

## VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE GOLDEN GATE CHAPTER- NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BAY AREA

The Golden Gate Chapter held their quarterly meeting at the Four Points Sheraton in Pleasanton, CA, on



June 16th, 2012. The guest speaker was Command Sgt. Major Daniel R. Soria. He was in the 101<sup>st</sup> AB, 377<sup>th</sup> Parachute FAB, 'B' Battery. He was a Military Occupational Specialist (MOS) Paratrooper 7745. He jumped into Normandy on 06 June 1944 while encountering much anti-aircraft fire. He landed 21 km from his intended drop zone, St. Mere Eglise. Four days after landing, he was captured by the Germans and became a POW. He spent nearly 11 months as a POW in different camps.



**Left photo: Rudy Mello, 526<sup>th</sup> A.I.B., 'A' Company** visited with Mae Alm, U.S. Army nurse. She served in the Third Army, 104<sup>th</sup> Evac. Hospital, directly under General Patton. **Right photo: Command Sgt. Major Daniel R. Soria** with Bill Armstrong, former President of the Golden Gate Chapter. The WWII veterans below are members of the Golden Gate Chapter of the VBOB. Rudy Mello, back row, just right of the flag.

