



PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Dear Members,
I hope this finds you all well.

Thanks again to **Lew Wall** for another interesting presentation on the Shenandoah Valley.

Congratulations to **Bruce Stahley** who was installed as 2nd Vice President at the February Board

Meeting. Please inform Bruce if you have a recommendation for a guest speaker.

Don’t forget to set your clocks forward. Daylight Savings begins on March 9th.

Enjoy St. Patrick’s Day on the 17th!

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and
until we meet again, may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.



We honor our Vietnam Veterans on March 29th, The Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Write it on your heart
that everyday is the
best day in the year.
Ralph Waldo Emerson



EXERCISE ?
I thought you said
EXTRA FRIES

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MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

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

Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

Thursday, March 27, 2025

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

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Guest Speaker: **Mark Orlando**, Veteran Service Officer, Sonoma County speaking about his office, the Veterans Affairs (VA). There will be time for questions from those in attendance.

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PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINING,

By Tuesday, March 25, 2025. this is needed for head counts for meals and making name tags.

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See page No. 5 for the Luncheon menu.

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**NOTE: LUNCHEON PRICES ARE
NOW \$27.00 EACH.**

Pub Crawl”

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

We will meet at 12:00 noon the Poppy Bank Epicenter, March 17, 2025. 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!!

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

“GOOD SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED”

Chapter members:

Who do you want to hear from?

Please send your suggestions to

Bruce Stahley, Phone: 415-328-9278

or by e-mail: bruce.a.stahley@gmail.com

“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.

WE NEED
YOU!



**COMING SOON!!!!
THE COL BREY
SCHOLARSHIP AND
MERIT AWARDS
HAVE BEEN REVISED TO
REFLECT GRADES, MERIT,
AND HUMANITY!!!
OPEN TO:**

High school seniors or High school graduates

- to pursue a college degree
- 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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The application period for COL William G. Brey Scholarships will open on January 1, 2025, and will close on March 15, 2025. Closing date is firm. Those eligible to apply for scholarship assistance are children, wards, and grandchildren, natural or adopted, of living or deceased officer, warrant officer, or auxiliary members of the Chapter. Sponsors must be participating members. 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
Post Office Box 2801
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801

or, by directly contacting Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Susan Linch
4825 Glencannon Street,
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7911
Phone: (707)538-3342
or e-mail: srmomx5@comcast.net

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

**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 60 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

Legislative Update MARCH 2025

General Comments.

Federal.

As the new Congress convenes we must stay engaged and up-to-date by checking out www.moss.org since legislation frequently must be reintroduced, reviewed, and reassessed. Keep your heads up!

State.

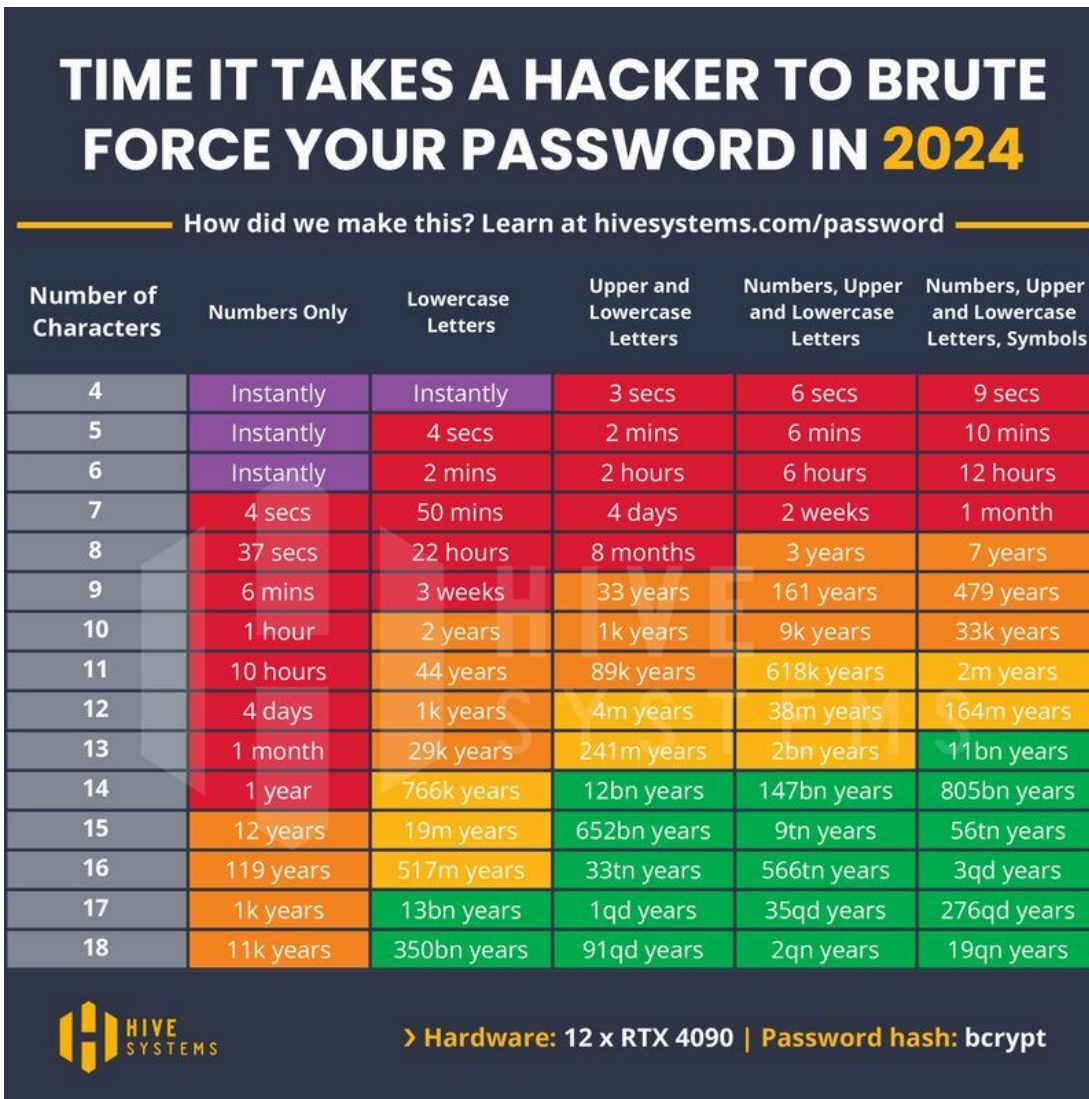
Summary: Once more, there is a ray of light on the horizon military retirees residing in California. Follows are details with request for “all hands” support to get involved by following the link which will send an email to the Rev and Tax Committee members. All you need to do is to click on the link and all will be done for you.

https://mailchi.mp/12fa14ae239f/call-to-action-ab-2736-request-governor-to-sign-13874013?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR31PcBrvmyEbfR1Pp-DFj1_0-bPOF3ARoPtkCmueQhmAWRkP4z04ArQfYA_aem_AvYCY2kBAK3MIXKFBLYwg

Exemption of Military Retirement Income - AB 53 Legislation excluding uniformed services retirement pay and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) income from state tax was reintroduced December 2nd as AB 53 by Assemblymember Ramos after failing to become law in the previous session. It retains the backing of MOAA’s California Council of Chapters (CALMOAA), which supports the bill alongside other military and veterans groups such as the American Legion - Department of California, the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers, the Enlisted Association of the California National Guard, and the California State Commanders Veterans Council.

Call me if you have any questions,

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired
 Legislative Chair
 Redwood Empire Chapter MOAA (CA30)
 707 972-3066 vernonmc@mcn.org



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COMPUTER
 PASSWORDS





Chapter President Donna Poulter installing COL Bruce Stahley as 2nd Vice-President.

GRANDPAW JOKES

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE FELLOW WHO HAD HIS ENTIRE LEFT SIDE SURGICALLY REMOVED. HE'S ALL RIGHT NOW.

WHAT TWO DAYS ARE THE STRONGEST OF THE WEEK. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BECAUSE ALL THE REST ARE WEEKDAYS.

DID YOU KNOW THE INVENTOR OF THE FERRIS WHEEL AND THE INVENTOR OF THE MERRY-GO-ROUND NEVER MET. BUT, THEN THEY DO MOVE IN DIFFERENT CIRCLES.

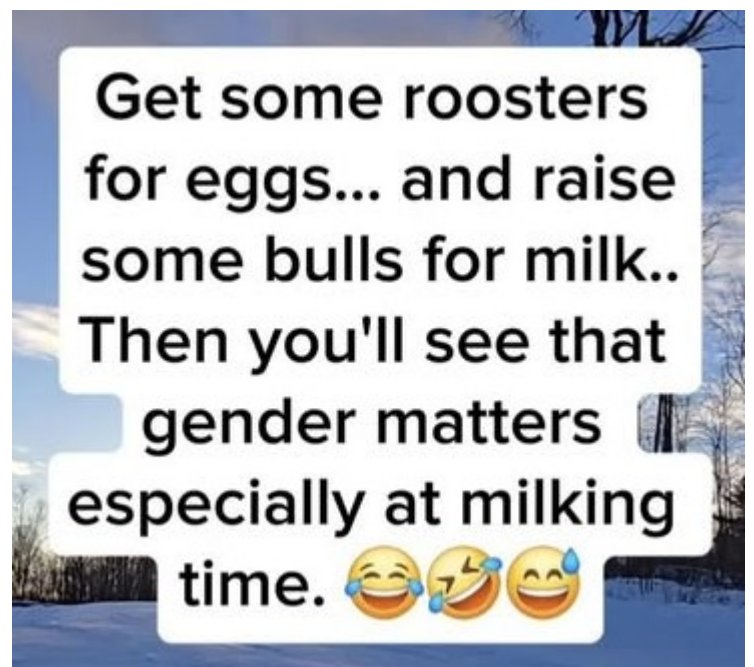
WHAT KIND OF CLOTHING DOES A FROG WEAR? JUMP SUITS.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MITTENS ROMANCE. IT WAS GLOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

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Here's a marriage tip, if you need a new can opener just get a new can opener. Don't give one to your wife for Christmas.

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

## Buffet Luncheon, Thursday March 27, 2025

**Epicenter, 3215 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa**

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

Cost (including tax and tip) - **New Price \$27.00**

**Salad:** Caesar Salad.

**Lunch:** Chicken Enchiladas ~ Grilled Flank Steak with Chimichurri Sauce  
Roasted Vegetables and Fruit Salad.

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

**Enclosed:** is my check for my advanced reservation \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$27.00 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:** Mark Orlando, Veterans Service Officer, Sonoma County. (see page one (1) for more information.)

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

### 105 year old woman's remedies to her health



**"For better digestion – I drink beer. In the case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In the case of low blood pressure, I drink red wine. In the case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. And when I have a cold, I drink Schnapps."**

**"When do you drink water?"**

**"I've never been that sick."**

JUST TWO MORE  
PAYMENTS AND IT'S  
ALL MINE



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**NOTE: SIX (6) MEMBERS STILL NEED TO PAY THEIR DUES. ONLY \$25.00**

## 2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

March:  
 4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 12<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission Scholarship Applications  
 17<sup>th</sup> Pub Crawl at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
 27<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

April:  
 1<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners  
 9<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 21<sup>st</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 23<sup>rd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
 24<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

May:  
 6<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 14<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter  
 17<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day – Rose Parade, Santa Rosa  
 19<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremonies  
 28<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

June:  
 3<sup>rd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 \*\* 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Picnic Spring Lake, Lower Jackrabbit Area  
 Honor Scholarship Recipients?  
 16<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 25<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

July:  
 9<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 21<sup>st</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 23<sup>rd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
 24<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, Epicenter

August:  
 5<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am, select a nominating committee  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 13<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 \*\* 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ  
 18<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 27<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

September:  
 2<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2025 officers  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 10<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter  
 15<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 \*\* 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Show at CMS Airport?  
 24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, Epicenter

October:  
 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  
 20<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 22<sup>nd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon Epicenter, Election of Officers for 2026

\*\* = Not Confirmed at this time ~ **CNX** = Cancelled ~ **UNK** = Unknown  
 06/32/06

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 Hugh Hefner became
 A multi-millionaire
 Staying home in his
 Pajamas.

I'm not having the
 same results.

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MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

2025 Officers

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ABOUT TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES! ONLY \$25.00

Mail check to Norma Viglienzzone at
 1651 Cunningham Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-2357

It's time to pay your dues. You can either pay in person at a luncheon or mail a check to Norma. Make the check payable to MOAA Wives Club. The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, March 12th. The lunch cost is \$26.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be beef Stroganov, spaghetti with garlic sauce, green beans and bacon, Victory 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.

Please join us for good food and camaraderie. At this writing there is no guest speaker scheduled for March.

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