

Retired military personnel: Thank you for your service

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The Coachella Valley is blessed to have a high percentage of retired military personnel.

The Health Assessment Resource Center found recently that 14.1 percent of the population served in the military. Only 7.8 percent Californians served.

Preparing for our Sunday package on the Ukraine and the tragedy of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17, I reached out to Brig. Gen. Guido J. Portante Jr., who is president of the World Affairs Council of the Desert. In turn, he reached out to Lt. Gen. Herbert R. Temple Jr., who contributed a column advocating that NATO be re-energized in eastern Europe. Portante wrote about the State Partnership Program, a program he helped launch in 1993 linking California to Ukraine.

I urge you to read the package on Sunday and contribute your opinions.

Coincidentally, I went across the street on Thursday to the Palm Springs Air Museum to talk to Bill Hughes for the Monday Newsmaker feature. Hughes is the leader of nearly 300 volunteers who keep the museum going. A few months ago, CNN Travel rated the museum among the 14 best air museums in the world. It's a well-deserved tribute.

I hope you'll watch the video when it goes up on DesertSun.com on Sunday and read the Q&A with Hughes on Monday. Hopefully, it will inspire you to visit the museum. It's worth a trip.

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