



Our Host Ed Roski, Jr.

Ed entered the Marine Corps after graduating from the University of Southern California in 1962. After attending The Basic School in Quantico, he reported to The First Marine Brigade and was assigned to Alpha Company First Battalion Fourth Marines. In 1965 when the Fourth Marines deployed to South Vietnam he became Commanding Officer of B Company Third Anti-Tanks. That summer, during Operation Starlite Ed was awarded a Bronze Star with Combat "V" and two Purple Hearts.

General James L. Jones 32nd Commandant of the Marine Corps and The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation honored Ed in 2000 with its ***Semper Fidelis Award***. The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is a non-profit, tax exempt corporation of volunteer men and women dedicated to providing financial assistance in the form of scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of United States Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action.

In 1966 Ed joined Majestic Realty, a company founded by his father in 1948. He is presently Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Majestic Realty has a portfolio of approximately 50 million square feet in a diverse variety of property types. Majestic has offices in Los Angeles, Dallas, Las Vegas, Denver and Atlanta. He is part owner of the Staples Center, Los Angeles Kings, and Los Angeles Lakers and is the owner of the Silverton Hotel & Casino.

He takes an active role in the cultural and educational activities of the area, serving on numerous boards of directors/governors such as the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art, the Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission Board of Trustees, California Science Center; Board of Trustees, and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Ed also serves on the Board of Trustees for both Loyola Marymount University and the University of Southern California, and is a member of the Board of Regents for Loyola High School.

Ed is an adventurer. He loves to travel, especially in third world countries. He has climbed to Base Camp at Mt. Everest, K2 Base Camp, Mt. Kilimanjaro, and rode his bike across Mongolia, Russia, Ireland, China and Burma. He also loves automobiles, sports, and skiing.

Ed's passion for adventure entitles him to be a member of the Explorers Club. The Club's goals in research, education and public service include the orientation of young people toward careers in field science and engineering, and the encouragement of scientific exploration of land, sea, the air and space, with the emphasis on the physical, natural and biological sciences. It is Ed's vision for the future that drives him to contribute his time and talents to serving others.

Ed and his wife, Gayle, have three children and four grandchildren and reside in Los Angeles.