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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Each night as we watch the oil spill constantly growing in the Gulf of Mexico, it saddens all of us. Without being political, I truly believe more could have been accomplished, and sooner, if the White House had put the military in charge. We all served through a chain of com-

mand and were held responsible for results or were relieved. Enough said, except for the damage to our country and soon to other countries that border the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean, not to mention the disastrous effect on wildlife.

We have a great summer of events planned. Saturday, June 19th was our annual picnic at Ursuline High School. It was a wonderful picnic with approximately 50 members and guests attending. The food was excellent and the fellowship even better!

We have other great summer events planned, including the wonderful River Front Regional Park BBQ later in the summer (Saturday, August 28th). It is a good time to get out and enjoy the company of your friends. MOAA is a wonderful organization, so see you at the next event.

CPT Lee Hoskins, President 2010

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.

LETTER TO THE CHAPTER

11 June 2010

To the Redwood Empire Chapter of the MOAA.

I am writing to you upon completing an amazing first year at U. C. Santa Barbara.

I leave this year with the utmost of gratefulness to you and the Military Officers Association for supporting myself and other students like me in our educational endeavors. I plan to major in English and minor in French. Over the past school year, however, I have been exposed to a huge range of fascinating subjects, from psychology to paleontology to anthropology and beyond, which fulfill the University of California's general education requirements.

Apart from emerging myself in my studies and receiving a 3.7 GPA, I also found employment as a Desk Attendant for my Residence Hall, took up surfing, found a volunteer position with a local organization, and learned to ballroom dance. I literally wake up each morning, look out the window, and am overwhelmed with appreciation for the beautiful campus that I now call home.

Again, many warm thanks for awarding me with one of the COL. William G. Brey Scholarships of 2009. It was a truly tremendous help this year. What a commendable and honorable contribution you are making to the education of young college students!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tiare Hoegerman

A BIG WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

OF THE

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER, MOAA

Capt JOHN J. FREY, USAF

Spouse – BARBARA
Sonoma Sub-Chapter



MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

Mendocino County Subchapter, MOAA's next luncheon meeting is 11:30 am, Saturday 17 July 2010 at Silver's at the Wharf, Noyo Harbor Fort Bragg. Order lunch from the menu and libations from the bar. We hope to have some new members and spouses, and possibly some more local active military members and family members as guests. We also hope that you bring prospective members and spouses to enjoy the great time we always have. See you there.

Ben Booth, Commander

SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 15, 2010, at The Palms Grill, as usual. As is our custom lately, we do not have a speaker scheduled. Our members still seem to prefer a less structured format, with more time for socializing and enjoying the camaraderie among our small but loyal group of regulars. We do hope that any member who has something of interest to pass on to the rest will take the opportunity to do so. We encourage everyone to come a little early and enjoy some conversation and perhaps a libation before we start.

LTC Dennis Meredith,
Subchapter Representative

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

The Humboldt-Del Norte Sub-Chapter held its May meeting on Saturday, 15 May on board the LSI(L)-1091 on Humboldt Bay. Originally commissioned USS LCI(L)-1091 (Landing Craft, Infantry (Large)) 21 September 1944, she served in the Western Pacific from April until October 1945, including the assault on Okinawa an minesweeping operation on Honshu in the fall of 1945. On 28 February 1948, along with other LCIs she was redesignated LSI(L) (Landing Ship, Infantry (Large)). In 1951 she was converted to and Epidemiological Control ship and served in some highly classified operations in which one of our subchapter member participated. The ship was struck from the Naval Register and later sold for use as a salmon cannery ship on the Yukon River in Alaska from 1995 to 2003. She was purchased by Dr. Ralph Davis and was used for Albacore fishing from 1995 until 2003. In December 2005 she was donated to the Humboldt Bay Naval Sea/Air Museum. She is now open on for public visitation on a limited schedule as she is being renovated. As LCI(L)-1091 she earned two battle stars for World War II service in the Pacific and as LSI(L)-1091 she received four battle stars for Korean service.

The chapter is continuing to search for officers to replace the current officers, all of whom have exceeded their normal terms.

Howard Gardner

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

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

DUCK HUNTER'S NEW DOG

An avid duck hunter was in the market for a new bird dog. His search ended when he found a dog that could actually walk on water to retrieve a duck. Shocked by his find, he was sure none of his friends would ever believe him.

He decided to try to break the news to a friend of his, a pessimist by nature, and invited him to hunt with him and his new dog. As they waited by the shore, a flock of ducks flew by; they fired, and a duck fell.

The dog responded and jumped into the water. The dog, however, did not sink but instead walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet. The friend saw everything but did not say a single word.

On the drive home the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?" "I sure did," responded his friend. "He can't swim."

Veteran's Flea Market

The chapter's space on May 2nd 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, tolls, 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

July:

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

TRICARE FOR LIFE HANDBOOK

The TRICARE For Life Handbook is now available on the TRICARE Smart website. Visit:

<http://www.tricare.mil/tricaresmart/product.aspx?id=502&CID=71&RID=3>

to download the TRICARE for Life Handbook.

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Old Lady and the Fairy Godmother

As an elderly lady sat on her front porch reflecting on her long life, a Fairy Godmother suddenly appeared and offered to fulfill three wishes for her. "Well," said the woman, "I guess I'd like to be rich." **POOF:** The Fairy Godmother turned her rocking chair into solid gold. "And I wouldn't mind being a young and beautiful princess." **POOF:** The Fairy Godmother turned the old woman into an exquisite young princess, with a priceless crown of jewels. "Your third wish?" asked the Fairy Godmother. "Could you possibly turn my wonderful dog into a handsome prince?" **POOF:** There, in front stood the most handsome young man anyone had ever seen. She stared at him in awe, completely smitten. As he came toward her, her knees weakened. He bent down, brushing his lips across her ear as he whispered, "I bet you are sorry you had me neutered."

WEIRD FACTS

- An earthquake on December 16, 1811, sent the Mississippi River backwards.
- The Apollo 11 plaque left on the Moon says, "Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon July 1969, A.D./WE CAME IN PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND"
- Laika the dog was the first living thing which was sent to space.

(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 July 22, 2010 The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

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

Starter: Sonoma County greens and seasonal vegetables w/ balsamic vinaigrette.

Entrée: 1. Sautéed breast of Sonoma County chicken Picata w/lemon, capers, white wine & rice.
2. Spaghetti and Meatballs served w/ marinara sauce, garlic bread and topped with parmesan cheese.

Dessert: Warm berry cobbler.

Coffee, Tea, (Iced Tea) Rolls and Butter

Please Reserve ___ Pasta ___ Chicken

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 (Fully Tax Deductible)

And/or \$ _____ for the Military Support Fund

And/or \$ _____ to help defray costs you may also donate to the Chapter General Fund.

Our speaker will be Gregg Compton, Senior Certified Welder. Speaking on the Golden Gate Bridge retro-fit with pictures. Questions to follow. Gregg was the lead welder on the project.

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.

MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

2010 Officers

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The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14th at the Flamingo Hotel. Luncheon choices are Penne Pasta Alfredo with Grilled Breast of Chicken or Grilled Chicken Salad with Mixed Salad Greens and Honey Mustard Dressing, \$21.00 all inclusive. Lunch is served promptly at noon. Please remember, you may make a reservation up to the morning of the meeting but our Reservations Chairman, Helen Gregory, (528-4677) needs cancellations by the Monday before the meeting. We will be playing Bingo and may the best gals win. Our Family Services Chairman, Terry Silva, has sent a get well card to Shirley Reeves.

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When Insults Had Class

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire." - Winston Churchill

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