

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Members,

June has long been a month marked by pivotal moments in U.S. military history - moments that shaped not only our nation's future but also the course of world events. As we re-

fect on these milestones, we honor the courage, sacrifice, and determination of those who served.

One of the most defining events occurred on **June 6, 1944**, known forever as **D-Day**. On this day, more than 150,000 Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy in the largest seaborne invasion in history. Thousands more parachuted into France in a daring nighttime airborne operation. Their mission - Operation Overlord - was the beginning of the liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe. The bravery displayed on those beaches and on drop zones and landing zones behind enemy lines marked a decisive turning point in World War II and demonstrated the unwavering resolve of the Allied forces.

Another significant June event took place during World War II: the **Battle of Midway**, which began on **June 4, 1942**. This critical naval battle in the Pacific saw U.S. forces achieve a decisive victory against the Japanese navy. Often considered the turning point of the war in the Pacific, Midway shifted the balance of power and set the stage for the island hopping campaigns that followed.

The month of June also marks the origins of the U.S. military itself. On **June 14, 1775**, the Continental Army was formally established by the Second Continental Congress. This moment laid the foundation for what would become the most capable and influential military force in the world. From its earliest days under George Washington's command, the Army embodied the fight for independence and the birth of a new nation.

I look forward to seeing you at the Pub Crawl on June 15th at the Epicenter in Santa Rosa and at the MOAA chapter's Annual Picnic at Spring Lake Park in Santa Rosa on June 20th.

Respectfully

LTC Steve Countouriotis, USAR (Ret) President

Saturday, June 20, 2026 Picnic/BBQ location Spring Lake Park. At Lower Jackrabbit Picnic Area

Our Chapter Board of Directors has reserved Spring Lake, Lower Jack Rabbit area to have a **Picnic/BBQ \$30.00**. **NOTE:** The price of food has increased and we had to raise our prices.

Menu: BBQ Chicken, Garlic Bread, Wine, Iced Tea, and Coffee. Salad, Baked Beans, and Dessert provided by the Wives Club. Please bring your own munchies, chips & dip, water, and soda.

INFO ON CHAPTER GET TOGETHER

See Page 5 for Coupon

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, June 15, 2026. 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!!

MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

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

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

Legislative Update June 2026

Sorry, NO Report this month

Vern McNamee, LTC, USA Retired
Legislative Chair
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"Nathan, there's a gentleman here trying to pay with his phone."

JOKE OF THE DAY-BUMPER STICKER ON A SENIOR'S CAR "I AM SPEEDING BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET THERE BEFORE I FORGET WHERE I AM GOING"

I'VE HEARD ABOUT THIS MY WHOLE LIFE



SEE PUB CRAWL PAGE No. 1

I think the word you're looking for is 'retinal'



Spring Lake Park



This 320-acre park features camping, fishing, picnic areas with barbecues, and four group picnic areas. Trails are available for walking, hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. The park also includes a 3-acre swimming lagoon and a 72-acre lake. Don't forget to visit the Environmental Discovery Center at Spring Lake for a wonderful educational experience for all ages. Although dogs are allowed within both Spring Lake and Howarth Park, they are not allowed at the swimming lagoon or within Annadel State Park. Please follow all dog leash laws while visiting the parks.

Get a park pass and save money on the daily use fee for each vehicle. 100% of the purchase price goes back to Regional Parks to help us protect these beautiful parks for generations to come. Information about a park pass can be found at www.sonoma-county.org/parks or call 707-565-2041.



Popular Trails to Explore

Spring Lake Loop	2.30 Miles
Newanga Entry to Boat Launch	0.80
Fishermans Trail	0.47
South Dam to Jack Rabbit	0.43
Horse Loop Trail	2.60
Kerfoot Trail to Howarth Parking	0.15



Map Updated 6/2010

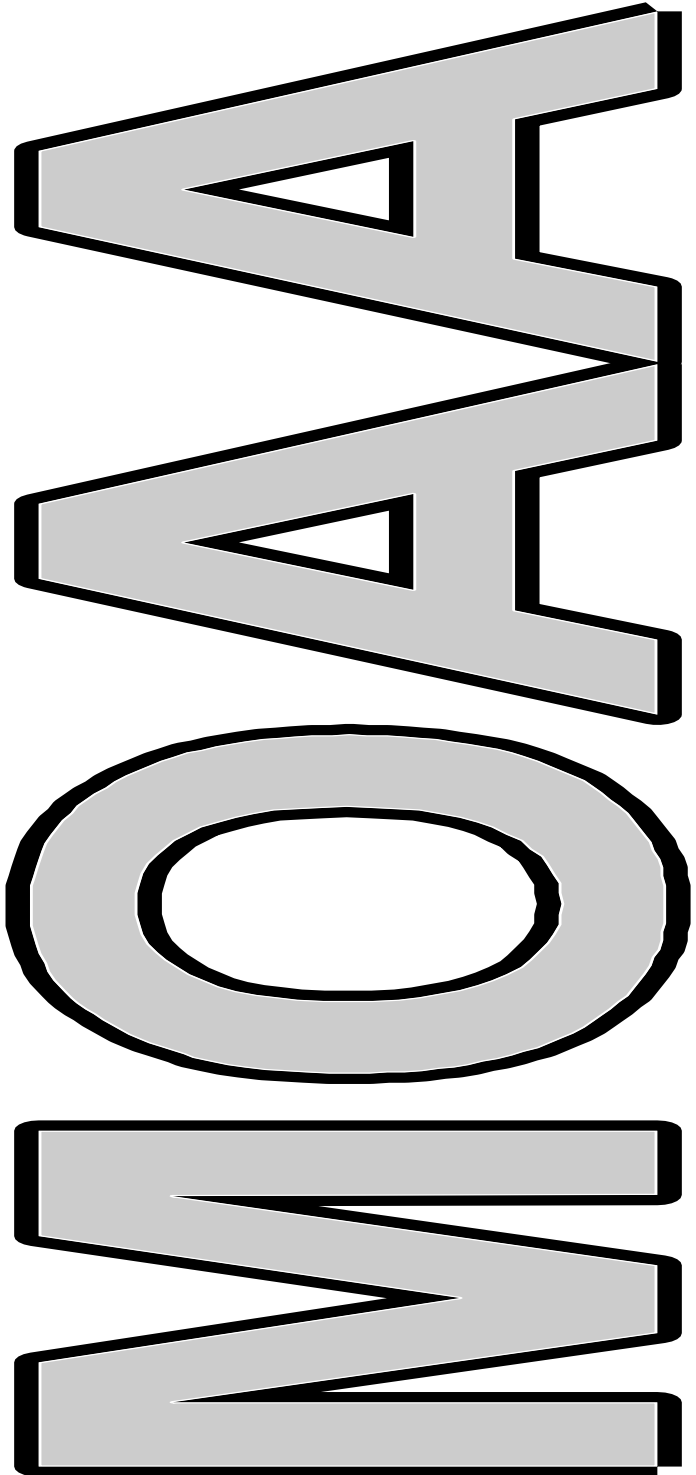


This map is provided as a guide within the park. Reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the map and data provided. The positional accuracy of the data is approximate and not intended to represent map accuracy from a published record survey. THE MAP AND ASSOCIATED DATA ARE PROVIDED WITHOUT WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, either expressed or implied, including but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. For detailed and updated information about accessibility of recreational opportunities or any other park information contact Sonoma County Regional Parks at (707) 565-2041.

- COUNTY PARK
- OTHER PARKS
- SPRING LAKE LOOP
- HORSE LOOP (Bay Area Ridge Trail)
- ROADWAY
- MULTI-USE TRAIL
- BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL
- BRIDGE
- GATE
- VISTA POINT
- CONCESSIONS
- ENVIRONMENTAL DISCOVERY CENTER
- FEE STATION
- EQUESTRIAN PARKING
- CAMPGROUND
- BOAT LAUNCH
- RANGER STATION
- RESTROOM
- GROUP PICNIC AREA
- FISHING
- PARKING



**IF YOU ATTEND THE PICNIC/
BBQ ON JUNE 20th, AND IF YOU
DRIVE YOUR CAR THERE,
PUT THE "MOAA" SIGN
LISTED BELOW ON**



The guest speaker for April was Patrick Koenig, Estate and Income Planning Specialist. Using a PowerPoint presentation, he demonstrated the advantages of using Legacy Agency for estate planning. Only 40 percent of Americans have a will, and only 17 percent have a trust. He cautioned that estate planning is more than just having a will and a trust. Koenig said that unlike other firms, Legacy offers legal, tax, and financial advice, things that can make sure your heirs don't end up in probate court. Legacy also provides guidance on creating a special trust for special-needs people, which will insure that people get the financial help they need. Koenig told the group that he offers one hour of free advice, either at his office in Petaluma or in your home. If you wish to contact him, call 707-230-9760 or email him at patricklifeinsure@gmail.com.



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

PICNIC/BBQ - SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026, 11am to 3pm

LOWER JACK RABBIT PICNIC AREA
Spring Lake Park, Santa Rosa

Directions: Check on page No. 3

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

- Menu:** BBQ Chicken, Garlic Bread, Wine, Iced Tea, and coffee.
- Wives Club will provide:** Salad, Baked Beans, and Desserts.
- Members, Friends and Guests:** Please bring your own munchies, chips & dip, water, and soda.

Enclosed is my check for _____ persons @ \$30.00 each, Total\$_____ Please make name tags for:

_____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____,

Reservation must be received not later than Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Enclosed is \$_____ for the Col. Brey Scholarship Fund (Fully Tax Deductible)

Make check (s) payable to: **RECMOAA**

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

We will be having a Raffle to help with our funds. If you are able to bring a Raffle Prize we would be grateful.

NOTE: CARS MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING, UNLESS OWNER HAS A GOLDEN PASS OR FREE ACCESS

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

Please Bring a Raffle Prize if you are able



SEE PUB CRAWL PAGE No. 1



“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.

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

June:
 2nd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 10th NO Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
 20th Saturday, Picnic Spring Lake, Lower Jackrabbit Area
 Honor Scholarship Recipients?
 15th Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon

July:
 (No Board meeting)
 8th Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
 20^s Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon
 23rd Luncheon, Epicenter

August:
 4th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am, select a nominating committee
 9th Sunday, Riverfront Regional Park, Annual BBQ
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 12th Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
 17th Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon

September:
 1st BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am – Approval of 2025 officers
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 9th Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
 21th Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon
 24th Luncheon, Epicenter

October:
 6th BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 14th Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 19th Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon
 22nd Luncheon Epicenter, Election of Officers for 2026

November:
 3rd BOARD MEETING - 11:30 am
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 11th Wives Club Luncheon, Epicenter
 13th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
 16th Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon
 26th Thanksgiving Day

December: (No Board meeting)
 ** 7th Pearl Harbor Survivors program ??
 10th Deadline for submission of MOAA-VOICE information
 14th Monday, Holiday Social, **Cattlemens**
 15th Pub Crawl at Epicenter, 12:00 noon??
 25th Christmas

** = Not Confirmed at this time ~ CNX = Cancelled ~ UNK = Unknown ~ 06/32/06



MOAA WIVES CLUB

(Sonoma County Main - All members welcome)

2026 Officers

President: Susan Linch 707-538-3342
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In June we will be joining the chapter for our annual picnic, so there will be no regular Wives Club luncheon. This year the picnic will be on Saturday, June 20th at Spring Lake Regional Park. Reservations must be made through the chapter. The reservation form can be found in this newsletter, along with specific directions for access to the park and location of the picnic grounds.

Callers will contact you to ask if you are coming to the picnic and if so, whether you want to bring salad, baked beans, or dessert. If you want to help set up for the picnic, please arrive at the site around 10:30. If you make a reservation but find you can't be there, please tell Susan Linch. Call her at 707-538-3342. The Spring Lake picnic area is lovely. We hope you all will join us.

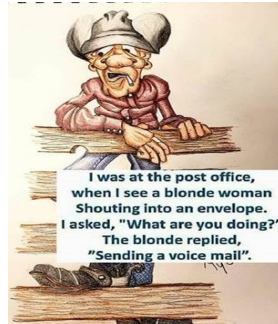
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Customer Service:
 "Is it plugged in?"



Customer:
 "DUH... YES! Do you think I'm a idiot?"

HUMOR



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