

LARRY GARCIA



HALL OF FAME

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Larry Garcia was born in Santa Maria, California and raised in Carpinteria and Oak View, California, thus making him a true native son of the Golden State – SoCal region! His childhood was not suburban; he was afforded some unusual opportunities that molded his spirit. At the age of nine (9) he learned to drive using his Mom's 3-speed '38 Chevy. He would escort his siblings around the ranch territories. His driving skills put him atop the tractor more times than he cares to remember. Moving into the Oak View hills, Larry and his brother would borrow the neighbor's horses so that they could explore valleys and river bottom areas.

Larry became a real renaissance man during his four years at Carpinteria High School. He played saxophone in the Band, played Center and Linebacker for the Warriors, and participated in Track: 440 Relay and the Shot. Living in Carpinteria awakened Larry's love of the ocean – on the surf board. Surfing the Rincon and other SoCal beaches prepared him for his first "professional" position – Surfing Instructor at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu. The job, the surroundings, friends, and routines provided Larry with a good life until spring of 1965. That is when Larry received a personal invitation from his Uncle Sam. His uncle insisted that he wanted and needed Lawrence Sabino! Larry returned to California to complete Basic Training at Fort Ord. From Fort Ord Larry served in Germany. In November of 1966, Larry volunteered to serve in Viet Nam.

Life became very interesting in Viet Nam. A letter from West Chester, Pennsylvania arrived in September 1967. Larry responded and a Pen Pal relationship developed with Kathie, a college co-ed. Hey, writing was a good distraction and it certainly was not going to lead to anything serious! Larry and Kathie met in San Francisco in late June 1968; they married in October 1968. That is when Larry really came into his element:

Pop to four (4) sons and all their friends

Youth Sports Coach:

Elks Little League

Ventura Coast Pony Ball

Holy Cross School After School Sports

Ventura Packers

AYSO

VYBA

Ump for Little League Groups

PTA Officer at two Schools

In the summer of 1978, good friends John and Mary Poindexter introduced Larry to Paul Spinner, JV Football Coach at St. Bonaventure High School. After volunteering to help coach that Fall, Larry became an assistant football coach for the Seraphs. In addition to coaching, Larry filmed games for several years for SBHS. His filming skills were also employed by SEASports, a College Recruiting Service. Larry's association with football led to managing the Tri Tip Barbecue Booth at the Annual Fiesta. This work inspired Larry's Q.Crew, a barbecue catering company that became a family business. In 1982, Larry was recognized by the Ventura Jaycees as Ventura's Young Man of the Year.

Larry wishes to recognize the most vital accomplishments in his life: Lance and his partner Billy; Ryan, Cara, Brock and Syllas; Micah and his fiancé' Christy; and Kyle with his significant other, Carly. Together for 47 years, Larry and Kathie have cherished every moment, every event, and every friendship. There is now a new opportunity to experience and share life: retirement.

Larry is being presented tonight by SBHS Principal Marc Groff

Larry is being represented tonight by his four sons, Lance, Ryan, Micah and Kyle.