



## PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As you read this, many of us will be looking back on the past year, the past filled with memories and experiences. Much of what I remember is built on my opportunity to work with other members of our Military Officers Association. It has given me an opportunity to reach out and be a part of the lives of others. For the past three years, I've had the opportunity and the privilege to serve as your president. This has been an important part of my life, an experience for which I will be forever grateful. I would like to thank all our officers and board members for the many hours they have spent working on the needs and services of our organization, from publishing our newsletter to managing our finances to organizing our scholarships awards to our yearly picnics and barbecues to all of our special activities. It takes many hours of unrecorded effort, from our board to all members, to give life to our organization.

This will be the last article I will be writing for our edition of the MOAA VOICE as your president. It has been a privilege to serve, but now it's time for someone else to represent our group as president of our Redwood Chapter of MOAA. The last day of this month, December 31st, will be the last day that I serve as your president. This is your organization. We need you to step up to the plate

**Major Kenneth Johnson, USAF, Past President**  
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## MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

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

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

**Buffet Luncheon at the  
POPPY BANK EPICENTER  
in Santa Rosa**

**11:00am ~ Dine at Noon**

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**Guest Speaker: Victor Trione.**

The focus of his talk will be an update on the  
U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation and  
The Lone Sailor Project.

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**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS  
FOR DINING.**

this is needed for head counts for meals and  
making name tags.

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See page No. 7 for the Luncheon menu.  
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## CHAPTER DUES FOR 2024

Chapter Dues are \$25.00 and they will be due January 1, 2024. A notice was sent in the December MOAA VOICE. The Dues mailing has been sent out to all Chapter member on our Roster, with a return envelope. A few of our members have already paid and if you do not get a notice it may not be an error. Please check with your Chapter Secretary for further information.

### **"GOOD SPEAKERS ARE NEEDED"**

Chapter members:

Who do you want to hear from?

Please send your suggestions to

**Bob Safreno, (707)795-3963, Cell: 707-479-9374**

or by e-mail: [shadowbob1@juno.com](mailto:shadowbob1@juno.com)

### **"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.

## Legislative Update - January 2024

**General Comments.** In regards to the NDAA, rather than watching a long three act opera that goes on and on, I am thinking that perhaps we are watching a re-run of the 11993 movie Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray. While the NDAA has passed with a record 5.2% pay raise for the troops, it still lacks the funding make it operable. It also shows significant shortfall of our priority list. However, operations will continue to run by Continuing Resolution (CR) until mid-January - early February. **Happy New Year! 2024 promises to be very interesting!**

### **Federal:**

With the NDAA funding still in a fluid situation, we will continue with the following legislative priorities listed below:

**The Expanding America's National Cemetery Act (H.R. 1413).** This is a significant piece of legislation protecting full uniformed services burial benefits introduced March 7 by Reps. Lisa McClain (R-Mich.) and Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.) is designed to preserve the option for full military honors now available at ANC and offers a long-term solution to Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) which would inevitably run out of room. It would authorize designating the next national cemetery location with equivalent honors to continue these benefits, rather than reducing eligibility at ANC. Unfortunately, some staffers have indicated: "No one promised you full military honors at your funeral," said one staffer – a troubling indicator of the challenge faced by MOAA and other military and veteran advocacy groups when only 18% of lawmakers have served in uniform. We need to reach out to our Congress members to support this bill.

Please use the **MOAA Advocacy in Action** to follow up with our Representatives.

**Respect for Military Families Act (H.R. 3232/ S.1588)** This act would prevent the government from immediately recouping any overpayment of benefits and instead gives survivors the opportunity to repay the benefits over a 12-month period. It would also allow the secretary of defense to forgive the repayment. We need co-sponsors from our representatives and senators.

**Military Spouse Hiring Act (H.R. 1277).** This act will help spouses who are currently discriminated against for employment due to their husbands frequent transfers. Both Senators are on board as co-sponsors, however, we need to get our Representatives on board.

**The Major Richard Star Act - Concurrent Receipt for Combat Injured Veterans:** two years in a row, Two-thirds of Congress has supported this bill for the past two years. This legislation would reverse an unjust offset requiring these combat-injured retirees to give up a dollar of DoD-earned retirement pay for every dollar of VA-provided disability benefits they receive. We need to get our legislators back on board for the upcoming year.

### **State.**

**AB 46 Retired Pay Tax Exemption .** This is NOT a dead issue - yet. During the last legislative session, this bill passed through all committees with no objections until the final vote by the Appropriations Committee suspended it to become a "second year" bill meaning that it did not die. Assemblyman James Ramos, the bill's author, has reached out to Governor Gavin Newsom's administration to work out details to save AB 46 in 2024. Hopefully, even facing a \$68M

shortfall for 2024 vs \$32M in 2023, that with able negotiations, this will not be an insurmountable task.

Many of you have heard arguments against giving such a benefit to military retirees and their survivors. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed". Therefore, follows is a rebuttal published on December 4<sup>th</sup> by CALMOAA 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Jeff Breiten to the Southern California News Group which you all can use:

**"Subject: SCNG Editorial "Don't cherry pick tax reductions"**  
"SCNG Editorial Board;  
"Dear members:

I read the editorial published in the Press Enterprise, "Don't cherry pick tax reductions" and felt the need to express my disappointment with the lack of data, vague and ambiguous comments in the editorial about Assembly bill 46, Exemption of Military Retirement Pay from State Income Taxes. Also, some very important facts were omitted from the editorial. I am not sure it was a lack of research on SCNG part or other unknown reasons.

One fact you did mention is, that today California is the only state in the nation that fails to provide an exemption on military retirement pay. Your editorial "Everyone appreciates our military veterans but they often receive pensions that are more generous than those received by other Americans". The fact is the average retirement for the enlisted military retirees living in California today is less than \$25,000.00 annually. For the state's retired military officers their military retirement pay is less than \$45,000 annually. Of the state's approximately 27,000 surviving spouses their survivor's continuance payments are less than \$15,000.00 annually. You mention police and fire pensions in your editorial. I am not sure that a military retiree's pension meets the criteria of "generous pension", compared to police officers and firefighters who average around \$100,000 annually in pension payments. You also commented that "veterans are eligible for social security". Many military retirees at a young age of 38, enter the public sector and work another 20-25 years. Due to their fully taxed 2<sup>nd</sup> pension, military retirees often have their 'earned' social security benefits reduced by as much as 60%. Also today, California fully exempts social security benefits state income taxes for those private sector retirees, who rely on social security payments as their only pension source. A private sector social security annuitant in many cases receives more in social security payments, than a military retiree receives from a military pension. Again, in California that social security annuitant is exempt from paying income taxes on social security payments. Here are some important numbers and facts you failed to mention in your editorial;

The San Diego Area Military Advisory Council engaged the Fermanian Business Economic Institute to conduct an analysis considering full exemption of military retirement pay. The results showed a gain of \$18 million to state and local tax revenues, which would continue to grow each year. The state's defense contractors agree that retaining military retirees assures a valuable workforce and economic advantage to the state. A military retirement is earned after 20 years military service with most service members retiring at the age of 38-40 years old. To the extent California retains these early retirees in the state, the state benefits from taxing their 2<sup>nd</sup> career income, as do counties and cities from local sales taxes and property taxes. Military retirees often still have children enrolled in public schools, bringing funding to those school districts with increased ADA funding.

A recently released study conducted by the California Research Bureau, California State Library on "National Security Impact study" stated in fiscal year 2020, military and other national security activity in the state generated an estimated \$168.7 billion in economic activity approximately 5.4% of California's economy. Many defense contractors rely on those young military retirees to provide a workforce to fill those critical positions in the field of national security. California has experienced a decline in Department of Defense spending and defense contractors are now leaving California in pursuit of military retirees who have relocated to other states, to fill critical jobs in the defense industry.

As reported by CBS Bay Area on 11 August 2023, the U.S. Census stated more than 500,000 U.S. Military Veterans have vacated California since 2020. Of the remaining population, military retirees represent approximately 140,000, which is down from 150,000 in 2020, and down from 165,000 since 2010. On the other side of the state line, Arizona and Nevada continue to see increases in military retirees at a rate of 10%. Both AZ and NV fully exempt military retirement from state income taxes. Today California military retiree population continues to decline, yet according to the Department of Defense, the military retiree population has grown by over 12% since 2010.

According to a report published by the DoD, Department of Defense spending in California was reduced by approximately \$1 billion dollars from 2022 to 2023 as the state's military retiree population continues to decline. California ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in defense spending in 2022 and dropped to 3<sup>rd</sup>, behind Texas in 2023. Texas realized an increase in its military retiree population during that same period. Texas fully exempts military retirement from state income taxes.

In a letter dated June 30, 2023 addressed to California Senator Portantino, Congressmen Adam Schiff stated "A single decade of exempting retired military pay alone from state taxation will help California and the country add thousands of jobs, millions of dollars in total personal income, billions in gross domestic or state product, even more in total business sales. State tax revenues are also expected to increase upwards of \$28 million after factoring the full impact of implementation by 2025 through different revenue channels".

In a letter dated October 14, 2022 to addressed to Governor Newsom, Congressmen Mike Levin voiced his strong support of AB 46 and the economic benefits military retirees bring to California's economy, along with the federal dollars that are spent in California to support our nation's military retirees.

The California State Commanders Veterans Council (CSVCC) which represents 28 veterans' organizations throughout California have testified before the state assembly on the economic benefits of exempting military retirement pay from state income taxes and has strongly endorsed AB 46. Interesting fact, less than 10% of the veterans that CSVCC represents, receive a military pension. Yet those veterans' organizations recognize the unique sacrifices and hardships that our career military members endure during a 20-year military career.

Your editorial states "we can already see powerful public-employee unions representing police and firefighters....saying their work justifies similar exemptions". The California Peace Officers Research Association (PORAC) has come out in support of AB 46. Many police departments and fire departments throughout California employ military retirees. You are correct in stating that police officers and

firefighters are exposed to dangerous situations. The military retirees serving today as police officers and firefighters will tell you the hardships and dangers of military service and serving as a first responder are clearly different.

An interesting fact you did not mention, related to police officer and firefighter pensions, is that a large percentage of retired police officers and firefighters receive their pensions fully exempt from both federal and state income taxes already. A retired police officer or firefighter can also leave 100% of their pension to their surviving spouse upon death. A military retiree's surviving spouse can only receive a maximum of 55% of their spouse's retirement upon their death.

These are only a few examples of why I disagree with your term "cherry picking" and some may actually consider it an insult to the brave men and women who serve 20-30 years in the military protecting this great county. Again, you mention "generous" police and firefighters' salaries in your editorial. The Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force all receive salaries less than some law enforcement retirements payments in California. Public Safety employees in California can retire at 90% of their salary, while career military members are capped at 75%. This salary information is readily available on Transparent California's website, although it is a little dated and lower than the actual salaries today.

"In closing, AB 46 is not a bill that promotes "cherry picking" tax credits. It is a bill that provides billions of dollars in economic stimulus to California's economy. It is a bill that helps provide a workforce to fill critical positions, in the medical profession, defense industry, public safety, aero currently has a shortage of. It is a bill that brings California in line with the rest of the nation that recognizes the workforce and economic benefits of retaining military retirees in their states.

"Veterans throughout California applaud Assembly member James Ramos for introducing and fighting for passage of AB 46. In a press release dated September 1, 2023, Ramos stated " Not a single vote has been cast against it (AB46). Ramos goes on to state " I am committed to seeing this bill get to the governor's desk and win his signature". As stated in your editorial, you are correct the state assembly voted 77-0 for passage and AB 46 has strong bipartisan support in the State Senate. Both chambers recognize and understand the economic benefits to California by retaining military retirees in our state and the workforce development military retirees provide to the state. Our military community thanks those legislators for their continued support of AB 46.

"Military retirees and veterans throughout California hope that Governor Newsom will join the assembly and senate and publicly support AB 46 and identify funding in the 2024 budget to ensure its passage.

"I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this in more detail with your editorial board.

Respectfully,  
Jeffrey Breiten Past Commandant  
Marine Corps League Detachment 1459

**SB 770 California State Run Health System/1332 Waver.**

We are facing another attack on our military/retiree health care benefits -TRICARE/CHAMPUS/TRICARE FOR LIFE. This plan would put everyone under the State run health program with no exceptions if an waver is granted

to eliminate Medicare and private medical plans to be incorporated into a single payer system. **Heads up everyone!**

Fortunately, our very active CALMOAA and in particular the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP for Legislative Affairs Jeff Breiten has published an Op-Ed in the California American Legion State Newsletter which is transcribed *in verbs* below:

**“Disabled Veterans, Veterans on Medicare and active duty-military families MUST be protected from a 1332 Waiver proposed as outlined in SB 770”**

“SB 770 was recently signed into law by Governor Newsom (September 2023 and now a proposal, which seeks to eliminate Medicare in California and establish a “state run health care system”, is moving its way through the State Legislature. SB 770 requires that the State of California prepare a proposal to seek a 1332 Waiver from the Health & Human Services Secretary, which would pave the way for a massive health care tax being imposed on California residents and employers.

SB 770 has set in motion that a 1332 Waiver proposal be completed by the end of 2024, that will result in the elimination of Medicare and all private health coverage in California, replace it with a costly, \$400 billion-dollar untested health system run by state government, and require the largest tax increase in state history. AB 1400, introduced by Assembly member Ash Kalra in 2022 placed a \$400 billion dollar cost on a proposed single payer, state run health care system in California. AB1400 also mentioned a 15% payroll tax and an income based health care tax” to help fund a single payer health care system in California.

California's disabled veterans, who are entitled to no cost health care from the Veterans Administration, could find themselves paying an imposed “health care tax” based on that disabled veteran's income or spouse's income. Disabled veterans who are self-employed or small business owners could find themselves subject to a payroll tax, to fund a single payer health care system in California.

Veterans who are entitled to Medicare could find themselves paying an additional health care tax based on income, above the dollar amount that Medicare already sets each year. Military retirees who are entitled to Tricare for Life would experience a massive disruption to their Tricare medical benefits, currently provided by the federal government.

Our active-duty military families stationed at installations throughout California would have their Tricare medical benefits disrupted and current coverage's changed. Military families may find themselves subject to a state health care tax the federal Tricare benefits earned while serving our country. A self-employed military spouse may find themselves subject to a 15% payroll tax.

Everyone needs to voice their concerns to both state and federal legislators that any 1332 Waiver submitted to the Secretary of Health & Human Services MUST contain language to exempt and protect our disabled veterans, veterans entitled to Medicare and our nation's active-duty military families stationed at installations in California, from any future imposed taxes to fund a state-run health care system.

A policy advocate for the California Chamber of Commerce, Preston Young recently wrote:

***For those who think dismantling our health system is a good idea, here are a few specific concerns to consider: SB 770 / single payer proponents seek to eliminate all private health coverage in California and force all Californians into a new untested health system***

***– with no ability to opt out or choose private coverage instead. Study after study shows Californians like their health coverage and Medicare, and strongly support protecting their right to choose it, and strongly support protecting the Medicare coverage seniors have earned.***

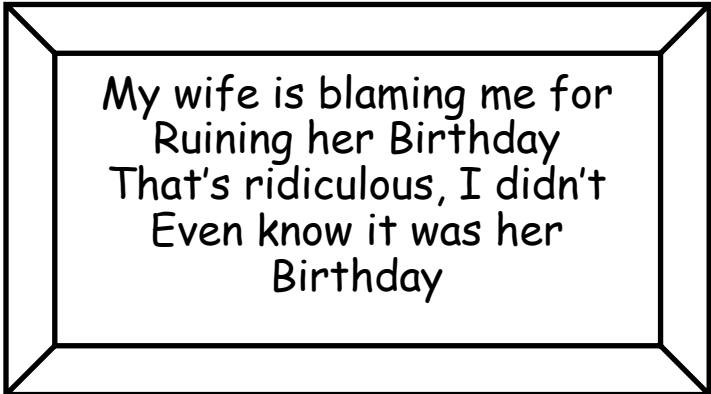
***The waiver sought by SB 770 would redirect roughly \$200 billion annually to the new single payer health system. But that system is projected to cost more than \$500 billion/year. The missing \$300+ billion a year would be raised by new, higher taxes on payroll, employers, and the goods and services Californians purchase.”***

“I agree that every resident in California should have access to affordable and quality health care. I agree there are changes that can be made to improve the access and cost in California. A state run, single payer health care system, will not only be disruptive and much too costly, but also take away your right to “choose your medical provider and impact the quality of medical care available in California. California is already on the road of ensuring health care for all Californians and seeking a 1332 Waiver and establishing a state run health care system at the cost of over \$400 billion dollars is not the answer.”

Jeff Breiten

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My wife is blaming me for  
Ruining her Birthday  
That's ridiculous, I didn't  
Even know it was her  
Birthday





Holiday Social at Sally Tomatoes, dining in front of the Fireplace. There were over 30 in attendance



Tina Lewis and Susan Linch were checking all that attended our Holiday Social



Gary Meagher, Steve and Debbie Countouriotis  
Guest in back grounds Bill and Mary Denson

Chapter member Craig Matsuda (on Left side), playing Christmas music prior to the Chapter having a meal.



## ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS

**WE NEED SOME OF YOU TO STEP UP AND BECOME OFFICERS IN OUR CHAPTER, AT THE TIME OF THIS PUBLICATION WE DO NOT HAVE A PRESIDENT. IF YOU WANT THIS CHAPTER TO SURVIVE PLEASE HELP US OUT. BEING ON THE BOARD IS NOT THAT DIFFICULT.**



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**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.

## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The application period for COL William G. Brey Scholarships will open on January 1, 2024, and will close on March 15, 2024. 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.

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### **"Pub Crawl"**

Chapter members, Friends and Guests:  
"Pub Crawl", is back on our event calendar.

We will meet at 12:00 noon the Poppy Bank Epicenter, January 15, 2024. Always 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 Past President Ken Johnson. (408)466-6764.



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

## Buffet Luncheon, Thursday January 25, 2024

**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:** Broccoli Salad. Garlic Parmesan Bread

**Lunch:** Boneless Chicken Wings with BBQ Sauce ~ Fried Cod (as in Fish and Chips)  
Wedge Cut Fries

**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 meals and making name tags.

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

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

Guest Speaker: **Victor Trione**. Update on the U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation and The Lone Sailor 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: **RECMOAA**

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

### 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 60 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



## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

### January – 2024

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dues for 2024 are payable at this time
- 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pub Crawl at Epicenter, **12:00 noon**
- 24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter** – Installation of Officers

### February:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed target date to publish the 2024 Roster
- 6<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pub Crawl at Epicenter, **12:00 noon**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 28<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

### March:

- 5<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission Scholarship Applications
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pub Crawl at Epicenter, **12:00 noon**
- 27<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### April:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pub Crawl at Epicenter, **12:00 noon**
- 24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**

### May:

- 7<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Scholarship winners

- 8<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 11<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Day – Rose Parade, Santa Rosa
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Ceremonies

### June:

- 4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 15<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Picnic Spring Lake, Lower Jackrabbit Area  
Honor Scholarship Recipients?
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon**
- 26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting

### July:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am, select a nominating committee
- 10<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon**
- 24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, Epicenter

### August:

- 6<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
- 14<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon**
- 28<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
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## TIME TO

## YOUR DUES! ONLY \$25.00

Mail check to Norma Viglienzzone at  
1651 Cunningham Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

It's time to pay your dues! You can either pay in person at a luncheon or mail a check to Norma. Make the check payable to MOAA Wives Club. The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, January 10th. The price is \$25.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be fried chicken with gravy, pork tenderloin, green beans with mushrooms, wedge salad, 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 our new officers will be installed. The program for January will be Mary Gwen Neisingh telling us about her exciting trip to South Africa.

**Tina Lewis**, Publicity 707-539-5546,  
tinalewis31@comcast.net

## PAY

## Redwood Empire Chapter Officers and Directors for 2024

<u>President:</u>	(NONE AT THIS TIME)	
<u>1st Vice President</u>	(NONE AT THIS TIME)	
<u>2nd Vice President</u>	(NONE AT THIS TIME)	
<u>Secretary:</u>	Cpt Robert R. Safreno, USAF	707-795-3963
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<u>Imed. Past President:</u>	Maj Ken Johnson, USAF	408-466-6764

<u>CAL-MOAA Director, Area I</u>	
Cpt Tom Walther, USAF	530-673-5499

<u>Directors-at-large - Term 2022</u>	
Martina Lewis	707-539-5546
Susan Linch	707-538-3342
LTC Gary Meagher, AUS	707-544-4089
Mary-Gwen Neisingh	707-481-7614

<u>Directors-at-large - Term 2022-2023</u>	
(NONE AT THIS TIME)	
Mrs. Myrna M. Hurst	707-468-0146
Donna Poulter	707-576-0513
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