

# MOAA

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Redwood Empire Chapter



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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Think for a moment about the last time you were in your car hit the start button and the engine came to life and purred like a kitten. You were on your way. Not much thought to it, it happened because you have a finally tuned, well-maintained car with his computer sensors all working together to give you a comfortable ride. But for many of us that's what we expect. It's a lot like when we gather for our monthly MOAA meetings. Our board members will each give us their reports along with any committee reports. Often times I think we fail to give credit to the time and effort they put into their work. Just like that smooth running car our organization needs the same smooth running working parts that give life and value to our organization. Some of this came to light as I recently spent time with our Scholarship Committee working to select individuals who will be recipients of our funding. We had seven members who spent almost 4 hours reviewing the documents presented by the applicants trying to assess who qualified for the scholarship grants. There were no discussions between us during the review process. Each applicant was evaluated in 10 different areas with the score of 1 to 10. In the end we gathered to present our individual evaluations. Applicants were listed in numerical order from high to low and the final selections were made.

I want to give a sincere thanks to the efforts of the Scholarship Committee members and the time that all of our committee members and our special project individuals who through their efforts contribute to making this a smooth and successful organization.

**Major Kenneth Johnson, USAF, President**  
408-466-6764 ~ kenthetraveler@gmail.com

## MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

will be at the Santa Rosa Veterans building  
in the Conference room.

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

## "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.

**THURSDAY, MAY25, 2023**

**Buffet Luncheon at the  
EPICENTER in Santa Rosa  
11:00am ~ Dine at Noon**

**Guest Speaker: Col John B. Doolittle, USAF.**

He will discuss his new book  
"Khoda Hafez...Goodbye Iran".

This is a journal of what happened when a husband and father moved his family to Tehran, Iran in June 1978. John took a job as a senior engineer for American Bell International Inc (ABII). What was supposed to be just a foreign assignment turned into being a witness to a revolution and the last ruling days of the Shah of Iran. The book tells of ordinary daily life interspersed with demonstrations and riots as seen through the eyes of the author, his wife, company security, and various new media.

**NOTE:** More information on page 5, lower section on the right hand column

## **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINING,**

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

See page No. 5 for the Luncheon menu.

## COL BREY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

This year we received twice as many applications as have ever been received. The Scholarship Committee is very pleased to announce that the following highly qualified applicants have been awarded a \$1500. scholarship each: Anna Linch (granddaughter of Don and Susan Linch); Jared and Justin Feldstein (grandsons of Don and Barbara Confer); Jocelyn Afflerbaugh (great-granddaughter of Dick Mattingly); Sophia Phan (granddaughter of Don and Susan Linch); and Adi Lane (grandson of Jeannine Lane).

My heartfelt thanks go to the hard-working Scholarship Committee: Tina Lewis, Laura Meredith, Tim Morgan, Mary Gwen Neisingh and Ken Johnson, ex officio. Many, many thanks go also to Pete Rizzo, Application Custodian.

Susan Linch  
Chair, Scholarship Committee

**SEE "Pub Crawl" on Page 5**

## Legislative Update - May 2023

**General Comments.** As this is possibly your last chance to make your voices heard before the Legislative Summer Doldrums, I am reprinting some of the high interest bills for your action. If you have any comments, please give me a call or send me an email.

### Federal:

**The Expanding America's National Cemetery Act (H.R. 1413).** This is a significant piece of legislation protecting full uniformed services burial benefits introduced March 7 by Reps. Lisa McClain (R-Mich.) and Chrissy Houlihan (D-Pa.) is designed to preserve the option for full military honors now available at ANC and offers a long-term solution to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) which would inevitably run out of room. It would authorize designating the next national cemetery location with equivalent honors to continue these benefits, rather than reducing eligibility at ANC.

Your action is urged to use the "Take Action" on the MOAA website to ask your Congressman to support this measure.

**Major Richard Star Act.** This act would repeal this unfair offset, allowing these disabled Veterans to receive both their retirement pay and their disability pay.

Please use "Take Action" encourage support. It was doing well during the last secession but failed in the end.

### State:

**AB 46 Retired Pay Tax Exemption.** We are STILL in an "all hands" mode to get support for AB 46. This bill is currently in suspense in the Appropriations Committee and will be voted "up or out" next month. This being the case, I urge you to send a copy of the following letter by snail mail or email to Chairman Chris Holden asking for his support. The "push and send", while good, more is needed to get to the chairman.:

"Assembly Member Chris R. Holden  
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
e-mail: [approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:approps.committee@assembly.ca.gov)

April 25, 2023

"SUBJ: AB 46: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.

"Dear Chair Holden,

Assemblymember James Ramos has introduced AB 46, "Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act. I believe approval of this bill is vital to support California's workforce and economic development.

"I deeply appreciate Assemblymember Ramos for recognizing the significant contributions our military retirees and their spouses provide to California's skilled workforce and the 158.2 billion dollars the Defense Industry brings to California each year. But with all 49 other states offering tax exemption of military retiree pay, we are now losing many of our military retirees and their families to other states.

"Military retirees and their families are ready from the first day of retirement to enter numerous professions in California where there is a shortage of candidates. Studies conducted by the San Diego Military Affairs Council clearly show that these second careers have higher income than the exempted retirement pay. With dual income, retirees that remain generate millions of dollars of additional revenue for local communities, counties and our state from property, sales and corporate taxes, plus income taxes on the higher salaries of those second careers.

"Please take a comprehensive look at AB 46 – retained federal dollars, expanded workforce, and enhanced overall tax revenue. Keep our military retirees in California. Please support AB46!" "Sincerely,"

However, in case you did not take advantage of "push to send letter" offered in last month's Voice, the following letter by California State Commanders Veterans Council (CSCVC) requesting our urgent support is posted again for your convenience.

### "Veterans and Advocates,

"We need your help on a bill going through the California State legislature that aims to exempt Military Retirees and Surviving Spouse payments from state income tax: AB46 (introduced by Ramos, Mathis, and Soria)

California is the only state in the country that does not provide some form of tax relief for its military retirees.

"Despite having the largest number of assigned active-duty military of any state, California only ranks fourth in the number of military retirees who call California home. California continues to lose military retirees to other states at an accelerated rate. Military retirees who do remain in California provide an available workforce to fill many of the 40,000 technical and over 20,000 medical field vacancies in California. These jobs include software engineering, cybersecurity, aerospace, systems engineering, artificial intelligence, biochemistry, physicians, nurses and management level positions. It is anticipated the need for these skilled workers will grow by 2% a year. Additionally, many military retirees, surviving spouses and children will use their federal GI Bill educational benefits to pursue advanced degrees in STEM and medical occupations providing much needed help to California's workforce

"According to a study conducted for the governor's military council, the defense industry contributed \$168 billion dollars to California's economy in 2021, 5% of the state's budget. The Department of Defense estimates that military retirees bring a \$4.1 billion dollar annual inflation-protection stream of federal funds to California's economy each year.

"It is time for California to join the other 49 states and recognize the value military retirees bring to the state they retire in.

**"Solution:** AB 46 recognizes members of the Armed Forces and their contribution to our nation and seeks to exempt their retirement pay once they retire after twenty or more years of service. This bill sunsets in 2034.

"The purpose of the bill is twofold; to honor those who dedicated their lives to serving their country, and to retain and attract uniformed service retirees to California for the purposes of strengthening the state's skilled workforce, bringing stability to communities, and contributing to the state and local tax base.

### **Will you please take a few minutes to send a letter to your state Assemblymember today?**

"Please help us tell the Assembly that the veterans' community strongly supports AB 46 and supports those who served in the uniformed services. **"Use our simple, fast online letter-writing tool to send a letter to your Assemblymember today."**

"Thank you for your support!"

**Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired**  
Legislative Chairman  
Redwood Empire Chapter MOAA (CA30)  
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## Free Lifetime National Parks Passes Are Here for Veterans and Gold Star Families



All U.S. veterans and Gold Star family members can get a free lifetime entrance pass for federal parks and recreation sites nationwide starting Nov. 11, 2022. The pass, an expansion on the annual free pass for currently serving troops and their families, grants free access to about 2,000 parks and lands managed by the National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; U.S. Forest Service; Bureau of Land Management; Bureau of Reclamation; and the U.S. [Army](#) Corps of Engineers, according to an announcement on the park service website. It also gives discounted amenity fees in some locations.

While not every park or visitor area requires an entrance fee, many do. For example, Yosemite National Park in California charges a \$35 entrance fee per vehicle, while Craters of the Moon National Monument charges \$20. Other locations charge for entering museum or curation areas in the visitor center. For instance, the Begich, Boggs Visitor Center in the Chugach National Forest, Alaska, charges \$5 per adult to access a film and exhibits.

Those fees are waived for holders of the new lifetime pass, as well as those with the free active-duty America the Beautiful military pass or other passes sold or awarded by the agencies. The new pass covers the holder and any accompanying passengers in a private vehicle at sites that charge per car, or the pass owners and up to three adults age 16 and over at sites that charge per person.

The new lifetime pass program does not exclude veterans with so-called "bad paper" discharges. To get the pass, veterans must submit one of the following:

- Unexpired Department of Defense Identification Card (DD Form 2, DD Form 2765, or Next Generation USID replacement)
- Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC)
- Veteran ID Card

Veteran designation on a state-issued U.S. driver's license or identification card

To receive a pass visit a National Parks or parks and land agency store or staffed fee kiosk, or order via the [U.S. Geological Survey store](#). Passes ordered online carry a \$10 processing and shipping fee. Passes received in-person are free.

Gold Star family members can receive the pass by presenting a self-verification form certifying they are the next of kin to a military member killed during service overseas. The form includes a signature block and confirmation that the user is an "eligible next of kin (NOK) of a member

of the United States Armed Forces who lost his or her life in qualifying situation."

No other identification or proof is required for Gold Star family members who want to get a lifetime pass.

Bob Puett and Corry Kanzenberg from Homeward Bound



were guest speakers at the March luncheon. Bob is President of the Board of Directors of Homeward Bound, an organization founded in 1974, whose goal is to end veteran homelessness in Marin. Located on the grounds of Hamilton Airforce Base, Homeward Bound offers counseling and classes in life skills and job training. One skill training is the Culinary Academy, located in the kitchen at Hamilton. Celebrity chefs participate, and students hold events where they do the cooking and take care of table service in the dining room. Dog treats, made at Homeward Bound, can be bought at Whole Foods. Following Bob's overview of Homeward Bound, Corry gave a PowerPoint presentation of plans to build permanent housing for homeless veterans on the grounds of Hamilton. The projected cost is \$30,000,000. To date, \$14,300,000 has been raised. Homeward Bound welcomes donation and tours. For more information, visit [www.hbofm.org](http://www.hbofm.org).

## SEE "Pub Crawl" on Page 5

## DD214: What You Need to Know What Is a DD214 Form?



Your military discharge papers are officially known as DD Form 214, or just DD214. All veterans receive this Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty once they are out of the military.

In a nutshell, the DD214 is proof of your military service. All branches use this same form. There may be no more important document, as it serves as the key to unlocking benefits of all kinds.

Treat your DD214 like gold, as this piece of paper is vital to many aspects of your life in the civilian world.

**The DD214 -- DD stands for Defense** Department -- provides veterans with an accurate and complete summary of their active military service. It usually lists dates of service, any commendations or medals received, the reason for separation and the type of discharge.

You are entitled to your military records free of charge, unless for whatever reason, you simply prefer to pay someone to help you obtain them. Be aware of advertisements that claim you have to pay to get your DD214, or that they can get it more quickly (they can't).

Information the DD Form 214 May Include:

- Active-duty information, including entry date
- Place of entry into active duty
- Home address at time of entry
- Mailing address after separation
- Last duty assignment and rank obtained before getting out
- Military occupational specialty (MOS)
- Military education
- Decorations, medals, badges, citations and campaign awards
- Service length
- Any foreign service

Separation information (type, character of service, authority/reason for separation, eligibility codes)

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) (VA) uses the form to determine eligibility for specific benefits.

The Department of Labor uses DD214 to determine eligibility for unemployment compensation. Additionally, the form will be used to determine reemployment rights. Inaccurate information on the DD Form 214 could result in a delay or denial of benefits.

The surviving [spouse](#) of a military veteran also needs to know how to access the DD214 in order for the service member's funeral service to receive patriotic honors. These include the folding and presentation of the United States burial flag; and the sounding of taps, at no cost to the family.

## Why Is a DD214 Important?

This separation document contains information normally needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment and membership in veteran organizations.

**A DD214 generally is needed for the following:**

- Home loans
- Civilian employment
- Veteran organizations membership
- Social Security
- Burial/flag
- Education
- Homeless veteran services
- Medical services
- Deals and discounts for veterans (sometimes)

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## How to Get Your DD214

There are several ways to request a copy of your DD214:

- Via the federal government's [eVetRecs website](#).
- Visit the [VA website](#) for instructions on how to access your records via milConnect.
- By mail: Download the [Form SF 180 here](#) -- the Request Pertaining to Military Records -- and mail it to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) at 1 Archives Dr., St. Louis, Missouri 63138. (Detailed instructions on the Form SF 180 [can be found here](#).)
- By fax: Fax the completed Form SF 180 to the NPRC at 314-801-9195.
- Visit the National Personnel Records Center in person
- Contact your state or county veterans agency ([click here](#) to search for a VA facility near you).
- Hire an independent researcher.

Your request may take 4-6 weeks or longer.

## What Is the Fastest Way to Get a DD214?

To receive a DD214 as quickly as possible, visit the [eVetRecs website](#) and, as you go through the dropdown menus, select "Emergency Request" in the dropdown menu under: "Which of these categories best describes why you're requesting the records?" You won't see this option until you begin going through the records request process and get to the "Service and request details" section.

You may also fax a record request using Form SF 180 to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) at 314-801-9195. Make sure to specify the emergency in the "Purpose" section of Form SF 180 before faxing it. If you have any questions, you may call 314-801-0800, but note that hold times can be long.

This form also gives civil and government agencies the information needed to apply any federal and state laws relevant to members who separate from the military.

## Why You Should Keep Your DD214 as Private as Possible?

The DD214 includes personally identifying information that could put you at risk for identity theft. Someone with nefarious intent could apply for a credit card in your name or otherwise try to impersonate you.

"Identity thieves could use your personal information to obtain fraudulent credit, identification cards and other items," according to the U.S. [Army's](#) Human Resources Command. "To protect yourself, treat your documents as you would a valuable personal possession. Store your documents only in a safe location not accessible to strangers."

Should I File a Copy of My DD214 at the Courthouse?

Over the years, experts have suggested that veterans file a copy of their DD214 at their local county courthouse, in order to make it easily accessible should the need arise.

However, before taking such a step, consider there may be a risk of identity theft if your DD214 would become publicly available, as many court records are.

Many municipalities have taken steps to ensure the privacy of veterans' records, either by preventing the general public from accessing discharge papers, or by blacking out some identifying information. So do your research before filing a copy of your paperwork at the courthouse.

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

## Buffet Luncheon, Thursday May 25, 2023

**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:** Wedge Salad. Fruit Salad. Fresh Rolls & Butter.

**Lunch:** Tempura Shrimp, ~ Boneless Chicken Wings - BBQ and Herbed Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables

**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: **Col John B. Doolittle, USAF.** He will discuss his new book "Khoda Hafez...Goodbye Iran".

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."

## Redwood Empire Chapter member 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 57 properties in this state alone and is his own maintenance service. He does many kinds of things. He still offers a weeks worth of goods and 5 gallons of gas to needy members, vets and classmates.

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

just different. You will also see when people want change; they can accomplish it against tremendous odds. Iran is transformed to a new rule of government, one which impacts all aspects of everyday life. On January 16, 1979, the Shah of Iran and the author leave on the same day never to return again

The presentation will include pictures of Iran taken by the author during this period, including pictures of media coverage. John will also have books for sale (\$15) which he will happily sign if requested.

*"On the way home, I turned onto a street demonstration where people were yelling and burning tires. I told son John it was a street repair crew, but I don't think he believed me. Even with the windows up, John and I were both coughing and gagging in the car from the smell of burning rubber. But I was afraid to open the windows because the demonstrators had surrounded the car. I was trying to determine what to do when an Iranian banged on the driver's side window and yelled in English, 'Follow me?' He then yelled something in Farsi to the crowd, and they let him guide me to a side street. All of a sudden, it was almost quiet. The smell of burning rubber dissipated, and the demonstration continued to move down the street I had just left."*

## "Pub Crawl"

Chapter members, Friends and Guests: "Pub Crawl", is back on our event calendar.

We will meet at 11:30 at the **Epicenter**. May 15, 2023. Always on the **THIRD** Monday of each month. Our pub crawls are a great place to relax and share our past experiences. We all have stories to tell!!! **NOTE:** Last month we had 16 in attendance.

Any other questions, please call your President Ken Johnson. (408)466-6764.

Col John B. Doolittle, USAF ~ Continued from Page 1: You will observe how Iranians live life is different than the western world; it isn't wrong, it's

## THE FOLLOWING 10 MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2023.

(AND THEY MAY BE DROPPED SOON)

### SEE IF YOURS IS MISSING

**WLA:** Windsor, **RLA:** Santa Rosa, **BPK:** Santa Rosa, **LCM:** Finley, **AS:** Rohnert Park, **AU:** Penngrove, **BKW:** Sonoma, **LLW:** Sonoma

**PLEASE PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES  
THEY ARE ONLY \$25.00 PER YEAR**

## 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

### APRIL:

4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
12<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
17<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am  
26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### MAY:

2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
10<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
13<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day – Rose Parade, Santa Rosa  
15<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am  
24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremonies

### JUNE:

6<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
17<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Picnic Spring Lake, Lower Jackrabbit Area  
Honor Scholarship Recipients?  
19<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am  
28<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

### JULY:

11<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – select a nominating committee  
12<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
17<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am  
26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### AUGUST:

1<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
9<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ  
21<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am  
23<sup>rd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

### SEPTEMBER:

5<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2024 officers  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

13<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
18<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at Epicenter, **11:30 am**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Air Show at CMS Airport?  
27<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### OCTOBER:

3<sup>rd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
11<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
16<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at Epicenter, **11:30 am**  
25<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> Luncheon Epicenter, Election of Officers for

### NOVEMBER:

7<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
8<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
11<sup>th</sup> North Bay Veterans Day parade (Friday)  
17<sup>th</sup> Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building  
20<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at Epicenter, **11:30 am**  
22<sup>nd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Day

### DECEMBER:

5<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Holiday Social, Sally's Tomatoes  
10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
NO United Veterans Council meeting  
18<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am ??  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas

\*\* = Not Confirmed at this time ~ CNX = Cancelled ~ UNK = Unknown

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## MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

### 2023 Officers

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The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$25.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will enchiladas, quesadillas with asada, esquite, Spanish rice with pinto beans, house salad, 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.

The guest speaker at the April luncheon was Melissa Stewart, Executive Director of Chop's Teen Club near Railroad Square. Her PowerPoint presentation highlighted the many things offered to help teenagers from grades seven through twelve learn life skills.

Look for a strong possibility of the ever-popular Bingo at the May luncheon! Please join us!

**Tina Lewis**, Publicity 707-539-5546,  
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