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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Members and associates

This month's President's column comes to you from the Space Coast of Florida. Yesterday I had the great pleasure of an all-day tour of the Kennedy Space Center, arranged by the Director, COL Bob Cabana, USMC (ret.), who is my Naval Academy classmate. Seeing the extensive array of current programs and reflecting over the success of NASA over the last 60 years inspires a deep appreciation of American innovation. I encourage everyone to visit the complex preferably for two days.

Of course I was already in a celebratory mood. As a member of the Naval Academy Class of 1971, I was delighted to celebrate my 71st birthday with Navy's victory in the Army-Navy game. When my wife asked what I wanted for my birthday, I told her, "A Navy victory!" Of course in a few years, my cousin, a West Point 1973 graduate, may demand reciprocity. But the greatest thing about this famed rivalry is that after the game the Brigade of Midshipmen and the Corps of Cadets can go out and party together as future comrades in arms. A good example for our country.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

LT William P. Matz, USN , President
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JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 2020

At the time of publication of the *MOAA VOICE*, we do not have a Guest Speaker. If we get one, we will e-mail a notice out to everyone.

At the January Luncheon. We hope to enjoy a great meal, and we will have the installation of our new officers for 2020 year.

See Page No. Five (5), for Luncheon Menu, which will be a Buffet.

THE OIL PATCH WARRIORS OF WORLD WAR II

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Tuesday, January 7, 2020, 1130, In the Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings.
Refreshments will be served.

(A bit of WWII history)

About seventy-seven years ago, a Band of Roughnecks went abroad on a top secret mission into Robin Hood's stomping grounds to punch oil wells to help fuel England's war machines. It's a story that should make any oilman or woman proud.

The year was 1943 and England was mired in World War II. U-boats attacked supply vessels, choking off badly needed supplies to the island nation. But oil was the commodity they needed the most as they warred with Germany.

A book "The Secret of Sherwood Forest: Oil Production in England During World War II" written by Guy Woodward and Grace Steele Woodward was published in 1973, and tells the obscure story of the American oil men who went to England to bore wells in a top secret mission in March 1943. England had but one oil field, in Sherwood Forest of all places. Its meager output of 300 barrels a day was literally a drop in the bucket of their requirement of 150,000 barrels a day to fuel their war machines.

Then a top secret plan was devised: to send some Americans and their expertise to assist in developing the field. Oklahoma based Noble Drilling Company, along with Fair-Porter signed a one year contract to drill 100 wells for England, merely for costs and expenses. 42 drillers and roughnecks from Texas and Oklahoma, most in their teens and early twenties volunteered for the mission to go abroad. The hands embarked for England in March 1943 aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth. Four National 50 drilling rigs were loaded onto ships but only three of them made landfall; the Nazi U-boats sank one of the rigs enroute to the UK.

The Brits' jaws dropped as the Yanks began punching the wells in a week, compared to five to eight weeks for their British counterparts. They worked 12 hour tours, 7 days a week and within a year, the Americans had drilled 106 wells and England oil production shot up from 300 barrels a day to over 300,000.

The contract fulfilled, the American oil men departed England in late March 1944. But only 41 hands were on board the return voyage. Herman Douthit, a Texan derrick-hand was killed during the operation. He was laid to rest with full military honors, and remains the only civilian to be buried at The American Military Cemetery in Cambridge.

"The Oil Patch Warrior," a seven foot bronze statue of a roughneck holding a four foot pipe wrench stands near Nottingham England to honor the American oil men's assistance and sacrifice in the war. A replica was placed in Ardmore Oklahoma in 2001

It is by no means a stretch to state that without the American mission, we might all be speaking German today.

Special thanks to the American Oil and Gas Historical Society.

"There are no noble wars, just noble warriors"

DUES NOTICE

All regular members should have received your dues notice by the time you get this bulletin by mail. The notices were sent First Class mail, with an envelope that could be used to return your payment of dues.

From By-Laws: **Article VII, Section B.**

Annual dues shall become due and payable on January 1st. Members who fail to renew their membership by that date shall be reminded of their overdue status and, if payment is not made by March 1st, shall be dropped from the rolls. Membership may be reinstated upon payment of current dues.

Notices were sent only to members who need to renew their dues for 2020. There are still a few members who have not renewed their dues for 2019 as of the publication of this bulletin.

NOTE: Members should not pay Wives Club dues unless their wife is a member of the Wives Club. Every year your Treasurer receives additional payment for wives and then passes on payment to Judith Fleshman for the payment of dues for about 5 or 6 women who are not Wives Club members. She then has to call and inform them, or send checks back to the member that has paid his wives dues in error.

Please note members dues are \$25.00 a year.

**Wives dues are \$25.00, ONLY
if they belong to the Wives Club**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The application period for COL William G. Brey Scholarships will open on January 1, 2020, and will close on March 15, 2020. Closing date is firm. Those eligible to apply for scholarship assistance are children, wards, and lineal descendants (including grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, natural or adopted) of living or deceased officer, warrant officer, or auxiliary members of the Chapter. Scholarship eligibility is limited to those pursuing undergraduate academic and professional certificate programs. Applications will not be accepted for support of graduate studies.

Our experience is that it can take some time for prospective applicants to gather all the required supporting documentation, then prepare and submit the completed application before the cutoff date. We therefore recommend that Chapter members advise eligible family members of scholarship availability and contact information early enough to give them sufficient reaction time.

Application forms are available. They may be obtained by writing to:

Secretary, Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA
P. O. Box 2801
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801

or by directly contacting Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Lee P. Hoskins
P. O. Box 2801
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801 – Phone: (707)328-

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or e-mail: leehoskins@live.com

Lee will provide them immediately to all interested parties by fastest means available.

The COL William G. Brey Scholarship Committee.



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- to enroll in a professional training program such as fire prevention, electrician, police protection, auto mechanics, culinary school, or comparable training programs.
- college undergraduates
- previous applicants of the Brey Scholarship

The Brey Scholarship is limited to a maximum of **two** awarded scholarships per applicant.

Watch the January 2020 **“MOAA VOICE”**
for application details!

Legislative Affairs – January 2020

First, as we start 2020, I want to wish everyone a very Happy New Year with good health and peace and harmony for all.

Secondly, while watching the beautiful tribute to Pete Peterka, I was moved by the solemn folding of our flag remembering the meaning of each fold. Although many of us know this, perhaps it is worthwhile to re-publish these meanings which have been adapted from the U.S. Air Force Academy Flag Folding Ceremony. While there are other meanings out there, it is felt that the following meanings are the most appropriate for such occasions as funerals or retirements:

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain a peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered in to the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on mother's day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and

The thirteenth fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God we Trust."

While there may be a discussion regarding the meanings of some of the folds not being "politically correct," "snopes" indicates the above as being the most customary, therefore, should prevail.

LEGISLATION:

Federal:

2020 Defense Spending Bill. This long process seems to have a happy end as best as could be done. Apparently, the "fat lady has sung" and the bill should be signed by the time you get the MOAA Voice.

Significant bills which have passed are:

Protect Military Medicine

End the Widow's Tax (The House bill provides for this; the Senate bill has 75 supporters – we have never been so close to winning)

Don't Raise TRICARE fees

Support Pay Raise for AD Military

Protect Military Families in Base Contract Housing

This success is a direct results of your "grass roots" work. The Widow's Tax victory comes after nearly four decades of pushing. Congratulations to all!

What did not pass was for "Full Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Military Veterans" which will be addressed again in the future.

State:

Watch out for new taxes this coming year. Remember that some of the gas tax revenue is going for other items.

Vern McNamee, Legislative Chair

JANUARY 2020 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ADDENDUM

Here is what's known about the plan outlined in the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to end the Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset. However, even though the "Fat Lady has sung", there are a few caveats which have been transcribed from MOAA's weekly newsletter dated 19 December as follows:

1. The logistics. The phased-in approach to repeal is really a three-year rollout with a delayed start. No changes will be made to the benefit in calendar year 2020, but the offset will be reduced partially over 2021 and 2022, with full elimination starting on Jan. 1, 2023.

2. The limitations. The benefit will not be extended retroactively. The bill states specifically that "no benefits may be paid to any person for any period before the effective date provided ... by reasons made of the amendments made" by the NDAA.

3. The "pay-for." We confirmed with staff leadership on the House Armed Services Committee that no benefits have been or will be reduced to pay **for this repeal**.

4. The fine print. The NDAA section addressing the repeal also removes the option for an eligible surviving military spouse to establish an annuity in the name of a dependent child instead of their own. This change would take effect Jan. 1, 2023. Spouses who've elected to transfer their annuity payment to a child (or children) will have their eligibility for the benefit restored on Dec. 31, 2022, "whether or not payment to such child subsequently was terminated due to loss of dependent status or death," per the legislation.

Previously, survivors were coerced to transfer their survivor benefits to their children in order to receive both benefits. Those benefits expired whenever the dependent reached the age of majority. But a change in the 2017 tax-

bill dramatically increased the rate those benefits were taxed at. By repealing the child option, survivors both avoid what's been termed the "kiddie tax" and receive the full benefits they deserve. However, the current dilemma of this egregious tax remains a challenge, and MOAA is actively pursuing a resolution.

5. What's next. MOAA stands ready to ensure the government rights this wrong. As the full details of the repeal take shape, our legislative and benefits experts will continue to ensure all who've waited far too long to receive this benefit will get what's been promised.

While this is a major legislative victory, we should not spend or obligate the money until it's deposited in the bank. Eternal vigilance is the price we pay to live in an "organized" society remembering that things, attitudes and administrations change. My advice is to keep informed and ask questions as you would like. My telephone is always on.

Vern McNamee, Legislative Chair



Colonel Louis "Pete" Peterka

Colonel Louis "Pete" Peterka completed his final tour of duty on December 5, 2019. Pete enlisted in the U.S. Marines in July 1942 at the age of 16. Served in the Marines until 1949, with 33 months in the South Pacific Theater, and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1949, Pete transferred to the U.S. [Army](#) and in 1950 was assigned to Officer Candidate School at Fort Riley Kansas, and commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in January 1951. Pete was assigned to the 82d Airborne Division, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and graduated from Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia in July 1951. Pete served as a Company Commander in the 47th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, in Germany in 1954 and 1955.

Pete was next assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea as Battalion Executive Officer. In 1957, he was assigned to the Airborne Research and Engineering Command at Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona, as Project Officer in the HALO (High Altitude – Low Opening) Program. In September 1967, he was then assigned to the 101st Air-

borne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Pete was then deployed with the division to Vietnam in October 1967 as the Army Chief of Staff G-4. During the TET Offensive (January – February 1968) the Division was in Bien Hoa, with brigades in Phoc Vinh, Chu Chi and Na Trang. Immediately following TET, the Division was redeployed to I Corps, in the Hue-Phu Bi area. In the Ashau Valley operation, Col Peterka received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with "V" device, and [Bronze Star](#) Medal with "V" device. Upon returning to the U.S., Col Peterka was awarded the Legion of Merit, a second Bronze Star Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star for service in RVN (Republic of Viet Nam). In 1970, Col Peterka deployed to Southeast Asia for a second tour, this time to the Kingdom of Laos, as Senior Airborne Advisor. The Laotian Armies were heavily engaged against the North Vietnamese and Chinese Armies in the Plain of Jars and other areas in Northern Laos

Colonel Peterka retired from the U.S. Army in 1974 after over 31 years of active service, and settled in Santa Rosa, with his wife, Alice Peterka. After retirement from the military, Pete served as the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Coordinator for seven years and the Sonoma County Director of Emergency Services for ten years, until his retirement from that position in 1987. Pete established an Emergency Management Consulting Firm, which despite efforts to cease work, continued to be active for ten years.

During his 73 years of marriage to Alice, they enjoyed extensive travel throughout the following destinations, Africa, Alaska, American Samoa, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Burma, Canada, Cape Horn, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Eastern Europe, England, France, Germany, Greek Islands, Guam, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, Laos, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Nova Scotia, Okinawa, Panama Canal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russia, Saipan, Scotland, Singapore, South America, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tibet, Wales, Western Mediterranean and Western Samoa.

Pete is survived by his wife, Alice M. Peterka, son Gary Louis Peterka, daughter Gailyn McGrath Cossey (husband Mike K. Cossey), grandson, Trevor A. McGrath (wife Alicia M. McGrath), grandson Mike E. Cossey (wife Stephanie Cossey), and great granddaughter, Nora Valkyrie McGrath. Also survived by son David Welborn (wife Kathy Welborn), granddaughter Kristi and five additional great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life was held at Eggen & Lance, 1540 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, California, on December 14, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sonoma County Search and Rescue, P.O. Box 1905, Windsor, California 95492.

"GOOD SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED"

Chapter members:

Who do you want to hear from?
Please send your suggestions to
Don Nowacki, (707)528-2895,
or by e-mail: nowacki@sonic.net

(A Sonoma County Main Chapter event; all members are more than welcome)

**Buffet Luncheon, Thursday January 23, 2020
Flamingo Resort & Hotel, 2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa**

Socializing 11:00 to 11:45 am, Meeting starts, Lunch 12:00 noon
Cost (including tax and tip) - **Price \$27.00**

Salad: Romaine Salad, carrots, cucumbers, olives, cherry tomatoes, Parmesan cheese.

Lunch: **HERB CRUSTED PORK LOIN**, Herbed Yukon Gold Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables.
Fresh Rolls & Butter Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea.

Dessert: Chef's Choice Desserts. Coffee service, Tea available upon request and Iced Tea.

Enclosed is my check for my advanced reservation _____ persons @ \$27.00 each. \$ _____

Note: Pay At Door - Walk-Ins (no reservation or unpaid reservations) is \$30.00 per person.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for the Col. Brey Scholarship Fund (Fully Tax Deductible)

Guest Speaker: **None at the time of this publication.** .

Name: _____, Phone: (_____) _____

Guests: _____, _____, _____, _____
Please list the names of all guest, so that we can make NAME TAGS for them too, thank you.

Make check (s) payable to: **MOAA, Redwood Empire Chapter**
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PUB CRAWL
"4thPublication"

by Ken Johnson

I'm not a Brit, but I enjoy a cold beer, especially in the company of good friends. Please join me as I start a new event for all our MOAA members. No agenda, just a place and a time where we can gather and share a beer or two and talk about items of interest to all of us. I'm looking for a place that is easy for all of us to get to, and someplace that's quiet so we can gather in our own little corner and just talk and have time together. I'm setting our next event at the **Toad in The Hole** pub (bar) located at 116 5th Street in Santa Rosa. They have a good selection of beer and a great menu for fish and chips. They have weekly specials on Mondays, so why not start there! We will try again to meet on the first Monday. In January 6th is next. **NOTE: This is not just for the guys, the wives or spouses are more that welcome.** Our time and date for future meetings will be up to the needs of interested members. This is just the start of a fun way to get together and have great times together. I'm open to any input and suggestions, so call me at 408-466-6764.

- In 1830, it took about 250 to 300 labor hours to produce 100 bushels(5 acres) of wheat. In 1975, it took just 3 3/4 hours.
- The word "farm" is from the Old French ferme, meaning to "rent, lease," and the Latin firmare, "to fix, settle, confirm, strengthen."
- There is an estimated 1,500 different types of tea.
- Britain is the second-largest nation of tea drinkers per capita. Ireland is the first.
- According to legend, tea was discovered in 2737 B.C. by Chinese Emperor Shen-Nung, known as the "Divine Healer." Purportedly, he discovered the beverage when tea leaves accidentally blew into his pot of boiling water.
- Traveling can improve problem solving skills and boost creativity. New sounds, smells, tastes, languages, and sights create new synapses in the brain and promote neuroplasticity.
- The average person in the United Kingdom has visited 10 countries. On average, Germans have been to eight, and the average French person has traveled to five. Only 29% of Americans have even been abroad.
- The busiest airport in the United States is the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) in Atlantam Georgia, with over 50 million flights a year.
- Urban legend has it that Boston's difficult-to-navigate streets are paved cow paths. While some streets are paved over cow paths, most of the streets follow the original coastline of Boston Proper before the city expanded over 1,000 acres during the landfill projects in the 19th century, giving them their seemingly strange pattern.

UPBEAT TIMES, INC. November 2019

Weird Facts & Trivia

- The Mesopotamians built the first simple irrigation system around 7,000 B.C. The earliest large-scale irrigation system was created around 4,000 B.C. in southern Russia. This system had canals up to 10 feet across and more than a mile long.

2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

January:
 1st Dues for 2020 (\$25.00) are due now
 7th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information.
 22nd United Veterans Council meeting
 23rd Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa – Installation of Officers

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February:
 1st Proposed target date to publish the 2020 Roster
 4th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 26th United Veterans Council meeting
 27th Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa

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March:
 1st Members who have not paid 2020 dues may be dropped.
 3rd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 15th Deadline for submission Scholarship Applications
 25th United Veterans Council meeting
 26th Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa

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April:
 7th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 22nd United Veterans Council meeting
 23rd Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa

May:
 5th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 16th Armed Forces Day – Rose Parade, Santa Rosa
 25th Memorial Day Ceremonies
 27th United Veterans Council meeting
 28th Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa

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June:
 2nd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 6th or 13th Saturday, Picnic at Two Rock? Honor Brey Recipients
 24th United Veterans Council meeting

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July:
 7th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Pick a nominating committee

4th Parade in Calistoga
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 22nd United Veterans Council meeting
 23rd Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa

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August:
 4th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 15th Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
 26th United Veterans Council meeting

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September:
 1st BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2020 officers
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 19th - 20th Air Show at CMS Airport?
 23rd United Veterans Council meeting
 18th or 25th ?? Friday, Luncheon, Two Rock USCG (\$10.00?)

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October:
 6th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 22nd Luncheon or Dinner?, Flamingo, Election of Officers for 2021
 28th United Veterans Council meeting

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November:
 3rd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 11th North Bay Veterans Day parade (Wednesday)
 20th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
 25th United Veterans Council meeting
 26th Thanksgiving Day

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December:
 1st BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 7th Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??
 6th or 12/13th Sunday, Holiday Social Flamingo Resort & Spa
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 NO United Veterans Council meeting
 25th Christmas

** Not Confirmed at this time
 All Meals at Flamingo will be Buffets

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MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

2019 Officers

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PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO! ONLY \$25.00

Mail check to Florence Wall at
 655 Chardonnay Place, Windsor, CA 95492-6685

The next meeting of the Wives Club will be Wednesday, January 8th, at the Flamingo Hotel. THE PRICE OF THE LUNCH STARTING IN JANUARY IS \$28.00. AND REMEMBER THAT DUES INCREASE TO \$25.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. Everyone will be served a small cup of soup d'jour. The entree choices are 1) pan roasted Pacific salmon with herb polenta, asparagus, cherry tomatoes, and corn puree or 2) ratatouille with herb polenta and asparagus tips. Chef's mini desserts will top off the meal.

If the Telephone Committee does not contact you regarding your lunch choice, you may make a reservation up to the day before the meeting; however, cancellations must be made by Monday preceding the meeting. For either situation, call Susan Linch at 538-3342.

As always in January, the new officers will be installed, Thanks to Dayle Johnson (President), Liz Warren (Vice President), Tina Lewis (Secretary), and Florence Wall (Treasurer) for agreeing to serve in 2020.

Our January program will be a first, and should be a lot of fun. Bring a Christmas ornament or something you treasure at the holiday season. We'll be interested to hear why it is special to you.

For those of you who depend on your husband telling you about MOAA activity information in the VOICE, if you want to have it come to your own email address, send that to Bob Safreno at shadowbob1@juno.com. He will put you on the mailing list. Tina Lewis, Publicity 707-539-5546, tinalewis31@comcast.net

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