



## Contra Costa County Chapter

March 28 2009

**Meetings at Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette.**

**Social Hour: 1100 Hrs.**

**Luncheon Meet: 1200 Hrs.**

**March 18 MOAACCC Guest**

**Speaker: Mary Ann O'Malley, Presiding Judge, Contra Costa Superior Courts;** provided a very insightful look at the current condition of our Courts including severe staffing constraints, layoffs and case loads. Our courts hear over 4,500 Felony cases per year with only a handful of judges to hear them. It was very interesting that Judge O'Malley has created an "Elder Law Court" to deal with the upswing of Elder abuse including Financial, Physical and Emotional cases. She indicated that there is now a Contra Coast Elder Law Center that can handle cases for those needing help. Other specialty Courts include Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Family law, and of course Criminal, Civil and Juvenile Law. Judge O'Malley indicated her concern that State budget reductions will probably cause closure of one of our remote courts. She recently had the unenviable task of personally laying off over 130 part-time employees.

**Annual Picnic: June 13** at Sportsmans' Park, Rossmoor. Please mark your calendars now. Fritz' Barbeque will cater. Yummm!!



**Judge O'Malley receives MOACCC recognition, CAPT John Haffner**

**CAPT Jim Torres**, California MOAA Area 2 Director, discussed the poor state of school districts' attitudes toward **JR. ROTC**. Please recall that San Francisco Unified School District has decreed that this is the final term for JR. ROTC in SFUSD. **They are closing down JR ROTC!** With State budgetary cutbacks, all JR ROTC programs are threatened throughout the State.

This doesn't make sense, because JR ROTC costs are essentially paid for by the Federal Military along with an allowance for District overhead. By dropping JR ROTC, Districts will actually

be losing money. We need to make our voices heard on the local level.

Assembly Member Ma (D-San Francisco) has introduced AB 223 which would make it illegal to ban JR ROTC in San Francisco. This bill also would express the desire for clear support of JR. ROTC programs in our State's High Schools.

If you want to help prevent the demise of JR ROTC, please let your elected State representatives know of your support for this bill. I've attached a copy of the Bill for your review as well a sample letter that you can use to contact your State representative.

**MOACCC Scholarships :** The Chapter has Scholarships available for the Fall Term. Deadline for Applications to MOACCC is May 1, 2009. To be eligible, a student must be a Natural or Adopted Child or Grandchild of a member of MOACCC. They must also be a High School graduate and possess a GPA of 3.0 or better and be of good character with attendant letters of recommend. Please pass this on to any eligible persons that might be considered. Please correspond with address on enclosed application.

**April 15 Speaker: Eric Anschutz.** We are very fortunate to have Eric Anschutz as our distinguished April speaker. He served as a member of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) team and became a member of the SALT Standing Consultative Commission. He also served as US Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency. In 1980 he was appointed as US Department of Energy Director of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Affairs. He has also served as an

Adjunct Faculty member of George Washington University where he wrote two books on Total Quality Management (TQM).

Mr. Anschutz will be speaking to us regarding his career and his views on the world today.

### **JR ROTC Ball and Awards:**

Mt. Diablo High: CAPT John Haffner presents JR ROTC medals and \$100.00 MOACCC checks to the outstanding Cadet recipients on February 28, 2009



Cadet 1LT Patricia Najera



Cadet 1LT Jason Urzua

Respectfully,  
Hugh S. "Steve" Somsen, LTC, AUS (Ret.)  
Temporary Correspondent

**MOAACCC  
APRIL 15, 2009  
LUNCHEON RESERVATION**

Mail to:

Military Officers Association of America  
Contra Costa Chapter  
Post Office Box 2305  
Walnut Creek, CA 94595-0305

**April 15 Luncheon Reservation**

Yup, I'll be there:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Cost: \$25.00 each (Check Enclosed payable to MOAACCC)

Bring an eligible friend, wife, significant other, or ??.

Please provide your current e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**June 13 Picnic Reservation – Reserve soon!**

DATE

Assemblymember \_\_\_\_\_  
Room XXXX  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Or

State Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Support of AB 223, Jr. ROTC

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_

Please support AB 223 which helps Jr. ROTC programs. The Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (Jr. ROTC) programs stress academic excellence and develop leadership in our youth.

I'm certain that you are aware this is a revenue/expense neutral item for the State and its School Districts. This is because the costs including overhead are born by the Federal Military. Accordingly these programs provide a net gain for our State.

The veterans and their families of this State will be keenly watching for the passage of this bill in its present form.

Respectfully,

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18	Mary Hayashi Hayward	Assembly Member Mary Hayashi State Capitol Room 3013 Sacramento, CA 94249-0018

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