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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Well, here we are into 2012 just a few days and I have run up a water bill of over \$800. Seems the puddle in our back yard was not our neighbors fault nor was there a spring generated. It has been corrected.

Speaking of ones home, I hope you have considered having your furnace check in the fall. If it is over ten years old, you should have a HVAC person come out and check it. If you have any question concerning this, give me a call.

Our board meeting on the 7th of January went well. We are looking forward to our new board and the action we will be taking to increase our numbers for 2012. In this regard, if you know of anyone who is a potential member, please contact me or Bill Matz (837-2161, ext.121) with their name and phone number. If you belong to any other organization, there may be someone within that group who qualifies.

Our members in congress continue praising the military in public and then search ways to draw down on our benefits, in private. **DO NOT LET THEM DO THIS!** Keep on them with your emails, letters and phone calls. Let them know that when voting time comes around, your choice will be dependent on how they act in our behalf.

Hope you all have a very good 2012.

CDR Don Confer, President 2011-2012
Phone: 707-763-8198 or,
email: ddconfer181@comcast.net

DUES NOTICE

All regular members should have received your dues notice by now.

From By-Laws: **Article VII, Section B.** Annual dues shall become due and payable on **January first.** Members who fail to renew their membership by that date shall be reminded of their overdue status and, if payment is not made by **March 1st,** shall be **dropped** from the rolls. Membership may be reinstated upon payment of current dues.

Notices were sent only to members that need to renew their dues for 2012. There are still over 40 members that have not renewed their dues for 2012 as of the publication of this bulletin.

Please note that dues are only \$25.00 a year for the Redwood Empire Chapter. If you belong to the National organization, that is a separate dues structure.

FEBRUARY 23rd, LUNCHEON

There will be a Guest Speaker for the February Luncheon, however the name or topic was not available prior to publication of this bulletin.

The Oakmont Inn is in the process of changing their menus and cost of meals. For this month we have chosen to have “South of the Border Buffet” so that we can keep the price of the luncheon the same. At our next Executive Board meeting we will be discussing menu options. Any suggestions from our members are welcome, you contact your President or any of the Officers.

See Page No. Three (3), for Luncheon Menu. Please support our Luncheon Raffle, to help defray expenses.

MOAA BOARD MEETINGS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: March 3, 2012, 0930. In the Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 0930. In the Santa Rosa Vet's Bldg Conference Room.

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



SONOMA VALLEY SUB-CHAPTER

We held our bimonthly luncheon on January 12, 2012, at the Palms Grill in Sonoma. We had a very good gathering, attended by most of our loyal regulars. It was a very pleasant get-together.

Our next luncheon gathering will be at the Palms Grill on March 8, 2012.

LTC Dennis Meredith
Subchapter Representative, Board of Directors

HUMBOLDT/DEL NORTE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report this month
H. W. Gardner, Adjutant

LAKE SUB-CHAPTER

No Report this month

MENDOCINO SUB-CHAPTER

No Report this month
Russ Kinsey, Commander



DECEASED MEMBER



MAJ Robert C. Zwiener, USMC

Passed away the morning of Jan. 3, 2012, with his wife JoAnn at his side. Bob was a distinguished Marine officer with 25 years of service. He also served as a young Marine enlisted man, NCO, and warrant officer before his commissioned service. He was a Drill Instructor as an NCO and served as commander of the Marine detachment on a Polaris submarine tender, USS Hunley. Bob was highly qualified and experienced in special operations as a Force Recon Marine, with repeated tours in Southeast Asia. He also served there for two years with the CIA, where he was seriously wounded, requiring almost a year of hospitalization as he recovered.

Bob was a loyal, enthusiastic, optimistic and cheerful friend, colleague, and member of veterans organizations, including Wine Country Marines, VFW, and MOAA. We will miss him.

THE REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER OFFICERS
AND MEMBERS EXTEND OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO
PEG SMITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THEIR DEPARTED
LOVE ONE .



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The application period for COL William G. Brey Scholarships will opened on January 1, 2012, and will close on March 15, 2012. Closing date is firm. Those eligible to apply for scholarship assistance are children, wards, and lineal descendants (including grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, natural or adopted) of living or deceased officer, warrant officer, or auxiliary members of the Chapter. Scholarship eligibility is limited to those pursuing undergraduate academic and professional certificate programs. Applications will not be accepted for support of graduate studies.

Our experience is that it can take some time for prospective applicants to gather all the required supporting documentation, then prepare and submit the completed application before the cutoff date. We therefore recommend that Chapter members advise eligible family members of scholarship availability and contact information early enough to give them sufficient reaction time.

Application forms are available. They may be obtained by writing to:

Secretary, Redwood Empire Chapter, MOAA,
PO Box 2801,
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801

or by directly contacting Scholarship Committee Chairman:

Dennis Meredith, 707-996-8819
615 Fano Lane,
Sonoma, CA 95476-5504

or e-mail: dennismm@comcast.net.

Dennis will provide them immediately to all interested parties by the fastest means available.

The COL William G. Brey Scholarship Committee

PUBLICATION OF 2012 ROSTER

Your Secretary will be publishing a new Roster for the year 2012. The 2012 Roster will include the information in his records as of December 31, 2011.

If you think the information may not be correct, try and contact him by Telephone, E-mail, or Snail mail. We can not guarantee that it will get to him in time, but give it a try.

ATTENTION RED HEADED GIRLS or LADIES

Remember February 14th is Valentine's Day.

In honor of Valentine's Day, the Charles M. Schulz Museum allows all Red Headed girls/ladies to have **FREE** admission into the museum.

They will be honoring Valentine's Day on Sunday, February 12, 2012, because the museum is normally closed on Tuesdays.

So if you have not been to the museum here is your chance to make that trip. Your spouse or escort may have to pay, but it is a fun place to visit.

2012 DATES TO REMEMBER

January:
 25th United Veterans Council meeting
 26th Luncheon, Oakmont – Installation of Officers 2012

February:
 1st Proposed target date to publish the 2012 Roster
 7th Executive Committee meeting
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 22nd United Veterans Council meeting
 23rd Luncheon, Oakmont

March:
 1st Members who have not paid dues will be dropped.
 3rd BOARD of Directors MEETING
 15th Deadline for submission Scholarship Applications
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 28th United Veterans Council meeting
 ** 22nd Luncheon, Oakmont

April:
 3rd Executive Committee Meeting - Scholarship winners
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 25th United Veterans Council meeting
 ** 26th Luncheon, Oakmont

May:
 5th BOARD of Directors MEETING - Scholarship winners
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 19th Rose Parade, Santa Rosa
 23rd United Veterans Council meeting
 ** 24th Dinner – Honor Scholarship Recipients
 28th Memorial Day Ceremonies

June:
 5th Executive Committee Meeting
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 16th Saturday, Picnic at Spring Lake, Jack Rabbit

July:
 7th BOARD of Directors MEETING
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 25th United Veterans Council meeting
 ** 26th Luncheon, Oakmont

August:
 7th Executive Committee Meeting - Form Nominating Committee
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 18th Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
 22nd United Veterans Council meeting

September:
 1st BOARD of Directors MEETING – Approve 2013 slate officers
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 ** 21st Friday, Luncheon, Two Rock USCG (\$10.00)
 26th United Veterans Council meeting

October:
 2nd Executive Committee Meeting
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 24th United Veterans Council meeting
 ** 25th Dinner, Election of Officers for 2013

November:
 3rd BOARD of Directors MEETING
 11th North bay Veterans Day parade.
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 16th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
 28th United Veterans Council meeting

December:
 4th Executive Committee Meeting
 ** 7th Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??
 ** 9th Sunday, Holiday Buffet Social
 15th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information

** Not Confirmed at this time.

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

Luncheon, Thursday February 23, 2012 The Quail Inn, On the Golf Course, Oakmont

Socializing 11:00 am; Lunch 12:00 noon
 Cost (including tax and tip) - **Price \$20.00**

“South of the Border Buffet”

Salad: A Fiesta Salad-Romaine Lettuce, 1000 Island Dressing, Fresh Salsa, Grated Cheese and Topped with a Thin Layer of Tortilla Chips.

Buffet: Pulled Pork and Carne Asada Fajitas, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Sour Cream, Grated Cheese and Salsa and Flour and Corn Tortillas.

Dessert: Mexican Carmel Sundaes.

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

Guest Speaker: There will be a guest speaker, information not available at publication time.

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

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

MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

2012 Officers

President: Mary-Gwen Neisingh 539-1106
Vice President: Alice Peterka 542-4076
Secretary: Mary Tillman 584-8350
Treasurer: Shirley Reeves 539-7839
Parliamentarian: Lee Owen 537-1282

YOUR 2012 DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR THE AUXILIARY

The regular meeting will be at the Flamingo Hotel on Wednesday, February 8. We will be honoring our Past Presidents. Our Telephone Committee will advise you of the menu and program. The cost is still \$21.00. If the committee cannot reach you, Reservations Chairman Helen Gregory (528-4677) can arrange reservations up to the morning of the meeting. Cancellations must be made by Monday preceding the meeting. Our Family Services Chairman, Terry Silva, has no reported illnesses but a sympathy card has been sent to Peg Smith on the loss of her daughter. We have heard that Marion Van Eschen and Dorcas Allison are doing well. Your correspondent had the extreme pleasure of lunching with Major and Mrs. Tom Gray at the Sonoma Valley Sub-Chapter meeting in January and was pleased to learn that the Wives keep up with us via the *MOAA VOICE*. An invitation to the ladies to visit us was issued.

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

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Donna Poulter, AUX 576-0513

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