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Redwood Empire Chapter

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

May was a busy month. Our chapter regrettably lost two valued members, LTCOL Marshall Gregory and CWO3 Eugene Howard. Alice and I made a quick trip to Nashville to see our grandson, Trevor, who was back on leave from his second tour in Iraq with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne (Air Assault) Division. He's back in Baghdad as we speak. I had the pleasure of speaking to the Sonoma Valley Sub-

Chapter at their regular meeting on the subject of military application of the High Altitude-Low Opening Parachute techniques.

We then entered the assembly process of putting our float together, in preparation for the 114<sup>th</sup> annual Rose Parade in Santa Rosa. Allow me to brag a little....RECMOAA won first place in the “Veterans Other” category....with the Vietnam Veterans of America Post #223 as second. My sincere appreciation to all who participated in this activity....our small confrontation with the local police, notwithstanding. For details on this, you will have to see me personally.

On the 22d of May, as you know, we had our monthly chapter meeting at The Quail Inn. Thirty-seven were in attendance, and we recognized and honored our Brey Scholarship winners at this function. We (Alice and I), then dashed to Travis AFB, got our Shingles shot, and attended the Solano County MOAA Chapter meeting. I was guest speaker and spoke on “The Secret War in Laos”. A very congenial group and an excellent buffet.

What's in the future....picnic in June; visit to Safari West and appointment of a nominating committee in July; MOAA day on the U.S.S. Hornet in Alameda and our own BBQ at Spring Lake Park in August; Lobster Feed in September; general membership meeting and election of officers in October.

Meanwhile, enjoy your summer.

COL Pete Peterka, President

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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 your membership in our Chapter. Send in a check today.

## MOAA DAY ON U.S.S. HORNET

Area 2, CALMOAA, more specifically the San Francisco Chapter, MOAA, is sponsoring a Joint Chapter MOAA Day on the U.S.S. Hornet, berthed at Alameda. The date is Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and is open to all MOAA members throughout the Bay Area. The activity will include a tour of the Hornet, activities on the hangar deck, to include demonstrations, booths, and a presentation by the web master of Military.com. Lunch will be served on the hangar deck. Cost for the excursion is \$25.00 per person.

There are two options if you think you might be interested, 1) Go as a group by chartered bus, at an additional cost of \$20.00 per person, or 2) Car-pool or just drive down. Parking is available at ship side. With the cost of gasoline, and the bridge toll, the bus sounds like the better deal. If we go by bus, we will have wine and snacks on the bus. We will need at least 40 persons opting to go by charter bus, i.e., charter bus cost is around \$800.00 a day.

If you are interested, or have questions, and incidentally friends and relatives are welcome, please give Pete Peterka, President, a call, or send an e-mail, as soon as possible. (707)542-4076 Cell (707)484-4803 or e-mail at [petepeterka@earthlink.net](mailto:petepeterka@earthlink.net).

## WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

LCOL ROBERT L. HARDER, USA  
Spouse - HOLLY

ELIZABETH SIMMONS  
Auxiliary Lake Sub-Chapter

## MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Tuesday, June 7, 2008, 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Saturday, July 5th, 2008, 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings.



## MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

“The Mendocino County Subchapter of REC MOAA held it’s regular Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 am, on Saturday May 17th, 2008 at the Hill House Inn Restaurant in Mendocino Village. We had a great turnout of 14 members, spouses and guests. As we have done at past meetings, with no guest speaker, the attendees enjoyed a hearty and hilarious social time with each other. All members and spouses are invited to suggest guest speakers for future meetings, but everyone seemed to agree that the socializing with each other was just as good as having a guest speaker. That is, unless we are able to have a guest speaker as good as Colonel Pete and Alice Peterka who were at our luncheon meeting at the Hill House Inn last year. So unless we are able to get a really good guest speaker, the meetings will be a chance for more socializing among our members, spouses and guests. The next luncheon meeting of the MCSREC MOAA will be held at the Hill House Inn Restaurant, Mendocino Village, at 11:30 am on Saturday July 17th, 2008.

Menu choices will be announced in the future, and will include desert, for the price of \$17.00, including tax and gratuities. We’ll see you there!

Sincerely, LTC Ben Booth, Commander

## SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

We had a another good meeting on May 8, 2008. Our speaker this time was our own Redwood Empire Chapter president, COL Pete Peterka, USA (Ret.). Pete gave a very interesting review of the history and development of American military air delivery capabilities, including parachute delivery of personnel, equipment, and supplies. Pete has extensive experience in air delivery techniques and operations, having worked in the field in airborne divisions in the USA, Europe, and Vietnam, as well as having been personally involved in development of air deilivery doctrine, procedures, and equipment at various stages of his long and distinguished career. He was also one of the pioneers in development of HALO (High Altitude, Low Opening) free-fall parachuting as a military procedure in use today by our special operations forces around the world. We really enjoyed Pete's talk, and

there were quite a few questions for him afterwards. It was a pleasure to have such a distinguished officer from our own organization as our speaker this time.

Our next meeting will be July 10, 2008 at Little Switzerland. In the meantime, I again promise that we will work with the staff at Little Switzerland to correct the service shortcomings we ran into this time. We'll try to do better in July, or it may be time to consider a change in venue for our meetings. Any suggestions will be welcome; feel free to call me, BK, or Ted with any suggestions. Thanks to one and all for your support.

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

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 April CPI for was 0.7 percentage points over March’s value. Cumulative inflation now stands at 3.5% through April with five months to go in this fiscal year. This is already more than the 2006 increase of 3.3% for the *entire* year. The “Las Vegas” betters feel that this year’s year-end COLA will be around 4.5% or higher.

### Federal Issues:

**FY2009 Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 5658):** Here we go again! The House Armed Services Committee completed its draft of the

FY2009 Defense Authorization Bill approving a long list of changes affecting every segment of the military community with the items most significant to our members summarized as follows:

**Health Care:**

- Bar any TRICARE or pharmacy fee increases for FY2009 (see final note below)
- Authorize a pilot program to exempt certain preventive care (e.g., mammograms, colonoscopies, vaccinations) from TRICARE copays and deductibles.
- Add 1,023 to Navy manpower and 450 to USAF to restore military medical positions previously civilianized.

**Active Duty Issues:**

- Authorize 3.9% pay raise for 2009 (vs. 3.4% DoD recommendation).
- Require military pay raises to be 1/2% greater than the average American's each year through 2013

**Commissary Issues:**

- Bar studies of commissary privatization through 2013.
- Require DoD recommendation on selling beer and wine in commissaries.
- Direct DoD recommendation on opening commissaries to disabled veterans with VA ratings of 30% or greater.

**Guard/Reserve Issues:**

- Require reduction in TRICARE Reserve Select premiums.
- Direct DoD plan to simplify Guard/Reserve duty status categories.
- Authorize Reservists who retired with 20 years of active duty to switch to Reserve retirement if that provides greater retired pay, as of January 2009 (no retroactive payment).
- Authorize recomputation of Guard/Reserve retired pay following at least two years of recalled active duty.
- Extend Guard/Reserve income replacement authority through 2009.

**Survivor Issues:**

- Expand eligibility for Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance to include survivors of members who died on active duty.
- Restore SBP to survivors of members who died on active duty, but whose SBP was switched to children (when children attain majority or if remarriage ends).

**Family Issues:**

- Add \$15 million for family support programs.
- \$65 million in education aid for schools attended by military children.
- Authorize 200-lb professional books/equipment shipping allowance for spouses on PCS moves.
- Provide tuition assistance/training for spouses seeking portable careers.
- Authorize transportation of two family pets if evacuated from overseas location.

**State Issues:**

**State TRICARE Incentives:** We are still working on this which 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". While this may seem redundant to some since it is also being looked at by Congress, it behooves us to "cover all bases".

**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. Results of the hearing by the Committee on Revenue and Taxation on 12 May determined that it be held in committee.

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

**SURVIVOR BENEFIT PREMIUMS  
END - OCTOBER 1, 2008**

September 2008 will bring about the end of SBP premiums for all participants, 70 years of age, who have paid monthly premiums for 360 or more months. No action is required by the retiree, DFAS will automatically cease withholding the premiums. Premiums will be stopped automatically in October 2008 and the change will be reflected in the November 3, 2008 disburse-

**To: All Redwood Empire  
Chapter MOAA Members**

We are in a "crisis mode" again. This time to make sure our Tricare/Medicare reimbursements are not cut in July as currently forecast.

Our elected representatives need to fix the problem NLT 16 June, or, perhaps our current medical provider may "bail out".

Therefore, it is requested that you "cut and paste" the following letter to your elected representative ASAP:

"Dear Senator (Feinstein or Boxer) or Representative (Thompson or Woolsey)":

"I'm writing to urge you to do all you can to make sure Congress reverses the proposed 10.6% cut in Medicare payments to doctors scheduled for July 2008. Action is needed by mid-June or Medicare will begin processing payment cuts.

"The cuts in payments to doctors will devastate seniors' and all military beneficiaries' access to health care by encouraging even more doctors to stop seeing Medicare and military TRICARE patients. Military beneficiaries are affected even more severely because TRICARE rates are based on Medicare's, and in many cases even discounted below Medicare's.

"This issue is a particular problem for retirees, survivors, and Guard and Reserve families who don't live near military installations. In those areas, many doctors already refuse to see any new TRICARE patients. Without some assurance that these cuts will not take effect, even more doctors may be forced to take this step.

"Please do all you can to ensure Congress replaces the Medicare/TRICARE rate cuts, without some stability in the program, our military families and retirees' care is in jeopardy."

(Sign with your name and street address. If your mailing address is different, include that also)

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**REMINDER - REMINDER - REMINDER**

All members are requested to make sure their dues have been paid for 2008. The chapter dues are \$20.00 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).

**MILITARY SALUTE FOR  
VETERANS IS NOW LAW!**

On January 28, 2008, President Bush signed H.R. 4986. Section 594 of the bill specifies in part - "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 hand salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute."

**CHAPTER FLOAT TAKES  
FIRST PLACE IN ROSE PARADE**

The Redwood Empire Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, float was awarded first place in the "Veterans Other" category in the 114<sup>th</sup> annual Rose Parade in Santa Rosa on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The float was decorated with the chapter colors, flags and official seals of all military services, roses, and was staffed with six uniformed members of the military services. The float was pulled by a 1942 WWII Jeep, owned and driven by Captain Lee Hoskins. Accolades to all that participated in the assembly, decoration, and participation in the parade itself.

**INOCULATION FOR SHINGLES**



## AVAILABLE AT TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Inoculations against Shingles are available at the David Grant Medical Center, Travis Air Force Base, from Monday through Friday, 0800 - 1630 hours, for all eligible military and retired personnel. A prescription from the individuals Primary Care Physician is required.

## SUPPORT THE TROOPS RALLY SATURDAY, JUNE 14th

The third annual Support The Troops rally will be held, Saturday, June 14th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa. Special speakers, Children's activities, Military Displays, Veteran's Organizations Booths, Music, etc..

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE TROOPS.**

## HIGH COST OF FORCE PROTECTION

During WWII the approximate uniform and equipment costs for the individual soldier was \$170 (2006 dollars). Equipment weight 35.8 pounds. One killed to every 2.40 wounded.

Vietnam War - Cost \$1,100 dollars. Weight 35.1 pounds. One killed in 3.12 wounded.

Iraq/Afganistan - Cost \$17,500 dollars. Weight 75.3 pounds. One killed to 8.3 wounded

Future Systems - Cost \$28,000 - \$60,000.

*Source: Department of Defense*

The picture at the left side, was from an entry in the Rose Parade a few years ago. The car belongs to COL Hal Warren. Can you identify the other members in the car?

## Discussion Group

The Discussion Group will meet on Tuesday, June 10th and again on Tuesday, June 24th. Both times we will meet in **Spring Lake Park**, our warm weather venue. Bring your lunch and your Park Pass. Come into the park at the Hoen Avenue entrance, head down the hill towards the boat dock. Meet where we normally have our summer picnic. Both starting times are 11:30 a.m.

COL Mal Rivkins, 996-3783

## CHANGES TO 2008 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. If you did not receive a copy, contact your Secretary Bob Safreno and he will send you one.

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## In an emergency, THINK DIABETES!

Clip and save the wallet size guide, it may help someone, or give it to someone you know. This helpful guide is from the **American Diabetes Association.**

### HIGH BLOOD SUGAR

*(Hyperglycemia or Acidosis)*

Give this card to friends or associates.

#### **SYMPTOMS**

Gradual onset  
 Drowsiness  
 Extreme thirst  
 Very frequent urinating  
 Flushed skin  
 Vomiting  
 Fruity or wine-like breath odor  
 Heavy breathing  
 Eventual stupor or unconsciousness

#### **ACTION**

If uncertain whether high or low blood sugar, give sugar-containing food or drink.

*If no response in 15 minutes, take to a hospital (Call 911)*

*American Diabetes Association*

### LOW BLOOD SUGAR

*(Insulin reaction or Hypoglycemia)*

#### **SYMPTOMS**

Sudden onset  
 Staggering, poor coordination  
 Anger, bad temper  
 Pale color  
 Confusion, disorientation  
 Sudden hunger  
 Excessive sweating  
 Trembling  
 Eventual stupor or unconsciousness

#### **ACTION**

Provide sugar, such as soda, candy, milk, fruit juice.

#### **DO NOT USE DIET DRINKS.**

*If the person is not better in 15 minutes, take to a hospital. (Call 911)*

*American Diabetes Association*

## A SIMPLE SOLDIER

He was getting old and paunchy  
And his hair was falling fast,  
And he sat around the Legion,  
Telling stories of the past.

Of a war that he once fought in  
And the deeds that he had done,  
In his exploits with his buddies;  
They were heroes, every one.

And 'tho sometimes to his neighbors  
His tales became a joke,  
All his buddies listened quietly  
For they knew where of he spoke.

But we'll hear his tales no longer,  
For ol' Bob has passed away,  
And the world's a little poorer  
For a Soldier died today.

He won't be mourned by many,  
Just his children and his wife.  
For he lived an ordinary,  
Very quiet sort of life.

He held a job and raised a family,  
Going quietly on his way;  
And the world won't note his passing,  
'Tho a Soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth,  
Their bodies lie in state,  
While thousands note their passing,  
And proclaim that they were great.

Papers tell of their life stories  
From the time that they were young  
But the passing of a Soldier  
Goes unnoticed, and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution  
To the welfare of our land,  
Some jerk who breaks his promise  
And cons his fellow man?

Or the ordinary fellow  
Who in times of war and strife,  
Goes off to serve his country  
And offers up his life?

The politician's stipend  
And the style in which he lives,  
Are often disproportionate,  
To the service that he gives.

While the ordinary Soldier,  
Who offered up his all,  
Is paid off with a medal  
And perhaps a pension, small.

It's so easy to forget them,  
For it is so many times  
That our Bobs and Jims and Johnnys,  
Went to battle, but we know,

It is not the politicians  
With their compromise and ploys,  
Who won for us the freedom  
That our country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger,  
With your enemies at hand,  
Would you really want some cop-out,  
With his ever waffling stand?

Or would you want a Soldier--  
His home, his country, his kin,  
Just a common Soldier,  
Who would fight until the end.

He was just a common Soldier,  
And his ranks are growing thin,  
But his presence should remind us  
We may need his like again.

For when countries are in conflict,  
We find the Soldier's part  
Is to clean up all the troubles  
That the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor  
While he's here to hear the praise,  
Then at least let's give him homage  
At the ending of his days.

Perhaps just a simply headline  
In the paper that might say:

**"OUR COUNTRY IS IN MOURNING,  
A SOLDIER DIED TODAY."**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

JUN:	7 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions Support The Troops Rally, Santa Rosa
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday, Picnic at Ursuline High School
JUL:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
	5 <sup>th</sup>	BOARD MEETING - Scholarship winners
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
AUG:	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
	28 <sup>th</sup>	BBQ ?
SEP:	6 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
OCT:	4 <sup>th</sup>	BOARD MEETING - Scholarship winners
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luncheon, Election of Officers for 2009
NOV:	1 <sup>st</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions
DEC:	6 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Committee Meeting
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday, Holiday Social
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for MOAA-VOICE Submissions

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

## **BARBEQUE / PICNIC - SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008, 12:00 noon** **Ursuline high school, 90 Ursuline Road, Santa Rosa**

Off Old Redwood Highway, east of Hwy 101, about 1/2 mile south of Mark Springs Road or about 1 1/2 mile north of Fountain Grove Parkway.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Menu:** BBQ Chicken and garlic bread, Wine and coffee.
- Salads, beans and desserts will be provided by the Wives Club.
- **Please** bring your own munchies, chips & dip, water, and soda.

Enclosed is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$20.00 each, Total\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Please make name tags for:**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

**Reservation must be received not later than Tuesday, June 17, 2008**

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Col. Brey Scholarship Fund And/or \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Military Support Fund

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

*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

### **CWO3 EUGENE J. HOWARD, DECEASED**

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Eugene J. Howard, USAR, passed away in Santa Rosa April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008. CWO Howard is survived by his spouse, Mrs. Ginny Howard of Santa Rosa, and a son, Mr. Jerry Howard and family, of New Orleans, LA. Rosary was held Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Egan Lance Mortuary and burial services with military honors, Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at Santa Rosa Memorial Park

### **LTC JIM BUTLER PASSES**

A long time member and former chapter president, LCOL JAMES F. (JIM) BUTLER passed away this past May 16<sup>th</sup>. LCOL Butler served a chapter president in 1994 and has been a faithful member for many years, regularly attending chapter functions. He is survived by his lovely wife, Claire Butler. There were no local services and LCOL Butler was buried with full military honors at a private ceremony at the National Cemetery in the Sacramento Valley.



## **DECEASED MEMBERS**



**CWO3 EUGENE J. HOWARD, USAR**  
Deceased – April 29, 2008

**LCOL JAMES F. BUTLER, USA**  
Deceased - May 16, 2008

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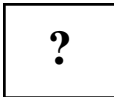


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*(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)*

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No meeting this month... The MOAA Picnic will be on Saturday, June 21st. Information regarding making your reservations, time and place will be elsewhere in your *MOAA-VOICE*. Be there! It is great fun but you must make reservations... Our Speaker at the May meeting was Allen Brenner from the Center for the Blind. He brought his beautiful dog with him which fell asleep using your president's feet for a pillow... Now that's an AWWW... Susan Linch brought lovely miniature fuchsias for table decorations, led the Pledge of Allegiance and helped Tina Lewis check us in at the reception table - well, it was Susan's day... Family Services' Terry Silva has sent a sympathy card to Helen Gregory. MOAA Wives were well represented at LCOL Marshall Gregory's funeral service.

Connie Miller, Publicity, 568-3811 [conkrest@aol.com](mailto:conkrest@aol.com)

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