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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Did the Scholarship Committee ever pick two better recipients? Recently in the Press Democrat, one of the winners, Claire Bingham, was featured as a "Field and Track Star". When you read about her accomplishments, all you can do is marvel

at her work ethic and what an athlete she is! In a separate notice in the *MOAA VOICE*, we ask all of you to bring prizes for the raffles at our monthly meetings so that we can continue to support these worthy young people with scholarships.

The other night on ABC Nightly News, there was a story about the positive attitude of a young vet who lost both arms and legs (yes, all four limbs) from a roadside IED. This is a soldier of courage!

Let's keep a positive attitude!

CPT Lee Hoskins, President 2010

Military Humor

'Never tell the Platoon Sergeant you have nothing to do'
- Unknown Marine Recruit

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: July 6th, 2010, 0930 - Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room. (Not confirmed)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: July 10th, 2010, 0930 Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

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

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER AT THE ROSE PARADE, SANTA ROSA SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010



DECEASED MEMBER



MAJ CHARLES L. CONDROTTE, USAF
MARCH 24, 2010

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

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER, MOAA

JO CORNETT

Main Chapter Auxiliary

CAROL LANIER

Mendocino Sub-Chapter Auxiliary

GERTRUDE M. SOETH

Mendocino Sub-Chapter Auxiliary



MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

A large group of over 20 members, spouses and special guests, of Mendocino County Subchapter, RECMOAA, met at 11:30 am, Saturday, May 22nd, at Silver's at The Wharf, Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg. Special guests were: Private First Class (Pfc.) and Mrs. Ricky Miller, US Army; her parents: Mrs. Jerri Mihos and Mr. Pete Peters; his parents: Mrs. Tanya and Mr. David Miller; and parents of Lance Corporal Elliot Hee, USMC, (just returned from a combat deployment in Afghanistan): Mrs. Kathy and Mr. Wes Hee. New members: Colonel Bob and Mrs. Carole Shop-taw, USMC (Ret.), and several other members and spouses, from the Ukiah Valley, joined our Subchapter. Many special guests, members, and spouses spoke on what a fabulous time they had, enjoying the patriotic support and courageous spirit at our luncheon meetings. PFC and Mrs. Miller and all the parents were given multiple rounds of applause, for their support of our military sons and daughters, in the war On Terror.

We plan to have other military parents and military service members at our next Luncheon meeting, at 11:30 am, Saturday, 17 July 2010, at Silvers at The Wharf, Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg. Please bring prospective members or ones who need your help to attend our great luncheon meetings. See you then!

Ben Booth, Commander

SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our May 13, 2010 gathering was once again held in the meeting room at The Palms Grill. We had a few more members present that we have been having recently, and it was a very pleasant gathering.

As usual, we did not schedule a program and speaker, but Jim Poore took a few minutes to update us on the progress and status of the Sonoma County Vet Connect program, and yours truly said a few words about the COL William G. Brey Scholarship program. Aside from those two very brief discussions, the gathering was mainly a chance for members to talk and catch up.

Our next meeting will again be at The Palms Grill at noon on Thursday, July 8, 2010. Please come and enjoy visiting with fellow subchapter members. We will once again email and call all members with reminders.

LTC Dennis Meredith,
Subchapter Representative

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

LT Genevieve Snow, USNR
**** NO REPORT THIS MONTH ****

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

**** NO REPORT THIS MONTH ****

DONATIONS MADE TO CHAPTER FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL 2010

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

George Conners - Myra Hurst - Jack Krout - Tina Lewis
Dennis Meredith - Harold Warren - Bob Wicklund

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Howard Gardner - Myra Hurst - Jack Krout
Vernon McNamee - Owen Reeves - Bob Wicklund

GENERAL FUND

Vernon McNamee - Harry Pratt
Owen Reeves - Bob Wicklund

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Newton Dal Paggetto - Myra Hurst - Tina Lewis
Bob Safreno - Elizabeth Vallee - Sally weight

Veteran's Flea Market

The chapter's space on 2 May produced \$370 for the chapter from donated items. None of this would have been possible without the tremendous efforts of the following members: Pete Peterka, Pete Rizzo, Dennis Meredith, Bob Safreno, Don and Barb Confer, Mary Gwen Nesingh, Connie Miller, and others who donated a few hours, and the few that donated just items. My sincere thanks to all of you.

The Board elected to have another space at the flea market on Sunday, July 11th. Saleable clean items are needed. Items like costume jewelry, kitchen items, clothing, books, tapes, VCR movies, tools, etc. Electrical items are a hard sell do to the lack of a power outlet at the space.

Donated small items can be brought to the picnic on 19 June. The last donation chance will be on Friday July, 9th. That day I will have a small pickup on the west side of the veteran's center from 0900-1100.

Questions or suggestions, call me - 763-6957.

Thank you, **Hal Warren**, Chairman

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CHANGES TO 2010 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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2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

June:

- 2nd Executive Committee Meeting (CANCELED)
- 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information (No Date) Support The Troops Rally, Santa Rosa
- 19th Saturday, Picnic at Ursuline High School

July:

- 6th Executive Committee Meeting (Not confirmed)
- 10th BOARD MEETING - Scholarship winners
- 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

News from *The Affiliate*
by Tina Lewis

NEW VA RULING

If your spouse served in Vietnam, a new VA ruling might make you eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation of about \$1,150 per month, payable when a service member's death is service-related. The VA has issued a "presumptive" ruling, which adds three diseases---Parkinson's, B-cell leukemia, and ischemic heart problems (all of which are attributable to Agent Orange)—to the list of causes of death that qualify a surviving spouse for DIC. Previously "presumed" diseases include diabetes, prostate cancer, and respiratory cancer.

If you think your spouse's death meets the qualifications, apply immediately for DIC because payments are retroactive to the date the VA receives your application, if you are eligible. Sonoma County has a Veterans Service Office in Santa Rosa. Various ways to reach the office: phone 707-565-5960, email Veterans@schsd.org, or go to website www.scvets.org. Remember, you must have proof of your spouse's deployment to Vietnam and a death certificate with one of the presumptive diseases listed.

(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

BARBEQUE / PICNIC - SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2009, 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 15, 2009

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.

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

MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

2010 Officers

President Tina Lewis	539-5546
Vice President Alice Peterka	542-4076
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No meeting in June - a nod to our graduating classes and weddings, but the MOAA Annual June Picnic is ahead and it's all fun. The date is Saturday, June 29 and details are elsewhere in the Voice. Remember, ladies, you don't need a partner for this event. Seating is fruit basket-turnover, there's a friend at every table. It will be appreciated if you can bring something for the auction - our Scholarship Fund benefits.

We had a wonderful rep, Barbara Beedon, from the Pacific Coast Air Museum at our May meeting. So many of us married Fly-boys that it seemed like a walk down memory lane. This is a great project and needs our support. Sign up!

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