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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Another Great Luncheon at Quail Inn in Oakmont on 22 October. It was well attended. Bob Mandelstam has volunteered to be our Medical Officer Liaison and will help monitor related issues for the MOAA Voice and all of our events: Thank you, Bob.

Like all organizations, the greater the attendance at events, the more fun can be generated. We promise that all guest speakers will be prescreened so that there will not be any "boring" speaker's just lively interchange of enlightening communications. If you would like to see changes in the format(s) luncheon or any other event we all open to suggestions. One change will be having a hospitality greeter to welcome all to our events.

The next social event will be the Christmas Holiday Luncheon at Quail Inn on 13 December where Gary Meagher promises a wonderful choir to sing Christmas Music.

There was an Executive Committee at 0930 hrs at the Vet's Bldg on 3 Nov 09.

Now the most important event of the Year: Veteran's Day Parade on 11 Nov 2009! Come to the parade, be a leader and ride in one the Military Vehicles and represent MOAA and our Officers' Corp. The Vet's Bldg in Petaluma at 1000hrs. Free food is served at the end of the parade. Any Questions? Contact me!

**CPT Lee Hoskins**  
President 2009

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON SOCIAL

Mark your calendar - December 13th, 2009 - HOLIDAY LUNCHEON SOCIAL AT OAKMONT. Socializing begins at 12:00 noon and the buffet will be available at 1:00 pm sharp. The program will be Christmas Carols by a choral group set up by Gary Meagher. If you can remember the words, you might be asked to "Sing Along".

PLAN TO ATTEND, BRING A FRIEND, ANOTHER MEMBER OR POTENTIAL MEMBER.

If you'd like to attend but need a ride, please call one of our Chapter Officers.

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

## MEETING NOTICE

A "Special very short General Membership Meeting" will held in conjunction with the Christmas Party on 13 December 2009 at the Quail Inn. The purpose of this Special General Membership Meeting is to vote on the possible increasing of Annual Membership Dues per Article 5, Section B/2 of the Bylaws. The present dues are \$20 annually. Your Chapter Board members are meeting December 1st to discuss the finances of our chapter and make any recommendations.

CPT Lee Hoskins

## MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** *None* Scheduled at this time. Look for information in the next publication.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** January 2010 day to be determined, 0930 hours - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

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

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## MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

Mendocino County Subchapter- The next Luncheon Meeting will be held at 11:30 am, Saturday November 21, 2009 at Jensen's Restaurant, 1550 Lover's Lane, North State Street, Ukiah. You may order from their extensive, delicious menu and from their no host bar. Our well attended September 19th luncheon meeting was held on the sunny outdoor deck of Silver's at the Wharf, Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg. Our guest speaker was Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) George Vadelnieks, US Army (Ret.), who was shot down and severely wounded, while flying a Medical Evacuation "Dustoff" helicopter, while evacuating severely wounded troops in Vietnam. We are still working on a Guest Speaker for our 21 November meeting. For planning, please notify Ms. Myrna Hurst, Tel: 707-468-0146, or email: myrna@pacific.net , or Ben Booth: Tel: 707-964-2174 or email: booth@mcn.org of the number of attendees. Try to bring a prospective new member or a member who needs your help or encouragement to attend. We really have a great time when we meet and share our comradeship with our fellow members and spouses.

**Ben Booth**, Commander

## SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our November meeting will again be in the meeting room at The Palms Grill at the intersection of Sonoma Highway and Verano Avenue on Thursday, November 12, 2009, starting about noon. As usual, we will order from their standard menu, so there is no reason to make a selection beforehand. Then each person will pay individually. We have met there several times recently, and our members seem to like it.

We do not have a speaker scheduled because our main business at this meeting will be to elect officers for our subchapter for the year 2010. BK, Ted, and I are willing to continue to serve in our respective capacities as we have for the current year, if that is the will of our membership. We did not fill the position of Adjutant for the past year, and we believe doing so this time would give some added depth to our bench, so to speak. We encourage members to give some thought to that idea before we meet.

We encourage everyone to come a little early on November 12th and enjoy some camaraderie and perhaps a libation before we start.

**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 this month

## CHAPTER MAKES MOAA'S BEST CHAPTERS LIST

The Redwood Empire Chapter has been selected by MOAA panel to receive a four-star award for excellent performance during 2008. The award, a streamer to be affixed to the chapter flag, will be presented at the Annual MOAA Conference in San Diego on October 24th, 2009. Col. Peterka will accept the award on behalf of the chapter. The next step, the Five-Star Award for Outstanding Performance, should be our goal for 2010.

## DUDLEY RETIRES FROM VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE AFTER 37 YEARS

Dudley, well known to thousands of Sonoma County veterans, has retired from the Sonoma County Veterans Service Office after 37 years of providing guidance and assistance to veterans and their families in submitting disability claims, applications for educational benefits, and, in general, assisting veterans in all aspects of their dealings with the Veterans Administration and other governmental agencies in the veterans pursuit of benefits and entitlements.

Dudley will be honored as the Sonoma County Veteran of the Year on Sunday, November 22nd, 2009 at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, beginning at 11:00 a.m., with lunch to follow at 12:00. Attendance is limited to "INVITATION ONLY" and telephone requests will not be honored. Invitations have been mailed to all members of the Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA. Donations will accepted to defray the costs of the luncheon.

Any member of the chapter who has not received an invitation in the mail, and desires to attend this function, should contact Col. Pete Peterka (542-4076) or petepeterka@earthlink.net prior to November 10th. Reservations will not be accepted after November 15th.

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

**Holiday Buffet Luncheon, Sunday December 13, 2009**  
**The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont**

*Socializing 12:00 noon; Lunch 1:00pm*  
Cost (including tax and tip) - **Price \$20.00**

Starter: Caesar Salad

Entrée: Roast Turkey, Baked Ham w Pineapple Glaze, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Traditional Stuffing,  
Yams, Gravy

Dessert: Assorted Pies including Pecan & Apple.

Coffee, Tea, Rolls and Butter

Cash Bar

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

**No speakers but there will be a choir to sing Christmas Songs.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_, **Phone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Guests:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**2009 DATES TO REMEMBER**

Nov 09

11th Veterans Day Parade - Petaluma  
**No Luncheon Meeting in November**

Dec 09

1st Special Board Meeting on Finances  
7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
13th Holiday Social Buffet at Oakmont

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, eligible dependents of chapter members may apply for the Col Wm. Bray Memorial Scholarships to be awarded in 2010. Instructions for submission of applications, eligibility criteria, supporting documentation, and application forms may be obtained after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, by writing to:

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 2801, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Deadline for submission of applications is March 15, 2010.

**NEWS FROM THE AFFILIATE**

by Tina Lewis

Beth Ann Daigre from the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee sent a poignant reminder about a group of volunteers at Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia known as the Arlington Ladies. Their mission is to ensure that no service member is ever buried alone, and that all are buried with honor. Each branch of the military has its own group of Arlington Ladies who attend services for members of their respective branch. The exception is the commandant of the Marine Corps, who sends a representative from that branch to Arlington for all Marine funerals. The Air Force Arlington Ladies formed in 1948, the Army Ladies in 1972, and the Navy Ladies in 1985. The contribution of these ladies serves as a model of how we can each find ways to make a difference to those who have served this country and often paid with their lives.

**MILITARY WISDOM/HUMOR**

Any ship can be a minesweeper. Once.



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*(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)*

#### 2009 Officers

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Treasurer Shirley Reeves	539-7839

The regular meeting will be held at the Flamingo Hotel on Wednesday, November 18. Socializing from 11:30 AM and lunch will be served at noon. The cost is still \$20 and the Telephone Committee will advise you of menu choices. If our Telephone Committee does not reach you please contact Alice Peterka (542-4076) for reservations up to the evening before the meeting. If you need to cancel, Alice will need that information by Monday preceding the meeting. The Nominating Committee will report and we will elect our new Officers. Our program will be presented by Amy Gamble and Liz Warren. Amy will demonstrate flower arranging in traditional Ikebana and Liz will do an all American arrangement. This will be a most enjoyable event. Thanks to Amy Gamble for organizing a great Art, Crafts and Hobbies Day. Each "presenter" had a story about her treasure and it made a most interesting program. Hostesses for the day will be Joan Cattalini and Liz Warren. Family Services Chairman, Terry Silva, reported that she has sent a get well card to Nina Antipoff. Nina has always shown her handwork at the Art, Craft and Hobby show and we missed her. Due to a glitch in plans in September our Telephone Committee's honor day was neglected. Ladies, you will be acknowledged at the November meeting. Hope you can be there.

**Connie Miller, Publicity 563-8311**

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