



SMCC News

February/March 2019
San Miguel Chamber of
Commerce

Welcome to the first of
2019 Series of SMCC
Newsletters. Several key
events hosted by the
SMCC will take place this
year that include:

1. **Camp Roberts Military
Museum Mixer and Expo
on Tuesday, March 5**
2. **Sagebrush Days on
Saturday April 27**
3. **The 4 North County
Chamber Mixer in July
(date TBA, organized by
the Atascadero Chamber)**
4. **San Miguel Car Show
on Friday & Saturday on
August 30/31**
5. **An SMCC Mixer at the
Rios-Caledonia in October
(date TBA)**
6. **Toys for Tots on
Saturday, December 7**
7. **San Miguel Christmas
Lights Parade & Crafts
Faire, December 21**

San Miguel Chamber of Commerce Mixer

Where: Camp Roberts Military
Museum

When: March 5, 2019

Time: From 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Interested in participating? Please Contact
Miki Landseadel-Sanders at (805) 975-6996
to get on the list for attendance at this event.
Drivers to Camp Roberts will need Driver's
License, Vehicle Registration & Proof of
Insurance. All passengers need photo ID
There will be refreshments as well as details
about the dynamic military displays during
this event. Come join us at Camp Roberts!

By Gary McMasters

We hope you'll be able to attend the San Miguel Chamber of Commerce Mixer that takes place on **Tuesday, 5 March, at the Camp Roberts Historical Museum**. We will meet in the Museum Annex, which is right inside the main gate, at **6pm**. The huge museum is the official military museum of California, and also the largest Army museum in the state. Here you will see exhibits on all facets of the camp's history.

Camp Roberts began in 1941 as the largest Army basic training camp in the entire nation. The Annex itself was originally the busiest military post office in the country. During World War II, there were more than 40,000 recruits trained there from all over the U.S. every day. Almost a half-million of them were trained as Infantrymen and Field Artillerymen, and sent to both fronts. Plus, there was a large permanent staff of soldiers and civilians. Just the laundry alone employed 1,100. The population of the camp exceeded that of the entire rest of the county. Some of the more famous Army recruits who trained there were Red Skelton, William Holden, Robert Mitchum, Caspar Weinberger, Bob Newhart, and Steve Allen. Basic training was done there in some form all the way into the 1960s, when the camp reverted to reserve training. Continued on back page...

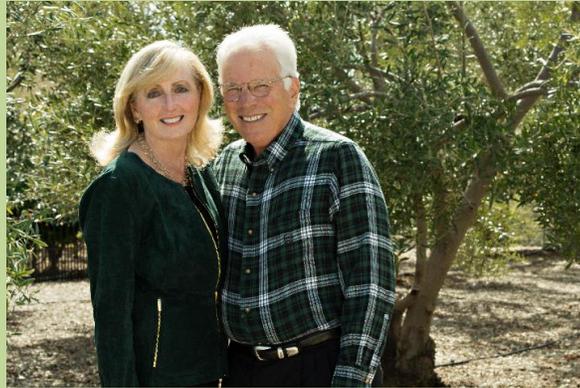
Since 1971, the camp has served as the main training and pre-deployment site for all the Army National Guard units in the state, but all components, both regular and reserve, plus allied soldiers, are trained there.



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www.sanmiguelchamber.org



Kathryn & Stuart, new members of the San Miguel Chamber Rancho Azul y Oro

San Miguel, CA—Rancho Azul y Oro, located in San Miguel, is a producer of award-winning olive oils. Owners Stuart de Haaff and Kathy Keeler purchased their property in 2005 and began planting grape vines and olive trees the following year. It became clear that olives did well there, so more trees were planted. Family members, from the smallest to the oldest, helped and continue to help with everything from planting to harvest, blending to bottling.

From the start, their vision has been to produce the best quality olive oil possible, as opposed to simply large quantities.

In 2012, they began to receive awards for their olive oil and have won over 48 awards within the last three years, including the 2017 Best of California Award for their Orange-Infused Olive Oil at the California State Fair and the 2018 Best of Show Award for their Lemon-Infused Olive Oil at the Napa Valley Olive Oil Competition.

Stuart and Kathy and Rancho AyO's vision includes giving back to their community, as well as providing donations to the Wellness Kitchen in Templeton and the Monterey County Food Bank. On March 24, they will co-sponsor of the Symphony of the Vines performance at the San Miguel Mission.

