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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



Another year is upon us and Alice and I truly hope that each of you, and yours, had a wonderful Christmas (not politically correct but who cares) and that the New Year turns out to be a prosperous and joyous one. As you may or may not know, due to some very unexpected happenings, the honor of serving as your President has, once again, been bestowed upon yours truly. Be that as it may, let's charge forward into the year 2008, striving to do big things for our chapter and membership. One of my

goals for this year, the goal with the highest priority, is to stem the decline of membership in our chapter. Since 2000 our membership has fallen steadily from 333 members to 285 in 2007. We can stop this by a more aggressive approach to getting new members. Here-to-fore we've left it up to the Membership Committee to recruit more members, and we've had no Membership Chairman since Pete Wolffe left. To put it bluntly, our success has been dismal. I'm setting a goal of at least 25 new members in 2008. The eligible candidates are out there, over 400 who belong to MOAA National, but not to our chapter. With free first year dues to our chapter and first year dues to MOAA National, what's to keep potential members from joining? Almost all of us knows at least one individual who is either a retired, active, National Guard, Reserve or former officer....we just have to ask and encourage them to join. Each member who recruits a new member will be listed as a sponsor at the time the new member is announced in the VOICE. The Chapter needs you help and support.

On a lighter note, Col. Jack Krout and I attended the Marin MOAA Chapter Christmas event at the Sheraton in San Rafael...what a gala affair. Close to a hundred attended this formal gathering, tuxedos, dress uniforms, formal gowns, and all. Great camaraderie, good music and excellent food. Wonder how many of our members have, and can still get into, their uniforms.

COL Pete Peterka, President

WISDOM - FROM THE MILITARY MANUAL

"You, you, and you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me." - U.S. Marine Corp Gunnery Sgt.

DUES NOTICE

All regular members should have received your dues notice by the time you get this bulletin either by mail or e-mail.

They were sent only to members that needs to re-new their dues for 2008. Only about half of the membership have renewed their dues.

**A BIG WELCOME to a NEW MEMBER of the
REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**
MAJ WINNIFRED DUNN, USAR

DECEASED MEMBERS

CWO3 JOHN S. FEAGAN, USCG
Deceased on March 10, 2007

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: January 3d, 2008 - 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Building Conference Room.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: January 5th, 2008 - 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Building Conference Room.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, January 8th, at WilliBird's Restaurant, 1150 Santa Rosa Avenue in Santa Rosa. We will meet again on Tuesday, January 22nd at MY HA Restaurant, 385 Aviation Blvd near the Santa Rosa County Airport. Both starting times are 11:30 a.m.

COL Mal Rivkins, 996-3783

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MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

The next luncheon meeting of the Mendocino County Subchapter, RECMOAA, will be held on Saturday, January 19th, 2008, at 11:30 am, in Jensen's Restaurant's Private Dining Room, 1550 Lover's Lane and North State Street, Ukiah. We are still working on a Guest Speaker. We can order from Jensen's extensive menu, with coffee, and tea included. The Bar is Pay As You Go, for your other favorite beverages. I just received news that Staff Sergeant Jahir C. Avila, who served as an Army Recruiter in Ukiah, will complete a 15 month deployment with 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Iraq. Sergeant Avila is expected to return to Fort Hood, Texas about 15 January 2008. His lovely wife Angelica, and their boys Alex and Angel, tell me they are really looking forward to Dad's return! Also Sergeant Ron Acree, who served as an Army Recruiter in Ukiah, arrived in Iraq, in late October 2007, for a 15 month deployment, with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment. His wife Kim, who is expecting another child next summer, says she and their young son, Austin, are in email or telephone contact with Ron nearly every day. We express our sincere thanks for these brave soldiers, and their families, for their selfless service, in fighting the War On Terror. And we pray for a safe return to their families, and for their buddies. God Bless Them All!

Sincerely, LTC Ben Booth, Commander

SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 10,, 2008, at Little Switzerland as usual. We've arranged with CAPT Ilmars (Mars) Krasts, USN, of the Lake County Subchapter to be our speaker. He will talk about his experiences in helping his native country, Latvia, plan, develop, equip, train, and deploy the Latvian Republic Defense Forces, including air, land, and sea military forces, over a period of several years after the end of the Warsaw Pact era. I want to thank one of our members, Mrs. Marion McCauley, for letting me know about CAPT Krasts. Those who have internet access can read more about him in the June 2006 edition of MOAA Voice in the Lake County Sub-chapter section, available on the Redwood Empire Chapter website.

We also discussed with Alina at Little Switzerland the idea that it is time to tune up the menu choices a bit; right now we plan to meet with her and the chef sometime next week to try to come up with some new ideas. Anyone who wishes to make a recommenda-

tion about that, please call me at 996-8819. We will be able to tell each member about what the new choices are when we call in early January. As always, luncheon will be served at about 1200, but by all means come early and enjoy a libation and some camaraderie. Spouses are welcome, and of course we are always ready to welcome prospective members as well.

LTC Dennis Meredith, Commander

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

The subchapter met at Adel's in Eureka. President Howard Gardner started off the meeting by leading the "Pledge of Allegiance." Bill O'Donnell gave the invocation. After a quick election of officers, the current officers agreed to stay in place for 2008: President Howard Gardner, Treasurer Floyd Stokes, and Secretary Hank Nicol. Ben Van Zandt will represent the subchapter in Santa Rosa.

President Gardner announced the news that San Francisco has extended the Junior ROTC, but only for a year. It is still under threat of closing, and we should be alert to threats against our own NROTC program.

Medicare and Tricare are also in danger. Many doctors have opted out of the program. Bill Crowe appealed for members to call or write their national representatives and senators in protesting a bill cutting funds.

Floyd Stokes reported that the Military Assistance Fund has reached \$528.25.

Duff Huettner, an old MOAA member but new to the subchapter was welcomed.

John Mohon, of the National Guard was guest speaker. He served one tour on active duty in the Sinai and a second in Iraq. From May 2006 to 2007 he was Intelligence Sergeant with contractors and subcontractors in the northern provinces. As an engineer, John worked with construction contractors whose work is shoddy, and they don't adhere to safety standards. He emphasized that he would say nothing classified. On the current Blackwater controversy he said that, in shoot first-think later incidents, relatively inexperienced soldiers have a worse record than the security contractors' men, most of whom are ex SAS and Special Forces. Cars that approach to within 100 meters of a convoy are warned by voice and signal. If they do not back off or stop, a burst is fired at the tires or engine. The result can be fatal either way. A car bomb's blast can be effective

to 80 yards. The terrorists sometimes try to get in close by lulling soldiers by carrying children as passengers in suicide cars. Other weapons are explosive formed projectiles (EFP) that can knock out a heavy tank. He showed videos of actual shootings and explosions on a laptop he held at shoulder level; field expedient newsreel. As for our weapons he said, "Strykers are awesome."

While answering questions John said that for years the Turks have had outposts in Iraq to keep an eye on the PKK (Partiya Karkerên Kurdistan). This "Kurdish Workers' Party" is aligned with Iran and is no friend to America—or other Kurds. It avoids violence for 30 miles east of Kirkuk but, from there to the Iranian border, it's the Wild West. John said that, if we leave Iraq, there "will be genocide like Cambodia all over again." Inserting agents is almost impossible because, though all Arab dialects are mutually intelligible, they are distinct. He believes we will maintain major bases for many years.

Brenda Stokes drew the raffle numbers. Duff Hueffner won mixed nuts, Anita Stokes won chocolates, B. R. Kane won a poinsettia, and the Military Assistance Fund gained \$60.00.

President Gardner announced that the next meeting would be on 16 February, probably at the Coast Guard Air Station.

Donald Nicol

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Federal Issues

The FY 2008 Defense Authorization Bill hopefully will have been passed by the time you read this issue of the MOAA Voice. The House passed the final version of the FY2008 Defense Authorization Act by a vote of 370 to 49 and the Senate is expected to follow suit. There are several issues of concern to all our members such as concurrent receipt of disability and retired with no offset as well as ensuring that service members forced into medical retirement because of combat injuries before attaining twenty years of service are eligible to receive combat-related disability and retirement benefits, proportional to their length of service.

Additional provisions of interest in the new legislation include:

End Strength: Authorizes Army and Marine Corps increase of 13,000 and 9,000, respectively.

Army Referral Bonus: Authorizes the Army to pay up to \$2,000 to active and retired Army personnel (including civilian employees) for referral of an individual who com-

pletes Army basic training.

Thrift Savings Plan: Includes a MOAA recommendation to authorize the Department of Defense to make mid-month contributions to Thrift Savings accounts (previously, contributions were made once per month even though deductions from pay were made twice per month, so participants haven't been able to maximize returns on their investments).

Income Replacement for Reservists: Extends income replacement pay to reservists who are retained on active duty for medical care or disability if otherwise eligible.

Space-A-Travel: Allows Space-A-travel for retired members and dependents living in U.S. possessions for specialized medical care not available at their location.

TRICARE Pharmacy: Requires drug manufacturers to provide the Defense Department the same discounts on drugs sold to military patients through retail pharmacies that it provides through military and VA installations and TRICARE's mail order pharmacy.

Military to Civilian Medical Conversions: Prohibits converting military medical and dental positions to civilian positions. However, some veterans' organizations are adamantly opposed to contracting health care outside the VA system, saying "If you can't get timely care in the VA, you're not getting good care." you have not been watching C-SPAN with the Congressional committee meetings. This is particularly true in the mental health issues.

Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax (HEART)

Act. (H.R.3999) The provisions of the Home Ownership for America's Veterans Act of 2007 (**H.R. 551**) were incorporated in the along with (**H.R. 337**), the Military Families Financial Security Act in this Act and will provide both tax relief and financial security to military families.

Medicare, TRICARE Fixes In Limbo. We are in more limbo than ever. Hopefully you helped by sending a copy of the letter that was included in the alert that was sent out on 12 December. If it doesn't pass and doctors face a mandated 9.9% reduction in Medicare and TRICARE payments to health providers, our future with Tricare may be seriously jeopardized.

As it stands now, 60% of the nation's physicians say they will limit the number of new Medicare patients they can treat. A positive update of at least 1.7% is needed to cover inflation in physicians' practice costs and ensure continued access for Medicare/Tricare patients in 2008.

TRICARE Fee Increases. Proposed Increases in TRICARE fees for retirees under the age of 65 are back on the table. It's been evident for months that the task force that has been studying and may endorse some of the kinds of fee hike proposals that the Defense Department has been proposing.

Those proposals include:

- Increasing TRICARE fees for retirees and survivors and their families who are under age 65,
- Establishing a multi-tier fee system based on retired pay, and

- Raising pharmacy copays for all beneficiaries. As well as recommend a **new enrollment fee for TRICARE For Life beneficiaries.**

Stay tuned!

State Issues

State TRICARE Incentives. With the possible loss of TRICARE providers we are still working with CAL-MOAA to try to get State legislation to provide monetary incentives to health providers who accept TRICARE patients. Similar legislation has been successfully enacted in Oregon. Hopefully, this will help attenuate the fact that the federal law, which would have raised payment to health care providers 4.9% in areas such as Sonoma County and other counties in similar situations, did not pass.

There is a lot more to be done, so “keep tuned” for requests for your grassroots efforts.

LCOL Vern McNamee Legislative Affairs Chairman

CRDP/CRSC OPEN SEASON IN JANUARY

Retired service members eligible for both Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP) and Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC), may participate in the CRDP/CRSC open season to choose which payment they prefer to receive. Federal law states retirees can receive CDDP or CRSC – not both. This year’s annual season is January 1 to January 31, 2008.

Shingles Snafu

Chapter 3?

The good news is that the new Shingles vaccine is a TRICARE-covered benefit, as of October 19th. The bad news for TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries is that Medicare covers the vaccine under its prescription plan, Part D. TFL beneficiaries don’t have and don’t need Part D.

For TFL beneficiaries that means TRICARE provides first-payer coverage for the vaccine. It also means that TFL beneficiaries who get the vaccine are subject to the same \$150 deductible and 25-percent copay that apply to TRICARE beneficiaries under age 65.

HINT: Several chapter members have received the Shingles vaccine at Travis AFB. You may have to wait, but at last word, it is available to retirees.

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COL. BREY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE JANUARY 1, 2008

Application packets for the annual Col. Wm. Brey Scholarships will be available January 1, 2008. Lineal descendants, i.e., children, grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, (natural or adopted) of living or deceased officer, warrant officer, and auxiliary members of the chapter, or sub-chapters, are eligible to apply. Now is the time for prospective applicants to start thinking about whether or not they plan to apply, and if so, begin gathering up the necessary documents to support your application, to include - acceptance letters from colleges or universities, records of community service, letters of recommendation, grade transcripts, etc. A detailed list of required documentation will be included in the application packet and will also be available on the chapter web page at the same time: <http://www.redwoodempiremoaa.us/programs.html>.

Military Retiree Survivor Checklist

The following checklist should be reviewed by military retirees and their beneficiaries on an annual basis. This checklist is designed to equip you and your loved ones with knowledge and information that may prove helpful. While it may be impossible to truly prepare for the overwhelming emotions and dilemmas that arise with the loss of a loved one, it does help when most of the below issues have been put into place.

- Create a military file that includes your retirement orders, separation papers, medical records, etc. Make sure your spouse knows the location and telephone number of the nearest military installation.
- Create a military retired pay file that includes the pertinent information for DFAS (This file should also include the number of any VA claim still pending and the address of the VA office being used; a list of deductions currently being made from benefits; and the name, relationship and address of the person you have made the beneficiary of any unpaid retired pay at the time of death.)
- Create an annuities file. This file should have information about the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) or the Retired Serviceman’s Family Protection Plan (RSFPP), Civil Service annuity, etc. Additional information regarding SBP annuity claims can be obtained from the DFAS-Cleveland office at 1-800-321-1080.
- Create a personal document file that has copies of marriage certificates, divorce decrees, adoptions and naturalization papers.
- Create an income tax file. Include copies of your state and federal income tax returns.
- Create a property tax file. Include copies of tax bills,

deeds and any other related information.

- Create an insurance policy file. Include life, property, accident, liability and hospitalization policies.
- In a secure location, maintain a list of all bank accounts (joint or individual). Include the location of all deposit boxes, savings bonds, stocks, bonds and any securities owned.
- In a secure location, maintain a list of all charge accounts and credit cards. Include account numbers and mailing addresses.
- Maintain a list of all associations and organizations of which you are a member. Some of them could be helpful to your spouse.
- Maintain a list of all friends and business associates who may be helpful. Include name, address and phone number.
- Spend time with your spouse discussing your plans with respect to the type and place of your funeral service. You should decide which cemetery, whether ground burial, or cremation, etc. If your spouse knows your desires, it will resolve some of the questions that might arise at a later date.
- Visit a local funeral home and pre-arrange your services. Many states will allow you to pre-pay for services. Investigate the decisions that you and your family have agreed upon.

Many states have specific laws and guidelines regulating cremation and burials at sea. Some states require a letter of authority signed by the deceased in order to authorize a cremation. Know the laws in your specific area and how they may affect your decisions. Information regarding Burials at Sea can be obtained by phoning the Office of Medical and Dental Affairs-Mortuary Affairs Division at (888) 647-6676 (option 4).

- Once your decisions have been made and you're comfortable with them, have a will drawn up outlining all your wishes.
- Insure that your will and all other official documents are maintained in a secure location known by your loved ones. This includes all of your DD214s or Retirement Orders. When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, sit back and continue to enjoy life.

Who should be notified in the event of my death?

1. Defense Finance and Accounting Service – (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955/(800) 269-5170
2. Social Security Administration (for death benefits) - (800) 772-1213
3. Department of Veterans Affairs (if applicable) – (800) 827-1000
4. Office of Personnel and Management (OPM) (for Federal Employees) - (724) 794-8690
5. Any fraternal group that you have membership with: e.g., MOAA, FRA, NCOA, VFW, AL, TREA
6. Any previous employers that provide pension or benefits.

7. Burial at Sea information – (888) 647-6676 (option 4)

When all the decision-making and documenting is completed, sit back and continue to enjoy life.

Contact information for all retiree services:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U S Military Retirement Pay
Post Office Box 7130
London, KY 40742 7130
(800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955/(800) 269-5170 (for deceased members)

Department of Navy
NPC PERS-675R
Retired Activities Section
5720 Integrity Drive
Millington, TN 38055-6640
(866) 827-5672

U.S. Army
Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1
DAPE-HRPD-RSO (Retirement Services Office)
200 Stovall St.
Alexandria, VA 22332-0470
(703) 325-9158

U.S. Air Force
AFPC/DPPRT
550 C Street W, Ste 3
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4713
(210) 565-4663

U.S. Marine Corps
Headquarters, United States Marine Corps
Manpower and Reserve Affairs (MMSR-6)
3280 Russell Road
(800) 336-4649 Option #0

U.S. Coast Guard
Commanding Officer (RAS)
U. S. Coast Guard
Personnel Service Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka KS 66683-3591
(800) 772-8724

*** Please know that this is a basic military checklist. You should include in your package all civilian related information not cited above that would assist your beneficiaries in carrying out your last will.

Source: U.S. Navy Retired Activities Section (RAS)

CHANGES TO 2007 ROSTER

Listed below are recent changes. We recommend that you mark the changes by the names in your roster, then clip and save these changes in the back pages of your roster for references.

Page 10 – (Delete Deceased) **GAMBLE, Jr., THOMAS O.** LCOL USAF

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY

3RD Executive Committee Meeting
5th Board of Directors Meeting
Appoint Scholarship Board and
Committee members
Scholarship Applications Available
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
24th Membership Luncheon Meeting
Installation of Officers

FEBRUARY

2nd Executive Committee Meeting
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
28th Membership Luncheon Meeting

MARCH

1st Executive Committee Meeting
15th Deadline Scholarship Applications
Review Applications/Select Awardees
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
27th Membership Luncheon Meeting

APRIL

1st Executive Committee Meeting
5th Board of Directors Meeting
Announce Scholarship Winners
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
24th Membership Luncheon Meeting

MAY

3rd Executive Committee Meeting
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
22nd Membership Luncheon Meeting
Honor Scholarship Winners
26th Memorial Day Activities
Rose Parade

JUNE

7th Executive Committee Meeting
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
21st Picnic -Ursline HS

JULY

8th Executive Committee Meeting
12th Board of Directors Meeting
Appt. Nominating Committee
15th Deadline for VOICE submissions
24th Membership Luncheon Meeting

Note: Dates are for planning purposes only -
Subject to change

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

Luncheon, Thursday January 24, 2008

The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

Socializing 12:00am; Lunch 1:00pm

Cost (including tax and tip) - **New Price \$19.00**

Starter: Caesar Salad

Entrée: Choice of Baked Snapper with roasted red peppers saffron rice and seasonal veggies or Beef Stroganoff— Ground beef with a creamy mushroom sauce over penne pasta.

Dessert: Warm Berry Cobbler

Coffee, Tea, Rolls and Butter

Please reserve: Seafood ___ Beef ___

Enclosed is my check for my advanced reservation ___ persons @ \$19.00 each. \$_____

Note: Pay At Door - Walk-Ins (no reservation or unpaid reservations) is \$22.00 per person.

Enclosed is \$_____ for the Col. Brey Scholarship Fund

And/or \$_____ for the Military Support Fund

Speaker: Chris Bingham, Sonoma County Veterans Service Officer. He will discuss the function of the local office and it's usefulness to the retired officer. Q & A to follow.

Name: _____

Guests: _____, _____, _____, _____

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

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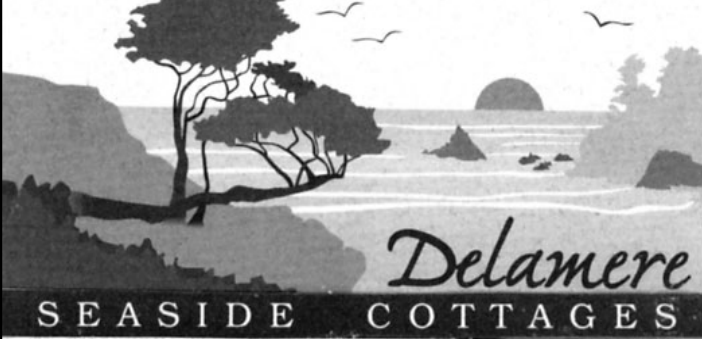
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DUES - \$10 - ARE DUE

The January meeting will be at Hunter Steak House on Wednesday, January 9. Our menu is not yet set, but the Telephone Committee will give you the choices. Luncheon will be served promptly at noon and the cost will be \$16, as usual. If the telephone Committee does not reach you, contact Susan Linch (538-3342) or Shirley Reeves (539-7839) for reservations. This is our Memorabilia day and we hope you will bring some meaningful article from the past to tell us about. It is also time to install our new (and recycled!) Officers. Amy Gamble lost her husband, LtCol Tom Gamble, in December. Our club was very well represented at the memorial services. Tom had always done more than his share, taken on great responsibilities for MOAA and we will miss him.

Connie Miller, Publicity, 568-3811 conkrest@aol.com

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