



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The holiday season is behind us and I, for one, am ready to move on to bigger and better things. We've lots to do to move the chapter forward and the support of every chapter member is essential. Our chapter membership has diminished to the point that we're losing members much faster than we're recruiting new members. Since 1974 the

chapter has dropped from over 900 members to somewhere around 300 or so in 2007, even though the number of individuals eligible to become chapter members, some even belonging to MOAA, is increasing. The chapter had a loss of 25 members between 2006 and 2007. Where we're missing the bet is not recruiting younger members who can take over the functions of maintaining viability of chapter operations. What we have now is a few stalwarts bearing the total burden of chapter operations. When we get someone to take an office, or serve on a committee, we keep them there forever, simply because no one seems willing to take on the job. Case in point, our Membership Committee - undoubtedly one of the most important committees within our chapter structure - the last Membership Chairman served in that role for over eight years and since his departure, going on three years now, the position has gone unfilled. This is not a task the Chapter President or Secretary can do in his/her spare time.

Recruiting a new member is not a difficult task, with first year dues, both in the chapter and MOAA, waived; scholarships and interest free loans available to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; personal affairs services provided to surviving family members, and a variety of social functions and activities presented throughout the year. If potential members knew about this great deal they'd be tearing down the door to get in. We need to "get the word out"

What I'm asking is for each member to recruit one, just one, new member this coming year. If only 50% of our members meet this challenge, think of what it would do to our membership total. **TAKE THE CHALLENGE - GET A NEW MEMBER!!!**

COL Pete Peterka, President

BOARD PROCLAIMS PETERKA PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

The Chapter Board of Directors, at its regular meeting Saturday, January 5, 2008, proclaimed COL Pete Peterka President Pro-Tem of the Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA. This action was taken to fill the vacancy resulting from BGEN Keith Kerr's relinquishment of the office of President, due to personal commitments. The Vice President elect, CPT Tom Poulter, expressed concern that his two-year absence from chapter activities, while serving as the National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, would make it extremely difficult to take over the reins of the chapter following such a long hiatus.

COL Peterka will serve as President Pro-Tem until an election is held to select a successor.

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: February 2nd, 2008 - 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Building Conference Room.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: April 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 February 12th at The Omelette Express Restaurant on 4th Street in Santa Rosa. We meet again on February 26th at The 3rd Street Alehouse in Santa Rosa. Both starting times are 11:30 a.m. Questions?

COL Mal Rivkins, 996-3783

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MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

The Mendocino County Subchapter, Redwood Empire Chapter of MOAA, met for its January 19th Luncheon Meeting at Jensen's Restaurant, Ukiah, with a large attendance of members, spouses and guests. The incoming US Army North Bay Recruiting Company Commander, Captain Dennis Faulkner, and his wife Lori and daughters Madeline and Sophia, joined us, with outgoing Commander Captain Cecil Edwards and his daughters Brittany and Renee, for a great and convivial luncheon. We were also joined by the Redwood Empire Chapter Commander, Colonel Pete Peterka and his lovely wife, Alice, who spoke on his plans for the Redwood Empire Chapter over the next year. Some members who have not been to recent meetings, joined us for lunch, and we were especially glad to see them again. Our newest member, Mrs. Winnie Dunn, joined us again, after attending our November 2007 luncheon meeting. Everyone had a great time and we hope to see our regular; and new members at future meetings. Captain Faulkner spoke on his appreciation for the help our members are giving in assisting the US Army Recruiters of the North Bay Recruiting Company, Santa Rosa, and his plans for the future. Our next regular Luncheon meeting will be held at Jensen's Restaurant, 1550 Lover's Lane at North State Street, Ukiah, at 11:30 am, on Saturday, 15 March, 2008, when Brigadier General Keith Kerr, US Army, of the Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA, will be our guest speaker. Come join us and bring some new or prospective members so we can keep growing better and better.

Sincerely, LTC Ben Booth, Commander

SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our meeting on January 10, 2008 was well-attended, as usual. Our speaker this time was CAPT Ilmars (Mars) Krasts, USN, who is a member of the Lake County sub-chapter. We also enjoyed meeting and talking with his wife, Rasma, who made the rainy trip with him down from Lakeport. Mars, who was born in Latvia, talked about his five-year volunteer project after retirement from the Navy to advise and facilitate the new Latvian government's need and desire to create their new ground, air, and naval self-defense forces after the end of Soviet domination. We all really enjoyed his thorough briefing and explanation of what it took to help the emerging independent country accomplish this essential goal at a time when there were many other competing high-priority requirements. Latvia is now a member of both NATO and EU, and has military presence in NATO missions in Afghanistan and the Balkans. We are grateful to

Mars and Rasma for making the trip to Sonoma for our meeting.

Our next meeting will be March 13, 2008 at Little Switzerland. I expect that we will have come up with some new menu choices by that time, which we will tell you about when we call before the meeting.

LTC Dennis Meredith, Commander

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

General Comments

2008 New Years Resolutions. Since we will be facing several legislative challenges in the coming months that can impact on your family's health and wallet – particularly in the threats to the defense budget, proposals to shift more health costs to military beneficiaries, new proposals to cut so-called federal "entitlement" spending, and renewed competition for limited budget dollars, MOAA suggests that everyone become more proactive on legislative issues.

In this end, MOAA also hopes that you will make, **and keep** the following Resolutions for 2008: (Note: While many may have already seen these, those without internet may have not).

1. I will care enough about my family's military benefits to help protect them. When alerted by MOAA, I will e-mail, write and call my legislators so they know what issues are important to me.
2. I will care enough about my military friends and their families to help inform them about legislative threats and encourage them to contact their legislators on issues of concern.
3. I will care enough about the entire military community to help push for needed fixes for others, even though the issue may not affect me personally. If all members of the military family -- active duty, Guard, Reserve, retired, veterans, spouses, family members, and survivors -- support each other's issues, we strengthen the support for all, rather than "hanging separately."

Federal Issues

The FY 2008 Defense Authorization Bill Following the President's veto of the FY2008 Defense Authorization Act in, the House again passed the bill after removing certain terms unacceptable to the President. The Senate is expected to follow by the time you read this.

Medicare/TRICARE Doctors Payments. As was expected, Congress gave an "eleventh hour" reprieve for the 9.9% cut in payments to providers and included a 1% increase. However, the problem is only for six months. Therefore, if they don't find funding by 1 July, there will be an 11% cut. **BUMMER! Heads up everyone!**

TRICARE Fee Increases. Congress put off any TRICARE fee increases for 2008, but a new DoD health care task force has proposed raising military health care

fees by as much as \$1,000-\$2,000 a year, including a new annual enrollment fee for TRICARE for Life. These fees are even larger than those originally proposed by DoD. **BUMMER!**

However, the following bills for which your urgent action in corresponding with your Congressperson would protect against this.

S. 604 - Military Health Care Protection Act

H.R. 579 - Military Retirees Health Care Protection Act

Reserve Retirement. After more than six years working to improve the reserve retirement system, a major step has been included in the new FY2008 Defense Authorization Act. While not perfect, it is a step in the right direction as it lowers the retirement age for Reserve and National Guard members by three months below the age of 60 for each cumulative 90 days of active duty served on contingency operation orders.

State Issues

State TRICARE Incentives. We are still working with CAL-MOAA to try to get State legislation, similar legislation to that in Oregon, to provide monetary incentives to health providers who accept TRICARE patients.

BGEN Keith Kerr and LCOL Vern McNamee
Legislative Affairs Co-Chairmen

TRICARE for Life “Explanation of Benefits” Goes Digital

January 09, 2008 / 08-03

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – TRICARE for Life (TFL) beneficiaries can soon print a copy of their Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from the convenience of their own homes. Starting in January 2008, the only paper EOB's that TFL beneficiaries living in the United States and U.S. territories will receive are monthly summaries. The exception to this is if a claim includes services that are rejected, and those services have appeal rights; or if the EOB is mailed with a payment to the beneficiary. TRICARE overseas beneficiaries will continue to get their EOBs as usual.

In February, beneficiaries will have the option to receive an electronic notification every time a claim processes. Beneficiaries can then log on to the secure web site at www.TRICARE4U.com, to view and print their EOB.

The EOB will be available online and beneficiaries will have the ability to access EOB's for any claim processed during the last 27 months. Once a beneficiary signs up for this option, they will not receive a monthly paper summary.

TFL beneficiaries will receive letters notifying them of the changes, either with their current EOB's or any other correspondence.

If there are any questions about the registration process beneficiaries can call toll-free at 1-866-773-0404. Those requiring a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) can call 1-866-773-0405.

Millions Receive VA COLA Increases

Millions of veterans and eligible family members will see their disability compensation, pension, and survivors' benefits increased as the VA provides an annual cost-of-living increase for key benefits.

A recent law provides a 2.3 percent increase in disability compensation and survivors' benefits. Eligible veterans and family members will see this increase starting in their January 2008 checks.

Under the veterans' disability compensation program, tax-free payments generally will range from \$117 to \$2,527 per month, depending on the degree of disability. Special payments up to \$7,232 per month apply to the most severely injured veterans.

Pension disability benefits also will be increased by the same percentage and be effective on the same date. The maximum annual rate for permanently and totally disabled veterans or veterans over age 65 can range from \$11,181 to \$18,654, based on household income and whether veterans are in need of help with daily living activities.

This increase also applies to survivors of veterans who died in service or from a service-connected disability. Dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) survivors' benefit payments can range from \$1,091 to \$2,499 per month.

Survivors of wartime veterans receiving death pensions also are entitled to an increase. The maximum annual payment rate for a surviving spouse can range from \$7,498 to \$11,985. Benefits under this program are intended to bring an eligible spouse's income to a level established by law.

Under each benefit program, additional allowances may be payable for helpless, minor, or school-age children.

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE
SUB-CHAPTER
No Report

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER
No Report

TRAVIS BX/COMMISSARY TO HOST "CASE LOT" SALE

Mark your calendar....Sunday, March 2d, 2008, from 1000 to 1400 hours Travis BX and Commissary will host a Case Lot sale at the Santa Rosa National Guard Armory, 1500 Armory Drive, Santa Rosa. Truck loads of items will be transported to the Santa Rosa site and placed on sale....at reduced prices and you don't necessarily have to purchase entire case lots. Excellent opportunity to save on gas.

Range of items include pet food, soda, packaged meals, snack foods, paper products, cereal, canned goods, vegetables, military clothing, electronics, games, CD & DVDs, cameras, beauty products....you name it! If you want something special included, call Debbie Skolnik, Family Assistance Coordinator (707) 545-2141 and let her know before February 8, 2008.

MUST HAVE A MILITARY I.D. TO PURCHASE ITEMS.

THINGS YOU JUST HAVE TO KNOW

There are approximately 6800 MOAA members in California, yet only 12% are members of chapters. This compares with a nationwide figure of 20%. Based on information from CALMOAA, the Redwood Empire Chapter has just a little less than 10% of the available MOAA members residing in our chapter area. And this doesn't include all the National Guard, Reserve, Coast Guard Active and former military officers residing in our counties.

PAID UP SBP/RSFPP

Participants in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Retired Serviceman's Family Protection Plan (RSFPP) have a new milestone to mark. Effective October 1, 2008, participants in either the SBP or RSFPP, who reach 70 years of age and have made 360 payments (30 years), will no longer have to pay premiums for continued annuity coverage. Retirees who meet the qualifications will be placed in "Paid-Up" status.

Retirees will not need to take any action to be placed on the Paid-up status or have their premiums stopped. DFAS will do this automatically once the eligibility criteria is met.

Source: DFAS Retired Pay Newsletter -2007

WISDOM - FROM THE MILITARY MANUAL

"You know that your landing gear is up and locked when it takes full power to taxi to the terminal."

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COL. BREY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON LINE AND BY MAIL

If your child, grandchild or great-grandchild is contemplating applying for a Colonel William G. Brey Scholarship, now is the time to act. Applications are available on the web page, by e-mail, U.S. Postal Service and by telephone call. By internet, go to:

<http://www.redwoodempiremoaa.us/programs.html>

The application packet will be forwarded to you within 48 hours. If you elect to apply by mail, address your request to Scholarship Chairman, Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 2801, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-2801. You may also request an application by e-mail or by calling LTC Dennis Meredith 707-996-8819., Scholarship Chairman, at dennismm@comcast.net, or COL Pete Peterka, petepeterka@earthlink.net 707-542-4076 Don't delay - act now.

DONATIONS TO THE COL BREY SCHOLARSHIP / MILITARY SUPPORT FUNDS for the month of DECEMBER – 2007/JANUARY - 2008

CAPT ROBERT D. RAWLINS
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LCDR & MRS MELVIN K. HULL **
CPT & MRS TOM POULTER *
LCOL & MRS JOHN C. SPEIGHT *
CDR DON WATSON

.COL Brey - * Military Support fund - ** Both Funds

WHO WAS COL WILLIAM G. BREY?

Since the May program for the Redwood Empire Chapter is awarding scholarships to eligible graduating seniors, which was established in memory of Cole Brey, it seems appropriate to learn a bit more about him.

Col Brey was instrumental in the establishment of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the Retired Officers Association in 1965 and served as its first president.

When Col Brey died in August 1981 at the age of 92, several members began thinking about what the Chapter could do as a memorial to him. It so happened that the Chapter had just hosted the annual convention of the California Association of TROA Chapters we had a balance of approximately \$2,000 remaining in the Convention fund. This money became the seed money for the establishment of the Colonel William G. Brey Scholarship Program. The fund has grown over the years as a result of fund raising activities as well as generous contributions by the Chapter's members. Many of our member's children and grandchildren have benefited from this worthwhile program.

Interest in Col Brey's background was piqued when the Press-Democrat in their March 22, 2000 publication, noted in the "This Day in the Empire" section, that in 1950 Col Brey was the recipient of the Netherlands highest honor, the Order of Orange-Nassau, for his work in returning Nazi loot to the Netherlands. He was the director of the foreign exchange department at Frankfurt, Germany from 1945 to 1948 and was responsible for recovery of large amounts of gold bullion, art works and \$8,000,000 in loose diamonds looted by the Nazis.

William Gregory Brey was born on August 22, 1888 in Madison Wisconsin. He graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee with a degree in Civil Engineering. He worked as a surveyor for the Southern Pacific Railroad helping build the railroad in the West.

He met and married Inez Matson in San Francisco. They had two daughters, Patricia and Anna Marie. Patricia is married to LtCol Francis D. Ruth, USA (Ret). They live in Indian Wells, CA and are members of TROA Chapter there. Anna Marie lives in a retirement home in Vista, CA.

William Brey worked on the California Railroad Commission until World War I when he joined the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery. He served in France returning as a Captain and was stationed in San Francisco at Forts Baker, Barry and Miley. He and his family were transferred to Corrigedor in 1928 where his tour included a survey of the islands. Another sidelight, LCOL Richard Delsi tells us that enroute to Corrigedor the ship spent a week in Hawaii. The Wives Club in Hawaii told the wives that they would take care of the children during the day so that the women could have time to shop have their hair done or just relax. They took the children on picnics and to the beaches. Back on the ship for the 15-day trip, several of the children including Anna Marie became ill. When they landed in the Philippines, the doctors there were unable to diagnose the illness but COL Brey was required to finish his tour of duty'. Mrs. Brey died in 1929 and he returned to Fort Monroe in 1931. He took Anna Marie to the Walter Reed Army Hospital, but they too could not reach a definite diagnosis. Col Brey had discovered that all of the children who were ill on the ship had been to the same beach in Hawaii. Years later the scientists discovered that in certain months of the year the waters were invaded by what is known as the "Red Tide". Swimming in those waters at that time can cause serious illness.

After finishing artillery school at Fort Monroe, he was assigned to Fort Shafter in Hawaii for three years. Then on to Fort Wordon in Washington. His next assignment was in San Francisco where he taught R.O.T.C. at the University of San Francisco for two years. In the meantime he had remarried but was divorced in 1938. In November of 1940 his Regiment the 75th CAC was the first to be sent overseas to Fort Richardson, Alaska, with full combat equipment. In the fall of '41, he went 'outside' to purchase many fishing

boats to be brought to the Aleutians. He was the duty officer at Fort Richardson on the night of December 7th and received the orders from General DeWitt at the Presidio to put the Alaska Command on alert, because the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor.

After his Alaska tour (which he loved) he was sent to Fort Riley and Washington, DC and then to Europe in 1945. He arrived in Austria and continued to Frankfurt/Main in Germany where he became the CO of the Reichsbank on General Lucius Clay's staff. This was the foreign exchange depository where all of the Nazi loot was brought. Our government spent more than two years and many dollars researching ownership. Over 33,000 carats of diamonds were returned to the Ascher Diamond Factory in Amsterdam. Gold bars were returned to Hungary along with art works. Probably his most important assignment was being in command of the distribution of the Deutch Mark in 1948. This was the turning point in the German economy. The highly secret "Operation Bird Dog", subtitled "Arco" and "Susie" (his two German hunting dogs), the Marks were printed in the USA and shipped to Bremenhaven. There they were put on the mail train, which always traveled under military guard and would not raise suspicion when the Deutch Marks were on board. This took a matter of months and finally in June 1948 the exchange took place. It was handled in a typical military operation, trucks were loaded and sent to the furthest destination in the French, British and U.S. Zones, timed to arrive simultaneously at the banks which were closed for 24 hours. German citizens were then able to get 60-120 Deutch Marks per person. After that they were required to show proof that their old Reichmarks were legitimate, hopefully to stop the black market. Actually within five days there were counterfeit Marks in the marketplace. He really enjoyed his tour in Germany and had many friends to hunt and fish with. He also had a cousin in Bonn, Cardinal A. Muench, the Popes Emissary. He was in Germany when his two granddaughters were born.

He returned to the United States in 1948 and retired in Santa Rosa. He attended then Episcopal Church where our TROA member LtCol John Cassil, was a member. One Sunday morning as they were having coffee with Col Brey, John introduced him to Thomas Gale. Col Brey broke in and said "Cassil you can't introduce us, because we were Lieutenants together at the Presidio under Black Jack Pershing".

His daughter Patricia, who was particularly helpful in supplying all of the background material for this article, said that when he retired he wanted a chicken ranch, which never materialized. He was a contractor and built several houses on a street now called Brey Road off of Montgomery Drive. He was very active in the community, particularly in relation to handicapped children and knew Charles Schultz who contributed time and money on behalf of handicapped children. His daughter Anna Marie was handicapped due to the illness related to the "Red Tide".

He moved to a home at 3300 Midway Drive. During his last illness he was cared for at the London House Convalescent Hospital.

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.

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FREE SPACE A FLIGHTS FOR FAMILIES OF DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

Military families of deployed personnel may be able to save some travel money thanks to a new Space A policy for families. As of Dec. 6, 2007, spouses and children of personnel deployed 120 days or longer now can use military transport in CONUS, and within/between theater, provided they have a verification letter from the military member's commander.

The travel option is intended to provide support for military families during a deployment period. This option is also available to Guard and Reserve families, as well as Navy families whose sponsor is assigned to a deployed ship with PCS orders. The policy allows trips to visit parents and grandparents, travel to home of record or family-based visits, visit friends at a previous base or just take a low-cost vacation getaway.

Source: <http://www.moa.org/controller2>

HEART ATTACK WARNING SIGNS

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- **Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- **Shortness of breath.** This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur before the chest discomfort.
- **Other signs.** These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, call 9-1-1 ... Get to a hospital right away.

If you're the one having symptoms, and you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. Don't drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

For more information, contact your nearest American Heart Association or call **1-800-AHA-USA1** (1-800-242-8721) or online at www.americanheart.org

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

When Disney World was completed in Florida, someone at the grand opening said, "Isn't it too bad Walt Disney didn't live to see this!"
Mike Vance, creative director of Walt Disney Studios, replied, "He *did* see it. That's why it's here."

Bumper Sticker of the month: *Women are born leaders. You're following one now.*

If any Congressman tries to buy your vote in the next election, don't take a check.

When I'm ready to reason with a man, I spend one-third of my time thinking about myself and what I am going to say, and two-thirds of my time thinking about him and what he is going to say.

Abraham Lincoln

YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IF ... You view duct tape as a long-term investment.

YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IF ... You use your mailbox to hold up one end of your clothesline.

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

Luncheon, Thursday February 28, 2008

The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

Socializing 11:00am; Lunch noon

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

Starter: Sonoma County Greens and seasonal vegetables tossed with balsamic vinaigrette

Entrée: Choice of Baked Snapper with roasted red peppers saffron rice and seasonal veggies or Grilled Tri-Tip with garlic mashed potatoes, crispy onions, seasonal vegetables and a red wine reduction sauce.

Dessert: Warm soufflé-like cake served with raspberry sauce.

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: Our speaker for Feb. 28th 2008 will be **JANICE ATKINSON** County Clerk- Recorder- Assessor, & Registrar of Voters. She will discuss the highs and lows of the most recent voting and explain her multi-task position.

Name: _____

Guests: _____, _____, _____, _____

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

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

Make check (s) payable to: **MOAA, Redwood Empire Chapter**

DUES NOTICE: (\$20.00)

All regular members 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 renew their dues for 2008. Little over half of the membership have renewed their dues.

Dues must be paid my March 1st (according to our by-laws) or you will be dropped from membership in the "Redwood Empire Chapter of MOAA".

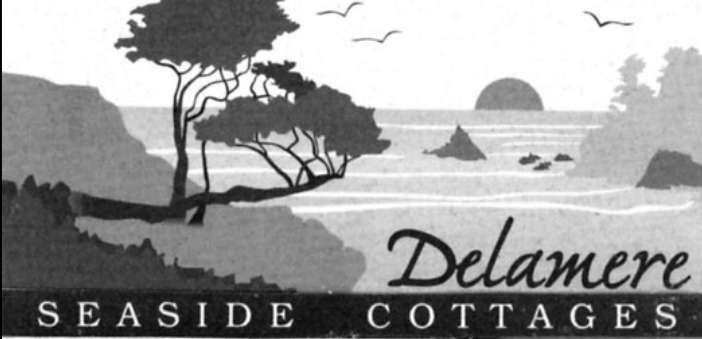


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(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

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DUES ARE DUE - be sure yours are up to date. Helen Frawley will be pleased to take your \$10! Thank you...The February meeting, Wednesday, the 13th, will be at Hunter Steak House and the menu will be Green Salad and Roast Salmon or Lemon Herb Chicken, Fresh Bread and Butter and the Beverage of your choice. Still \$16.00, all inclusive. Lunch is served promptly at 12 Noon. If the Telephone Committee does not reach you, you may make reservations with Susan Linch, 538-3342. We will be honoring Past Presidents and YOU will be the Sweethearts Day program. Bring a photo of any phase of your marriage and be prepared to tell a bit about the circumstances of the photo. Terry Silva, Family Services, received no negative reports in this flu and cold season. YEA! Your Board met on Monday, January 14 and, after considerable investigation of alternate facilities, determined that we will remain at Hunter's for the present.

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

Redwood Empire Chapter Officers and Directors for 2008

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