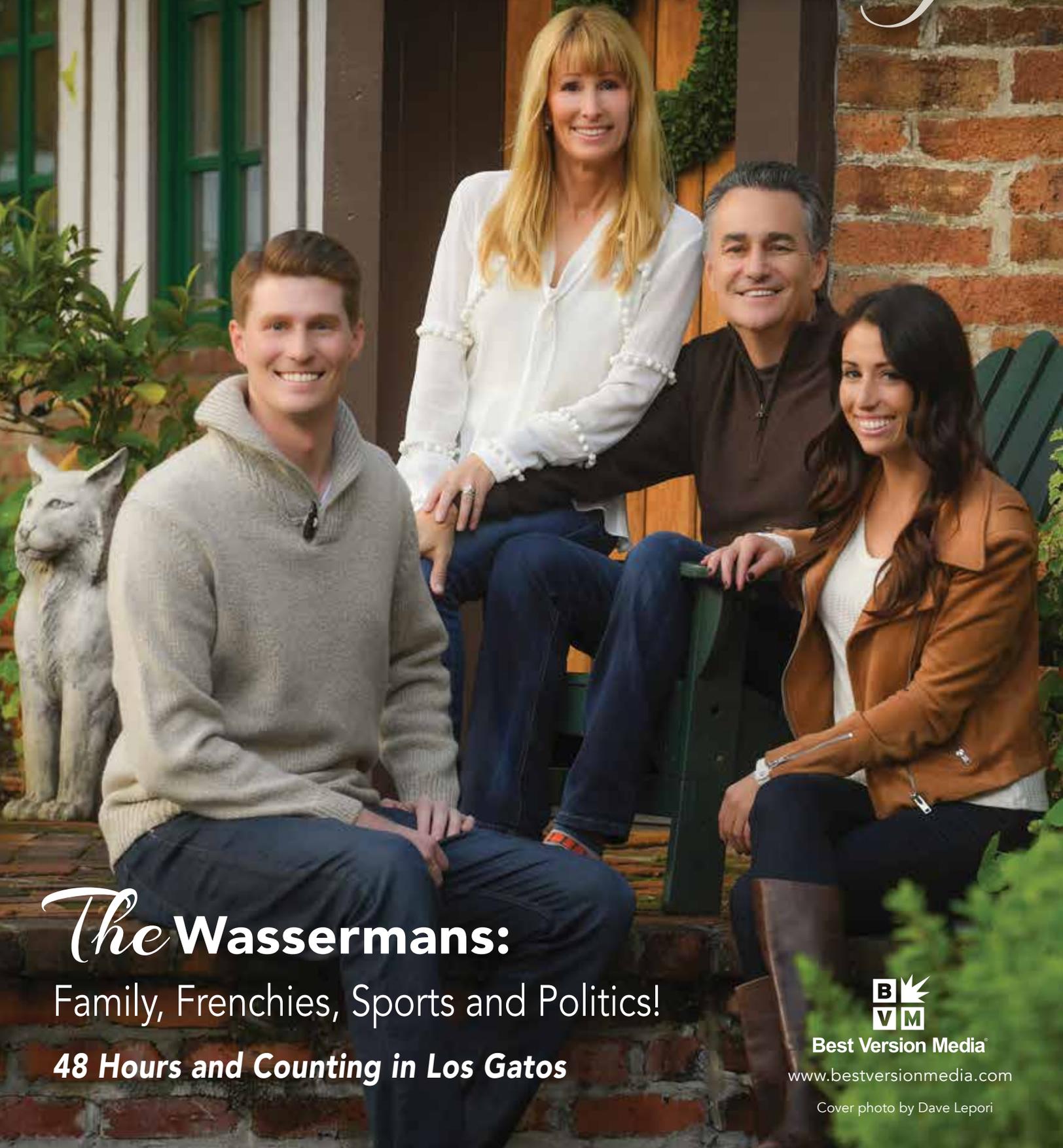


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What Would Veterans Say to Others?

By Clyde R. Horn

Clyde R. Horn is a Vietnam combat veteran. He served in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam in 1967-68 during the TET offensive. Clyde received the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on December 6, 1967, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Army Commendation Medal and numerous unit citations.

Clyde retired from full-time work in 2009. He is a 100% disabled veteran due to having PTSD (Post -Traumatic Stress Disorder), heart disease related to exposure of the toxin Agent Orange, and other medical issues.

Clyde's wife, Thu Cates-Horn, has owned and operated the 7-Eleven store in Los Gatos, located on North Santa Cruz Ave for 41 years. Clyde is a member of the Los Gatos Kiwanis Club, a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and facilitates a weekly Friday veterans breakfast going into its sixth year. He is one of the artists for ArtLifting, an organization dedicated to selling and promoting the art of the homeless and disabled. Clyde is also the author of two books, PTSD in Pictures & Words and Veteran Guilt in Pictures in Words.

What Clyde wants the community to know what most veterans would say to others is this:

1. We want world peace. We have seen and experienced the destruction and pain war can bring. Many of us have been changed for life from our horrific experiences. Most veterans pray to never have to experience another war. It should also be said we were and are willing to die to maintain the freedoms America enjoys.
2. We are Patriots. No apologies! Freedom isn't static. America is attacked on all points because we believe in equal rights for all understanding there is no perfect system yet America celebrates individuality—racial, sexual, economic, and religious. We have the right to complain about injustices, protest, disagree but we stand tall when America needs us.



3. We believe in Interconnection. The world is no longer separate. We are joined together. This means we hold hands with our world neighbors, we negotiate with our differences, we try to find commonality with those willing to engage in conversation. We understand that what happens anywhere in the world affects all of us. We support our alliances knowing this is a key to being an example that we need and support freedom beyond our borders.
4. We believe in Honor. We love memorials that show our sacrifice, remind us of the cost it takes to continue to live free and the willingness to heed the call of our great Country. We are proud to support the Los Gatos Veterans Memorial. It will be a comfort and inspiration to all veterans and families. It will honor the Town, surrounding cities, educate, inspire, and promote the art and culture of our freedoms.
5. Finally, we believe in giving back. The universe operates on rebirth. Look at nature. Nature recycles itself. A tree or even a mountain that disappears gives itself back to the elements that make up the whole generating newness. We believe in giving back to the community, speaking at functions, participating in local veteran organizations as well as community based organizations. By giving back to the process of creativity life gives back to us.



Los Gatos Sister Cities Series

This is the fourth in a series of six articles featuring the six Sister Cities of Los Gatos.

Sister City: Liaoyang, China



By Lyn Dougherty

Los Gatos' Sister City Liaoyang, China was agreed by resolution in 1994. It is believed that this city, like Chung-Ho, was suggested by a Chinese businessman for commerce purposes. On March 28, 1994, a fired vase was received as a gift from Mayor Li of Liaoyang.

The Sister Cities program seems to have been at its peak of interest and participation in Los Gatos in the years from the early 1970s to the early 1990s. Interest was spurred and sustained mostly by cultural and tourism explorations rather than by commerce and business with the exception of Listowel, Ireland but the generosity and good will exchanged has benefitted all involved.