



## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Hello dear members,

The U.S. Navy birthday is October 13th. A salute to all our Navy Veterans.

In September several of our members attended the Celebration of Life for Lee Hoskins. It was a

lovely tribute to Lee.

Last month we enjoyed a presentation by Marcus Combs on San Francisco and World War II.

This month at the October 23rd luncheon, we will have final nominations and election of Officers for 2026. We will have Gary Greenough from the Pacific Coast Air Museum as our speaker.

Please come and join us at the Pub Crawl on October 20th. Lots of fun!



Many people will walk in and out of you life, But only True friends will leave footprints on your heart.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

If at first you don't succeed , skydiving's not for you!

♥ If you fall, I'll be there. **FLOOR**

**Donna Poulter, President**

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### “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, October 7, 2025, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

## Thursday, OCTOBER 23, 2025

**Buffet Luncheon at the EPICENTER in Santa Rosa  
11:00am ~ Dine at Noon**

**Guest Speaker: Gary Greenough**  
Pacific Coast Air Museum.

Our speaker has a long history of performing, as a musician, a tour guide on USS Hornet,

- a living history guide for the Santa Rosa rural cemetery
- a natural history and historic guide regional parks, park ranger
- a fire fighter and fire investigator, with Rincon Valley fire district
- most recently, his work with the Pacific Coast Air Museum, (PCAM) where he has held positions as plane captain, taking care of an A6 Intruder, deputy ramp boss and - the "Wings over wine country air show"
- member of the board of directors, and Public Information Officer (PIO) for PCAM, from field work to radio and television, he has had decades of performances, tours and interviews.

We welcome navy veteran and PIO for PCAM, one of the most dynamic and visited museums in California.

**NOTE: WE NEED YOU RESERVATIONS IN BY TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21st.**

So we can make name tags and by enough food for every one.

See page No. 3 for the Luncheon menu.

## “Pub Crawl”

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

We will meet at noon in the **Epicenter**.

October 20, 2025. Always on the **THIRD** Monday of each month. Our pub crawls are a great place to relax and share our past experiences and we have stories to tell!!

**NOTE:** Last month we had 16 in attendance. Any other questions, please call your President.

## Legislative Update - September 2025 NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired  
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The guest speaker for September was Marcus Combs, whose background is a ranger for the U.S. National Park Service. He talked about the part San Francisco played in World War II, including San Francisco before the war, how the region responded, and how the region changed after the war. San Francisco was well protected when World War I started; however, with the advent of air warfare, that protection was compromised. And when the Japanese invasion caused the U.S. to declare war on Japan, there was the added danger of attack from the Pacific. Various attacks were made on and off the west coast of California. Manufacturing of weapons in the area helped fight the war in the Pacific. In 1945 the United Nations was formed in San Francisco. For more information contact [Marcus Combs](mailto:Marcus.Combs@comcast.net) at 415-497-1727 or email him at [marcus\\_combs@comcast.net](mailto:marcus_combs@comcast.net).

## 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](tel:707-331-0366) at 707-331-0366



Diet tip: If you think you're hungry, you might just be thirsty. Have a bottle of wine first and then see how you feel.

**SEE "Pub Crawl" on Page 1**

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

## Buffet Luncheon, Thursday October 23, 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:** Chopped Salad.

**Lunch:** Fried Chicken with Sausage Gravy, Angel Hair Pasta with Alfredo Sauce, Garlic Parmesan Bread.

**Dessert:** Cookies. Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade, 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:** Gary Greenough: Pacific Coast Air Museum. (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**

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

**RAFFLE:** We will be having a Raffle to help with our funds.  
If you are able bring a Raffle Prize

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If you are able**

Without coffee, I'm always walking into rooms and forgetting why I went in there. With coffee, I still don't remember, but at least I have something to sip while I try to figure it out.



-Nanea Hoffman-

**Wife:** I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate.

**Husband:** Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier.

**Wife:** But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

**Husband:** Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

**Husband is recovering from a head injury now**



**Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life.**  
**Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.**

## 2025 DATES TO REMEMBER

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\  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Luncheon, Epicenter

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, Cattlepens  
     **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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**Golf  
 For  
 Beginners**



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## \* Two Newfies Shopping!!\*

\*Tom and Mick were walking along a street in Toronto Mick looked in one of the shop windows and saw a sign that caught his eye The sign read, "Suits \$10 each, Shirts \$4 each, Trousers \$6.50! \*

\*"We could buy a whole lot of dose and when we get back to St, John's could make a fortune. Now when we go in you stay quiet, okay? Let me do all da talking cause if they hear our accents, they might think from Newfoundland and try to screw us. I'll put on my best mainlanders accent."\*

\*"Right y'are Mick, I'll keep me mouth shut, so I will. You do all da business," said Tom.\*

\*They went in and Mick said in a posh voice, "Hello my good man. I'll take 50 suits at \$10 each, 100 shirts at \$4 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at \$6.50 each. I'll back up me truck ready to load 'em on, so I will."\*

\*The owner of the shop said quietly, "You're from Newfoundland, aren't you?"\*

\*"Well yes", said a surprised Mick. "What gave me away?"\*

\*The owner replied, "This is a Dry-cleaners."\*

## MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

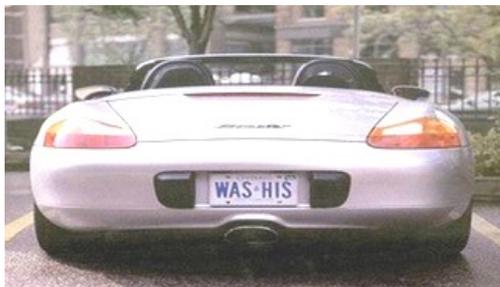
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The next meeting of the Wives Club will be a buffet lunch at the Epicenter on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The lunch cost is \$26.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be tempura shrimp, angel hair pasta with alfredo sauce, green beans with bacon, 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.

The guest speaker for October will be someone from the VA talking about benefits for wives and surviving spouses.



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