



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

This past week Dayle and I have just returned from spending three weeks in London. We spent our time with family which consisted of Dayle's son, his wife, and their two children. It's been about seven months since we last spent time with

them, and although we communicate weekly by Facebook and email nothing is the same as being able to be physically present with one another. We were able to share common activities and interests that brought us together and strengthened our relationship with one another.

You and I are part of an organized body of people who have common interest and a variety of past experiences. We come together to share with each other the stories and the interests of our past. We all have a history not just about of our military experiences, but many of our life's adventures that have taken us into a different and interesting places. I think it would be interesting if any one of our members wanted to share some of their life's adventures at one of our lunches.

In these past few months, because of Covid restrictions we have not had the liberty to spend a lot of personal time together. This is your organization, we need the support and interest of all of our members to make an effort to join with our other members at our monthly events.

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Thursday, July 28, 2022 Buffet Luncheon at the EPICENTER in Santa Rosa 11:00am ~ Dine at Noon

Guest Speaker: Will be **Dr. Gary Johanson**. He is the Top Hospice MD in Sonoma County. His talk will be about Hospice, which many of our members may be interested in. Many people of our generation are getting older and we are always looking for help or guidance on taking care of our love ones.

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINING, this is needed for head counts for meals and making name tags.

See page No. 3 for the Luncheon menu.

"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

"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.

MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS will be MEETING at the Santa Rosa Veterans building in the Conference room.

Tuesday, July 5, 2022, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings.

Legislative Update- July 2022

Federal:

2022 NDAA. MOAA will be presenting, or has already presented as you read this, a WEBINAR on 06/28/2022 concerning what is happening to the Federal Budget. So, if you did not watch it, I urge to pull it up on MOAA's website to watch a replay. It is quite revealing. With billions going to fund the Ukraine effort as well as more for COVID-19 costs, let's hold our breath to see what plays out in the end. This applies to our MOAA priorities as well although it seems that the Senate has approved the Toxic Exposure Reform Bill which will help take care of the problem of burnouts and other toxic exposure.

COLA for 2022 continues to rise. The latest information available shows it 7.3% above the baseline headed for a record not seen in decades. However, with money being scarce, constant attention for any maneuvering by our legislators to "save" as was tried in other years

State:

We flamed out in our efforts get **AB 1623 Tax Exemption for Military Retired Pay** passed in spite of all your efforts, particularly by our CALMOAA President Fred Green and CALMOAA Legislative Vice President Jeff Breiton. Thanks to all.

Now we need to go back to the drawing boards to see how to proceed in this coming year.

Your input regarding what we want in the future in terms of legislation and we need this information by mid-September. Please send your thoughts to me at my email address <vernonmc@mcn.org> or, call or text me to 707 972-3066.

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired
Legislative Chairman
Redwood Empire Chapter MOAA (CA30)
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CPT WILLIAM ANDERSON, USA

Is offering his service to
members and veterans in need.

He realizes that the country is presently going through a rough time, because of the present COVID-19 virus and shelter in place, 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 59 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

"Pub Crawl"

by Ken Johnson

Please join us at our in person event for all our Chapters 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. We had been 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. We have chosen to have our event at the Graton Resort & Casino, in Rohnert Park. They have several restaurants but the one I like is called the Daily Grill. It has both indoor and outdoor seating and a very nice menu. They have three large parking lots so there's plenty of room for parking.

We are meeting on the third Tuesday, at 11:30am, July 19th **NOTE: This is not just for the guys, the wives or spouses are more than welcome.** Our time and date for future meetings will be up to the needs of interested members. This is just a fun way to get together and have great times together. A few of our members had a good time doing this by **ZOOM** meetings in the past. However I'm open to any input and suggestions, so call me if you have any questions at 408 -466-6764.

Pub Crawl

**Redwood Empire
Chapter member**

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

Buffet Luncheon, Thursday July 28, 2022

Epicenter, 3215 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa

Socializing 11:00 to 11:45 am, Meeting starts, *Lunch* 12:00 noon

Cost (including tax and tip) - **Price \$26.00**

Salad: Broccoli Salad. Fresh Rolls & Butter.

Lunch: Lemon Chicken, Mini Meatloaves, Herbed Pasta, (Esquite)

Dessert: Cookies. Water, Iced Tea, Hot Tea and Coffee

Enclosed: is my check for my advanced reservation ___ persons @ \$26.00 each. \$ _____

Note: All must make **RESERVATIONS** Please Pre Pay if possible. (Late options only Pay At Door).

Information is needed for head counts for meals and making name tags.

NO RESERVATION or Walk-Ins will cost \$30.00 per person.

Donations: Col. Brey Scholarship Fund (Fully Tax Deductible). \$ _____ **TOTAL:** \$ _____

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Gary Johanson**. He is the Top Hospice MD in Sonoma County.

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: **RECMOAA**

To: MOAA, Redwood Empire Chapter, P.O. Box 2801, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

“Contact the Chapter Secretary @ 707-795-3963, prior to 10:00am, Tuesday before the Thursday event to request a refund on prepaid meals.”

BAREFOOT

Those of you who didn't attend our May luncheon missed a fun party. Jennifer Wall, daughter of Lew and Florence Wall, is the winemaker for Barefoot Cellars, the most awarded wine brand in the world. While her husband poured wine, Jennifer showed slides and talked about the wines, the wine-making process, and the philosophy of Barefoot Cellars, which is to make approachable, affordable wines. We first sipped champagne, then moved on to three white wines, and finished with tastes of three red wines. Jennifer is enthusiastic and knowledgeable, and the wines were very good. In addition, Epicenter served us one of the best meals we've had there.

The Parrot

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary.



Every word out of the bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by consistently saying only polite words, playing soft music and anything else he could think of to

“clean up” the bird's vocabulary.

Finally, John was fed up and he yelled at the parrot. The parrot yelled back. John shook the parrot and the parrot got angrier and even ruder. John, in desperation, threw up his hand, grabbed the bird and put him in the freezer. For a few minutes, the parrot squawked and kicked and screamed.

Then suddenly there was total quiet. Not a peep was heard for over a minute. Fearing that he'd hurt the parrot, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arms and said “I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I'm sincerely remorseful for my inappropriate transgressions and I fully intend to do everything I can to correct my rude and unforgivable behavior.” John was stunned at the change in the bird's attitude.

As he was about to ask the parrot what had made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird spoke-up, very softly,

“May I ask what the turkey did?”

2022 DATES TO REMEMBER*

*COVID-19 Virus could change all these events and dates!

June:
21st "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
22nd United Veterans Council meeting

July:
5th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – selection of nominating committee
10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
19th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
27th United Veterans Council meeting
28th Luncheon, **Epicenter**

August:
2nd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
16th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
13th Saturday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
24th United Veterans Council meeting

September:
6th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2023 officers
10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
** 17th - 18th Air Show at CMS Airport?
** 20th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
** 16th or 23rd ?? Friday, Luncheon, Two Rock USCG (\$10.00?)
28th United Veterans Council meeting

October:
4th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
18th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
26th United Veterans Council meeting
** 27th Luncheon or Dinner?, **Epicenter**, Election of Officers for 2023

November:
1st BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
** 11th North Bay Veterans Day parade (Friday)
** 18th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
23rd United Veterans Council meeting

24th Thanksgiving Day

December:

6th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
** 7th Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??
** 4th / 10/11th Sunday, Holiday Social ??
10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
NQ United Veterans Council meeting
20th "Pub Crawl" Daily Grill, Graton Resort & Casino
25th Christmas

** Not Confirmed at this time ~ CNX = Cancelled ~ UNK = Unknown
All Meals at **Epicenter** will be Buffets

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WHY SENIOR STILL NEED NEWSPAPERS

I was visiting my daughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century" she said. "We don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad."

I can tell you this...that fly never knew what hit him.

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MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

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The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, July 13. The price is \$25.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be beef stroganoff, chicken alfredo, green beans with mushrooms, smashed red potatoes, Caesar salad with shrimp, and cookies.

If the Telephone Committee does not contact you, 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 707-538-3342.

We do not have an outside speaker for July. However! We have something even better! We're going to talk about US! Should be fun. Don't miss out.

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