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Redwood Empire Chapter

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PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS



St. Patrick's Day is behind us with corned beef, cabbage, and Guinness. Easter is ahead with baked ham, scalloped potatoes, family, and church.

At our February luncheon, Charles Christian gave an interesting but long rendition on

military intelligence. He covered Francis Gary Powers and the U-2 and the SR-71 spy planes. We also learned that there are no UFO's and green aliens at Area 51 in Nevada.

LTC Mort Jarvis, USAF from Yuba City, who installed our officers at the January luncheon has resigned his position as CAL-MOAA Area 1 Director. LTC Robert Huss, USAF who is President of the Paradise Chapter has taken his place.

CRD John Sammons, USPHS and Secretary for CAL-MOAA will present a 40 year plaque to the Chapter at our March luncheon.

COL Brey Scholarship winners will be announced at our April luncheon meeting and the successful winners will be presented at our May luncheon meeting. I have tasked each member to recruit one new member this year. If you have not paid your chapter dues for 2009, do so ASAP so you will not get removed from the roster.

Captain Tom

APRIL LUNCHEON PROGRAM

On Thursday, April 23, at our luncheon meeting, we will hear a presentation by LtCol Chris Bingham, USAF (ret). He is the current Sonoma County Veterans Service Officer. His office assists Sonoma County veterans and their family members to get benefits that they have earned through their service to our Nation. The main focus of his presentation will be “Non-Service Connected (NSC) Pension with Aid and Attendance (A&A)” benefits. The NSC Pension with A&A benefit can help families care for Veterans/ Surviving spouses who have the medical need for a caregiver (or need to live in a care facility) to accomplish normal activities of daily living. He will educate us on the eligibility requirements including net worth and income limitations, level of benefits available and military service requirements. The Sonoma County Veteran Service Office will assist any county Veteran/surviving spouse to apply for this (and all other benefits) free of charge.

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS

If you have a little free time, your Chapter could use your help. We are not asking a lot and in some cases you could help out with out leaving your home.

We need help filling out several Committees to keep our Chapter operating. There are many areas that you could help out with. If you think you could help us, please contact one of the Chapter Officers listed on **Page 8** (The last page of this bulletin).

DUES NOTICE: As of March 1st Any member that has not paid their dues for 2009 year, shall or may be dropped according to the Chapter By-laws. As of the Publication of the April MOAA VOICE, there are still over 40 members that have not paid their dues. This list also includes five (5) previous Officers of the Chapter.

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: March 31, 2009, 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.

**A BIG WELCOME to a NEW MEMBER
of the
REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**

CPT IRENE YOUNG, WAAC
Mendocino Sub-Chapter



MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

"The Subchapter had a fabulous luncheon meeting on 21 March at Jensen's Restaurant, Ukiah. After the opening ceremony, Staff Sergeant Jesse Lenard, Army Recruiter at the Ukiah Recruiting Station, was re-enlisted by a swearing in performed by Lt. Col. Ben Booth, US Army (Ret.). Major Dennis Faulkner, Commander North Bay Recruiting Co., Santa Rosa, and Sergeants Boone, Szczepanik, and Sanders, of the Ukiah Recruiting Station, were also our guests. Ms. Jenny Craven, Founder of OPERATION TANGO MIKE (Operation Thanks Much), a private non-profit organization, spoke on their wonderful efforts to solicit donations of comfort items, money and help, to send to US Armed Forces overseas. Web page: <http://home.mchsi.com/~operationtangomike>, Or, just put Operation Tango Mike in your Google, and it will open the web page. Email address: operationtangomike@mchsi.com, or telephone: 707-349-2838, to find out how you can help this wonderful effort! Our next Luncheon meeting will be at The Wharf, Noyo Harbor, at 11:30 am, Saturday, May 16th, 2009. Please join us and bring a current or prospective member, for another fabulous meeting. Ben Booth, Commander."



SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Once again, we held our bi-monthly luncheon meeting at Mary's Pizza Shack in Boyes Springs on Thursday, March 12, 2009. We also once again had a small but loyal group who attended, and we all enjoyed hearing our own COL Renee Rubin tell us about MOAA operations at the national level, especially the annual "Storming the Hill" visits by MOAA delegates to the offices of members of Congress to lobby on behalf of programs, budgeting, and legislation of interest to the military community. It was all very interesting, and it was obvious from Renee's remarks that we are getting a lot of mileage out of our national MOAA dues.

Our next meeting will most likely also be at Mary's, and definitely on Thursday, May 14, 2009, starting about noon. We encourage everyone to come a little early and enjoy some camaraderie and perhaps a libation before we start.

BK, Ted, and I are still working on coming up with a new mechanism for reminding our members of the meetings, perhaps a combination of a postcard mailing and phone calls. We are a bit concerned about the relatively low turnout we have been seeing at our last few luncheon meetings. We have seen a drop from about 17-20 at meetings to about 10-11. We have also had a few members recently who said they would attend, but then did not show. We are very interested in any feedback from members, including recommendations about how or what we might be doing differently. If any members have concerns or suggestions about this issue, please feel free to call or email BK, Ted, or Dennis.

LTC Dennis Meredith
Subchapter Representative, Board of Directors



LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report this month



HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

H. W. Gardner, Adjutant - No report

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE FACING POSSIBLE STAFF REDUCTIONS

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is planning to hold five Community Budget Workshops, one in each supervisory district, to provide opportunity for the public to provide input on the FY 2009-2010 County Budget. One of the key elements of the meetings will be proposed reductions in county staff, among those being considered for possible reduction in staffing is the County Veteran's Service Office. Current working draft of reduction options presently include reducing the Veterans Service Office by one (1) Veterans Claims Officer III and one (1) Veterans Claims Officer II with possible reduction of the Veterans Services Office by two (2) additional positions to one (1) position.

In 2007 the VSO served over 2,200 veterans, resulting in generating over \$10 million in new benefits to veterans and families of Sonoma County, equating to \$50 in client benefits and state funds for every \$1 of county funds expended. This figure includes assistance with tuition fee waivers valued at \$384,900. In January 2009 the VSO assisted more than 220 local veterans in submitting claims for educational and other benefits. This figure is likely to increase as more and more veterans return from Iraq and Afghanistan seeking to enter college or have medical conditions which require special consideration.

Strong support by the veterans community is needed to prevent the reduction of the staff of the VSO which would adversely impact the service to veterans. Dates of the workshops will no doubt be announced....watch for the workshop in your district. Attend, or at least make known to your supervisor, your support for the retention of this office at the current staffing level.

EIGHT BLUNDERS OF THE WORLD

- Wealth without work
- Knowledge without character
- Science without humanity
- Politics without principle
- Pleasure without conscience
- Commerce without morality
- Worship without sacrifice
- Rights without responsibilities

A one-time Economic Recovery Payment of

\$250

will be made in 2009.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILE A TAX RETURN TO GET YOUR ECONOMIC RECOVERY PAYMENT.

⇒ *If you are a retiree, disabled individual or a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient, you will receive your Economic Recovery Payment directly from the Social Security Administration.*

⇒ *If you receive disabled veterans benefits, you will receive your Economic Recovery Payment from the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

⇒ *If you receive Railroad Retirement benefits, you will receive your Economic Recovery Payment from the Railroad Retirement Board.*

Contact the agency that pays your benefit for more information.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bob Mandelstam

Subject: The 'Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act' [as proposed]

The 'Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act' March 11, 2009 URL: http://www.fedsmith.com/article/1902/HR_1203_IH_111th_CONGRESS_1st_Session

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 25, 2009

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. WOLF, Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia, Mr. HOYER, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HOLT, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. YARMUTH, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Federal and Military Retiree Health Care Equity Act'.

SECTION 2. PRETAX PAYMENT OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS BY FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY RETIREES.

(a) In General- Subsection (g) of section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to cafeteria plans) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

'(5) HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS OF FEDERAL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY RETIREES-

'(A) FEHBP PREMIUMS- Nothing in this section shall prevent the benefits of this section from being allowed to an annuitant, as defined in paragraph (3) of section 8901 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to a choice between the annuity or compensation referred to in such paragraph and benefits under the health benefits program established by chapter 89 of such title 5.

'(B) TRICARE PREMIUMS- Nothing in this section shall prevent the benefits of this section from being allowed to an individual receiving retired or retainer pay by reason of being a member or former member of the uniformed services of the United States with respect to a choice between such pay and benefits under the health benefits programs established by chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.'

(b) Effective Date- The amendment made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. DEDUCTION FOR TRICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PREMIUMS.

(a) In General- Part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to additional itemized deductions for individuals) is amended by redesignating section 224 as section 225 and by inserting after section 223 the following new section:

SEC. 224. TRICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PREMIUMS OR ENROLLMENT FEES.

(a) Allowance of Deduction- In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a deduction the amounts paid during the taxable year by the taxpayer for insurance purchased as supplemental coverage to the health benefits programs established by chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, for the taxpayer and the taxpayer's spouse and dependents.

(b) Coordination With Medical Deduction- Any amount allowed as a deduction under subsection (a) shall not be taken into account in computing the amount allowable to the taxpayer as a deduction under section 213(a).

(b) Deduction Allowed Whether or Not Individual Itemizes Other Deductions-Subsection (a) of section 62 of such Code is amended by inserting before the last sentence the following new paragraph:

(22) TRICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PREMIUMS OR ENROLLMENT FEES- The deduction allowed by section 224.

(c) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections for part VII of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by striking the last item and inserting the following new items:

Sec. 224. TRICARE supplemental premiums or enrollment fees.

Sec. 225. Cross reference.

(d) Effective Date- The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. IMPLEMENTATION.

(a) FEHBP Premium Conversion Option for Federal Civilian Retirees- The Director of the Office of Personnel Management shall take such actions as the Director considers necessary so that the option made possible by section 125(g)(5)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be offered beginning with the first open enrollment period afforded under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, which begins not less than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) TRICARE Premium Conversion Option for Military Retirees- The Secretary of Defense, after consulting with the other administering Secretaries (as specified in section 1073 of title 10, United States Code), shall take such actions as the Secretary considers necessary so that the

option made possible by section 125(g)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall be offered beginning with the first open enrollment period afforded under health benefits programs established under chapter 55 of such title which begins not less than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Subject: Fw: GovExec.com Columns: Pay and Benefits Watch - THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

Low-Hanging Benefits By Brittany R. Ballenstedt

As President Obama looks for ways to make good on his promise to slice the deficit in half by the end of his term, the Congressional Budget Office's biennial recommendations for reducing federal spending could take on a new prominence. And that could be bad for government workers and retirees. Federal health and retiree benefits are once again among the areas where congressional analysts have found room for cuts. Here are some of the ways CBO suggests reducing or altering benefits in the first volume of its latest "Budget Options" report:

Adopt a voucher plan for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Currently, the government pays 72 percent of the average premium of plans participating in FEHBP, but no more than 75 percent of any single plan's premium. CBO recommends replacing that with a flat fee. Under its plan, the government would offer a voucher to cover the first \$4,300 of an individual's premium, or the first \$9,900 of a family's premium. The government's contribution would rise annually at the rate of inflation. CBO estimates that premiums would increase three times faster than inflation and the government would save \$13 billion over five years. Such a change also would create incentives for federal employees to switch to lower cost plans and for providers to hold down premiums, according to CBO.

Base federal retirees' health benefits on length of service. The government's share of FEHBP premiums for federal employees who retire in 2010 or later would be cut by 2 percentage points for every year of service less than 20 years. For a retiree with 15 years of service, for example, the government's contribution would decline from 72 percent of the average premium to 62 percent. About 14 percent of employees who retire from federal service and opt to continue FEHBP coverage have fewer than 20 years of service, CBO estimates. Reducing the government's contribution to FEHBP premiums for such retirees could save \$1.1 billion over 10 years, according to the report.

Subsidize Medicare Part B premiums for federal retirees. The government would begin subsidizing Medicare Part B premiums for federal retirees who currently pay for the coverage. In return, FEHBP health plans would reduce their coverage of Medicare cost-sharing by an equivalent amount. CBO's rationale is that exposing FEHBP enrollees with Medicare coverage to cost-sharing would lead them to forgo some services that have little or no expected benefits. Exercising this option would decrease Medicare spending

by an estimated \$3.9 billion over five years and discretionary spending by an estimated \$60 million over that same time period, CBO calculates.

Allow outside people and firms to purchase health insurance through FEHBP. The government would open FEHBP to individuals and employers outside of government, but unlike federal employees, these participants would be required to pay the full cost of premiums. To avoid people waiting to join the program until they needed health care services, the option would introduce an annual open-enrollment period similar to that for federal employees. This would not save the government any money. In fact, it would increase the federal deficit by an estimated \$1 billion over 10 years, CBO says.

A short note to Pay and Benefits Watch readers: After two years of writing this column, I'm leaving Government Executive to accompany my husband on a new assignment with the military. Thanks for reading, and stay tuned because Pay and Benefits Watch isn't going anywhere.

Government Executive * 600 New Hampshire Avenue, NW * Washington, DC 20037

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.

CHANGES TO 2009 ROSTER

NOTE: Members need to check their roster for correct information 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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DECEASED MEMBERS



ANN ANDERSEN, Auxiliary

February 21, 2009

Capt JOHN W. SAYERS, USAF, Honorary

December 14, 2008

Col ROBERT I. MILLBERRY, USAF

Lake Sub-Chapter – February 9, 2009

THE REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER OFFICERS AND MEMBERS EXTEND OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF OUR DEPARTED LOVE ONES

Capt JOHN W. SAYERS, USAF, Honorary

John "Jack" Sayers was born in Oakland, CA, and entered the USAAC in 1943. He flew P-51s doing tactical reconnaissance over Japan in preparation for the expected invasion of the home islands before the end of WWII. He was subsequently an active member of the USAF Reserve for many years.

After military service, Jack owned and managed many restaurants, and was known as an accomplished chef.

He was one of the original organizers of the Lake County Sub-Chapter of REC. (Not sure when that happened, maybe 20 years or so ago.)

Jack was a great patriot and loyal member of MOAA. He valiantly struggled with Alzheimer's disease for ten years preceding his death.

He is survived by Ruth, his wife of 31 years.

Online help for Vets' Pension Program

Thousands of veterans and their families now have another way to find help when filing for pension benefits.

Project VetAssist (www.vetassist.org), a free online service, guides vets or their survivors applying for the VA Improved Pension program. The website provides forms to download and step-by-step advice to complete them. "People tell us it's making life a lot easier for them," says Tara Dixon-Engel, co-founder of the American Veterans Institute in Tipp City, Ohio, which sponsors the VetAssist site.

Financially limited veterans who are 65 or older or physically disabled—and had a least 90 days of service during World War II or the Vietnam, Korean or Gulf wars—can apply for the pension program. Applicants also can e-mail info@VetAssist.org. – Carolyn White (AARP Bulletin January-February 2008, Vol. 49 No. 1)

Senior Trash Pickup Discount

Santa Rosa residents over age 65 are entitled to a senior discount for their trash pickup. If you have not yet applied for yours, you can do so by following the instructions on the forms attached.

(NOTE: This is a copy of the original form)

City of Santa Rosa/North Bay Corporation/
Santa Rosa Recycling & Collection

Policy Guidelines for Discount Garbage Rate Program - for Senior Citizens and Mobile Home Park Residents

In January 2003, the City of Santa Rosa entered into a new contract with North Bay Corporation to provide garbage collection and recycling services to households and businesses in the City. As part of this new program, North Bay Corporation is offering **discounted garbage rates for senior citizens and mobile home park residents** located within City limits. If you qualify, you will receive a discount on your garbage bill between 18% and 22%, depending on the size of your garbage container (20, 32, 68 or 96 gallon).

Residential customers are billed quarterly in advance. Qualified applicants will receive the discount beginning with the first full quarter after the application is approved.

Senior Citizens must meet the following criteria to qualify for special rates:

- Applicant must provide a copy of a drivers license or birth certificate as proof of age.

Owner-occupied properties

- If the property is owner-occupied, at least one owner of the property must be at least 65 years of age or older by the date of this application.
- If the property is owner-occupied, it must be a primary residence and not a second home or vacation home.
- The garbage bill must be kept current in order to qualify for the senior citizen rate.

Rental properties

- If the property is a rental, at least one of the rent payers must be at least 65 years of age or older by the date of this application.
- If the property is a rental, the applicant must be able to prove, either by paid receipts or cancelled checks, that the applicant and not the landlord, manager or HOA pays the garbage bill.
- If the property is a rental, it must be a primary residence and not a second home or vacation home.
- The garbage bill must be kept current in order to qualify for the senior citizen rate.

Mobile Home Park residents must meet the following criteria to qualify for special rates:

- The property must be located within a designated mobile home park, as approved by the City.
- If the mobile home is a rental, the applicant must be able to prove, either by paid receipts or cancelled checks, that the applicant and not the landlord, manager or HOA pays the garbage bill.

- The mobile home must be a primary residence and not a second home or vacation home.
- The garbage bill must be kept current in order to qualify for the mobile home rate.

Please complete and return the
application on the following page.
Call 586-1478 for more information.

(NOTE: This is a copy of the original form)

City of Santa Rosa/North Bay Corporation/
Santa Rosa Recycling & Collection

Application for Discount Garbage Rate Program - for Senior Citizens and Mobile Home Park Residents

Please complete and return this application to the following address:

Santa Rosa Recycling 81 Collection
North Bay Corporation
Customer Service and Billing Office
PO Box 4299
Santa Rosa, CA 95402-4299

APPLICATION FOR SENIOR CITIZEN I MOBILE HOME PARK RATES

First and Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone (if needed to verify information): _____

Account Number (from your garbage bill): _____

All of the following must apply in order to be eligible:

Senior Citizen Program ~~~~~ Mobil Home Program

- If a renter, I pay the garbage bill (as opposed to the landlord or HOA), and I can provide verification upon request.
- If a renter, I pay the garbage bill (as opposed to the landlord or HOA), and I can provide verification upon request.
- I am 65 years of age as of the date of this application, and I can provide verification.
- The home is my primary residence and not a second home or vacation home.
- The home is my primary residence and not a second home or vacation home.

**I HEREBY APPLY FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN OR MOBILE HOME
PARK RESIDENT DISCOUNT GARBAGE RATE PROGRAM. UNDER
PENALTY OF PERJURY, I ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION ON
THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Individuals seeking approval under the Senior Citizen Program must
enclose proof of age (drivers license or birth certificate).

For office use only:

Date Approved _____ Denied _____ Date Discount Effective: _____

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

Luncheon, Thursday April 23, 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 **Grilled Tri-tip steak** with garlic mashed potatoes crispy onions, seasonal vegetables and a red wine reduction sauce, or **Baked Snapper** with roasted red peppers, saffron rice and seasonal vegetables.
Dessert: Ice Cream Sundae.
Coffee, Tea, Rolls and Butter

Please reserve: Tri-tip steak _____, Baked Snapper (fish) _____.
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

Guest Speaker: Our speaker for April 23rd, will be LtCol Chris Bingham, USAF(Ret). He is the Sonoma County Veterans Service Officer. He will be talking on benefits available for all of us.

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.

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

2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar 09
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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MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

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The regular meeting of the Wives' Club will be at the Flamingo Hotel on Wednesday, April 8th. The program will be a fashion show presented by Barbara Friday and will be in Courtyard 2.. If you have not been there before, it is easy to locate or any employee of the hotel will direct you. There is limited parking behind the hotel for those who are not able to walk the distance. Luncheon Entrees are Citrus Marinated Breast of Chicken or Caesar Salad with Seared Salmon.. The cost is \$20, all inclusive.. Reservations are absolutely necessary as we do expect greater than usual attendance. If the Telephone Committee does not reach you, please contact Alice Peterka at 542-4076 as late as the morning of the meeting. Cancellations must be received by Monday before the meeting... The March meeting was hosted by Lee Owen and Connie Miller who had brought beautiful, bright mini begonias for table prizes. Our entertainment was Banjo Whiz Ron Walters who always leaves his audience smiling. Our thanks to Barbara Confer for bringing him to us.... Terry Silva, Family Services, has sent a sympathy card to the family of Ann Anderson and a get-well card to Marion Van Eschen. She also reported that the Kepplers are back in their home but not ready to receive callers... Susan Linch (538-3342) is arranging a great day for us. "Mame" will be presented on August 5th, matinee performance, preceded by lunch at Marie Callender's. Let her know if you are interested so she can order tickets. The cost is probably \$12 for the show... Lee Owen (537-1282) announced an invitation to tea and tour of the facility at Oakmont Gardens on April 23rd at 2:00 PM. Call Lee if you are interested....

Connie Miller, Publicity 563-8311
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Redwood Empire Chapter Officers and Directors for 2009

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