next event.

Canada’s departure for the Day of Service was underway in Orange, volunteers in Eureka simultaneously served the dear neighbor.

Want to know more about the Family of Joseph? Visit the website at familyofjoseph.org.
On July 6, 2016, Providence Health & Services and St. Joseph Health officially came together as a new parent organization. Providence St. Joseph Health is a not-for-profit health and social services system that will serve communities across seven states. In coming together, the two health care ministries create a structure that allows them to work side-by-side to be transformative leaders in health care.

Providence St. Joseph Health will continue the legacy of more than a century of compassionate care in the Western United States. The decision to form a parent organization was informed by the leaders of each health system and their vision for the future of health care.

A Shared Heritage
Both Providence and St. Joseph Health trace their roots to the Northwest and two groups of courageous women. Providence was founded in 1856 by Mother Joseph and the Sisters of Providence to serve throughout the Northwest, while St. Joseph Health was founded by Mother Bernard and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. In Eureka, CA in 1920, they built the first St. Joseph Health hospital.

The values of the Sisters of Providence and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange will continue to influence the work of the new health system. Providence St. Joseph Health is committed to their common calling: to address the needs of their communities, especially reaching the poor and vulnerable.

The Right Kind of Partnership
Individually, Providence and St. Joseph Health have established hospitals in various regions and helped to create healthier communities. They have also sought out and implemented methods to make health care more accessible and convenient for patients. However, they recognized their separate communities still needed more. Gaps existed in the care and outreach available to people in rural and underserved areas. There were greater needs to meet such as outpatient, post-acute care, wellness programs, mental health services, and virtual networks.

As a combined entity, Providence St. Joseph Health can more easily share information and collaborate on ways to provide such services. The health system also enables both organizations to go deeper into their communities and address the health and social needs they find.

They’ve wasted no time in getting started either, already making headlines by committing to be a “catalyst for improving mental health.” Through the creation of the Institute for Mental Health and Wellness, the health system will immediately begin its efforts to identify and advance innovative solutions in mental health.

Together, Not the Same
The tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph has been to divide the city, discover the needs of the people, and partner with others to best meet those needs. The parent organization structure of Providence St. Joseph Health does just that.

Coming together means a larger capacity for care and not sacrificing any of the services already being offered. There are no overlapping communities between Providence and St. Joseph Health. In fact, business has carried on as usual with no changes or disruptions to the care provided to the dear neighbor.

More than a century ago, the Sisters of Providence and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange shaped the future of health care. In coming together, Providence St. Joseph Health looks to do the same, delivering care to millions of people and helping to create healthier generations.
The New Faces of the St. Joseph Worker Program

In August, four women became the second group to enter our St. Joseph Worker Program (SJWP), a year-long opportunity where women serve areas of need. During the year, St. Joseph Workers (SJWs) live together in community and spend 36 hours a week at a placement site.

We asked these four women: A) what drew them to the SJWP, B) what they do at their placement site, and C) why they would recommend the SJWP. Below is an excerpt. Read the full version of this article on our website at csjorange.org/about-us/sisters-stories.

A. I was drawn to the mission of service in under-represented areas. When I discovered the program has a campus focused on behavioral health – something I am very passionate about – this sealed my decision.

B. I plan, conduct, and evaluate education and formation experiences for employees, physicians and volunteers at both Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach campuses. I also work with the Interpreter Services and Community Benefit team to improve patient satisfaction and increase cultural intelligence within the hospital community.

C. Small changes make a huge impact and being adaptable makes the experience more enriching. No matter where you are placed, you are making a difference and being open-minded will certainly make for a fulfilling experience.

Adanna Adaka
Port Harcourt, Nigeria
Placement Site: Mission Integration at Mission Hospital

Xinh Do
Atlanta, Georgia (born in Vietnam)
Placement Site: Community Benefit at Mission Hospital

A. I knew that it would give me an opportunity to serve, to grow and develop and improve on my spiritual relationship with God.

B. I’m serving in the Community Benefit Department at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, CA. As I’m fairly new to the environment, I am currently at the stage of getting to know, meet and learn about different programs that Community Benefit and their outreach partners are offering. This also includes working with the nurse navigator during her community visits, learning about spiritual care within the hospital, and sharing my time with the vulnerable brothers and sisters.

C. SJWP provides an awesome opportunity and you need to come with an open mind and an open heart to be able experience it for yourself!

Fernanda Velazco
Los Angeles, CA
Placement Site: La Amistad Clinic

Catherine Wahl
Washington, D.C. (born in Miami, FL)
Placement Site: Taller San Jose Hope Builders

A. I graduated from college in May. I had plans to go to medical school, but this year I realized it was simply not the path for me. I realized I had a huge passion for social justice and was looking to do a year of service. When I heard about the SJWP, I immediately applied because it seemed to feed my spiritual and vocational needs. It felt so right to say yes, and I just knew in my heart that this was the right path for me.

B. I work on pursuing grants, preparing grant reports, engaging in patient outreach/enrollment and assisting patients via case management services. I have also been trained in helping patients qualify for emergency Medi-Cal, and I am also trying to help patients when they need services outside of the clinic, i.e. housing, domestic violence shelters, food pantries, etc.

C. If there is any ounce of you that says the SJWP is right for you, say yes. All else will fall into place.

After being nudged by my best friend to look into the program, my heart was drawn to apply as it fulfilled my desire to serve God by serving others.

B. I am given the opportunity to be a “jack of all trades” where I support various areas including admissions, employment readiness, development, and tutoring trainees. Although my job may vary day to day there is not one day that goes by unfulfilled.

C. I was so caught up with the day to day tasks and what the future held that I had difficulty listening to where God was guiding me. There were very few moments in my life that I was able to take a year to serve and listen to God’s call. If you have the opportunity, there is a sense of great gratification to serve and live in such a supportive community. Only growth and development can come from SJWP. It is the best decision I could have made.
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Honorees

The Sisters of St. Joseph honor the following individuals at the request of their family and friends. The following are honorees between June 1 and September 15, 2016.

Sister Annette Bachand, CSJ
August 21, 1921 - July 6, 2016
70 Years a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange

Sister Rose Marie Menard, CSJ
November 21, 1926 - July 23, 2016
69 Years a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange

Sister Michelle Tochtrop, CSJ
February 21, 1937 - August 5, 2016
62 Years a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange

Sister Elaine Moffette, CSJ
August 12, 1923 - September 15, 2016
76 Years a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange

Sister Agnes Marie Schon, CSJ
July 24, 1914 - October 11, 2016
87 Years a Sister of St. Joseph of Orange

In Memoriam

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In our last issue we neglected to include a gift given in honor of Sr. Rosaleen Hanlon, CSJ was made by Bernadine Shulte and Doris Summit. We apologize for this oversight.

Corrections It is our sincere intention that the names of all our Donors, Employees, Honorees, Memorials and Vendors be represented and spelled correctly. If there has been an error in a listing, please contact the Development Office at (714) 633-8121 extension 4408. We will be happy to publish a correction in our next issue.
The Quiet Grace of Gratitude

If the only prayer we ever say in our lives is “Thank You,” that will be enough.
- M. Eckhart

I am often reminded of the gift you are to the Sisters. A favorite passage from our St. Joseph prayer reminds us to breathe in the quiet graces of gratitude. The Sisters’ deep gratitude to you knows no bounds. Just like St. Joseph, you continue to say “yes” to God’s call in your life.

When we invite you to celebrate the Liturgy with us, you say “yes.” When we ask you to share your blessings, you say “yes.” When we ask you to hold our hands in service, you say “yes.” No matter what we ask, you respond with faith and love.

Your heart and hands allow us to provide for a refugee family, help the unskilled learn a trade and get jobs, provide shelter for the homeless, mentor and train educators in our schools, refocus attention on spiritual ministries and offer financial assistance to nursing students.

Is it any wonder your faithfulness fills us with hope and gratitude? All of this work in Jesus’ name is possible because of you.

Our prayer for you is “Thank You.”

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Juan and Jane Laguna

Intricate lace designs are a symbol of Sisters of St. Joseph heritage because the first sisters made and sold lace to sustain their ministry, and the fine patterns represent interconnected relationships. Using that metaphor, the Laguna family are woven into our congregational story.

Jane Ross grew up an Orange County Catholic. She attended Holy Family Cathedral School and Mater Dei. But she met her husband, Juan Laguna, in Madrid, Spain while pursuing her master’s degree. The couple settled in Santa Ana, attending St. Joseph Church, where they were married.

Juan and Jane were active members at St. Joseph’s, where Sisters were also present. Jane met Sister Carmen Sarati counseling people at forums in the days of Proposition 187. Sister Carmen connected the Lagunas with Taller San Jose and the sisters living in Santa Ana.

“We are like companions on a journey because we share the same values and charism,” says Jane. The like-heartedness runs deep, as Juan and Jane both identify with serving the dear neighbor. The relationship is celebrated via the names of their children.

In service of the dear neighbor, we each play a little role to help one another. The Lagunas describe this as empowering.

“A license to practice law is a gift to the community,” says Juan, who is an Attorney at Law with a State Bar certification as a legal specialist in immigration law. Jane also does case work and runs the business.

Juan and Jane share how it’s encouraging to know that you don’t have to do everything to save the world. We have partners. “Each tiny little thread makes up a very strong web,” explains Jane.

Those Who Stand With Us

Juan and Jane Laguna with son Joseph, daughter Carmen, and dog Mr. Baxter.
You may have heard the story of our first missionaries who had to evade the Japanese military as World War II erupted in the Pacific. But not like this.

We uncovered the first person journals that our sisters kept in the North Solomon Islands during the war. Through meticulous effort, the material has been arranged into a book that puts the reader into another era, *Trapped in Paradise, Catholic Nuns in the South Pacific, 1940-1943*.

In this 300-page book, the sisters tell of their journey, of their lives in hiding after Pearl Harbor, and their high-risk rescue by the U.S. Navy. Four maps, 20 photos, biographies of key individuals in the story, a glossary and a book guide fill the pages.

Between the lines, one can feel the zeal, hospitality, teamwork and bold faith that these four women exhibited. The book also includes what could be considered its sequel: *War Comes to Buka* by Father Joseph Lamarre. Father Lamarre was the sisters' pastor. He provides his account of 30-months in a Japanese prison camp, describing what the sisters would have experienced had they not been rescued by submarine.

*Trapped in Paradise* may be a perfect gift for a veteran, a member of the "Greatest Generation," those with an interest in history, and anyone who enjoys becoming engrossed in the details of a true story. It is available for under $20 on Amazon (under $10 for an e-book) and via our website. Because the four sisters were rescued by the U.S. Navy in a high-risk operation, a substantial part of the proceeds of this book will support behavioral health services for veterans.