



PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

What an air show MOAA participated in on August 21st and 22nd! Thousands of people came to the Sonoma County Air Show on both Saturday and Sunday.

MOAA set up a great display booth, along with other

veterans' groups. The overall effect was super and our location was excellent. All veterans' groups were in the same area rather than being scattered about the airfield. RE/MAX Real Estate supplied a large, circular, inflatable tent, and the theory was that all the vet groups would be in it. That just wasn't going to work, so all the groups set up outside the tent under vendor canopies. MOAA had a prime site.

The following MOAA volunteers manned our booth: Hal Warren, Myrna Hurst, Connie Miller, Bill Matz, Bob Reinking, and Don Confer. Thank you for your efforts. Special thanks go to Pete Peterka, Gary Meagher, and Diego Espinosa, who spent their time and energy not only manning the booth but also helping to set up and take down our display.

The River Front Regional Park BBQ was on the 28th of August. This event was catered to relieve Bob Silva, Gary Meagher, and Bob Safreno of having to do the cooking. This wonderful event started at 1100 hrs. with lunch being served at 1200 hrs. This is a great county park with plenty

of shade and nice picnic tables. We had 30 members and guests in attendance. There was even Strawberry shortcake for dessert. The weather was beautifully this year, not hot like last year.

Tina Lewis has done an excellent job of chairing a committee to get a fine slate of members to run for various leadership positions for next year. Thank you, Tina and the nominating committee.

CPT Lee Hoskins, President 2010

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POW'S MISSING & UNACCOUNTED FOR:

As of August 13, 2010 1711 Americans are still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

Vietnam	1310
Laos	335
Cambodia	59
Rep. of China territorial waters	7

Source: National League of Families of American POW's & MIA in Southeast Asia

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: September 11th, 2010, 0930 Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

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



MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

I am still serving as President of the Mendocino County Subchapter of the Redwood Empire Chapter of MOAA. But after 5 plus years, I intend to try to get a new President for the Subchapter, because it is enough! So our September 18th Luncheon Meeting at 11:30 am at the Wharf Restaurant, Noyo Harbor, Fort Bragg, will be my final meeting as President.

Ben Booth, Commander

Ed. Note. Thank you Ben for your service to the Sub-Chapter and the Chapter.



LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report this month



HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

H. W. GARDNER,
ADJUTANT - NO REPORT



SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at The Palms Grill, as usual. NOTE: I am certain the date is correct this time, because I checked it about three times. Once again, apologies to those whom I confused the last time. As usual, we do not have a speaker scheduled. 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 drink before we start.

LTC Dennis Meredith,
Subchapter Representative, Board of Directors

WRONG NUMBER

A man joins a big corporate empire as a trainee. On his very first day of work, he dials the pantry and shouts into the phone - "Get me a coffee, quickly!" The voice from the other side responded, "You nut, you've dialed the wrong extension! Do you know who you're talking to?"

"No," replied the trainee. "It's the CEO of the company, you nut!"

The trainee shouts back, "And do YOU know who YOU are talking to, you crazy man?!" "No." replied the CEO indignantly.

"Good!" replied the trainee, and puts down the phone.

2011 COLA UPDATE

By **Ralph Smith**

One question that we see from readers on a regular basis is something along these lines: "How much will our cost of living adjustment (COLA) go up next year?" In fact, one reader sent in a column on this topic a few months ago that we published on this site.

We don't know how much health insurance premiums will go up in 2011 but chances are there will be an increase that will be substantial for some programs under the federal health benefit plan. But, while some of your expenses may be going up, it seems unlikely that there will be a COLA increase next year. To the dismay of some, this will be the second year in a row that there has not been an increase.

The reason an increase in 2011 is unlikely is because inflation, as measured by the relevant consumer price index, is showing the cost of living has gone down since October 2009. For now, the inflation index shows a decrease of 0.7%. That could change in the next seven months but, for now, that does not seem likely.

So, if you are wondering why your 2011 retirement annuity may not go up as a result of the cost of living, the reasons are similar to what happened in 2010.

Some readers have asked if there has ever been a time when there was no COLA increase for two years in a row. The answer is "no," that has not happened. In fact, if you look back at the history of the COLA, there was never a time when the increase was 0.0% as happened in 2010. Prior to last year, the lowest COLA increase was 1.3% in 1998.

No doubt, some who asked about the 2011 COLA increase that would take effect in January are disappointed in the answer but, despite the disappointment of some, the projected outcome seems fairly certain unless Congress decides to implement a change.



The Vietnam Experience, a Soldiers Story

September 16 to November 28, 2010
Petaluma Museum

20 Fourth Street, Petaluma, CA

The personal stories of local veterans who served in the Vietnam War are the emphasis of this exhibit. The exhibition includes historical artifacts, photographs, and document interwoven with remarkable oral histories. Their goal is to honor the men and women who have served their country and educate the younger generation on the sacrifice that they made. 2010 is a significant year for this exhibit as it marks the 35th Anniversary of the fall of Saigon. Over 58,000 men would die and 300,000 wounded in one of the most controversial wars in American history. **NOTE: Two of our chapter members have exhibits at the museum.** Check with the museum to see when they will be open for visitors.

VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD!

The Sonoma County United Veterans Council (SCUVC), representing more than 30 veterans organizations throughout Sonoma County, in 2009, established an annual award designated as the "**VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**". This award to be presented annually to the veteran determined to have contributed the most to the welfare and general well-being of the veterans of Sonoma County and their families. The recipient of the award in 2009 was S. Dudley, for her service to literally thousands of veterans during her 37 year tenure, while serving as a Veterans Service Office in the County Veterans Service Office.

Nominations are currently being solicited for the award for 2010. Veterans organizations throughout the county are being asked to submit their recommendation to the UVC not later than October 15, 2010. The nominee need not be a member of the respective veterans organization, however must have served at least 90 days of active service, be honorably discharged and have contributed significantly to the well-being of Sonoma County veterans. The nomination must be supported with quantitative data supporting the nomination and be supported by the elected officers of the respective veterans organization.

Recommendations for possible nominee for this award should be made to the MOAA Chapter President, or a member of the Board of Directors as soon as possible. If questions arise concerning the process, we recommend contacting Bob Safreno, Chapter Secretary.

OVERWEIGHT!

An overweight individual went to see his family doctor for some weight loss advice. The doctor advised that the best medicine was to run seven miles a day for forty days. The doctor promised, that would help him lose as much as fifteen pounds. The person followed the doctor's advice, and after forty days, he had indeed lost the fifteen pounds. He phoned the doctor and thanked him very much for the excellent advice which produced his weight loss results. At the end of the conversation, he asked on last question: "How do I get home, now that I am 280 miles away from home?"

MILITARY HUMOR

'Tracers work both ways.' - U.S. Army Ordnance

INTERESTING EMAIL

Subject: RE: Annual Dues
Date: Tue, 3 Aug 2010 08:14:13 -0400
From: Victoria Twyne <victoriat@moaa.org>
To: Pete Peterka
<petepeterka@earthlink.net>
References:
<4C57A817.6010309@earthlink.net>

Hi Sir, the dues for MOAA this year is - \$31. The dues for Life depends on age and there is a table that you can refer to on the Life membership application. Also, if someone were to call the Member Service Center to pay for Life membership over the phone, they can request a 10% discount under the Give Me Ten! (GMT) program. The Member Service Representative can explain this to the person calling. Also, the GMT annual dues for Regular and Auxiliary is \$28, so you would save a few dollars vice paying the \$31 if joining under GMT.

If you need to review this information on the LIFE application, it's available on our website. The link is here. Just scroll down to the bottom and click the link you need:

http://www.moaa.org/comm/comm_chapters/comm_chapters_leaders/omm_chapters_givemetten/comm_chapters_givemetten_recruitmaterials/default.htm

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FACTS: Beijing boasts the world's largest Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

- An average toilet uses 5-7 gallons of water every time it is flushed. A single leaky toilet can waste more than 50 gallons a day, amounting to 18,000 gallons a year.
- Only about 20 percent of gold mined today is used for circuitry, window-coating, and other non-jewelry purposes.

DONATIONS MADE IN JUNE AND JULY 2010

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

SALLY KELLER
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DENNIS MEREDITH
STEVE NEISINGH
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BOB WICKLUND

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OWEN REEVES
MARY TILLMAN
BOB WICKLUND

GENERAL FUND:

TINA LEWIS
OWEN REEVES
BOB WICKLUND

THE SOLDIER

A soldier is a nobody, we hear a lot of folks say.
He is an outcast in the world and always in the way.
We admit there are some bad ones from the Army and
Marines
But, you will find the majority the most worthy ever seen.

Most folks condemn the soldier who takes a drink or two,
But, does the soldier condemn you when you go out for a
few?

Now do not scorn the soldier, but clasp him by the hand,
For he who wears a uniform means protection fro your
land!

When soldiers go to battle you cheer them on their way,
You say that they are hero's when in their grave they lay.
So with these lines I close sir, and hope they don't offend,
But, when you meet a soldier just treat him like a friend!

James Sutton, formally Platoon Sgt., Co. L 3rd Marine Division.
Awarded the Silver Star & Purple Heart

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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

The following Redwood Empire Chapter members are being dropped with the publication of the September MOAA VOICE. They have not paid the 2010 year membership dues to the Chapter, and according to our by-laws they should have been dropped by March 1st. However your Officers and Board of Directors have tried to contact and retain them in the Chapter, and they been generous in the extension of time to try and retain them as members.

RANK	FIRST	LAST	SERV
CDR	NORBERT	AUBREY	USNR
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There's no such thing as a natural-born pilot
Chuck Yeager

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NOTES FROM THE AFFILIATE

BY TINA LEWIS

The pluses and minuses of buying long term care insurance are generally known. The August article in The Affiliate urges doing research to make the best choices. The final paragraph might contain valuable information for some: "MOAA's LTC insurance buying service, Long Term Care Resources (www.ltc-resources.com) offers products from several top-rated insurance companies. Long Term Care Resources has representatives available nationwide to work one-on-one with MOAA members to match them up with the company and the LTC insurance plan that best fits their needs.

To learn more, call 800-698-7943.

When Insults Had Class

"He has Van Gogh's ear for music." - Billy Wilder

2010 DATES TO REMEMBER

September:

11th BOARD MEETING – Approval of 2011 officers
15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
24th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building

October:

5th Executive Committee Meeting
15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
28th Luncheon, Election of Officers for 2010

November: (No Luncheon meeting)

2nd Executive Committee Meeting
15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

December:

7th Executive Committee Meeting
12th Sunday, Holiday Social
15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

* - Dates to announced/confirmed at later date

(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

LOBSTER and/or STEAK FEED, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

*Veterans Memorial Building
1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa*

*Menu: Maine Lobster 1 1/4 lb or larger, BBQ High Quality Steaks, Baked Potatoes, Caesar Salad,
Garlic bread. Red and White wine on the table. Dessert*

\$30.00 each

6 PM: Social, No Host Bar

7 PM Lobster served (if ready)

Enclosed is my check for _____ persons @ \$30.00 each. \$ _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for the Col. Brey Scholarship Fund
And/or \$ _____ for the Military Support Fund

Name: _____, Phone: _____

Guests: _____

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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Vice President Alice Peterka	542-4076
Secretary Mary Tillman	584-8350
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Parliamentarian Lee Owen	537-1282

The regular September meeting will be held at the Flamingo Hotel on Wednesday, September 8. Lunch will be served promptly at noon. The menu will be announced by the Telephone Committee as our Reservations Chairman, Helen Gregory, was unable to contact Management at the hotel. The cost is still \$21, all inclusive. Reservations may be made up to the morning of the meeting by calling Helen (528-4677) and cancellations must be made by the Monday preceding the meeting. Our Haiku program has been postponed to November due to seriously conflicting dates. Barbara Confer has come to the rescue with a really wonderful program. Jill Belmont, Quilting artist and teacher, will present a program on her pet project: Quilts of Honor, quilts made specifically for wounded veterans. Don't miss it! Treasurer, Shirley Reeves, told us that that extra dollar for our lunches was just enough to make her life more comfortable. No problems with our finances. Family Services Chairman, Terry Silva, reported that a card was sent to Lee Owen and we are happy to report that Lee, hobbling, was at the meeting. Terry also told us that she had seen Sally Keller and she is looking good and feeling better. Terry had received a note from long-time member Lolly Roberts which she shared with us. Lolly is beautiful as ever and is enjoying life in Southern California.

Connie Miller, Publicity 563-8311, Conkrest@aol.com

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