



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The big challenge has been met and the Scholarship Committee performed admirably, selecting three outstanding candidates for the COL William G. Brey Memorial Scholarship and recommending the award of a special scholarship to the great-granddaughter of COL Brey. A total of thirteen (13) applications were received, all from deserving and well qualified students. Unfortunately, not

all could be awarded a scholarship. Letters have been sent to all winning applicants, advising them of their award and inviting each to honor the chapter with their presence at the May luncheon. Letters were also sent to those applicants who were not selected for awards.

We have a busy summer ahead of us and this is an invitation for members to become more involved in the activities of the chapter. The month of May means the Rose Parade in Santa Rosa on Armed Forces Day (May 17th), in which the chapter will enter a float. May 26th, Memorial Day, the chapter will lay a wreath at the memorial ceremony at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Later that same day, the dedication of the Santa Rosa WWII Memorial will take place on the Santa Rosa City Hall lawn, Sonoma and Santa Rosa avenues. June brings the Support The Troops Rally (June 14) in Courthouse Square; Exchange Bank's Veteran's Recognition Day (June 26) honoring female veterans from WWII and Korea...and the MOAA Picnic at Ursline High School on June 21st. If you'd like to be involved in any of these activities, please give me a call. We can use your help.

I have recruited another new chapter member (this makes three for me), LTC Robert Harder, U. S. Army (Ret.) formerly with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers on the construction of the Warm Springs Dam. How about you, have you recruited your one new member this year?

COL Pete Peterka, President

CHECK INSIDE



If there is a **RED** mark in the square with the ?, then it indicates that you have not paid your dues for the 2008 year according to our records. We value your membership, please continue you membership in our Chapter. Send in a check today.

COL WM. G. BREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO FOUR STUDENTS

The Scholarship Committee presented to the Chapter Board of Directors, at its regular meeting on 5 April 2008, its recommendation for scholarship awards to four of the thirteen students who submitted applications. Selections were made based on scholastic achievement, merit, and public service. Students receiving scholarships were - **Rebecca D. Van Gundy**, (\$2500), granddaughter of LCDR and Mrs. Eugene S. Neisingh, attending Azusa Pacific University; **Corinne E. Rich**, (\$2000), granddaughter of CWO4 & Mrs. Frederick Van Eschen, University of Pennsylvania; **Spencer C. Mc Leod**, (\$1500), grandson of LCDR & Mrs. Warren Christianson, educational institution yet to be determined (has acceptance letters from University of San Diego, Texas Christian University, and University of Arizona).

A fourth award, an Honorary/Commemorative scholarship in the amount of \$1000, was recommended be awarded to **Elizabeth R. Parker**, great-granddaughter of COL Brey.

The Chapter Board of Directors approved the recommendations as submitted.

NEW MEMBER - Sonoma County Main
LTC ROBERT L. HARDER, USA (Ret.)
Spouse: Holly

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBER - LAKE COUNTY SUB-CHAPTER (Transfer from San Luis Obispo MOAA)
Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: May 10th, 2008 - 0930 hours
- Santa Rosa Vet's Building Conference Room.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: July 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.



MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

The next Luncheon meeting of the MCSRECMOAA, will be held at: 11:30 am, Saturday, May 17th, 2008, at the Hill House Inn Restaurant, 10701 Palette Drive, Mendocino Village. We are still working on a Guest Speaker, who will be announced later. The menu choices are:

Beef Bourguignon, Red Snapper Vera Cruz, Grilled Chicken Breast Sandwich w/ French fries, Pasta Primavera, Bread and butter, coffee or tea, (hot or iced), and dessert included

The all inclusive luncheon price will be: \$16.75, payable as you enter the ocean view dining room. Please make Reservations with either:

Ms. Myrna Hurst: Tel: 707-468-0146, email: myrna@pacific.net , or: Ben Booth: Tel.: 707-964-2174 or email:booth@mcn.org. We look forward to seeing you and your guests, and especially new or prospective members, or those who have not been to our recent meetings. Please feel free to suggest possible Guest Speakers that you think our members and guests might enjoy hearing. Come and enjoy your great friends!

Sincerely, LTC Ben Booth, Commander

SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Little Switzerland. I've asked our Redwood Empire MOAA Chapter President, COL Pete Peterka, to be our speaker. I've known for quite a while that Pete's long and interesting military career included extensive experience as an Army officer in devising procedures for and conducting air delivery operations, including parachute drops of military personnel and equipment in difficult weather and terrain conditions. Pete was also personally part of the pioneering experimentation for and development of free-fall parachute techniques for the Army. I was very interested in Pete's comprehensive background in air delivery operations, mostly, I guess, as a result of my own modest experience as an officer in Army airborne combat engineer outfits. Pete will also bring us up to date on plans for the Vietnam "Living Wall" display in Santa Rosa and for POW/MIA Recognition Day. 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

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

MOAA meets every other month and membership is open to all commissioned officers, active duty, retirees or those who served. MOAA membership includes a number of support programs for former officers as well as social and community service opportunities. For further information, contact Capt. Christensen at 707-263-3297, Col. Hulme or Lt. Col. Morrison.

LT Genevieve Snow

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

6 April 2008

Eleven members headed by President Howard Gardner met jointly with the Humboldt Vintage Aviation Society at the Elks Lodge in Eureka. After the salute to the flag and the "Pledge of Allegiance," a moment of silence was observed for member Al Hurley who died the day before, 5 April 2008.

The featured speaker was Richard Fridley who spoke on the "Last Flight of Bomber 31." Mr. Fridley is the nephew of one of the crew who flew the PV-1 Lockheed Ventura on a mission from Adak during World War II. It never returned. Many years later the plane was found in Kamchatka. A Russian-American expedition to recover the bodies was featured in a book and on a PBS special.

No MOAA business was transacted.

16 February 2008

The subchapter met at noon in the galley of the US Coast Guard Air Station Humboldt Bay. President Howard Gardner opened the meeting and led the "Pledge of Allegiance." Bill O'Donnell gave the invocation.

After a lunch of spaghetti bolognese, sausage, and etc., and with no guest speaker, it was down to business. Ben Van Zandt spoke on the "scholarship fund" as being insufficient for a meaningful scholarship. Floyd Stokes moved to change the name to "Military Assistance Fund" for charitable uses to include possible scholarship. Gu Conversano seconded the motion, and, after discussion, it was passed.

President Gardner brought up the subject of lagging membership. Attracting recently returned veterans has been difficult, and the few active officers in the neighborhood are Coast Guard pilots. Floyd Stokes suggested a press release in the local papers might

bring MOAA greater attention. It was agreed to give it a shot.

President Gardner announced that Captain Butts is leaving in April. This is earlier than his normal rotation date, but he has been assigned to oversee the upgrading of the Coast Guard surface fleet that has been mismanaged by civilian contractors.

Ben Van Zandt suggested a joint meeting with the Vintage Aviation Society. This would be on the first Monday (7th) in April at the Elks Lodge. A motion was made and passed that we explore the idea. Floyd Stokes suggested we introduce ourselves as a group "so they know what we are about."

DOD has a speakers' bureau of personnel recently returned from the Middle East and the Horn of Africa. A thought was that we could join with other veterans' groups, possibly the KWVA, possibly in October. President Gardner will look into the possibility and report back in April.

There was short discussion about the increasing co-payments for VA prescription drugs.

In lieu of a raffle, each member donated a dollar to the Military Assistance Fund.

Members will be notified about the next meeting, maybe in conjunction with the Vintage Aviation Society.

Donald W. Nicol, Secretary.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

General Comments

CPI Increases. The March CPI for was 0.9 percentage points over February's value. Cumulative inflation now stands at 2.7% through the mid point of fiscal year 2008. This is almost equal to the 2006 increase of 3.3% for the *entire* year. Many feel that this year's year-end COLA will be around 4.5% or higher. What can we expect with gasoline at \$4.00 per gallon or more?

Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) Recent information from VA sources indicate that for those who were in RVN, medical problems due to Agent Orange is recognized as a combat related disability. Remember, disability compensation is retroactive to the date of application, so if you do not already have a disability rating, RUN to your nearest VA office and apply. Also, list ALL of your health issues, whether it be tinnitus, diabetes or other even if you don't think that it may be combat related – let the VA decide.

Federal Issues

MOAA Legislative Priorities.

Follow up on the wounded-warrior issues,
Seek another ½% military pay raise over the ECI
Fix the TRICARE situation,
Upgrade Bill and Guard/Reserve benefits

The Military Improvement Pay Act of 2008 (H.R. 5481),

This bill, following one of MOAA's priorities, would provide an additional 0.5 percent increase in the rates of military basic pay for members of the uniformed services above the ECI to narrow the pay gap between the military and private sector pay scales.

Tricare Fee Hike. S. 604 - Military Health Care Protection Act recognizes that military people pay very large in-kind premiums for their health care through extended service and sacrifice, and specifies that the percentage fee increase in any year should not exceed the percentage increase in military compensation.

Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of

2008 (H.R. 5740) This bill would raise GI Bill benefits \$1,450 from the current rate \$1,101 monthly rate -- a total of \$52,200 for 36 months of full-time study and would offer a \$500 per month housing stipend for full-time study and \$250 for half-time studies. This would also include National Guard and Reserve members called to active duty.

Comprehensive Reserve Retirement Reform (S. 2836/

H.R. 4930). These bills would reduce the reserve retirement age by three months for each 90 days served on active duty contingency orders after September 11, 2001.

Other proposals to shore up financial and reemployment rights for service men and women include:

H.R. 3298 which would allow a member on deployment or PCS orders to cancel a cell phone or similar "personal services" contract without financial penalty;

H.R. 4883 would protect a returning service member for one year from a mortgage foreclosure or property seizure action;

H.R. 3393 would strengthen reemployment rights protections;

H.R. 3798,would authorize reemployment rights to National Guard members performing federally funded missions on state active duty orders (Title 32);

H.R. 4539 would the maximum VA mortgage loan guarantee amount, among other things.

State Issues

State TRICARE Incentives This is a critical issue for those residing in this Chapter area as it would provide incentives to doctors who accept TRICARE patients in Sonoma, Mendocino, Solano Counties and who receive lower reimbursements based on being classified as "rural" counties. Hopefully, this can reduce the exodus of doctors from the program. CALMOAA still has not given any guidance on how we should proceed to get this initiative into the "mill".

Property Tax Exemption (AB 2568): This bill would, beginning with the 2009–10 fiscal year, fully exempt from property taxation the principal residence of a disabled veteran, the veteran’s spouse, and the unmarried surviving spouse of a disabled veteran and a veteran who died while on active duty as a result of a service-connected disease or injury. It is schedule to be heard by the Committee on Revenue and Taxation on 12 May.

National Guard: Educational Benefits (SB 1290). This proposal would require any campus of the University of California, the California State University, or the California Community Colleges to provide a tuition and fee waiver, as specified, to any qualified member of the California National Guard.

County Veteran Service Officers: Funding (SB 1222) Proposal would appropriate an amount equal to the aggregate sum of \$3 per veteran, from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs for allocation during the 2008–09 fiscal year, for purposes of funding the activities of county veteran service officers.

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

CHANCE OF MAJOR EARTHQUAKE NOW 99.7%

This headline should really get your attention. It appeared in the Press Democrat on April 15, 2008. Scientists are now saying California will be hit by a 6.7 or larger earthquake within the next 30 years. Southern California is listed as a higher risk than our area, but who really knows. What can you do?

It’s relatively simple...prepare yourself and your family to be able to survive for three to five days without any, and I mean any, outside help. AT&T, in the most recent telephone bill, suggested that each family establish an emergency contact outside the immediate area. Designate someone who lives in another area, preferably another state, as your point of contact. In the event of a disaster, call that person and tell them where you are and that you’re situation. Then tell all your family members, wherever they may be that, in a disaster situation call that person to find out how you made out. In this way, one call reaches many. Also, if you really not sure what to do to prepare for a major disaster, and want to know, call Pete Peterka (542-4076). The city, regardless of the city you live in, will be overwhelmed and may not be able to provide assistance for to 3 to 5 days. You are on your own, or if you plan ahead, it could be NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR.

IT WASN’T RAINING WHEN NOAH STARTED BUILDING THE ARC!

MILITARY SALUTE NOW LAW OF THE LAND

With the Presidents signing of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008, on Jan. 1, 2008, the protocol espoused by MOAA, to wit: Veterans rendering the hand salute in lieu of the “hand over heart” when saluting the flag, becomes the Law of the Land.

The relevant section, Section 594 of the resolution, reads as follows:

SEC. 594. CONDUCT BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS OUT OF UNIFORM DURING HOISTING, LOWERING, OR PASSING OF UNITED STATES FLAG.

Section 9 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by striking ‘all persons present’ and all that follows through the end of the section and inserting the following: ‘all persons present in uniform should render the military salute.’

Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute.

All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.’

REMINDER - REMINDER - REMINDER

All members are requested to make sure their dues have been paid for 2008. The chapter dues are \$20 annually and should not be confused with the dues to MOAA National. The Chapter needs your continuing participation and support. If there is any doubt whether or not the dues have been paid, please call Pete Peterka (542-4076).

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at Omelette Express, 112 4th Street in Santa Rosa. we meet again on Tuesday, May 27th at Playa Azul Restaurant, 6576 Oakmont Drive in Oakmont. Both starting times are 11:30 a.m.

COL Mal Rivkins, 996-3783

Moffett Commissary Will Stay Open

4/4/08 McCLELLAN, CALIF. – Shopping in the Moffett, Calif., commissary has been a weekly routine for Carolee and her husband, retired Navy Cmdr. Wayne Padgett, since they settled in the Bay Area in 1997. The Padgetts say they come to the commissary for the savings and friendly service. That's why the couple was happy to hear from store director Eric Firestone that the Moffett Commissary will stay open.

"We plan to be here, at this location, on Moffett Federal Airfield for many years to come," said Firestone. "Not only are we staying, but the Defense Commissary Agency is investing in the facility to improve service to our shoppers for the long haul."

In January, DeCA installed a new point-of-sale system at the Moffett Commissary to replace the store's aging equipment with new checkout lanes. The new system, known as the Commissary Advanced Resale Transaction System, makes purchasing groceries easier and more efficient. "Customers like the big 15-inch color monitors that show their purchases as they are scanned," said Firestone. "And the five new self-checkouts that speed up service have caught on. Customers like the ability to scan and pay for their own purchases."

"Later this year our customers will see changes in the produce department," said Firestone, who has ordered four new produce dry-island tables to provide more display area. Commissaries are consistently ranked as one of the military's most valuable benefits. Shoppers enjoy an overall savings of 30 percent or more as compared with commercial grocery stores. A couple like the Padgetts can save \$1,900 a year; a family of four can save up to \$3,000 a year; and a single person can save more than \$1,000 a year. To deliver additional savings, the Moffett Commissary holds seafood sales, sidewalk sales, farmers markets and meat specials each month. And, twice a year the

Ed. Note. We need to make a correction on Mrs. Winnifred Dunn who was erroneously reported as deceased in our April MOAA-VOICE. There was a mix-up in first names. We reported "MAJ Winnifred Dunn" as deceased...it should have been her husband, "MAJ William Dunn," who passed away in December 2007. She called someone...don't know exactly who, but stated that "reports of her death have been grossly exaggerated." We regret the error but are happy that Mrs. Dunn is still with us. *Ed.*

WISDOM - FROM THE MILITARY MANUAL

"Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it."

store joins other commissaries in DeCA's famous worldwide case lot sale held each May and September. Manufacturers and suppliers drop prices during these sales, and shoppers find even greater savings.

If you are looking for a way to find out what's happening at the commissary before you drive out, visit <http://www.commissaries.com> and click on locations to find the Moffett Commissary. You can build a store-specific shopping list, find out what's on sale and check links to money saving coupons. If you want wellness tips you can explore the new "Ask the DeCA Dietitian" site. And, recipes for all occasions can be found in "Kay's Kitchen." Of course, you can also ask one of the friendly Moffett Commissary staff members what's coming up, and they will be happy to tell you.

On your next visit to the Moffett Commissary, be sure to say hello to store director Eric Firestone. "We are a small, friendly store with big store savings," he said. "I like to get to know all my customers."

Moffett Commissary Hours of Operation:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday – 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday – Closed

Telephone (650) 603-9987

VA 2008 Benefits Handbook Now Available

The Department of Veterans Affairs has released its latest handbook providing information on home loan guarantees, education, training and vocational rehabilitation, pensions, insurance, and survivors' benefits.

To download the 2008 edition of Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents, visit http://www.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp on the VA Web site. Copies are available for \$5 from the U.S. Government Printing Office. Call (866) 512-1800 toll free, or order from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, Mo. 63197-9000 (stock #051-000-00233-4), or online at www.bookstore.gpo.gov.

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VA Announces SGLI and VGLI Premium Reductions

WASHINGTON (April 7, 2008) - Veterans and military personnel with life insurance policies managed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will see a reduction in their premiums, thanks to improved investment earnings and a reduction in non-combat claims.

The premium cuts affect military personnel covered by Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and veterans covered by the Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI).

"The reduction in SGLI premiums makes life insurance even more affordable for today's men and women in uniform," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "Lower VGLI premiums will allow more veterans to provide this low-cost financial security to their families."

On July 1, 2008, the premiums for basic SGLI will be 6.5 cents per month for \$1,000 of coverage, down from 7 cents per month for \$1,000. This translates into a 7 percent savings.

Servicemembers with the maximum \$400,000 of coverage will see their monthly premium reduced from \$28 to \$26. Servicemembers are also covered against severe traumatic injury for an additional dollar each month.

The reduction in SGLI premiums is made possible by lower, non-combat-related claims and increases in investment earnings. VA officials believe this premium reduction will help maintain the nearly universal participation in the program.

VGLI provides renewable term policies for people after their discharges from the military. Veterans pay premiums according to their age for this coverage.

On July 1, 2008, VGLI premium rates will be reduced for veterans aged 30 to 64, who make up 85 percent of those insured under the program. Premium rates for those under age 30 are already competitive.

Premium reductions, ranging from 4 percent to 12 percent, are a result of fewer claims being received. The reductions will ensure that VGLI remains highly competitive with similar insurance offered by commercial insurers.

"With servicemembers putting their lives at risk against terrorism, life insurance coverage is more important than ever," added Peake.

Peake said the premium reductions should result in increased program participation and retention. With increased enrollment, the department may be able to reduce rates in the future.

More than 2.4 million people currently participate in the VA-managed SGLI program, with another 433,000 in VGLI.

To obtain more information about the SGLI and VGLI premium reductions or to view a table with the new VGLI rates, visit the VA insurance Web site at www.insurance.va.gov, or call the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance at 1-800-419-1473.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

MAY	14th 15th 17th 22nd 26th 28th	Wives Club Luncheon Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions Rose Parade, Santa Rosa Membership Luncheon Meeting Honor Scholarship Winners Memorial Day Activities United Veteran's Council Meeting
June:	7 th 15th 21 st	Executive Committee Meeting Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions Support The Troops Rally, Santa Rosa Saturday, Picnic at Ursuline High School
July:	1 st 5 th 15th	Executive Committee Meeting BOARD MEETING - Scholarship winners Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
August:	2 nd 15th 28 th	Executive Committee Meeting Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions BBQ ?
September:	6 th 15th 26 th 30 th	Executive Committee Meeting Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building Executive Committee Meeting
October:	4 th 15th 23 rd	BOARD MEETING - Scholarship winners Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions Luncheon, Election of Officers for 2009
November:	1 st 15th	Executive Committee Meeting Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
December:	6 th 14 th 15th	Executive Committee Meeting Sunday, Holiday Social Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions

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

Luncheon, Thursday May 22, 2008
The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

Socializing 11:00am; Lunch noon

Cost (including tax and tip) - **Price \$20.00**

Starter: Sonoma County Greens and seasonal vegetables with balsamic vinaigrette

Entrée: Choice of seasonal baked fish with roasted red peppers, saffron rice, and seasonal vegetables OR Grilled tri-tip with garlic mashed potatoes, crispy onions, seasonal vegetables, and red wine reduction sauce.

Dessert: Ice Cream Sundae with chocolate sauce, chopped nuts, and a cherry.

Coffee, Tea, Rolls and Butter

Please Reserve ___ Fish ___ Beef

Enclosed is my check for my advanced reservation ___ persons @ \$20.00 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 May 22, 2008 will be Mr. Frank Haeg, Chairman of the Board for the Luther Burbank Home and Gardens who will discuss highlights on Santa Rosa resident, Luther Burbank. We will also honor our scholarship recipients at this meeting.

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**

Donations to the Scholarship Fund

February

Bruce Bell

Ann Bulawsky

George Connors

Guy Conversano

Sally Keller

Bob Wicklund

March

George Connors

Blanche McQuade

Sally Keller

Donations to the Military Support Fund

February

Sally Keller

Owen Reeves

March

Jim Butler

Sally Keller

Gary Meagher

Owen Reeves

**Retirees, Disabled Vets Still Can File
for Stimulus Payments**

April 24, 2008 (SmartPros) Even though April 15 has passed, the Internal Revenue Service is reminding retirees, disabled veterans and others who normally do not file a tax return that there is still time to submit a 2007 form to receive an economic stimulus payment.

Source: Sonoma County Veteran's Service Office

DECEASED MEMBERS

LtCol Marshall C. GREGORY, USMC (Ret.)

April 24, 2008

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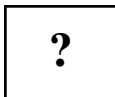


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The regular monthly meeting will be at the Hunter Steak House on Wednesday, May 14. The program will be presented by Mr. Allen Brener from the Center for the Blind. In consideration of our recently elevated temperatures, entrees will be Grilled Chicken Salad or Cobb Salad and a Dessert will be offered. Beverage, Fresh Bread and Butter are included. The cost is still \$16 and lunch will be served promptly at noon. If the Telephone Committee does not reach you, call Susan Linch or Shirley Reeves (phones listed above) for reservations or cancellations. Susan Linch and Barbara Confer will be our hostesses. Our Chapter was represented at the MOMS Pancake Breakfast on April 13 by Col. Pete and Alice Peterka, Connie Miller and Cdr. Bill Morris, among the bidders and diners. At the April meeting Maxine Van Norden decorated the tables with exquisite little bird houses which were created by her husband, Captain Jerry Van Norden. Several extras were donated by the Van Nordons and offered for purchase to benefit MOAA, and were snapped up. Thanks, Maxine and Jerry. Terry Silva, Family Services, reported no illness this period.

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

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