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## **Lake Branch APWA Meeting Tuesday, November 27, 2018**

Time: Executive meeting 11:00 AM  
**Membership meeting 12:00 PM**

Place: Jimmy's Charhouse  
1413 Peterson Road  
Libertyville, IL 60048  
(847) 549-9900

Cost: **\$25.00**

Sunday, November 11th is Veterans Day and in honor of that day APWA-Lake Branch is proud to have Sergeant Major Ronald E. Lester, USMC, Ret. speak about his experiences in the United States Marine Corps serving in the Korean War. Join the Lake Branch on November 27th as we honor our Veterans!

### **Veterans In Public Works**

SgtMaj Ronald E. Lester, USMC, Ret. | Lester's Material Service



SgtMaj Lester landed in Korea as a young seventeen-year-old Marine in 1950, Incheon, and served in theater through peace talks in 1953. He began his Korean tour with the 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division but ended it with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division. It is with the 2<sup>nd</sup> that he was introduced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Shore Party Engineers, who taught him to operate heavy equipment. You will want to hear about the first bridge that he built in Korea. He received numerous battlefield promotions in Korea, rising from Private First Class to Gunnery Sergeant. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and was more recently honored with a Stars and Stripes Honor flight to Washington DC in 2017. He served in the Marine Corps from 1950-1972, active duty 1950-54. Following his active duty, he brought his talents as an operator home and founded Lester's Material Service in 1960. There is not much he hasn't built, from seawalls along Lake Michigan using helicopters to railroad work in Libertyville. Please join us for an interactive presentation with SgtMaj Lester as he tells stories ranging from Korea, to projects, to Bison. Please note, SgtMaj Lester was a combat Marine, and may tell of some very touching as well as some salty experiences, so be prepared to check your sensitivities at the door!

Anticipated Door Prizes: Exciting and substantial gift cards!

**Reservations:** Sign up via [Eventbrite](#) by **12:00 PM, Monday, November 26, 2018**. Please note, you may pay online with a credit card or RSVP online and bring \$25.00 cash or a check made payable to "APWA Lake Branch" to the meeting. Please direct any questions to Erin Pande, Engineering Resource Associates, Inc. by phone 630.393.3060 x41 or email [epande@eraconsultants.com](mailto:epande@eraconsultants.com).

#### **Membership Meeting Agenda:**

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| 1. Call to Order      | 4. Presentation       |
| 2. Self-Introductions | 5. Door Prize Drawing |
| 3. Lunch              | 6. Adjournment        |

#### **Upcoming Reminders:**

Lake Branch Holiday Extravaganza - Tuesday, December 18, 2018 Mickey Finn's, Libertyville, IL  
Lake Branch Awards Applications – Due December 7, 2018.