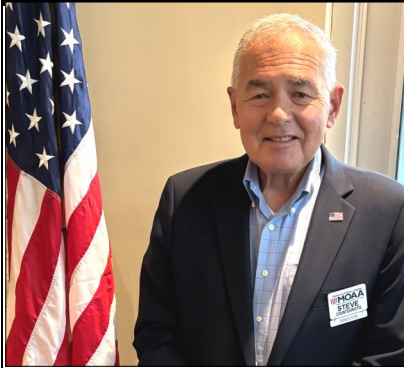




PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Dear Members,

August has often been a month of decisive moments in United States military history, and two events in particular highlight the nation's resilience and strategic resolve. The first occurred on **August**

14, 1945 of operations. The announcement ignited celebrations in cities nationwide, but it also ushered in the sobering, when Japan announced its surrender in World War II. This moment—commonly known as **V-J Day**—marked the end of the deadliest conflict in human history and signaled a profound shift in global power dynamics. For Americans, it represented the culmination of years of sacrifice across the Pacific theater responsibility of postwar reconstruction and the dawn of the nuclear age.

Another significant event took place decades later during the Persian Gulf War. On **August 2, 1990**, Iraq invaded Kuwait, prompting the United States to lead a multinational coalition in what became **Operation Desert Shield and later Operation Desert Storm**. The invasion triggered one of the largest U.S. military mobilizations since the Vietnam War and demonstrated our country's capacity to rapidly project power in defense of international stability. The response showcased advances in precision weaponry, joint-force coordination, and global diplomacy, ultimately shaping U.S. military doctrine for the post-Cold War era.

Sadly, after many years of service to the Redwood Empire MOAA Chapter, Lieutenant Commander Tim Morgan, USNR (Ret), has requested to step down as our Treasurer at the end of this calendar year. We are looking for a chapter member to replace Tim. Anyone interested in filling this key position is asked to contact me or Lieutenant Commander Morgan.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual MOAA Chapter BBQ at 1:00 pm, at Riverfront Regional Park near Windsor on Sunday, August 9th, and at the Pub Crawl on Monday, August 17th, at noon, at the Epicenter in Santa Rosa

Respectfully,

LTC Steve Countouriotis, USAR (Ret) President

MOAA BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

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

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 11:30am.

Chapter members are always welcome at these meetings

NOON, SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

ANNUAL BBQ

Riverfront Regional Park near Windsor
Lunch about 1:00pm when ready

See Pages 2 & 3

For more information

See page No. 3 for the Luncheon menu.

NOTE: WE NEED YOU RESERVATIONS IN
BY THURSDAY, AUGUST 6th

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



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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, August 17, 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!!



RIVERFRONT REGIONAL PARK

DIRECTIONS: Take Highway 101 North from Santa Rosa to Windsor. Turn off at Central Windsor Exit. Go West on Windsor River Road about 2 miles to a "T" intersection which is Eastside Road. Left (South) for 1.8 miles and "**Riverfront Regional Park**" will be on the right. (Marked with an "A") It takes about 20 to 25 minutes from central Santa Rosa to get there.

INFORMATION ON BBQ

Our annual BBQ will take place on Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 1:00 pm. It will be at the Riverfront Regional Park near Windsor. The park is a glen of tall

redwood trees affording plenty of cool shade and beauty.

- New restrooms are available and the ground area is relatively flat and maneuverable.
- There is a sandy volleyball court but be warned, for those who make use of this, there is no cardiac equipment available...
- Recommend you bring a sweater or windbreaker in case it chills later in the afternoon.
- The **parking fee** will be handled by the chapter but the parking spaces is somewhat limited, so carpooling is requested.
- If you have a County pass, please use it and share rides to save money.

Annual BARBEQUE, NOON, SUNDAY- August 9, 2026, 1:00 pm, Lunch

Riverfront Regional Park near Windsor [Dining at 1:00 pm]

See directions and other important information on page 4

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

MENU CHOICES - Menu is Pork Ribs and Chicken, BBQ Beans, Salad, Garlic Bread and Chef's Special Dessert Bread Pudding with whipped cream. Coffee, Water and Wine will also be available. BYOB, Soft Drinks and Snacks.

Enclosed is my check for _____ persons @ \$30.00 each, Col Brey Scholarship Fund \$_____ Total \$_____

Please make name tags for: _____,
_____, _____,

Reservation must be received not later than Thursday, August 6, 2026. We need a count to buy for meals.

NOTE: We have to pay for parking. If you have a County pass, please use it and share rides to save money.

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

RAFFLE: We will have a raffle to help with our funds.
If you are able, please bring a raffle prize

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If you are able

"The Italian Golfer"

Russ Buttacovoli, an 80-year-old Italian goes to the doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at what good shape the guy is in and asks, 'how do you stay in such great physical condition?'

'I'm Italian and I am a golfer,' says Russ, 'and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. I have a glass of vino, and all is well.'

"Well' says the doctor, 'I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your Father when he died?'

Who said he was dead?

*The doctor is amazed. 'You mean you're 80 years old and your Father's still alive. How old is he?'

'He's 100 years old,' says Russ. 'In fact he golfed with me this morning, and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had a little vino and that's why he's still alive. He's Italian and he's a golfer, too.'

*Well,' the doctor says, 'that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it than that. How about your Father's Father? How old was he when he died?'

Who said my Nonno's dead?

*Stunned, the doctor asks, 'you mean you're 80 years old and your grandfather's still living! Incredible, how old is he?'

He's 118 years old,' says the Old Italian golfer.

The doctor is getting frustrated at this point, **So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?*

**No, Nonno couldn't go this morning because he's getting married today.*

*At this point the doctor is close to losing it. 'Getting married? Why would a 118 year- old guy want to get married?'

'Who said he wanted to?'

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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.

2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

July: (No Board meeting)
8th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
20th **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
21st **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 North Bay Veterans Day parade (Wednesday)
11th Wives Club Luncheon, **Epicenter**
16th **Pub Crawl** at Epicenter, **12:00 noon**
13th Friday, Lobster Feed, Santa Rosa Veterans building
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

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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, August 12th. The lunch cost is \$26.00. Lunch is served promptly at noon. The buffet menu will be won ton tacos, macaroni and cheese, esquite, berry 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.

Tim Morgan will show amazing pictures he took of the Southwestern United States.

Tina Lewis, Publicity 707-758-9739, tinalewis31@comcast.net

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