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PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS



Winter is almost over and where is the rain? We have a deficit of over 9 inches compared to the norm. The Col Brey Scholarship applications close on March 15. We will announce the scholarship winners at our April meeting and honor them at our May meeting.

We need new blood in our Chapter and each member is asked to recruit one member. Incentives for joining are free membership for one year, scholarships, and personal affairs. Pete Rizzo has sent our application in for awarding of 4 or 5 Star Chapter award. He worked very hard on this and our chapter deserves to be honored.

Upcoming events include the Support the Troops Rally, Rose Parade on May 16th, Memorial Day activities, our annual picnic in June, and our annual Bar-B-Q in August.

Captain Tom Poulter

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: March 7, 2009 & March 31, 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Saturday, April 4th, 2009, 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

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

MARCH PROGRAM

On Thursday, March 26, at our luncheon meeting, we will hear a presentation by Sharon Dominik, Marketing Director for Paradise Valley Estates near Travis AFB.

It is a retirement community. That is where Pete and Pat Wolffe are living.



COL BREY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD CLOSING MARCH 15TH

The Colonel William G. Brey Scholarship Fund, established in memory of the Redwood Empire Chapter's first president, awards college, vocational, technical, and business school merit scholarships to children, grandchildren or wards of regular or auxiliary members of the chapter. To be eligible, applicants must have graduated (or be about to graduate) from high school, have been accepted (or have reasonable indication of acceptance) by an accredited college, vocational, technical, business, or professional school, and not have previously received a Brey Scholarship award.

Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Scholarship Committee Chairman, LTC Dennis Meredith, 707-996-8819, or at denismm@comcast.net. Forms may also be obtained by contacting the Chapter Secretary CPT Bob Saffreno, Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 2801, Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801; or downloaded from the Chapter Web Page at <http://www.redwoodempiremoaa.us/programs.html>. Deadline for submission of scholarship application and supporting documentation is March 15, 2009. Any questions contact Col. Pete Peterka: 707-542-4076 or LTC Dennis Meredith: 707-996-8819.

Military Humor

“If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter -- and therefore, unsafe.”



MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

No Report

SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2009, and will again be at Mary's Pizza Hut in Boyes Springs. Our speaker this time will be our own COL Renee Rubin, USAF (Ret.). Renee has extensive experience working with MOAA at the national level, including direct liaison with members of Congress to promote and facilitate policies and legislation which is in the best interests of our membership as well as the military community at large. I am looking forward to hearing from Renee about activities of and support from our national organization.

As always, the meeting will start at noon, and members are encouraged to come a little early for possible libations and some camaraderie. BK, Ted, and I will call everyone as usual to get a headcount, but as before we will order from the menu, so everyone can order what they wish without having to decide beforehand.

LTC Dennis Meredith
Subchapter Representative, Board of Directors

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

The regular meeting of the Humboldt/Del Norte Counties Sub-Chapter of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the Military Officers Association was held at The Galley, U S Coast Guard Air Station, Humboldt Bay at noon on Saturday, 21 February 2009.

The speaker for the day was CAPT Christopher MARTINO, USCG, Commander, Coast Guard Group, Humboldt Bay.

After a brief review of the organization and operations of the Coast Guard Group, CAPT Martino concentrated on discussion of the DEEPWATER Project, a 25 year program of updating and expansion of the operational assets of the Coast Guard. Procurement programs include, among others, upgraded helicopters, procurement of a significant number to H 130-J heavy lift aircraft, and the new 150 ft. Fast Response Cutter. The program does not add any new missions, but makes significant changes in emphasis, particularly with regard to port security.

He showed a video clip illustrating AUF (Airborne Use of Force). This concept is new to the Coast Guard, because in the past arms were not carried in Coast Guard helicopters. However, trained marksmen in USCG helicopters are now used to interdict high speed drug runners in the Caribbean. He showed some impressive video clips of some of these operations.

To resolve issues of the division of assets between the Atlantic and Pacific Commands which became evident in the response to Hurricane KATRINA, new command and control organization was established. Also, a new Deployable Operations Group (DHS), "DOG", was established which is comparable to the Navy SEALs.

The Coast Guard is now constructing Rescue-21 in response to a commission recommendation. This is a network of direction finding stations for offshore operations. The receivers are capable of detecting a 1 watt signal up to 30 miles offshore. The system is operational on a significant portion of the eastern seaboard and the southern California coast and has enabled some dramatic rescues of persons in trouble who reported their positions several miles in error.

He also showed a video clip of the testing of a new jet boat, Response Boat (Medium), RBM.

H. W. Gardner, Adjutant

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

No Report

News from *The Affiliate*

MOAA's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee has expanded its existing reading list resources on grief and mourning. More than 50 titles are listed at www.moaa.org/survivor. These resources fall into one of five categories: (1) Books for Military Survivors, (2) Books on General Grief, (3) Books for Widowers, (4) Books for Widows, and (5) Books for Grandparents. This list is an ongoing project, so please email joanne@militarywidow.com if there's a new section or resource you'd like to see added to this list.

Tina Lewis

2009 ROSTER

The 2009 Roster has been mailed and you should have it by the time you get this copy of MOAA VOICE. If not please contact your Secretary, Bob Safreno at 707-795-3963.

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

Luncheon, Thursday March 26, 2009 The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

Socializing 11:00am; Lunch 12:00pm
Cost (including tax and tip) - Price \$20.00

Starter: Caesar Salad - Hearts of romaine with herbed croutons and shaved asiago
Entrée: Choice of Sautéed breast of Sonoma County chicken Picata with lemon, capers, white wine and rice OR Baked Ham with potato au gratin and seasonal vegetables.
Dessert: Warm soufflé-like cake served with raspberry sauce.
Coffee, Tea, Rolls and Butter

Please reserve: Chicken ___ Ham ___

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 March 26 will be Ms. Sharon Dominik, Marketing Director for Paradise Valley Estates in Fairfield.

Name: _____

Guests: _____, _____, _____, _____

Please list the names of all guest, so that we can make NAME TAGS for them too, thank you. If anyone needs transport to this event contact Lee Hoskins at 538-5167 who will arrange transportation for you.

----- Check here if you will be able to bring a Raffle Prize.

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2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 09	
7th	Executive Committee Meeting
26th	Luncheon Meeting
31st	Executive Committee Meeting
Apr 09	
4th	Board of Directors Meeting
23rd	Luncheon Meeting
May 09	
2nd	Executive Committee Meeting
16th	Santa Rosa Rose Parade
25th	Memorial Day Ceremony - S.R. Memorial Park
28th	Luncheon Meeting & Honor Scholarship Winners
Jun 09	
6th	Executive Committee Meeting
*	Support The Troops Rally - Santa Rosa
*	Annual Picnic - Ursline H.S.
Jul 09	
7th	Executive Committee Meeting
11th	Board of Directors Meeting
23rd	Luncheon Meeting

Aug 09	
1st	Executive Committee Meeting
*	Chapter Annual BBQ
*	Air Show - Schultz County Airport
Sep 09	
5th	Executive Committee Meeting
*	Lobster Feed
29th	Executive Committee Meeting
*	POW/MIA Recognition Day
Oct 09	
3rd	Board of Directors Meeting
22nd	General Membership Meeting Election of Officers
Nov 09	
7th	Executive Committee Meeting
11th	Veterans Day Parade - Petaluma No Luncheon Meeting in November
Dec 09	
5th	Executive Committee Meeting
7th	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
*	Holiday Social
* - Dates to announced/confirmed at later date	

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(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

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The regular March meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11, at the Flamingo Hotel. Lunch is served promptly at noon and your Telephone Committee will apprise you of Entree choices. The price is still \$20, all inclusive. Don't like to nag, but please remember that your Reservations Chairman, Alice Peterka, 542-4076, must be notified of your reservation (up to the morning of the meeting) as well as cancellations (Monday before the meeting). There is the potential of not having a chair to sit it if the Hotel isn't prepared for you and the definite charge for a meal not cancelled. Reservations is a tough job. Let's not make it harder for her. Our program will be music presented by Ron Walters, Banjo virtuoso and singer of great songs. Don't miss this one - bring a prospective member!

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