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SEPTEMBER DINNER DANCE

September 26

Carmichael Elks Lodge

5631 Cypress Ave., Carmichael

MOAA Chapter Members & Spouses \$22.00

Non-Members \$25.00

Cocktails 1800 Dinner 1900

Dress: Coat & tie for men

Cocktail dress for women

Music: "Frank Oddo"

Open Seating

Menu: 1) Teriyaki Chicken; 2) Tilapia

Both selections will be served with Rice, Veggies, Salad with dressings, Rolls, Butter, Coffee or Tea and Chef's selection for dessert.

All reservations and payments with your choice of menu **MUST** be received by Monday Sept. 21. **If your check is mailed close to the due date, please call Barbara Toyne to confirm your reservation. (334-6616)**

No cancellations or reservations after that date can be accepted.

The orders must be in to the Elk's Club by Monday so I need the count by the early date!

PLEASE NOTE – Reserved seating will be used for the February, May, June and November dances only. All other months will be open seating. The February, May and November Dinner Dances are formals and the June Dinner Dance is the Scholarship presentations and these four only will be honored with reserved seating.

**Make checks payable to MOAA and mail to:
Mrs. Barbara Toyne
7301 Arutas Drive
North Highlands CA 95660-2811**

Guests of Members are always welcome. There is a bar minimum, so please use the bar in the Dance Area.

Please let us know if this is your first visit, as we would like to extend a warm welcome to you.

MOAA SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

September 15

Lionsgate

Price: \$18.00

MENU: 1) Rosemary grilled tri-tip, Greek salad, garlic mashed potatoes and veggies 2) Lemon herb roasted chicken breast, mixed green salad, mashed potatoes and veggies. Dessert is German chocolate cake.

The speaker for the day will be our own member, LTC (Ret) Pete Conaty, who will speak on "Military Retirees and Veterans' Issues." This is a topic that is of great interest to our members and we hope many of you will attend.

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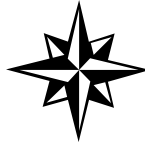
to arrive no later than the deadline of Sept. 9th.

We will be looking forward to seeing many of you at this beginning luncheon after the summer break.

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MOAA MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THEY WOULD LIKE A BUS TRIP TO SAN FRANCISCO IN DECEMBER BUT I HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THE LAST TWO TRIPS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL ME. WE NEED AT LEAST 40 PEOPLE TO MAKE THE TRIP WORK. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. THANK YOU
ARLENE TREASE, 487-4194.

Mission Statement of the Sacramento Chapter of MOAA
The mission of the Sacramento Chapter of MOAA is to foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the seven uniformed services, their reserve components, and their surviving spouses. The chapter will also serve and support the military community and the nation, while supporting the mission of MOAA.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

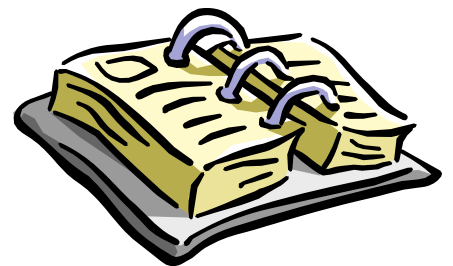
September

- 1 MOAA Board Meeting**
- 2 *Japan signed Formal Surrender*
- 7 MOAA Solos Board Meeting**
- 7 *Labor Day*
- 8 RAO Meeting**
- 10 *US Naval Sea Cadet Corps Incorporated (1962)*
- 11 *Patriot Day*
- 13 *Grandparents' Day*
- 14 MOAA Solos Luncheon**
- 15 MOAA Luncheon**
- 16 *"Star Spangled Banner" written by Francis Scott Key (1814)*
- 18 *US Air Force Established (1947)*
- 22 *First Day of Autumn*
- 26 MOAA Dinner Dance – Open Seating**
- 27 *Gold Star Mother's Day*
- 28 MOWC Luncheon**
Yom Kippur

October

- 1 *John Philip Sousa appointed leader of the Marine Band*
- 5 Solos Board Meeting**
- 6 MOAA Board Meeting**
- 7 *War on Terror Began (2001)*
- 12 Solos Luncheon**
Columbus Day
- 13 RAO Meeting**
US Navy established (1775)
- 20 MOAA Luncheon**
- 23 MOAA Dinner Dance**
United Nations Day
- 26 MOWC Luncheon**
- 27 *Navy Day*
- 31 Halloween**

Mark your calendar for these special events...we look forward to seeing many of our members at them...



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

RAO Meeting – Tuesday – September 8 - North Highlands Community Center on Tuesday. The program will be a representative from “Pioneer Towers” who will be speaking on “Retirement Living.”

SOLOS – Luncheon – September 14 - Social 12:00 (Please note change of time for social) – Lunch 12:30 – Olive Garden – 1780 Challenge Way, Sacramento 95825 – Menu: 1) Lasagna Classico with Salad \$13.00; 2) Chicken Alfredo with Salad \$15.00; 3) Soup and Salad \$9.00. Bread sticks and butter included but no drinks. Make checks payable to **MOAA Solos** and send to Arlene Trease, 3425 Gabilan Way, Sacramento CA 95821. **The deadline for checks is September 9th**

MOAA Luncheons– September 15 – See page one for information

MOAA Dinner Dance – September 26 – See page one for information.

MOWC Luncheon – September 28 – Carmichael Elks Club – Fashion Show by Cho-Cho’s. - Social -11:30; Luncheon – 12:00. Cost: \$18.00. Menu: 1) Loin of Pork; 2) Salmon. Both entrees will be served with Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Salad, Rolls & Butter and Chef’s choice of dessert. Make checks payable to: Barbara Toyne and send to 7301 Arutas Drive, North Highlands CA 95660-2811. **The deadline for reservations is September 22nd.**

SUMMARY OF AUGUST BOARD MINUTES

The monthly Board meeting of the Sacramento Chapter of MOAA was conducted August 4th at McClellan. After the pledge of allegiance by our president, Colonel Herb Holeman updated the Board on current results of the recruiting campaign.

CAPT Roger Espiritu reported the September luncheon would be held on September 15th, with LTC (Ret) Pete Conaty as the speaker.

Mrs. Barbara Toyne advised the Board that "California Gold" would no longer play in the evening, so Frank Oddo will substitute. There was discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of buffets versus having the meals served, and it was decided to have a questionnaire at a dinner dance to help the Board determine members' preferences.

Bernice Martin and CAPT Ken Sanders discussed scholarships. The disbursement of funds was reported, plus a discussion about assisting more ROTC cadets from the local area.

LT Dick Walker briefed the Board on Solos activities, and their work on updating their by-laws.

Three new members of the chapter were voted in.

QUOTES FROM FAMOUS PEOPLE: “I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.” Albert Einstein

“I don’t know what the big deal is about old age. Old people who shine from inside look ten to twenty years younger.” Dolly Parton

IN MEMORY



Col William C. Cridland USAF
Survived by children and many friends



Mrs. Mary E. Henning, AUX
Preceded in death by LCDR John Henning, USN
Survived by her son, Paul

Mrs. Claudia Johnson
Survived by her husband LCDR Roy Johnson, USN

Our sincere condolences to their families and friends



Change of Information for Roster: (Changes are in italics and underlined)

- Pg. 4 – (Add to page) – Robert Brotherton – Change Zip 95630
- Pg 6 – Lola Conrad – 801 Magnolia Ave. #105, Corona CA 92879, 951-280-1257
- Pg 7 – Paul Craig – Add phone: 916-487-9277
- Pg 11 – (Add to page) Gorczyca, John A.
- Pg 20 – (Add to page) E.G.Wood McCann – (Add to page) Zip Code: 95648
- Pg 33 – William White – Change Apt. # - Apt.3310
- Pg 34 – Tom Wootton – Change Apt. # - Apt. 2409

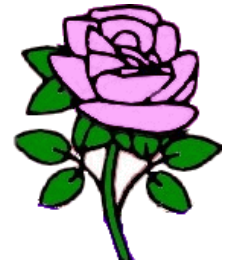
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GREETINGS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

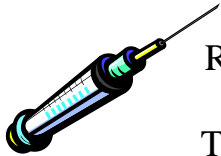
Mrs. Doxie Sortomme AUX – 1206 41st Street, Sacramento 95819, 916-452-2621, D. Gordon V., Major USAF
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LTC Michele S. Stern, USA - 2540 Waterton Way, Sacramento 95826

MOWC (Military Officers Wives Club)

The September Luncheon will be held at the Carmichael Elks Lodge – Come and join us for a wonderful luncheon and fashion show...Hostesses for the event are Bernice Martin, Lynne Robinson and Barbara Toyne.
Fashions will be shown from Cho-Cho's and it's certain to be a fun experience. Come join us for a nice afternoon.



MOAA – GET WELL LIST



Robert Barnes is at home after a short stay in the hospital.

There are many of our members who are ill or hospitalized...If any of your friends (or you) are not feeling well or have had an operation, please let us know so a card can be sent with our get well wishes! Call our Sunshine Chairman, Jean O. Baxter – 363-8533 and let her know.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

The annual Wreath Project for Sacramento Valley's National Cemetery has gotten underway. When our National Cemetery opened in 2006, about 300 wreaths were purchased locally and a dozen volunteers started the "laying of the wreaths". By the following year, the cemetery had already grown to more than 2,000 gravesites. A group, working with Wreaths Across America, purchased 250 or so wreaths with our local group collecting enough funds to fill in the other 1,750 to cover the entire cemetery again. The 2008 project started in late September. With a letter writing campaign

the deadline by WAA (Wreaths Across America) of December was met. Unbelievably, by November 25th, WAA confirmed that the goal for the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery had been met and 100% coverage for the third year in a row had been accomplished!

Collections are now being accepted for the 2009 project and the laying of the wreaths will be held on Saturday, December 12th at 9:00 AM. The deadline to submit donations for this year will be November 23rd. WAA will be collecting and processing checks year-round. The cemetery director is projecting that there will be 5,500 gravesites by this December.

Checks may be made payable to: Wreaths Across America and mailed to: Stocking, PO Box 773, Winters CA 95694.

For questions regarding this project, you may contact Curtis or Susie Stocking at 707-761-3343 or 707-249-5852.

NEED A SPECIAL TELEPHONE?

(The Elkhorn News – August 2009 issue)

“For the millions of Californians who have hearing, speech, cognitive, mobility or vision disabilities, the California Telephone Access Program, CTAP, offers 60 types of free specialized phones that amplify sound, adjust tone or light up for incoming calls, or

display the spoken word as text on a special readout or have large buttons with raised letters, etc. These phones are free for the asking, but you'll need a medical verification of your need. For more information call CTAP at 1-800-806-1191 or visit them on the web at www.ddtp.org.”

SAVE WATER - WASHING YOUR CAR

(Sacramento Suburban Water District)

“If you are serious about saving water, then you’ll want to read this ... That’s right. Most commercial carwashes use reclaimed (or recycled) water for every part of the carwash except for the rinse. And when fresh water is used for rinsing, carwashes use specially designed spray nozzles that maximize the

rinse and minimizes the amount of fresh water used. Commercial carwashes also have special containment chambers that collect the oils and other debris that would otherwise get washed down the storm drain, affecting our fish, the environment and ultimately our water supply. So, try a commercial carwash next time your vehicle needs to get clean!”

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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Following are four letters sent by Scholarship Recipients...

“...On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to thank all members of the scholarship committee for selecting me as a recipient for this award. I was thrilled to learn that I had been selected for this scholarship and am grateful for your generosity.

I truly appreciate your desire to support my college education and future plans. It means so much to have members of the community interested in my aspirations.

I cannot thank you enough for this award. With your help, I am confident I will be able to achieve anything I set my mind to. Again, I appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness and look forward to reaching my goals in the future ...

Sincerely, Evan D. Buck”

“Thank you for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship this year. I feel very privileged and honored to be selected by MOAA. I will be attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in the fall and will be majoring in Liberal Studies.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend your June Dinner Dance because of a conflict the same evening. I performed at an annual dance show that benefits the Sutter Memorial Hospital Child Life Program. I would have liked to thank you in person.

With much gratitude, Sarah Osella”

“Thank you so much for the MOAA approval of a scholarship for my studies at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, California.

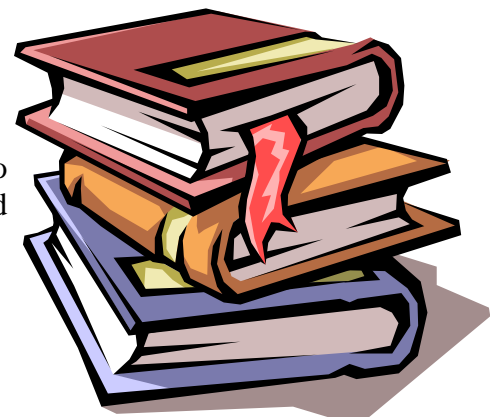
I plan to study computer science with a minor in music. My passion for computers and music has inspired me to continue my learning appreciation at the university level. The scholarship from your organization has helped me achieve this goal.

I appreciate this honor and your confidence to help guide me towards these aspirations.

Sincerely, Eric Waugh”

And now, a very special note from a recipient from 2005!

“Four years ago, I was awarded a scholarship from the MOAA Sacramento Chapter. I wanted to let you know that I have not forgotten about this award and wanted to thank you again for it.



I currently have one semester left at California Lutheran University that I will spend abroad at Oxford University as well as several other European cities. At the end of the semester, I will graduate with a B.S. in Biology and a B.A. in International Studies.

Thank you so much again for the scholarship and please read this to the other members who deserve my thanks as well!

Sincerely, Keri Buck”

Legislative Report for September

By

Col Lorna Griess

Congress is in recess as I write this so there is not much to report. The controversial Health Bill is HR 3200, you can go the House of Representatives web site and read it for your self. Many people have tried and found it to be a clever use of ambiguity. I do not like what I have read. Do we have a congress that will pass this spending monster without reading it like it did the last 2 big bills? I hope not but what has changed? Just know that change is coming in your health care.

I will give you National MOAA's perspective on health care reform. MOAA's tax-exempt, nonprofit status precludes them from taking partisan stands for or against any politician or political party. They take positions on issues that directly affect our national defense and the military and veterans' community. For those reasons, their primary focus is on the aspects of the draft health care legislation that will affect the military community - military and VA health care, TRICARE, Medicare and TRICARE for Life.

The research and advocacy efforts on national health care reform are targeted at 6 primary goals:

1. Safeguarding military and VA beneficiaries' health benefits;
2. Ensuring military and VA beneficiaries can choose other insurance;
3. Ensuring military and VA beneficiaries aren't taxed on the value of those health benefits;
4. Preserving and improving military and VA beneficiaries' access to providers of quality health care;
5. Ensuring long-term sustainment of Medicare (and TRICARE For Life) - and a fix for the broken Medicare payment formula that now poses annual threats of significant cuts that would erode providers' willingness to see Medicare and TRICARE beneficiaries; and
6. Keeping our members apprised of how pending legislation could affect them and encouraging grassroots communications to their elected representatives to protect their interests.

National MOAA has sent a Military Coalition letter to every member of Congress and thus far MOAA members have generated over 35,000 e-mails to their legislators using the MOAA alert. Every indication is that the Administration and congressional leaders share the goals listed above. Budget pressures can undermine the best intentions. National MOAA leaders are there to serve us but they need your help.

Keep contacting your members of Congress to let them know how you feel, attend any Town Hall Meetings sponsored by your Senator or Congress person and continue to send in any cards you get in the Military Officer Magazine. Just as important, if you know of someone eligible to belong to MOAA who is not currently a member, let someone in Sacramento Chapter know and we will sent them an invitation to join. There is strength in numbers.

Congressional Addresses

Following are the addresses recommended for Congressional Representatives at their District Offices in case you missed them in previous months.

Senator Barbara Boxer – 501 I Street, Suite 7-600, Sacramento CA 95814 – Ph. 916-448-2787

Senator Dianne Feinstein – 1 Post Street, Suite 2450, San Francisco CA 94104 – Ph 415-393-0707

Dist. 3 – Rep. Dan Lungren – 2339 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 220, Gold River CA 95670 – Ph. 916-859-9906

Dist. 4 – Rep. Tom McClintock – 4230 Douglas Blvd, Suite 200, Granite Bay CA 95746 – Ph. 916-786-5560

Dist. 5 – Rep. Doris Matsui – 501 I Street, Suite 12-600, Sacramento CA 95814 – Ph 916-498-5600

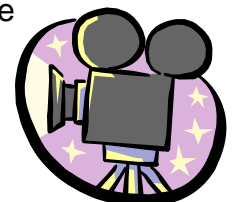
IN AND AROUND SACKAMENA by Jim Harlow Sept '09

“Today's rant, dear readers, is about the word DIGITAL! I hate that word! A salesman I dealt with recently made that his big sales pitch. ‘Look, it is all-digital!’ I said, ‘Horse pucky, young fella! You think digital is something new? Well, it's not! We had digital in our day, the only difference being that nobody bothered to tell us we were doing things digitally. Why we had digital all over the place! When we lived in the country, our toilet was in a little privy behind the house. Way behind the house! But when we moved to the city, the toilet was in the house. And we got rid of the waste by the simple device of flushing which we activated by the touch of one digit on a porcelain handle!’



The young salesman looked at me as if I were berserk. I told him, I bet he didn't even know what a digit was! He shrugged, embarrassed, and admitted he did not, but thought it had something to do with cyber stuff. I told him there was no such word and asked him to define it. He couldn't. So as a retired etymologist, I enlightend him. Cyber is taken from cybernetics, the science of advanced electronic systems. Now, when I was a nipper in school, I was taught that a digit was any number between zero and nine. But nobody bothered to say digit also meant a finger. Or a toe. I had to wait till Latin in high school to find out that *digitus* meant a finger, a toe or an inch. In 1930, my Mom got her first gas stove, and it was digital! She turned a little white handle with two digits, and then with two digits on the other hand touched a lighted match to the burner and POOF! Digital flame! How magic could you get? All our water faucets were digital! Even out on the farm, we used all ten digits to pump water! And when telephones first came out, you had to wait for an operator to say, *Numbah, please!* and you gave it and she made the connection. Then -- in latter days of magic -- there evolved the dial telephone! You made the connection all by *yourself* digitally! By sticking your index digit into a round dial with numbers and twirling it. The ultimate advance in communication. How could science go any further than that? The young fella looked a bit shaken, so I went on.

When you were a kid were you told not to pick your nose? Did you know you were just performing a digital function? And effectively! As far as I know, nobody has yet invented an automatic nose picker, though I expect to find one any day now offered on television for \$19.95. And! Once I had to call my sweet ten-year-old daughter into the house to scold her because upon glancing out the kitchen window I observed her on the sidewalk performing a digital action with the middle digit of one hand directed at a nasty little boy on the block. When I explained to her how unladylike that was and told her not to do it again, she began to cry and said, ‘He did it first!’ My paternal instinct was to say if the little creep waves that digit at you again, rush him, grab it and bend it back till you hear a crack, but I restrained myself because my sweet little Kathy could already ‘whup’ any boy her size on the block and they knew it, which is why they digitally waved her off instead of using five digits to pull her pigtail. The salesman looked around for the manager. You know, Sonny, I went on, when we first started going to movies, the lady in the ticket booth



pulled a ticket off something like a toilet paper roll and handed it to you. Then, lo, in the Thirties -- digital! You walked up, said, two children, two adults, the lady ran her digits over a square silver plate and *Voila!* Tickets! So quit telling me digital is something new. Grrr! The salesman grabbed a mike off a counter and said 'Security, on Aisle Two!'"

(MOAA Chapter disclaims responsibility for the views expressed; they are solely those of the writer)

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Do you know of anyone who is eligible to become a member of MOAA?
Please use this form for NEW MEMBER only...

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ATTN: 2009 MEMBERSHIP
PO BOX 917
CARMICHAEL CA 95609-0917

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____
PUT IN ROSTER: YES__NO__

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL _____
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SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

RANK _____

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Scholarship Fund: _____

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Have you moved, changed your phone number, email address or whatever? Please fill in this form and send to: Barbara Toyne, 7301 Arutas Drive, North Highlands CA 95660, so that your Trumpet will arrive at the correct address. Please fill in all information. Thank you. Changes will be noted in the Trumpet.

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