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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Like many of us I start this new year reflecting back on all the events of Last year. So much to be thankful for and so much to reflect on. Like many of us December is always a very busy month. With preparation for the celebration of Christmas which always means a checklist of activities including preparing Christmas cards, shopping for gifts, arranging get together's with family and friends and at some point we stop and reflect about how thankful we are for all that we have. I'm especially thankful for the gift of family. Not all of our family members may be as physically close as we would like, but we carry their presents deep within us. You and I are fortunate to be part of another very special family that has come together to recognize and support others like ourselves that have given up a major portion of their lives to serve the needs of our country. We include our wives and partners because without their support we would not have the strength we need to give our most.

As we start our new year I look forward to working with the team of board members that have committed themselves to provide the best support for the needs and vision of this group of MOAA members. For all of their strengths and willingness to put in the hours required to provide for a working organization to succeed, we need your active support. We the working board members need your input, Let us know of your needs, your interest and any ideas that you have that will strengthen our group.

Major Kenneth Johnson, USAF, President
408-466-6764 ~ kenthetraveler@gmail.com



Thursday, February 23, 2023
Buffet Luncheon at the
EPICENTER in Santa Rosa
11:00am ~ Dine at Noon

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**Guest Speaker: Mike Martini,**  
**Tast Street Winery**

(Former Mayor of Santa Rosa)

He will be speaking about the Homeless situations and what they are doing about it in Santa Rosa.

### **PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR DINING**

This is needed for head counts for meals and making name tags. See page no. 5 for the Luncheon menu.

### **“Sunshine Lady”**

Call Myrna Hurst, 707-468-0146,  
if you know of anyone in the chapter who  
might enjoy a get well or sympathy card.

### **“GOOD SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED”**

Chapter members:

Who do you want to hear from?

Please send your suggestions to

**Don Nowacki, (707)595-1047,**

or by e-mail: [nowacki@sonic.net](mailto:nowacki@sonic.net)

### **MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**

will be at the Santa Rosa Veterans building  
in the Conference room.

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

→ This year was a very special year for me as I was able to return to my hometown of Minneapolis and celebrate Christmas and my 90th birthday with my family. To help celebrate my birthday Dayle had reached out to you and many others and ask them to send me a birthday card. Her goal was to reach 90 cards to celebrate my 90th birthday. Your response to her request and the many others Dayle wrote to resulted in me receiving 114 birthday cards! My many thanks to those of you who helped make this happen. We had a large birthday celebration two days after Christmas. I didn't get a large group picture of the Birthday party but here is a picture of my family celebrating Christmas. They were all a part of my birthday celebration. *Ken Johnson*

WE NEED  
**YOU!**



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The application period for COL William G. Brey Scholarships will open on January 1, 2023, and will close on March 15, 2023. 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**  
Post Office Box 2801  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-0801

or by directly contacting Scholarship Committee Chairman:

**Susan Linch**  
4825 Glencannon Street,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95405-7911  
Phone: (707)538-3342  
or e-mail: [srmomx5@comcast.net](mailto:srmomx5@comcast.net)

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

**COMING SOON!!!!  
THE COL BREY  
SCHOLARSHIP AND  
MERIT AWARDS  
HAVE BEEN REVISED TO  
REFLECT GRADES, MERIT,  
AND HUMANITY!!!  
OPEN TO:**

High school seniors or High school graduates

- to pursue a college degree
- to enroll in a professional training program such as fire prevention, electrician, police protection, auto mechanics, culinary school, or comparable training programs.
- college undergraduates
- previous applicants of the Brey Scholarship

The Brey Scholarship is limited to a maximum of **two** awarded scholarships per applicant.

## **“Pub Crawl” is BACK!!**

Chapter members, Friends and Guests: “Pub Crawl”, is back on our event calendar. Because the casino has closed the restaurant we've have been using we will be moving to a new location. For February and March Pub Crawl we will be meeting at the **Epicenter** at 11:30am, on the second Tuesday. In April we have a major change. We will be changing the **DAY** of the week, but the **location will remain the same**. We will now meet on the **THIRD** Monday of each month at 11:30am. Starting in April we will meet at 11:30 at the Epicenter on the **THIRD** Monday of each month. Our pub crawls are a great place to relax and share our past experiences. We all have stories to tell!!

Any other questions, please call your President  
Ken Johnson. (408)466-6764.

## **CHAPTER DUES FOR 2023**

Chapter Dues are \$25.00 and they are due January 1, 2023. A notice was in the December *MOAA VOICE*. There was also a mailing sent out to all Chapter member on our Roster that owe dues, with a return envelope.

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

## Buffet Luncheon, Thursday, February 23, 2023

Epicenter, 3215 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa

Socializing 11:00 to 11:45 am, Meeting starts, Lunch 12:00 noon

Cost (including tax and tip) - Price **\$26.00**

**Salad:** Greek Salad

**Lunch:** Chili Dogs ~ Patty Melt  
French Fries ~ Seasonal Vegetables

**Dessert:** Cookies. Water, Iced Tea, Hot Tea and Coffee

**Enclosed:** is my check for my advanced reservation \_\_\_\_ persons @ \$26.00 each. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All must make **RESERVATIONS** Please Pre Pay if possible. (Late options only **Pay At Door**).  
Information is needed for head counts for the meals and making on name tags.

**NO RESERVATIONS or Walk-Ins will cost \$30.00 per person**

**Donations:** Col. Brey Scholarship Fund (Fully Tax Deductible) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Speaker: **Mike Martini, Tast Street Winery** (Former Mayor of Santa Rosa)

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: **RECMOAA**

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

**\*\*\*\*\* PLEASE BRING A RAFFLE PRIZE IF YOU CAN \*\*\*\*\***

### Redwood Empire Chapter member CPT WILLIAM ANDERSON, USA

Is offering his service to  
members and veterans in need.

He realizes that the country is presently going through a rough time, because of the present COVID-19 virus and shelter in place, there are a lot of people with many different needs. He is offering to our members and any veterans organizations his help.

As a landlord he can repair many house issues for our their members. **FREE!** They only need to pay for parts.

He can transport supplies. He lives in Santa Rosa. He owns 57 properties in this state alone and is his own maintenance service. He does many kinds of things. He still offers a weeks worth of goods and 5 gallons of gas to needy members, vets and classmates.

Anyone can call him and he will give you more details. Call: William Anderson at 707-331-0366

### Legislative Update– February 2023

There is **NO** input this month, loss of computer.

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired  
Legislative Chairman



### 2023 Wives Club officers.

From left: Treasurer Florence Wall, Secretary Tina Lewis, Vice President Barbara Confer, President Dayle Johnson

**SEE "Pub Crawl" on Page 2**

## 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER\*

\*COVID-19 Virus could change all these events and dates!

### JANUARY:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dues for 2023 are payable at this time
- 3<sup>rd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information.
- 10<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 25<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter** – Installation of Officers

### FEBRUARY:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed target date to publish the 2023 Roster
- 7<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 14<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 22<sup>nd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### MARCH:

- 7<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 14<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission Scholarship Applications
- 22<sup>nd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### APRIL:

- 4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 12<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 17<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### MAY:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners

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- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day – Rose Parade, Santa Rosa
- 15<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremonies

### JUNE:

- 6<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 3<sup>rd</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Picnic at Two Rock? Honor Scholarship Recipients
- 19<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 28<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

### JULY:

- 4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – selection of nominating committee
- 12<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 17<sup>th</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### AUGUST:

- 1<sup>st</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 13<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
- 21<sup>st</sup> "Pub Crawl" at **Epicenter**, 11:30 am
- 23<sup>rd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

\*\* = Not Confirmed at this time ~ **CNX** = Cancelled ~ **UNK** = Unknown  
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## MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

### 2023 Officers

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| President: Dayle Johnson       | 408-466-6764 |
| Vice President: Barbara Confer | 707-763-8198 |
| Secretary: Tina Lewis          | 707-758-9739 |
| Treasurer: Florence Wall       | 707-837-7389 |
| Parliamentarian: Donna Poulter | 707-576-0513 |

## TIME TO PAY

## DUES! ONLY \$25.00

Pay when you come to a luncheon or mail a check to Florence Wall at  
655 Chardonnay Place, Windsor, CA 95492

The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$25.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be chicken parmesan, mini meatloaves, herbed pasta, esquite, fruit salad, and cookies.

If the Telephone Committee does not contact you, you may make a reservation up to the day before the meeting; however, cancellations must be made by Monday preceding the meeting. For either situation, call Susan Linch at 707-538-3342.

In January the 2023 officers were sworn in by Parliamentarian Donna Poulter: Dayle Johnson, President; Barbara Confer, Vice President; Tina Lewis, Secretary; and Florence Wall, Treasurer. Each person was presented with a beautiful red rose. Thanks to everyone for agreeing to serve.

John Contreras from SAY (Social Advocates for Youth) spoke at the January luncheon. That very important organization helps thousands of young people in the areas of youth crisis services, housing, careers, and counseling. At this writing we do not yet have a speaker for the February luncheon.

**Tina Lewis**, Publicity 707-539-5546, [tinalewis31@comcast.net](mailto:tinalewis31@comcast.net)

## YOUR

## Redwood Empire Chapter Officers and Directors for 2023

|                              |                               |              |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <u>President:</u>            | Maj Ken Johnson, USAF         | 408-466-6764 |
| <u>1st Vice President</u>    | (NONE AT THIS TIME)           |              |
| <u>2nd Vice President</u>    | 1/Lt Donald J. Nowacki, USANG | 707-595-1047 |
| <u>Secretary:</u>            | Cpt Robert R. Safreno, USAF   | 707-795-3963 |
| <u>Treasurer:</u>            | LCDR Tim Morgan, USNR         | 707-695-9293 |
| <u>Imed. Past President:</u> | CPT Lee P. Hoskins, USA       | 707-328-2316 |

### CAL-MOAA Director, Area I

Cpt Tom Walther, USAF 530-673-5499

### Directors-at-large - Term 2023-2024

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Martina Lewis         | 707-539-5546 |
| Susan Linch           | 707-538-3342 |
| LTC Gary Meagher, AUS | 707-544-4089 |
| Mary-Gwen Neisingh    | 707-481-7614 |

### Directors-at-large - Term 2023

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Capt R. Lee Berry, USMC | 707-308-4160 |
| Mrs. Myrna M. Hurst     | 707-468-0146 |
| Donna Poulter           | 707-576-0513 |
| CPT Lewis Wall, USA     | 707-837-7389 |

### Directors Representing Sub-Chapters:

|                       |                       |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <u>Mendocino:</u>     | Mrs. Myrna M. Hurst   | 707-468-0146 |
| <u>Sonoma Valley:</u> | Maj B. K. White, USMC | 707-996-1335 |

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