



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Members and associates

One of the great joys in the Redwood Chapter at this time each year is learning of our COL Brey Scholarship winners. So in the midst of all this year's virus-induced limitations, it is a special pleasure that we had three outstanding applicants awarded scholarships. One has already written her thank you letter, published below.

We are still waiting for any word about when we might be able to resume meetings. However, even if restaurants resume opening with whatever limits required, our chapter may have to be more cautious, with the vast majority of our members falling into the “at-risk” category. So that adds unwelcome – yet necessary – factor to the timing of any resumption of our meetings.

So when all is said and done, all we can say is that we are continuing to play that famous old military game, “Hurry Up and Wait”. Until we meet, stay well.

LT William P. Matz, USN , President
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PRESIDENT'S ACTION: An e-mail was received from Board member, Robert Ayers, Jr., Director. “Regretfully, I am informing you that I want to be placed on inactive status with REMOAA for an indefinite period. I will let the Chapter know when circumstances will better support my uninterrupted participation”. President Bill Matz appointed Myrna M. Hurst to fill in for Robert Ayers, while he is away and she accepted the Directors position.

JULY 23rd LUNCHEON IS CANCELLED.
THERE IS THE POSSIBLITY OF August 15th ANNUAL BBQ WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED

The Flamingo Resort & Spa

EDITORS NOTE: I contacted The flamingo Resort by e-mail asking the status of the Hotel. Tim Duffield responded and he stated, “Non essential Meal events, so far, have not been allowed to take place. They have been holding small essential meetings, and retail events. When the County says it's okay, they are ready.”

“Sunshine Lady”

Call Myrna Hurst, 707-468-0146, if you know of anyone in the chapter who might enjoy a get well or sympathy card.

JULY BOARD MEETING CANCELLED.
THERE IS THE POSSIBLITY THAT THE AUGUST 4th BOARD MEETING WILL ALSO BE CANCELLED.
(NOTE: AN E-MAIL, VIDEO ZOOM or OUTDOOR MEETING COULD BE HELD)

JULY IS CANCELLED

AUGUST MAY BE CANCELLED ALSO

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: For Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 11:30am, In the Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room is cancelled but will be held on Zoom.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings.

Legislative Affairs – July 2020

LEGISLATION:

Federal

I believe that it's safe to say that we are still in a state of flux during this COVID -19 crisis combined with protests throughout the Nation. Changes are coming out daily and there is no way to publish these changes in this Voice without misstating what is happening. However, there are significant challenges to be faced as several items could face the axe on the budget chopping block.

We need to be heard. Please open the MOAA website to the "Take Action" and use the suggested letters requesting that our our Senators and Congressmen do not cut items which we consider essential.

State:

As I said before, with our state legislators being told to reduce the number of bills they are authoring and to restrict the remaining few to issues that relate to COVID-19 plus presenting a **REVISED** budget with several cuts and proposed **NEW** taxes as shown below:

Barstow Veterans Home. Believe or not, the state budget crunchers led by the Governor, are trying to close the 220 bed installation built in 1996 in Barstow to "save" money (\$2.6 million) along with the proposed closing of a couple of prisons. Even though it may have escaped closure this year, most assuredly it will be back on the chopping block next year. We need to keep pressure on our state assemblymen.

Saving money is one thing, but saving to pay a cash stipend to undocumented persons living in California, is another thing. As Assemblyman Jay Obernolte, R-Big Bear, said it was "unconscionable to balance the budget on the backs of our veterans and even worse to displace the 200 residents who currently call this home."

Proposition 13. Friends, new taxes **WILL** happen if we suffer from the "Ostrich Syndrome" and do nothing. Already you are paying more for gasoline starting in July. On the November ballot, **THEY** are proposing to split commercial property taxes from residential property taxes to raise money to pay for school improvements, etc. Assessment will be at full market value. This is a real estate broker's dream to put much more money in his pocket.

Besides opening the door for future change to include taxes on **YOUR** home, this in-

sidious proposal with seriously affect **ALL** small business owners, many of whom are veterans trying to make a living in this state. With the lockdown of the economy for almost three months, many small businesses will not survive.

BE ALERT – FOLLOW THE MONEY!

Vern McNamee, Legislative Chair

Redwood Empire Chapter member **WILLIAM ANDERSON**

Has made an offer

He realizes that the country is presently going through a rough time, because of the present COVID-19 virus, and there are a lot of people with many different needs. He is offering to our members and any veterans organizations his help.

As a landlord he can repair many house issues for our their members. **FREE!** They only need to pay for parts.

He can transport supplies. He lives in Santa Rosa. He owns 46 properties in this state alone and is his own maintenance service. He does many kinds of things.

Anyone can call him and he will give you more details. Call: William Anderson at 707-331-0366

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## DECEASED MEMBERS

**CWO-4 ROBERT B. DUNN, USCG**  
June 3, 2020

**THE REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER OFFICERS AND  
MEMBERS EXTEND OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO  
THE, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF THEIR  
DEPARTED LOVE ONES**

## Chapter Event Refund Policy

By Tim Morgan, Treasurer

Over the past year, due to several different reasons, no shows at chapter events (Luncheon, Dinners, etc.) have become a problem for accounting. For events held at the Flamingo Hotel, we are required to provide the hotel an estimate of the expected attendance at the event. We are typically charged by the Flamingo a fee based on our estimate of this number. When a prepaid member is unable to attend the event, for whatever reason the Chapter is expected to pay the Flamingo for that meal. If we know ahead of time (any time prior to 10am on Wednesday before the Thursday event), that the member can't make it (and/or the number of guests change), we can adjust the head count estimate to the Flamingo and avoid this problem. At the February 2020 Board meeting, a policy on no show refunds was determined. The policy is as follows:

### RECMOAA – Event Refund Policy

For members who have paid in advance for an event and for any reason, determine that they will be unable to attend that event, a refund will be provided to the member, if the chapter Secretary is contacted prior to 10am on the Wednesday before the event. Upon request the member also may optionally indicate to the Secretary that funds be directed to the Col. Brey Scholarship Fund in lieu of a refund. After 10am Wednesday, should a prepaid member fail to show at the event, the funds will be directed to the Chapter General Fund.

If there are any questions about this policy, please contact Tim Morgan, Treasurer (707-695-9293).

## MAY BE LAST MOAA VOICE FOR SOME MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT PAID DUES FOR 2020

There are 17 members that have not paid their dues. Initials listed below:

RNC,HFC,DC,SDiii,LE,DE,WJH,HWH,  
BPK,LCM,JAM,JAP,RAR,AS,DLT,MGW,  
NDW.

Call Secretary for more information

**NOTE:** I had only one member renew their dues last month.

Bob Safreno ~ 707-795-3963 / 707-479-9374

## COL BREY SCHOLARSHIP INFO:

The scholarship committee met in March and evaluated 4 (Four) applications for the Col Brey Scholarship. None of the applications had any names on them. The committee was able to select Three (3) of the applicants. But they were very close and could not decide a ranking order. After an online Board meeting, it was decided that \$12,000.00 was available for this years applicants.

The following three applicants were awarded \$4,000.00 each: Aidan Briggs (Sponsored by CAPT Michael Maddalena, USNR); Lily Swanson (Sponsored by Maj & Mrs Ken Johnson, USAF); and Audrey Anderson (Sponsored by CPT & Mrs William "Van" E. Anderson, USA). The fourth application was not complete and received no award.

**The letter enclosed, below was from one of or Scholarship applicants to the Redwood Empire Chapter of MOAA:**

Dear Gentlemen,

10 June 2020

Subject: MOAA Scholarship

Yesterday was a wonderful day for me as I learned that I am a recipient for the MOAA scholarship.

As you are aware I applied to the Naval and Coast guard academies. I was accepted to the Coast Guard prep school, likely due to concerns of my shoulder. Well, they refused me as well on data that may not have been totally presented.

My plan B was to attend the SRJC as 20 credit hours per semester. I am taking only 4 this Summer due to on line class availability. Then two semesters at 20 credits each. That should put me at Junior status for a business degree as well.

The language disciplines will continue along with calculus as I improve my shoulder through additional treatment and MRI reviews. These treatments may be unnecessary but could still be helpful with reinforcement of my fitness as a military officer.

Additionally, I have joined the National Guard, well MEPS next week as a 35M (Humint Intelligence). This will allow training with NG while attending SRJC before attending basic training. Unless I am excepted to the USCGA or USNA. However, the NG has 8 appointments for West Point. So, there are many options for me to pursue. If I am not picked up by the academies then I will attend basic training and follow on with another language at Defense Language Institute. Perhaps a seventh language. If I go this route, then ROTC and take an Intelligence commission and likely remain with the National Guard. Which hopefully will incur yet another language.

After a BA I plan to complete a MBA and join the work force. Possibly an Intelligence agency,

A side benefit I may be attending Airborne school after basic based on performance. This would be very exciting.

Gentlemen, thank you again for selecting me to become a future Officer.

Very Respectfully,

Audrey E S Anderson

*(Signed)*

## 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

June:  
 UNK, 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 CNX, Picnic at Two Rock. Honor Brey Recipients  
 CNX, United Veterans Council meeting

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July:  
 7<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Pick a nominating committee  
 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Calistoga  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 22<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon, Flamingo Resort & Spa

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

September:  
 1<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2020 officers  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

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19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Air Show at CMS Airport?  
 23<sup>rd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

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18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> ?? Friday, Luncheon, Two Rock USCG (\$10.00?)

October:  
 6<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

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22<sup>nd</sup> Luncheon or Dinner?, Flamingo, Election of Officers for 2021  
 28<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

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

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

\*\* Not Confirmed at this time ~ CNX = Cancelled ~ UNK = Unknown  
 All Meals at Flamingo will be Buffets 06/32/06

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS**  
**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO BE FUTURE OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE MEMBERS ON OUR BOARD AND GIVE THEM YOUR NAME AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE FOR THE YEAR 2021.**

### “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](mailto:nowacki@sonic.net)

## MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

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Once again, it looks like no MOAA activities during the month of July. Hopefully we'll get back to some kind of normal soon. I know. I say that every month. Hope springs eternal.

Stay safe and well, everyone! And keep laughing!

**Tina Lewis, Publicity 707-539-5546,**  
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## MOAA VOICE

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