

Member Profile
Nancy Hagan
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After considerable arm twisting, I finally got Nancy to agree to allow some information about her to be included in the newsletter. Nancy was born in Mineral Wells Texas. Her father was in the Air Force so she, her mother, her one older brother and one younger brother moved around, and often. The family was stationed in Altus Oklahoma for a while and then was stationed in Germany at the same time as Elvis.

They then transferred back in the states to the Washington D.C. area and then to Sacramento California. There she graduated from Hiram Johnston High School, and shortly thereafter became interested in the Martial Arts. After much training and sacrifice she became one of the few women to attain the rank of Black Belt in Ju-Jitsu. Much into fitness she did not believe in doing women's push-ups and would not allow her students to do them either. She then began to teach self defense classes for Women at colleges and other institutions in the Northern California area and is proud to have had students as young as 5 and as old as 87.

She started her College education beginning at the age of 31 and completed her degree in Psychology. While in College she began working in the school system teaching Physical Education and working at alternative High Schools in the area.

After graduation she entered Civilian Federal Service with the Air Force at McClellan AFB in Sacramento. Her main job was managing the readiness and operational and supply status of the (North Warning) Dew Line Radar equipment in Northern Canada. She also established and ran an Adopt-a School program where Air Force personnel volunteered at needy local elementary schools. She was forced to retire because of health reasons after a short career.

After retirement she and Bob moved to Willits in Northern California where she became involved with the local Hospice Program as well as the Adult Literacy Program where she tutored a Tibetan Buddhist Monk from India for about a year. Chipa was quite the young man. He was here to learn to speak and read English in order to serve and teach his Monastery. At the age of 19 he already had the education equivalent of a PHD in America.

About this time she discovered a talent for Photography and had a show in Willits and has had photographs published in Photographic Magazines.

Back to Sacramento where she learned to drive and took her driving test as a 16 year old teenager in a Volkswagen Karman Gia, stick shift. The family car at that time was an early 50's Studebaker. Her first personal car was a 69 Ford Mustang followed by the 76 Chevrolet Chevette stick shift that she put 150,000 miles on running around Northern California studying for her Black Belt and teaching classes. She regrets that her health will not allow her to attend most club functions but still feels a part of the club.