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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Members,

I hope you all are well and enjoying life.

September 11th is Patriot Day in memory of all those killed in the terrorist attack in 2001. God bless them all.

Our BBQ in the redwoods was outstanding as usual. Thanks again to our Chef Dan Cortez. He always keeps us well fed. It was enjoyed by all.

Our Pub Crawl is September 15th. If you've never attended, please come and give it a try. We have such a good time. We share lots of laughs and enjoy the menu choices, food, and drinks.

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“Never measure your life by possessions. Measure it by the hearts you've touched, smiles you created, and the love you shared.” *Zad. Abdelour*



If we're not meant to have midnight snacks, why is there light in the fridge?

**Donna Poulter, President**  
707-576-0513 ~ [donnaeaglette@yahoo.com](mailto:donnaeaglette@yahoo.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.

## MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

**Thursday, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**  
**Buffet Luncheon at the EPICENTER in Santa Rosa**  
**11:00am ~ Dine at Noon**  
**Guest Speaker: Marcus Combs - Topic: San Francisco and World War II. A look at the Bay Area from before the World War II, how the region responded, and how the war changes the region.**  
**NOTE: WE NEED YOU RESERVATIONS IN BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.**  
So we can make name tags and by enough food for every one.  

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See page No. 3 for the Luncheon menu.

## 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

## “Pub Crawl”

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

We will meet at 11:30 at the **Epicenter**. September 15, 2025. 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!! **NOTE:** Last month we had 10 in attendance.

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

## Legislative Update - September 2025 NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired  
Legislative Chairman  
Redwood Empire Chapter MOAA (CA30)  
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### Subject: Never Squat with your Spurs On (Will Rogers)

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post (from Maysville, Okla), was one of the greatest political country/cowboy ages this country has ever known.

Some of his sayings:

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
4. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
8. There are three kinds of men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
10. If you're riding ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

### ABOUT GROWING OLDER...

**First** ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

**Second** ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

**Third** ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

**Fourth** ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

**Fifth** ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

**Sixth** ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

**Seventh** ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

**Eighth** ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

**Ninth** ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

**Tenth** ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.  
**And, finally** ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

### British Humour is different

#### FREE PUPPIES

1/2 Cocker Spaniel, 1/2 sneaky neighbor's dog.

#### FREE PUPPIES.

Mother is a Kennel Club registered German Shepherd.

Father is a Super Dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

#### COWS, CALVES: NEVER BRED.

Also 1 gay bull for sale.

#### JOINING NUDIST COLONY !

Must sell washer and dryer Â£100.

#### WEDDING DRESS FOR SALE.

Worn once by mistake. Call Stephanie.

\*\*\*\* And the **WINNER** is... \*\*\*\*

#### FOR SALE BY OWNER.

Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes.

Excellent condition, Â£200 or best offer. No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

#### Statement of the Century

Thought from the Greatest Living Scottish Thinker--Billy Connolly. "If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking, How come they can't have a headache and sex at the same time?"

## 2nd REMINDER CPT LEE P. HOSKINS, USA



Past President 2009-10 Lee Hoskins passed away on May 30, 2024. Kathy Krieger Hoskins, Lee's wife, is reaching out to all Redwood Empire Chapter members, hoping that they can come to Lee's Celebration of Life. It will be Saturday, September

13th, at the Santa Rosa Veterans building. The Celebration starts at 1:00pm and ends about 3:00pm.

## SEE "Pub Crawl" on Page 1

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

## Buffet Luncheon, Thursday September 25, 2025

**Epicenter, 3215 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa**

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

Cost (including tax and tip) - **New Price \$30.00**

**Salad:** Caprese Salad.

**Lunch:** Mini Meatballs Penne with Marinara Sauce, Fried Cauliflower with Lemon Pepper

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

**Enclosed:** is my check for my advanced reservation \_\_\_\_\_ persons @ \$30.00 each. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** All must make **RESERVATIONS** Please Pre Pay if possible. (Late options only **Pay At Door**).

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

**Guest Speaker: Marcus Combs** - Topic: San Francisco and World War II. (See Page 1 for more information)

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**

**Please  
Bring a Raffle Prize  
If you are able**



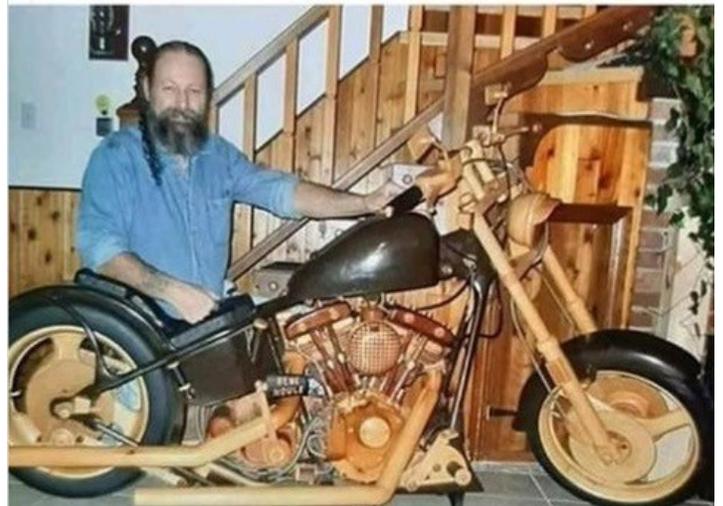
### A SHORT GUN STORY

A GUY WALKED INTO A CROWDED BAR, WAVING HIS UNHOLSTERED PISTOL AND YELLED, "I HAVE A 45 CALIBER COLT 1911 WITH A SEVEN ROUND MAGAZINE PLUS ONE IN THE CHAMBER AND I WANT TO KNOW WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING WITH MY WIFE."

A VOICE FROM THE BACK OF THE ROOM CALLED OUT,

"YOU NEED MORE AMMO!!!"

It's got a wooden frame, wooden engine, wooden wheels, and a wooden gas tank. Did he ride it? No, wooden start...



It's a five-minute walk from my house to the pub  
It's a 35-minute walk from the pub to my house  
The difference is staggering!

Most people don't think I'm as old as I am until they hear me stand up.

## 2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

- August:  
 5<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am, select a nominating committee  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 13<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 18<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ  
 27<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council **ZOOM** meeting
- September:  
 2<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2025 officers  
 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  
 \*\* 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Show at CMS Airport?  
 24<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council **ZOOM** meeting  
 25<sup>th</sup> Luncheon, Epicenter
- October:  
 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  
 20<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 22<sup>nd</sup> United Veterans Council **ZOOM** meeting
- November:  
 4<sup>th</sup> BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 11<sup>th</sup> North Bay Veterans Day parade (Tuesday)  
 12<sup>th</sup> Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**  
 17<sup>th</sup> **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 21<sup>st</sup> Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building  
 26<sup>th</sup> United Veterans Council **ZOOM** meeting  
 27<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day
- December: (No Board meeting)  
 \*\* 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??  
 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information  
 15<sup>th</sup> Monday, Holiday Social, Cattlemens  
NO United Veterans Council meeting  
**NO Pub Crawl** this month at Epicenter, **12:00** noon  
 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas

\*\* = Not Confirmed at this time ~ **CNX** = Cancelled ~ **UNK** = Unknown  
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## SEE "Pub Crawl" on Page 1

**The King of Spain has been  
 quarantined on his private jet.**



**That means the reign in Spain  
 stays mainly on the plane...**

## MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

### 2025 Officers

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| President: Susan Linch         | 707-538-3342 |
| Vice President: Donna Poulter  | 707-576-0513 |
| Secretary: Tina Lewis          | 707-758-9739 |
| Treasurer: Norma Viglienzone   | 707-542-1458 |
| Parliamentarian: Donna Poulter | 707-576-0513 |

The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, September 10th. The lunch cost is \$26.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be beef Stroganoff with pasta, glazed carrots, broccoli 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.

The guest speaker for September will be Tim Morgan, talking about and showing photographs of his African Safari and possibly of his Alaskan trip.

**Tina Lewis, Publicity 707-758-9739, ti-**

## Redwood Empire Chapter Officers and Directors for 2025

|                              |                              |              |
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| <u>President:</u>            | Donna Poulter                | 707-576-0513 |
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### Directors-at-large - Term 2024-25

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