

# THE DODGE FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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*From the desk of Faith Dorothy Dodge Nelson  
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The alarm sounded at 4:30 this morning. It was time to get up so as to leave by 5:00 a.m. for an airport run. The last of our Thanksgiving company, my oldest son, was returning home to California after a week-long visit. Not only were all my children able to come home for the holiday, we had guests as well. My husband's brother and his family joined us for a couple of days, and my younger daughter brought a guest for the school break.

Joe's brother, Mark, and his wife, Laurie, are both doctors serving in Ecuador. Mark, the fabulous storyteller, regaled us with tales of their life in Quito. In addition to serving as a hospital administrator, he works with young interns and residents in the hospital's training program. Laurie, a pediatrician, works at a clinic serving the poorest of the poor, those who live by and make a living from Quito's dump. Mark also has been able to work in Haiti on two occasions after a massive earthquake wrought havoc on that impoverished nation, and again most recently to serve after an outbreak of cholera. As we visited with them, catching up on the last few years of our lives, I couldn't help but feel appreciation and respect for Mark and Laurie. Their calling in life is to serve God by serving others, making their world a better place.

Our other visitor was my daughter's new fiancé, Justin. We were quite surprised when they announced their engagement early this semester, but as we get to know Justin, we like him better and better, and realize he will make a good husband to Linnea. This engagement is a first for us, and I suppose it indicates we are heading into a new phase in our lives. Not only do we have children leaving the nest for school, they will start leaving for good. Although there are some days that I wouldn't mind certain teenagers going away for a long, long time, I confess, it is a little painful for this mother to contemplate the finality of children growing up.

As our family heads into next year, we know changes are in store. One son completes college and will be working who-knows-where. Linnea and Justin will join their lives and locate in Little Rock, Arkansas. Besides these changes, others that we can't conceive right now will undoubtedly take place. I have no way of knowing everything that lies ahead in 2011. What I am certain of is my own calling in life.

Like Mark and Laurie, I believe that God has called me. I won't be traveling to foreign lands, however. I'll be plugging away, here in Kansas City, trying to serve my husband and family as best I can, hoping to make my own world a better place.

*Faith*

*P.S. On the opposite side of this letter is all the information including a map that you will need in order to make reservations to attend the California Dodge Reunion that will be held, Saturday, January 22, 2011.*

*Also, please remember to look at your envelope if you receive the Journal via U.S. Post, to see when your dues are due and if you would like to see what a Dodge Journal looks like in living color, be sure to email [barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net](mailto:barbdodge@dodgeoffice.net) and request a copy of this Journal be sent to you via email.*

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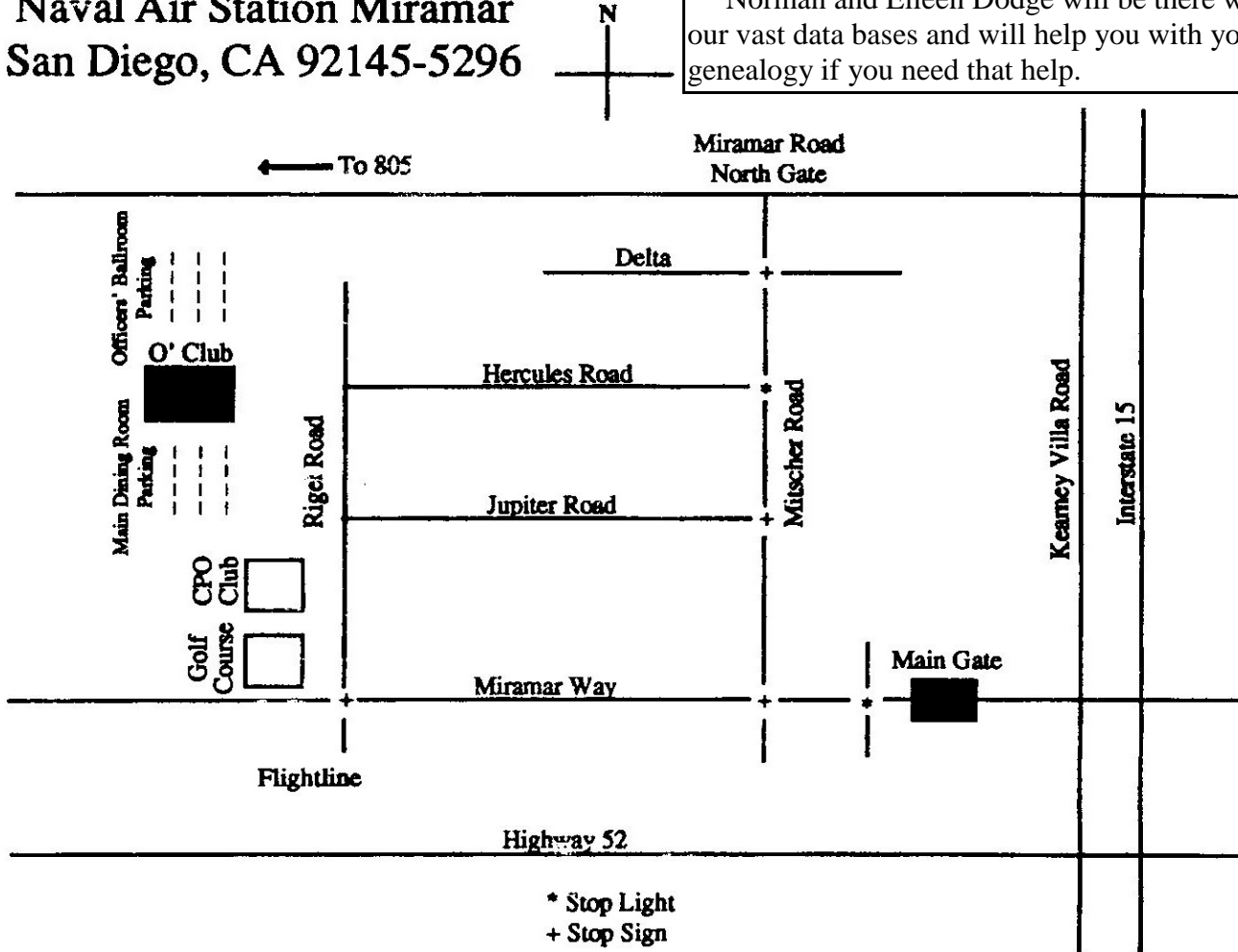
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Directions to the reunion are below the map.  
Starting Time: 10 A.M.  
The Meal is served at noon.  
Norman and Eileen Dodge will be there with our vast data bases and will help you with your genealogy if you need that help.



**Directions to the Miramar Officer's Club:**

**North Gate on Miramar Road**

Gate is between Camino Ruiz and Kearny Villa Road. Once on base, continue straight through the stop sign at Delta, and turn right at the first stop light onto Hercules Road. Continue to the end of the street and right onto Rigel Road. The Officer's Club is the last building on the left.

**Main Gate Entrance from I-15**

Exit Miramar Way, proceed west on Miramar Way to the gate, continue on Miramar Way through one stop light and two four way stop intersections, turn right onto Rigel Road, follow approximately 3/4 mile. The Officer's Club is the last building on the left.

Dear Dodge Family, Above is the map showing you how to get to the Marine Air Station Miramar in the Officers Club. The food is always delicious and the fellowship with other Dodges, both old acquaintances and new makes for a great time of visiting. Be sure to bring any items that you think might interest other Dodges who will be attending. Fill in the information below and send it to The Dodge family Association, 10105 W. 17th Place, Lakewood, CO 80215

I wish to attend the California Dodge Reunion on January 22, 2011. I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ family members with me. I enclose a check for \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 per meal. I would like \_\_\_\_\_ Marinated steak and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Cobb salads.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_