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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Wow! Gary Meagher and Bob Silva did an excellent job with the August 29th BBQ. Not only was the food superb but the location at the River Front Regional Park was great. Those big Redwood Trees really offered shade on a very hot August afternoon. Thirty-four members and/or their families attended.

Another noteworthy factor was that Hal Warren stepped up to take on the position as 2nd Vice President handling the membership chairmanship. Thank you Hal.

Please remember that this association is for the benefit of all members and their partners. As fellow officers, we all need to do our share for the common good of the organization.

The Lobster Feed was on Friday, 25th of September. Again Gary Meagher and Bob Silva and crew worked hard to prepare the fine dinner. Those that did not attend, missed some exceptional entertainment. “The Fondettes”, they were young high school graduates, that sang and performed just like the “Andrew Sisters”, with only WWII songs. We will tell you more about it next month. We would also like to report that George Connors guest Warren Rushing is home and doing find after he had a medical emergency during dinner.

Hopefully, the members will continue to support this great event.

CPT Lee Hoskins
President 2009

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OCTOBER LUNCHEON FINAL NOMINATIONS & ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010

On Thursday, October 22nd, we will be meeting at the “Quail Inn” in Oakmont. We will have a nice lunch, then the final nominations and election of officers for the 2010 year.

Please check pages No. 7 & 8, for balloting information. You can vote in many ways.

Check page No. 9, for information on the menu for the luncheon.

**NORTHBAY VETERANS DAY PARADE,
PETALUMA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2009**

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

LtCol WILLIAM L. ADAMS, USMC
SPOUSE - SABINE

BRIAN T. CLOUGH

1LT ANTHONY J. ERVICHETT, USA-MC

Maj ROBIN C. JACKSON, USMCR
SPOUSE - SUSAN

LT BILL WICKLEY, USNR

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: *None* Scheduled at this time. We may have a meeting in November or December. Look for information next publication.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Saturday, October 3rd, 2009, 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg 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 Mendocino County Subchapter of the Redwood Empire Chapter of MOAA, will be held at Silvers At The Wharf, Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 11:30 am. You may order lunch from their extensive menu and libations from their bar. For planning purposes, please contact Mrs. Myrna Hurst: telephone: 707-468-0146, or email: myrna@pacific.net, or Ben Booth: Telephone: 707-964-2174 or email: booth@mcn.org, to let us know how many to expect. We always have a great time, and enjoy the camaraderie of those who served our country in uniform and their spouses and guests. Please try to bring potential new members or members who need some help and encouragement to make it to our delightful luncheon meetings.

Ben Booth, Commander



SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our meeting on September 10, 2009 was again in the meeting room at The Palms Grill. We had a small but loyal group attend, and I believe we all enjoyed the opportunity to gather and talk together.

Our scheduled speaker didn't show, so we prevailed on Jim Poore with no advance notice to tell us about Sonoma County Vet Connect, a veterans assistance program in which he is very active. Jim described how the periodic clinics conducted by Vet Connect at all the veterans building in the county provide an opportunity for our vets, many of whom are those in the utmost need, to come on a walk-in basis to seek help and advice or just to visit with fellow vets. There are representatives of VA, County Veterans Service Office, and several other organizations present at the clinics to advise vets of assistance programs to which they may be entitled, and to put them in contact with the right people to start getting things done. We all thank Jim for stepping into the breach and telling us about this important program.

Our next meeting will be on November 12, 2009, at the same place. Some detail about the program for that meeting will be posted in the November *MOAA VOICE*.

LTC Dennis Meredith,
Subchapter Representative, Board of Directors



DECEASED MEMBERS



LCDR WILLIAM F. ROGERS, USN
Deceased August, 2009

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



LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report this month

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

H. W. Gardner, Adjutant - No report this month

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Bob Mandelstam
NO REPORT RECEIVED

VA Looks at Spending

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) announced its progress in executing more than \$1.4 billion as the VA's share of spending under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Funding already committed involves 90 of VA's 153 medical centers in 38 states and 68 of its 130 national cemeteries. VA met its projection to award 259 projects totaling \$151 million by Sept. 4. The value of projects awarded to increase the energy efficiency of VA's numerous hospitals and clinics has grown to almost \$24 million at the 200-day mark. Detailed information about each VA project is available at www.va.gov/recovery and www.recovery.org.

Visit the [Legislative Center](#) on Military.com for more information on issues and legislation.

BURIAL PLOT

I have a burial plot located in the SR Memorial Park, in the Veterans section FOR SALE. Only a Veteran can be buried here.

You can reach me at lesliere@hotmai.com.

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www.firemansfund.com



Left to Right: Dr. Guy Grenny, Bob's grandson, Bob Savage and Ben Booth. In his restored 1926 Model T Ford Roadster during the Paul Bunyan/Labor Day Parade. 7 September 2009, Fort Bragg, CA



PAUL BUNYAN/LABOR DAY PARADE, FT BRAGG
Left to Right: Bob Savage, WWII 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, D-Day veteran, his grandson, Ben Booth, SSgt Melton, Army Recruiter & his girl friend Stephanie.



Left to Right: Four Combat Veterans, Ben Booth, John Goodrich, Bob Savage and Art Eck. All members of VFW and American Legion, Fort Bragg, CA



HONOR GUARD
Combined VFW (Veterans of a Foreign War), AL (American Legion) and SSgt Melton, Army Combat Medic leading the parade.



Ben Booth and Paul Bunyan, also known as Norm Shaudel, who has been Paul Bunyan for 40 years in this parade.



Left to Right: Bob Savage captured on 8 June 1944. POW (Prisoner of war) until May 1945. Art Eck, POW, August 1944, until May 1945. Both are very active and very patriotic citizens!

A LOOK AT HEALTH CARE PLANS IN CONGRESS

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and ERICA WERNER, Associated Press Writers
Ricardo Alonso-zaldivar And Erica Werner, Associated Press Writers
Mon Sep 14, 4:54 pm ET

Here's a look at health care legislation taking shape in the House and Senate as President Barack Obama pushes to overhaul the system, cover nearly 50 million uninsured Americans and contain rising costs. Details are still being negotiated and any final health care bill would have to meld proposals from the House and Senate.

The House Democratic bill (three committees have approved slightly different versions that still must be merged):

WHO'S COVERED: Around 94 percent of non-elderly residents (those not covered by Medicare, which kicks in at age 65) would be covered — compared with 81 percent today. Nearly half the 17 million non-elderly residents who remain uninsured would be illegal immigrants.

COST: About \$1.5 trillion over 10 years.

HOW IT'S PAID FOR: Revenue-raisers include \$544 billion over the next decade from new income taxes on single people making more than \$280,000 a year and couples making more than \$350,000; \$37 billion in business tax increases; about \$500 billion in cuts to Medicare and Medicaid; sizable penalties paid by individuals and employers who don't obtain coverage.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS: Individuals must have insurance, enforced through tax penalty with hardship waivers. The penalty is 2.5 percent of income.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS: Employers must provide insurance to their employees or pay a penalty of 8 percent of payroll. Companies with payroll under \$250,000 annually are exempt, although fiscally conservative Democrats have pushed for that level to rise to \$500,000.

Employers could apply for a two-year exemption from the mandate if they can prove the requirements would result in job losses that would negatively affect their communities.

SUBSIDIES: Individuals and families with annual income up to 400 percent of poverty level (\$88,000 for a family of four) would get sliding-scale subsidies to help them buy coverage. The subsidies would begin in 2013.

HOW YOU CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE: Through a new Health Insurance Exchange open to individuals and, initially, small employers; it could be expanded to large employers over time. States could opt to operate their own exchanges in place of the national exchange if they follow federal rules.

BENEFIT PACKAGE: A committee would recommend an "essential benefits package" including preventive services, mental health services, oral health and vision for children; out-of-pocket costs would be capped. The new benefit package would be the basic benefit package offered in the exchange and over time would become the minimum quality standard for employer plans. Insurers wouldn't be able to deny coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

GOVERNMENT-RUN PLAN: A new public plan available through the insurance exchanges would be set up and run by the secretary of Health and Human Services. Democrats originally designed the plan to pay Medicare rates plus 5 percent to doctors, but the version that passed the Energy and Commerce Committee instead would let the HHS secretary negotiate rates with providers.

CHANGES TO MEDICAID: The federal-state insurance program for the poor would be expanded starting in 2013 to cover all non-elderly individuals with incomes up to 133 percent of the federal poverty level (\$14,404).

DRUGS: Grants 12 years of market protection to high-tech drugs used to combat cancer, Parkinson's and other deadly diseases.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee's bill:

WHO'S COVERED: Aims to cover 97 percent of Americans.

COST: About \$615 billion over 10 years, but it's only one piece of a larger Senate bill.

HOW IT'S PAID FOR: Another panel — the Senate Finance Committee — is responsible for figuring out how to cover costs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS: Individuals will have to have insurance, enforced through tax penalties with hardship waivers.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS: Employers who don't offer coverage will pay a penalty of \$750 a year for each full-time worker. Businesses with 25 or fewer workers are exempt.

SUBSIDIES: Available up to 400 percent poverty level, or \$88,000 for a family of four.

BENEFITS PACKAGE: Health plans must offer a package of essential benefits recommended by a new Medical Advisory Council. No denial of coverage based on pre-existing conditions.

GOVERNMENT-RUN PLAN: A robust new public plan to compete with private insurers. The plan would be run by the government and negotiate payment rates with providers.

HOW YOU CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE: Individuals and small businesses could purchase insurance through state-based purchasing pools called American Health Benefit Gateways.

OTHER PROVISIONS: Creates a new voluntary insurance program that would provide a modest daily cash benefit to help disabled people stay in their own homes instead of going into nursing homes.

A look at a health care overhaul plan from Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., under discussion by six senators on the Finance Committee.

WHO'S COVERED: Around 95 percent of Americans. Illegal immigrants would not receive government benefits.

COST: Under \$880 billion over 10 years.

HOW'S IT PAID FOR: Fees on insurance companies, drug makers, medical device manufacturers and insurers. Tax of 35 percent on insurance plans costing more than \$8,000 for individuals and \$21,000 for families, applied to premium amounts over the threshold. Cuts to Medicare and Medicaid. A fee on employers whose workers receive government subsidies to help them pay premiums. Fines on those who fail to get coverage.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS: Everyone must get coverage through an employer, on their own or through a government plan.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS: Not required to offer coverage, but companies with more than 50 full-time workers would pay a fee if the government ends up subsidizing employees' coverage.

SUBSIDIES: Tax credits for individuals and families making up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level, which computes to \$66,150 for a family of four. Households up to 400 percent of poverty line could also get some relief. Tax credits for small employers.

BENEFITS PACKAGE: The government would set four benefit categories ranging from coverage of around 65 percent of medical costs to about 90 percent. No denial of coverage based on pre-existing conditions. All plans sold to individuals and small businesses would have to cover basic benefits, including primary care, hospitalization and prescription drugs.

GOVERNMENT-RUN PLAN: None. Would create nonprofit, member-owned co-ops to compete with private insurers.

HOW YOU CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE: Self-employed people and small businesses could pick a plan offered through new state-based purchasing pools. No changes for people working in larger companies.

CHANGES TO MEDICAID: Income eligibility levels raised to 133 percent of poverty for parents and children 6 and older. Childless adults making up to 133 percent of poverty would be eligible for the first time. The expansion would be delayed until 2014.

The House Republican outline:

WHO'S COVERED: Aims to make insurance affordable and accessible to all. There aren't estimates about how many additional people would be covered.

COST: Unknown.

HOW'S IT PAID FOR: No new taxes are proposed, but Republicans say they want to reduce Medicare and Medicaid fraud.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS: No mandates.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS: No mandates; small business tax credits are offered. Employers are encouraged to move to "opt-out" rather than "opt-in" rules for offering health coverage.

SUBSIDIES: Tax credits are offered to "low- and modest-income" Americans. People who aren't covered through their employers but buy their own insurance are allowed to take a tax deduction. Low-income retirees younger than 65 (the eligibility age for Medicare) would be offered assistance.

BENEFIT PACKAGE: Insurers would have to allow children to stay on their parents' plan through age 25.

GOVERNMENT-RUN PLAN: No public plan.

HOW YOU CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE: No new purchasing exchange or marketplace is proposed. Health savings accounts and flexible spending plans would be strengthened.

CHANGES TO MEDICAID: People eligible for Medicaid would be allowed to use the value of their benefit to purchase a private plan.

Obama's proposal:

WHO'S COVERED: Obama says he wants to cover all Americans.

COST: Estimates on the plan Obama offered during the presidential campaign ran as high as \$1.6 trillion over 10 years. In a speech last week laying out his health overhaul goals he said his plan would cost around \$900 billion over a decade.

HOW'S IT PAID FOR: During his presidential campaign Obama proposed raising taxes on households making more

than \$250,000 annually. He has now embraced the Finance Committee's proposal to tax high-value insurance plan, but says most of the cost would be paid for by cuts to Medicare.

REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS: Unlike his Democratic primary opponent Hillary Rodham Clinton, Obama did not propose an "individual mandate" during the campaign; instead he would have required all children to be insured, making it the parents' responsibility. He now supports an individual mandate as long as hardship waivers are provided.

REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS: Businesses with more than 50 workers would be required to offer their workers coverage or pay a fee.

SUBSIDIES: Obama supports sliding-scale subsidies for low-income people but hasn't specified at what income level they should be offered.

BENEFIT PACKAGE: Obama hasn't described a specific benefit package that should be offered. He wants insurance market reforms including preventing insurers from denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions; limiting premium variation based on age; and stopping insurers from dropping people when they get sick.

GOVERNMENT-RUN PLAN: Obama has said since the presidential campaign that he supports a new public plan, and after becoming president he occasionally cast it as a requirement for any bill he would sign. Obama still says he supports it but has signaled that he's open to compromise on the issue.

HOW YOU CHOOSE YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE: Small businesses and people without access to affordable insurance through their employer or elsewhere would have access to a new exchange starting in 2013. Illegal immigrants would not be able to shop in the exchange.

CHANGES TO MEDICAID: None specified.

OTHER PROVISIONS: Before the exchange begins to operate, Obama would offer insurance plans meant to cover catastrophic costs to people who can't get covered because of pre-existing conditions.

— Sources: Associated Press research, Kaiser Family Foundation.

WARNING:

2010 Census Cautions from the Better Business Bureau 2010 Census Cautions by Susan Johnson - August 3, 2009 Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers

With the U.S. census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

** If a U.S. [census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice](#). Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. **However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.**

** Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information.. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.**

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, [the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers](#) nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, [the Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the U. S. Census Bureau.](#)

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org .

VA Staffs Office for Survivors of Vets, Service Members

September 28, 2009

***Shinseki: "Voice of Survivors"
Will Strengthen Existing Programs***

WASHINGTON -- To strengthen the programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the survivors of the nation's Veterans and military personnel, the Department has staffed an office to serve as their advocate, with a charter that includes creating or modifying programs, benefits and services.

"Taking care of survivors is as essential as taking care of our Veterans and military personnel," Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki said. "By taking care of survivors, we are honoring a commitment made to our Veterans and military members."

The office serves as the primary advisor to the secretary on all issues affecting the survivors and dependents of deceased Veterans and service members. It will monitor VA's delivery of benefits to survivors, make appropriate referrals to VA offices for survivors seeking benefits and explore innovative ways of reaching survivors who are not receiving the VA benefits for which they are eligible.

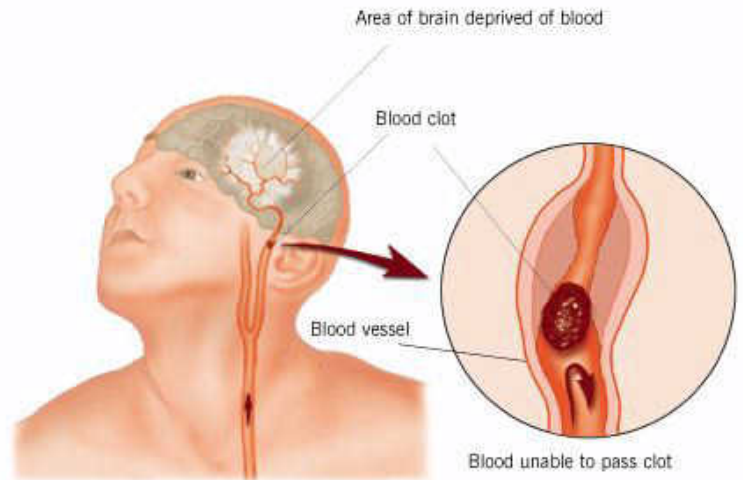
VA benefits for eligible survivors include educational assistance, home loan guaranties, health care insurance and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, a monthly payment to the survivors of some people who die on active duty and some seriously disabled Veterans.

More than 554,000 spouses, dependents and other survivors of Veterans are receiving VA benefits. That figure includes nearly 5,000 spouses of World War I Veterans, 90 spouses and 94 children of Spanish-American War Veterans, and two children of Civil War Veterans.

The establishment of this office was authorized in the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2008.

Ed Note: Last month I published a very long article on the health care debate. I did no fact checking on that article and received a number of comments on its accuracy and bias. I do try to publish most of what I'm provided and don't do a lot of fact checking. This month's edition has more health care info, which is hopefully more factual and balanced. I'm not trying to create controversy, just inform. I regret any confusion I may have caused in last month's edition. **Tim Morgan**

Blood Clots/Stroke - They Now Have a Fourth Indicator, the Tongue



**STROKE: Remember the 1st Three
Letters....S.T.R.**

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:
It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE:

Thank God for the sense to remember the '3' steps, STR. Read and Learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- **S** *Ask the individual to **SMILE**.
- **T** *Ask the person to **TALK** and **SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE** (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today)
- **R** *Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS**.

If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call emergency number immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New Sign of a Stroke ----- Stick out Your Tongue

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out his tongue.. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

A cardiologist says if everyone who gets this e-mail sends it to 10 people; you can bet that at least one life will be saved.

I have done my part. Have you?

OCTOBER 22nd
CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING
ELECTION of OFFICERS
and DIRECTORS

At our luncheon meeting on Thursday, October 22nd, we will be electing new officers and directors. Come out and support your Chapter with your presence and your vote. If you can't attend the actual meeting, please complete and mail in the following absentee ballot or utilize the e-mail alternative.

The Nominating Committee was Chaired by Tina Lewis, with Susan Linch, LCDR Steve Neisingh and LTC Meagher, they have submitted the following list of candidates for offices indicated. All have expressed a willingness to serve if elected. If you are attending, please be prepared to complete a ballot at the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS , 2010 (1 yr)

(Information only, not subject to any vote)

- Martina E. Lewis, AUX
- LT William P. Matz, USN
- LTC Gary T. Meagher, AUS
- LCOL Robert G. Reinking, USAF

SUB-CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sub-Chapter leadership shall consist of a Commander, Vice-Commander, and Adjutant, augmented as desired by the respective Sub-Chapter membership, with elections and terms of office paralleling those of the Chapter. Each Sub-Chapter shall elect a Director to serve on the Chapter Board as prescribed in Article IX.E.,

FROM BY-LAWS (2009) - ARTICLE VI - VOTING

- A. CERTIFICATION:** For the election of Chapter officers and directors, and other matters brought to the chapter membership for vote, the right to vote shall be limited to Chapter and Auxiliary members in good standing. The Secretary will certify the eligibility of members to vote.
- B. QUORUM:** Participation by at least five percent (5%) of the Chapter's total membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum. All those present to vote in person, plus those who have submitted valid absentee ballots, shall be counted toward the needed quorum.
- C. PROXIES:** Proxy voting shall not be permitted.
- D. ABSENTEE VOTING:** Absentee voting is permitted.
1. For the general membership meeting, absentee ballots shall be provided to all Members and auxiliary members in good standing, with the October MOAA VOICE; or otherwise mailed at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of any other scheduled meeting at which vote will be taken.
 2. To be valid, each absentee ballot shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with Chapter Policies and Procedures.



Redwood Empire Chapter
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 of America

BALLOT - 2010

CHAPTER PRESIDENT (Vote for One)

- CPT Lee P. Hoskins, USA
- _____

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT (Vote for One)

- CDR Don D. Confer, USN
- _____

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT (Vote for One)

- Col Harold R. Warren, USMCR
- _____

SECRETARY (Vote for One)

- CAPT Robert R. Safreno
- _____

TREASURER (Vote for One)

- LTC Pete Rizzo, USA
- _____

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2010-2011 (2 yrs)

(Vote for Four)

- LCOL Kevin Connolly, USAR
- MAJ Robert Mandelstam, ARMY
- CWO4 Robert J. Silva, USCG
- CAPT Robert M. Wicklund, USN
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ABSENTEE VOTING:**

Only members and auxiliary members are eligible to vote. Mark your choice for each of the positions indicated. Note that in the case of Chapter Directors, you should vote for the number of nominees indicated. You are welcome to "write-in" the name of any regular or auxiliary member you would like to nominate for a specific office.

DO NOT SIGN YOUR BALLOT

When you have completed marking your ballot, place the completed ballot in an envelope; seal and **sign your name across the sealed flap on the reverse side of the envelopes** and mail to:

**ELECTIONS COMMITTEE,
MOAA, Redwood Empire Chapter
P.O. Box 2801,
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801**

Ballot must be received by the Elections Committee not later than October 20, 2006.

Ballots received after that date will not be counted.

E-MAIL ALTERNATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

As an alternative method of absentee voting on the new Chapter officers and directors, you may send an e-mail letter to: blkcloud@sonic.net (which is the address of LCDR Tim Morgan, MOAA VOICE Editor),

SUBJECT: Absentee Vote, choosing from among the following for the text:

- 1. I have read the list of candidates for Chapter office in the October 2009 MOAA VOICE and
 - a. I Vote to approve the election of all candidates as listed, or
 - b. I Vote to approve the election of all candidates as listed, with the following exception(s): (list office(s) and name(s) of any nominees not voted for, and substitute name(s), if applicable.)

2. Your Name: (This is for E-mail only)

**PREVIOUS
COL WILLIAM G. BREY
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GIVEN**



To Whom It May Concern:

I'm sorry it has taken me so long to get back to you about my first year college experience; I am working all summer to contribute to schooling payments and study abroad payments I will be making in the fall. I do have to say, though, I can never thank you enough for the scholarship I received for the last school year.

Last fall I went to Azusa Pacific University not knowing what to expect, but just so thankful that I was able to attend the university. As the year went by, I made amazing and lasting friendships, was able to work with quality professors, and was given the aid I needed to realize that I wanted to major in psychology. I took some of the most challenging, yet intriguing classes of my life. As a result, I have not only matured as a person, but as a student and a worker. One of the most essential things I have learned this past year is that I have so much to learn, yet the more I learn, the more I realize there is to learn. I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to continue my education at APU, God-willing, for the next three years.

Living in the dorms was such a different, yet rewarding experience that I would not have traded. Now I stand looking forward to my sophomore year at APU and in a few short weeks I will be moving into an on-campus apartment. I plan to study abroad in South Africa at the APU campus in Capetown this coming spring with my roommate from last year. All of the memories that I made last year and will continue to make this year were only made possible by this scholarship that I received last year. As I said, I can never thank you enough for making my dream of attending Azusa Pacific University come true. Thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Van Gundy

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

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

Luncheon, Thursday October 22, 2009
The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

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

Starter: Sonoma mixed greens with seasonal vegetables and balsamic vinaigrette
Entrée: 1. Grilled tri-tip with garlic mashed potatoes, crispy onions, seasonal vegetables, and a red wine reduction sauce.
2. Baked Red Snapper with roasted red peppers, saffron rice and seasonal vegetables.

Dessert: Ice Cream Sundae
Coffee, Tea, (Iced Tea) Rolls and Butter
Please Reserve ____ Beef ____ 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

There will be no speaker due to the elections of officers.

Name: _____, **Phone:** (____) _____

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

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

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

2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct 09
 - 3rd Board of Directors Meeting
 - 22nd General Membership Meeting
Election of Officers
 - Nov 09
 - 3rd Executive Committee Meeting
 - 11th Veterans Day Parade - Petaluma
 - No Luncheon Meeting in November**
 - Dec 09
 - 1st Executive Committee Meeting
 - 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 - 13th Holiday Social Buffet at Oakmont
- Dates to announced/confirmed at later date.



Air Conditioning

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.

Page 7 – (Add New) **ADAMS, WILLIAM L. LtCol USMC r SABINE**
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