



# The Trumpet

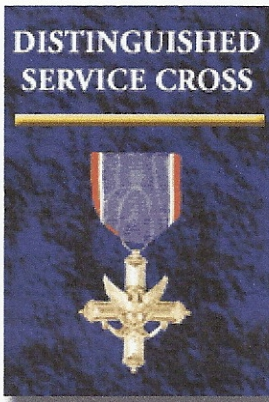
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MCAA  
SACRAMENTO CHAPTER

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**DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE CROSS  
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World War II**

**LTC EDWARD D. DOUGHTY, USA**

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## Cover Story:

### **LTC Edward D. Doughty, U.S.A.**

**Citation:** Distinguished Service Cross

**War:** World War II

LTC EDWARD D. DOUGHTY, (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery, United States Army. For extraordinary heroism in action on Biak Island, Schouten Group, on 28-29 May 1944. When the enemy had isolated an infantry battalion on a narrow coastal strip and was delivering heavy fire from caves in the cliff above, First Lieutenant Doughty volunteered to go forward by Boat to join the isolated unit and give them relief from counterattacks by directing artillery fire. He accomplished the landing despite heavy enemy fire and joining the advance elements climbed on top of the lead tank which was drawing mortar and machine gun fire, to register the fire of his artillery. As enemy fire increased, all personnel outside the tanks moved away except First Lieutenant Doughty who left the tank an advanced several more yards to get better observation. His disregard for his personal safety was responsible for the accurate fire from his artillery guns that broke the attack. Later the situation became acute, and in order to effect a withdrawal it was necessary for the infantry troops to fight their way a distance of two miles. First Lieutenant Doughty placed himself with the element of the rearguard nearest the enemy and under exceptionally heavy enemy fire accurately directed his artillery fire, which permitted the safe withdrawal of the infantry. First Lieutenant Doughty's courage and coolness on this occasion were of great assistance to our forces.

(Article from Website "Legion of Valor" and with permission of J.A. Doughty)

### **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.**

#### SEPTEMBER DINNER DANCE

Friday, September 23, 2011

Carmichael Elks Lodge

5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael

Cost \$28

Cocktails 1800 - Dinner 1900

#### **Western/Casual Dress**

Music: Al Manarisi

Menu: Buffet with Ham, BBQ Chicken

Salads, etc.

Dinner will be served with Salad, Rolls, Butter, Coffee or Tea and Chef's selection for dessert

***I will be going on vacation September 21 so please get your reservations in on time***

Please make checks payable to MOAA and mail by September 17 to:

Mrs. Maureen Caputo, 2410 Rose Arbor Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835-2175

**Reserved seating every month so let me know with your reservation if you have a preference**

The committee is planning next year's dances, so if you have any new ideas, please let us know.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September

- 2 VJ Day – 1945
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 MOAA Board Meeting
- 11 Patriot Day
- 12 MOAA Solos Luncheon
- 13 RAO Meeting
- 16 POW/MIA Recognition Day

### October

- 3 MOAA Solos Board Meeting
- 4 MOAA Board Meeting
- 7 Yom Kippur begins at sundown
- 10 MOAA Solos Luncheon  
Columbus Day

- 18 US Air Force Established – 1947  
Gold Star Family Remembrance Sunday
- 23 MOAA Dinner Dance  
First Day of Autumn
- 26 MOWC Luncheon
- 28 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
  
- 11 RAO Meeting  
US Navy established – 1775
- 24 United Nations Day
- 31 Halloween
- ? MOWC Luncheon

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**MOAA Solos September 12, 2011 Luncheon:** Old Spaghetti Factory, 12401 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova; Social- 11:30AM--Lunch 12:00PM. Menu- 1.) Spaghetti with Mushroom Sauce- \$12.00; 2.) Sicilian Meatball & Spaghetti with Tomato Sauce- \$14.00; 3.) The Half & Half- Spinach & Cheese Raviolis with Marinara Sauce and Spaghetti with Rich Meat Sauce \$15.00; 4.) Baked Lasagna \$15.00; 5.) Fettuccine Alfredo \$13.00. All served with Salad, fresh baked bread, coffee, tea or milk and your choice of spumoni or vanilla ice cream. **Reservations must be in by Sept. 9th.** Make check out to **MOAA Solos** and mail to Arlene Trease, 3425 Gabilan Way, Sacramento, Ca 95821. If check will be late please call Arlene at 487-4193. We always have a great time at the Spaghetti Factory.

**RAO Meeting September 13:** Held at the North Highlands Community Center at 10:30. The Program will be on “Seniors Fit to Drive.” Call the RAO office for more information – 916-561-7476

**MOAA Luncheon or Event:** Reminder - There is no event or luncheon scheduled for June, July or August. However, please call CAPT Thomas Brannon (434-6780) if you are interested in attending the tour at Rogers Coffee Roasting Company. If there are any cancellations before October, we may be able to have our tour earlier than Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. **We need 20 people for this event,** so please keep the date in mind and come out to enjoy the tour and the camaraderie.

**MOAA Dinner Dance** – See Page 2

**MOWC (Officers’ Wives Club) September.26 – Fashion Show from Cho-Cho’s at LionsGate** – Social 11:30, Lunch 12:00. The luncheon will be a Buffet and will include: Mixed green salad with Citrus Vinaigrette, Seared salmon fillet with lemon herb rice and dill cream; Spice Rubbed Roasted Pork Loin with mashed potatoes and Cider Sauce; dessert of assorted cookies and Brownies. Coffee, tea and Decaf will be served. Price - \$22.00. Hostesses Bernice Martin and Barbara Toyne. Please make check out to Barbara Toyne and mail to arrive by **September 20<sup>th</sup>** to Barbara Toyne, 7301 Arutas Drive, North Highlands CA 95660

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## Legislative Report September 2011 - Col Lorna Griess, USA Ret.

For information on the **2012 Defense Bill** and **Tricare**, be sure to read the August 2011 issue of Military Officer. Both subjects are covered very well.

**Included in this issue of the Trumpet** is a list of the bills in the California Legislature that Pete Conaty, lobbyist for veteran's affairs, is watching for us. The bills are self explanatory so I won't discuss any of them. I will note that the bill labeled SJR 8 (Senate Joint Resolution), is a COL Art Krause bill. Art is still busy helping the military community.

**Veteran's homes:** Two California Veteran's homes, one in Fresno and one in Redding, are somewhere in the construction/completion process. Because of California's budget problems, Gov. Brown is holding up the funding for these homes and they may not open in time. Congressman Herger from Redding wrote a letter to VA Secretary Shinseki concerning the delay for the Redding Veterans Home. He is concerned that California is violating its contract with the U.S. Veterans Administration by delaying the opening of the homes. Without the California funding, the Federal funding, which is considerably more, will be lost. Both Redding and Fresno have a list of veterans needing placement.

As Legislative liaison for Cal MOAA, I attended **the CSCVC (California State Commanders Veterans Council) on August 6, at the Veterans Memorial Museum in Fresno.** If you are ever in Fresno, visit the museum. It's very well done. The business of the meeting was routine. What was important was the fact that the veteran's organizations are getting together to fight for veteran's issues. Together we would be stronger than the protestors that seem to rule politics today. Historically, veterans do not speak out. I think that is changing. There are a lot of veterans organizations. The ones we all know about like VFW, AMVETS and American Legion were there. The newer organizations like Vietnam Veterans, a growing Student veteran organization, Vietnam Helicopter pilots and black veterans are or will soon be represented. An American Indian veteran organization representative attended. The organization asked to join the council that day.

### **BILLS IN THE LEGISLATURE - Pete Conaty**

With a budget passed and the Legislature on its summer recess, the Capitol is quiet. The Legislature will return on Monday, August 15th, and work through Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to complete this year's session. The Legislature will then adjourn and work in their districts until they return to the Capitol on January 4<sup>th</sup> next year. Following is a list of the bills we are tracking for your organization. As you will see in the commentary – some bills did not get out of the House of Origin before the deadline and these bills are now technically 2-year bills or, if held by a committee, most likely dead. If the bill has been chaptered, that means it has been signed by the Governor and will become law in January 1, 2012.

For those who are new to the legislative process, I would like to clarify some terms that you may see in the commentary or position section:

**Held by committee:** *These bills are dead for this year and are most likely dead but could technically move next year.*

**Reconsideration granted:** *Bill failed but the committee will allow it to be brought up again.*

**Chaptered:** *Bill has been signed into law by the Governor & will take effect the following January 1st unless otherwise specified.*

**2-Year bill:** *These bills are still alive and can be taken up next year during the second year of a two-year legislative session but are not moving this year.*

**Sponsor:** *The organization brought the idea for the legislation to the legislator and they agreed to carry it.*

**Watch:** *Bill is being tracked on the list but no specific position (support or oppose) has been taken.*

**No Position:** *The organization has reviewed the bill and has specifically decided to not take any position.*

[CA AB 167](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cook (R)  
**TITLE:** State Stolen Valor Act  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/02/2011  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**SUMMARY:**

Relates to existing law which provides that any person who falsely represents himself or herself to have been awarded any military decoration, with the intent to defraud, is guilty of a misdemeanor. Provides that those provisions shall be known as the State Stolen Valor Act. Requires that certain elected officers forfeit their office upon conviction of any of the crimes specified in the act.

**Commentary**

Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, CA State Council

**Position:** Support

[CA AB 188](#)

**AUTHOR:** Block (D)  
**TITLE:** Property Tax Exemption: Residence: Veterans  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/29/2011  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Unfinished Business  
**SUMMARY:**

Amends property tax law that provides for the exemption from property taxation of the principal residence of a disabled veteran, a veteran's spouse, and the unmarried surviving spouse. Specifies that property is an unmarried surviving spouse's principal residence if the unmarried surviving spouse would principally reside at that property if not for his or her confinement to a hospital or other care facility. Relates to the date when property becomes eligible for the disabled veterans' exemption.

**Position:** Support

[CA AB 201](#)

**AUTHOR:** Butler (D)  
**TITLE:** Veterans Courts  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Authorizes superior courts to develop and implement veterans courts for eligible veterans of the U.S. military with the objective of, among other things, creation of a dedicated calendar or a locally developed collaborative court-supervised veterans mental health program or system that leads to the placement of as many mentally ill offenders who are veterans, including those with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, or any mental health problem due to military service.

**Commentary**

Sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, CA State Council & Student Veterans of CA

**Position:** Support

[CA AB 387](#)

**AUTHOR:** Bonilla (D)  
**TITLE:** Pupils: Excused Absences: Military Deployment  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/21/2011  
**LOCATION:** Senate Special Consent Calendar  
**SUMMARY:**

Amends existing law that requires a pupil to be excused from school for specified types of absences and prohibits those absences from generating certain state payments by deeming them as absences in computing average daily attendance. Includes spending time an immediate family member, who is an active duty member of the uniformed services and has been called for, is on leave from, or has immediately returned from deployment to a combat zone, as another type of excused absence. Relates to absence length.

**Position:** Support

[CA AB 557](#)

**AUTHOR:** Perez J (D)  
**TITLE:** National Guard: Interagency Council on Veteran Services  
**LAST AMEND:** 07/14/2011  
**COMMITTEE:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**HEARING:** 08/15/2011 10:00 am, Burton Hearing Room (4203)

**SUMMARY:**

Creates in state government the Interagency Council on Veteran Services and Programs for the purpose of bringing together key state agencies and departments, federal officials, legislative representatives, local governments, and stakeholder organizations to ensure that the state's programs that serve veterans are efficiently administered and properly integrated with federal and local government and stakeholder organizations.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 649](#)

**AUTHOR:** Harkey (R)

**TITLE:** Postsecondary Education: Veteran's Enrollment

**LAST AMEND:** 03/31/2011

**LOCATION:** Senate Education Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Grants priority class registration for public postsecondary education to members or former members of the Armed Forces, who are State residents, within 5 years of leaving active duty.

**Commentary**

Co-Sponsored by Student Veterans of CA & AMVETS

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 754](#)

**AUTHOR:** Fletcher (R)

**TITLE:** Elective Office: Military Service

**LAST AMEND:** 04/26/2011

**LOCATION:** Chaptered

**SUMMARY:**

Permits a person who is deployed on active military service outside of the state to have a declaration of candidacy, nomination paper, or any other paper necessary to run for office, filed by an attorney-in-fact who is commissioned and empowered in writing for that purpose through a power of attorney.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1093](#)

**AUTHOR:** Davis (D)

**TITLE:** Student Financial Aid: Military and Veterans Benefits

**LOCATION:** Assembly Higher Education Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Requires the Community Colleges and the California State University, and encourage the University of California, to establish on each of its respective campuses a Military and Veterans Benefits Office and appoint a full-time Military and Veterans Benefits Advisor for each office to assist a qualified student in determining that student's eligibility for state or federal educational benefits or grants.

**Commentary**

Co-Sponsored by Student Veterans of CA & AMVETS

**Commentary002**

Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline of 6/3/11. Now technically a 2-year bill (may be dead if not moved in 1/12)

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1151](#)

**AUTHOR:** Feuer (D)

**TITLE:** Public Retirement Systems: Investments: Iran

**LAST AMEND:** 07/12/2011

**COMMITTEE:** Senate Appropriations Committee

**HEARING:** 08/15/2011 10:00 am, Burton Hearing Room (4203)

**SUMMARY:**

Amends the State Public Divest from Iran Act which prohibits the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System from investing in a company with operations in Iran. Prohibits the boards from investing in a company that has a financial investment in parts of the energy sector of Iran. Requires annual reviews and public posting. Eliminates the exception for investments in certain companies providing humanitarian relief and promoting health, education, and religion.

**Position:** Support

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[CA AB 1209](#)

**AUTHOR:** Cook (R)  
**TITLE:** Department of Veterans Affairs: Veterans' Services  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/04/2011  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Appropriates a specified amount of funds from the General Fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans services.

**Commentary**

CACVSO-sponsor

**Commentary001**

Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline of 6/3/11. Now technically a 2-year bill (may be dead if not moved in 1/12)

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 180](#)

**AUTHOR:** Corbett (D)  
**TITLE:** Consumer Transactions: Public Social Services  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/03/2011  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered

**SUMMARY:**

Amends the existing Consumers Legal Remedies Act prohibiting a person from charging or receiving an unreasonable fee to prepare, aid or advise certain persons in procuring, maintaining, or securing public social services. Includes activities and functions administered or supervised by the United States or State Departments of Veterans Affairs, including pension benefits, as public social services for purposes of that prohibition.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 194](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Governance and Finance Committee  
**TITLE:** Local Government: Omnibus Bill  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/13/2011  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**HEARING:** 08/17/2011 9:00 am, Room 4202

**SUMMARY:**

Authorizes a county to accept payments by credit card, debit card, or EFT. Relates to public records. Amends the County Budget Act. Relates to the maximum amount that a local legislative body may transfer from a special fund to the general fund, invest in a foreign bank, community service district boards, general plan public meetings, Subdivision Map Act and conveyances of land, sanitation employees, local taxation, facilities improvements, local construction contracts. and business improvement districts.

**Position:** Watch

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[CA SB 720](#)

**AUTHOR:** Runner S (R)  
**TITLE:** Vehicles: Drivers' Licenses: Military Personnel  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/22/2011  
**LOCATION:** To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Amends existing law requiring a state driver's license held by a person who enters the United States Armed Forces to continue in full force and effect, so long as the service continues and the person remains absent from this state. Extends that benefit to the spouse of the person who enters or is in the United States Armed Forces.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 812](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**TITLE:** Flag Protocol: POW-MIA Flag  
**LOCATION:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee

**SUMMARY:**

Requires the National Flag to be above the State Flag, and the State Flag to be above the POW-MIA Flag.

**Commentary**

Did not pass out of House of Origin by deadline of 6/3/11. Now technically a 2-year bill (may be dead if not moved in 1/12)

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 813](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**TITLE:** Public Postsecondary Education: Veterans' Enrollment  
**LAST AMEND:** 07/06/2011  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**HEARING:** 08/17/2011 9:00 am, Room 4202  
**SUMMARY:**

Grants priority enrollment to the California State University and each community college, and requests such priority at the University of California, to members or former members of the Armed Forces of the United States who is a resident of the state within 4 years of leaving active duty.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 888](#)

**AUTHOR:** Lieu (D)  
**TITLE:** Crime: Picketing  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/30/2011  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Third Reading File  
**SUMMARY:**

Makes it a crime, punishable by a fine, imprisonment in the county jail, or both, for a person to engage in picketing, except on private property, which is targeted at a funeral during the time period beginning one hour prior to the funeral and ending one hour after the conclusion of the funeral.

**Commentary**

Co-sponsored by American Legion, AMVETS & VVA

**Position:** Support

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[CA SB 903](#)

**AUTHOR:** Anderson (R)  
**TITLE:** Public Retirement Systems: Investments: Iran  
**LAST AMEND:** 07/01/2011  
**COMMITTEE:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**HEARING:** 08/17/2011 9:00 am, Room 4202  
**SUMMARY:**

Amends Public Divest from Iran Act prohibits the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System from investing public employee retirement funds in a company with business operations in Iran that is invested in or engaged in business operations with entities in certain sectors. Provides that nothing in those provisions requires either board to take action described in this section if it determines that the action would be a breach of the fiduciary responsibilities described.

**Position:** Support

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[CA SJR 8](#)

**AUTHOR:** Senate Veterans Affairs Committee  
**TITLE:** TRICARE Cost Increases  
**LAST AMEND:** 07/07/2011  
**LOCATION:** ASSEMBLY  
**SUMMARY:**

Urges the U.S. Congress to take the necessary steps to ensure that Congress itself has the sole authority to determine future TRICARE cost increases and base any future TRICARE cost changes on cost-of-living adjustments.

**Position:** Watch

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# Cell Phones for Soldiers Update

## Maureen Caputo

So far I have shipped 77 cell phones to Cell Phones for Soldiers...that are 4,620 minutes of phone time for our service personnel.

One of our MOAA members placed a collection box in her church and collected 57 of the 77 phones. The FedEx store from which I shipped the phones has requested a collection box for his store.

I have ordered collection boxes to be delivered to me...if you have a place for a collection box, please let me know. Any chapter collecting more than 200 phones will be sent a certificate of recognition.

Our program has been up and running for a few months now and we hope your collection efforts are under way. It's such an easy project that incurs no cost (just a little bit of your time), boosts chapter interest and activity, and increases MOAA visibility in your community. Put boxes out in the community, collect from family, friends, neighbors, churches, stores, anyone can donate, not just chapter members... You can even adopt a particular installation, unit or service member to receive the prepaid phone cards.

We have extended the deadline for the program to January 31, 2012, and the top three donating Chapters will be recognized at the April 2012 Board and Council Presidents meeting in Washington DC.

"We are so blessed to have the support of the Military Officers Association of America" said Brittany Bergquist, co-founder of Cell Phones for Soldiers. "The MOAA does so many amazing things to help active and retired military causes. We feel the mission of both organizations is very closely aligned and the partnership is a great opportunity to reach additional troops."

With the help of our Councils, Chapters, and Auxiliary Liaisons we can meet our goal of 1 million minutes AND help military families cope with deployment.

An old cell phone in a junk drawer is worthless but a donated cell phone to Cell Phones for Soldiers is priceless.

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## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES**

Eligibility (DEERS)/ID cards	1-800-538-9552	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/deers">http://www.tricare.mil/deers</a>
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1-866-363-8667	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/">http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/</a>
Retiree Dental Plan	1-888-838-8737	<a href="http://www.trdp.org">http://www.trdp.org</a>
TRICARE	Phone #'s on website	<a href="http://tricare.mil">http://tricare.mil</a>
TRICARE FOR LIFE	1-866-773-0404	<a href="http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm">http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm</a>
Senior Pharmacy Program	1-877-363-6337	<a href="http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/MedicareBeneficiaries">http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/Medicare Beneficiaries</a>
Department of Veterans Affairs	1-800-827-1000	<a href="http://va.gov">http://va.gov</a>
Insurance Information	1-800-669-8477	<a href="http://insurance.va.gov">http://insurance.va.gov</a>

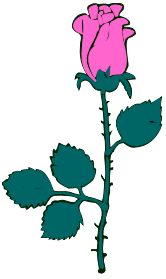
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## **Congressional Addresses**

Following are the addresses recommended for Congressional Representatives at their District Offices. Please remember to write or contact your representatives on any current issue.

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 MEMORY**



**Helen “Hon” White  
Survived by her husband  
LTC William White, USA Ret.**

**Gloria Radics  
Preceded in death by  
COL Emil Radics, USMC**

**We send our sincere condolences to their families and friends,**

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**GET WELL WISHES**



**“Jake” Katz, Jean O. Baxter , Liz Oien, Dodie Wanner and Tina Zimmerly**  
have all been recuperating from surgery or not feeling up to par. **Dorothy Sheeders** has had a knee replacement and is recuperating from that surgery. Please keep them in your thoughts and send a card if you so choose. Their addresses are all in your Roster.

**GET SOME REST ALL OF YOU – AND GET WELL SOON**

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND OTHER INFORMATION**

Cover Page – McClaskey Graphic Arts – 277-6629

Pg. 1 – Lenora (Lonnie) Ahee – 5757 Cypress Ave Apt. 163, Carmichael CA 95608  
916-426-3747

Pg. 2 – John Baxter – Apartment #2407 and ZIP – 95621-5609

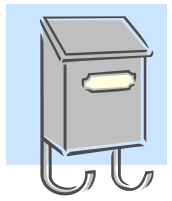
Pg. 5 – Nenita Daquipa - USAFR

Pg. 9 – Howard Giblin – 2720 Cascade Street, West Sacramento CA 95691, 916-374-9107,  
cwouscgret@sbcglobal.net

Pg. 10 – Rita K Herbert – 415 P Street Apt 515, Sacramento CA 95814

Pg. 14 – Barbara Kutscher – ZIP: 95608-1375, Phone: 916-973-1230

Pg. 15 – Susan Mason - USAR



Please review your entry in the new Roster. Contact either LTC Marvin Neill (916-685-9878) or Barbara Toyne (916-334-6616) to make any changes necessary or use the “Change form” on the last page of this “Trumpet.”



**HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR BALLOT  
FOR THE 2012 ELECTIONS YET?  
THE DUE DATE IS OCTOB 1<sup>ST</sup>**

## **MOAA BYLAWS TO BE UPDATED**

The Bylaws committee has been working hard on updates to the Bylaws of the Sacramento Chapter and have come up with the following proposal which shall be voted upon at the October Dinner Dance Meeting. Please look them over and if you have any questions, please contact a member of the Board of Directors..

The changes are proposed as follows: Additions will be printed in bold capitol letters and underlined and deletions will be in italics and in parenthesis.

Following are the proposed changes:

### **Article II – Purposes**

**Section 1.** The purposes of this Chapter shall be:

To promote the (*purposes*) **MISSION** and objectives of **THE** Military Officers Association of America.

To foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the **SEVEN** uniformed services, **THEIR** reserve components **AND THEIR SURVIVING SPOUSES**.

To protect the rights and interests of personnel of the uniformed services, their dependents and survivors.

To (*serve*) **SUPPORT** the community and the nation.

To provide scholarship programs for Chapter Members' children, grandchildren, (*and worthy*) children of military personnel **AND ROTC CADETS**.

### **IV – Membership**

**Section 1.** The membership of the Chapter shall be composed of **AND CONSISTANT WITH NATIONAL MOAA MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 2.** Membership shall be of (*three*) **FOUR** classes:

- (a) Members – those eligible for membership, as prescribed in Section 1(a) of this article, who apply for membership and pay the prescribed annual dues.
- (b) Auxiliary Members: Widows and Widowers of deceased members or of any deceased individual who would be eligible for membership.
- (c) Honorary Members: Honorary memberships may be granted to certain individuals who have rendered exemplary service to the nation, the retired officer community or the chapter. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to terminate an honorary membership. Honorary members shall not be required to pay dues.
- (d) **ROTC CADETS WITHOUT VOTING PRIVELDGES AND PAY NO ANNUAL FEES.**

### Article IX Officers

**Section 2.** Each elective officer shall take office at the November chapter meeting and shall serve for a term of one **YEAR** or two years **FOR DIRECTORS**. (*until a successor is duly elected and installed.*)

**Section 6.** The secretary shall provide timely written notification of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall maintain a record of all proceedings. The secretary also shall maintain the chapter's correspondence files and shall provide safekeeping for **THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND** all important documents and records belonging to the chapter. Further, the secretary shall perform such other duties as are commensurate with the office or as might be assigned by the Board of Directors or by the President.

**Section 7.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (membership) shall maintain the membership records and is responsible for dues collection procedures and depositing the dues collected in the Chapter's "General Account." He/she shall

also deposit any donation received for the Scholarship Fund and shall submit to the Treasurer an accounting of all monies received and deposited. The publication of the annual Roster of members shall be under supervision of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President **AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE TRUMET EDITOR.**

**Section 8.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President is responsible for **RECRUITING AND** planning and coordinating chapter events subject to the approval of the board of Directors. This officer shall secure a meeting place for chapter meetings. *(a year in advance, secure a meeting place for chapter luncheons as required, contract for bands, when required for chapter meetings, and obtain a check from the Treasurer, in advance, to pay the bands for playing.*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President shall also serve as the Chair of the Luncheon committee.)*

**Section 9.** The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all monies received and expended by the chapter, make such disbursements as are authorized by the chapter Budget or the Board of Directors, and assure that deposits of all monies received are in a financial institution approved by the board of Directors. Funds may be withdrawn from the accounts in the financial institution only upon signature of any TWO of the following Officers: Treasurer, President, and 1st Vice President. A financial report shall be made at the annual October meeting or when called upon by the President. The funds, books and vouchers in the custody of the treasurer shall at all times be subject to inspection and verification by the board of directors and, at least annually, by the Audit Committee. **IT SHALL ALSO BE THE DUTY OF THE TREASURER TO SUBMIT ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE IRS AND FRANCHISE TAX BOARD. A CPA MAY BE CONSULTED TO ASSURE PROPER AND TIMELY TAX REPORTING.**

The Treasurer is an ex-officio member of the Budget Committee and of the Scholarship Committee with the right to vote on proposed actions of either committee.

#### Article X Committees

**Section 3.** By 15 May, the *(board of Directors)* **PRESIDENT** shall *(have appointed)* **APPOINT** a Nominating Committee of five members to nominate candidates for the elective offices. The committee shall notify the *(Secretary),* **BOARD** in writing, by *(15 July,)* **THE JULY BOARD MEETING** with the names of the candidates it proposes. *(The secretary shall inform the)* **THE** chapter membership **WILL BE NOTIFIED** *(by notice)* in the August Trumpet, of the names of those proposed for elective offices.

**Section 4.** The Budget committee shall meet in July or August to formulate a budget for the coming Chapter year. The proposed budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors no later than the September meeting for review and Board approval and at the annual October Chapter meeting, for Chapter approval. The new budget shall become effective on 1 January. **BUDGET REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD.**

**Section 5.** The Audit committee shall audit the Treasurer's accounts and records and submit a report to the Board of Directors at its October meeting. **A CPA MAY BE CONSULTED TO ASSURE PROPER AND TIMELY TAX REPORTING.**

**Section 6.** The Dinner Chair, (Dinner Coordinator), subject to the approval of the Board of directors, is responsible for dinner menus, receiving reservations and, in order to give the meeting facility an accurate count of the number of dinners to be served and shall collect the cost for dinners in advance. The Chair shall, following each event, submit all monies received to the Treasurer with an accurate record of all such monies **AND SHALL SECURE CHECKS FROM THE TREASURER TO PAY THE BANDS AND DINNERS.**

## **AUXILIARY CORNER** - Maureen Caputo

“August is the perfect time to contact your local congressional representatives because legislators are back in their home states for the annual August recess and anxious to meet with their constituents.

Recently, the House passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which included a provision to increase the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA). The SSIA is payable to military survivors whose Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities are reduced because they also receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the VA for their sponsor’s service-caused death.

In the House provision, the SSIA payment would increase from \$90 under current law to \$163 by FY 2013, with modest increases to follow in later years. This approved provision also will extend the SSIA program through 2021, which under current law would expire October 1, 2017.

Unfortunately, this provision was not included in the Senate version of the NDAA. That means we need your help to support the House provision when the two chambers hash out their differences in conference committee this fall.

MOAA urges you to take this opportunity to contact your local congressional representative or set up an appointment to visit them and discuss SSIA. You can find contact information for your local representative by calling the Capitol Switchboard at (866) 272-6622 or by visiting <http://capwiz.com/moaa/dbq/officials>. While you have their ear, there are two other issues that are of great importance to MOAA and all surviving military spouses.

SBP/DIC offset: MOAA for years has pushed to have the offset between SBP and DIC repealed. Unfortunately, this year there were no bills that included this repeal. Make sure your representatives know the importance of ending this offset.

Medicare/TRICARE payment cuts: Unless Congress acts, the Medicare and TRICARE payments to physicians will be cut 29.4 percent January 1, 2012. If this cut goes through, it will have a devastating impact on access to health care for TRICARE and Medicare beneficiaries.” Karen Manning, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

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## **QUESTIONS TO PONDER**

Q: Why do men's clothes have buttons on the right while women's clothes have buttons on the left?

A: When buttons were invented, they were very expensive and worn primarily by the rich. Since most people are right-handed, it is easier to push buttons on the right through holes on the left. Because wealthy women were dressed by maids, dressmakers put the buttons on the maid's right! And that's where women's buttons have remained since.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez -meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced, approximately, 'mayday.'

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

“What's in a name, indeed? Well -- a lot! Take me, for example. I was born this month shortly after WW I on a farm in the California foothills, delivered by a doctor who also served as veterinarian -- or perhaps the other way around, my parents were always a bit vague about that -- and my Swiss Grandma and my Tennessee grandma like to never got over the extravagance of giving that old horse doctor twenty dollars for something that wasn't even a medical necessity, good heavens, they both declared they could have taken care of a simple thing like birth and for free! Well -- too late now, the doctor has his loot and had scooted. so -- it was decided -- I should as required by law be named. Simple, right? Wrong!

My Tennessee grandma thought it would be nice if I were named Stratton, in memory of a child of hers who died shortly after birth. All right, being named after an uncle dead for twenty years was not so bad. But my Swiss grandpa had other plans. He was Balthazar Jacques and he had a brother named Melchior, which, tradition points out, were the names of two of the Wise Men who came to Bethlehem that fateful January day in the year 1 A.D. And so? I should be named for the third Wise Man, Gaspar! My timid mother's shriek was heard all the way down to the Fair Oaks Village general store and she put her foot down, she would not have her son named after a character in a funny paper comic- strip called *Toots and Casper*. I would be named Ellis after my father, but she would compromise on the Jacques part it were translated into James, which *was* in the Bible and where, she asked, did you ever read of the Lord's most beloved disciple being named Jacques, brother of Jean? And Swiss grandpa answered it was Jacques and Jean in his Bible and the Tennessee grandma immediately pooh-poohed that and she didn't know what Bible Switzer people read, but *hers* was in English, the way God originally wrote it!

Well -- as you can see by the 2011 directory, my mother had what may have been her only victory of her married life. I was named Ellis James. My disgruntled Swiss grandpa renamed me his "Little Sunshine", in Swiss *Sunnischi*, quickly shortened to *Sunni* which my mother assumed was Sonny and that stupid nickname followed me through life. Do you have any idea how embarrassing it is to be in a social group and to be called "Sonny" by 82 and 85 and 92 year old cousins? And that name Ellis! How I was tortured when I started school to be called Alice and Elsie and worse! When I got yanked out of the public school in the 4th grade and put in a Catholic one, I tried to register as James (I had to register myself, my Protestant mother was afraid of nuns!) but the sister looked at my transfer, told me it said my name was Ellis and that's what it would be at Holy Angels' School! And so it was. And when I started high school at Christian Brothers, the brother principal said the same. It was not till my first year in college and I had to wear a stupid beanie and a freshman name tag that I got up the nerve to write in bold letters -- JIM. But the university gave degrees to Ellis James and the army commissioned me under Ellis James and the IRS to this day takes money only from Ellis James! And at least once a week I get junk mail addressed to Ms. Ellis Harlow. Grrr!”



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Do you know of anyone who is eligible to become a member of MOAA?  
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