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JULY 5, 2024 MEETING Location: Clubhouse 5 Social Hour: 11:00 Meeting 11:30 Lunch 12:30



SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER-1:10: :1:45 FERNANDO ARROYO SUBJECT: A VETERAN'S JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

Fernando's upbringing instilled a strong sense of duty to country. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Fernando faced challenges transitioning to civilian life. Like many veterans, he grappled with the after effects of service, including combat memories and finding purpose beyond the military structure. Reflecting on his journey, Fernando recalls battling with "War Residue" or PTSD, struggling with night-mares and the guilt of his actions.

He reached a breaking point and miraculously, a divine intervention prevented tragedy.

Fernando earned his bachelor's degree in Criminology from UC Irvine and his Master of Divinity degree from BIOLA University. Turning to writing, he found solace offering readers authentic insights into service, sacrifice, and resilience.

His notable work, "The Shadow of Death: From My Battles in Fallujah to the Battle for My Soul," recounts his intense experiences in Iraq and personal struggles post-deployment.

This raw portrayal resonates with veterans an civilians alike, shedding light on the challenges soldiers face during and after service.

FOR RESIDENTS OF LAGUNA WOODS AND THEIR GUESTS

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Name_	Menu: Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit, pickle —Ice Cream Bar