



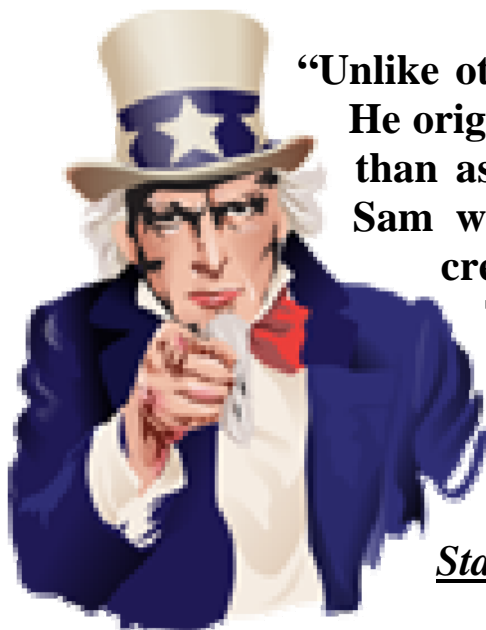
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“Unlike other national symbols, Uncle Sam was a folk hero. He originated in the culture of the American citizen rather than as a design created by government officials. Uncle Sam was Sam Wilson, a merchant in Troy, N.Y. The creation of Uncle Sam began when Daniel D. Tompkins, Governor of New York, asked one of Sam Wilson’s employees what the initials U.S. stood for on a box going to an army camp during the War of 1812. The employee’s answer was, Uncle Sam though in truth they stood for United States.”

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**Special Late Note: The RAO Office location is now Bldg 209 (The old Finance Bldg)
Phone numbers have changed also: Office – 923-4979; George Moses – 923-4977**

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.

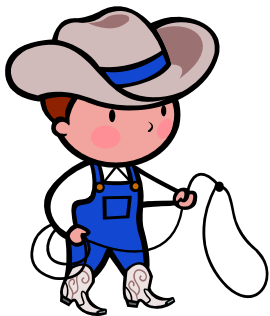
The Rest of the Cover Story

“...Some of Sam Wilson’s other employees spread the tale and soldiers picked it up, followed by political writers and cartoonists.

In the years that followed, many different versions of Uncle Sam were depicted in political cartoons. One of the best-known images of Uncle Sam is one that was used in a poster during World War I. In it, a sharp-eyed, bearded Uncle Sam, dressed in stars and stripes and wearing a star-studded top hat, is pointing his finger straight at the viewer and saying: ‘I want YOU for the U.S. Army.’

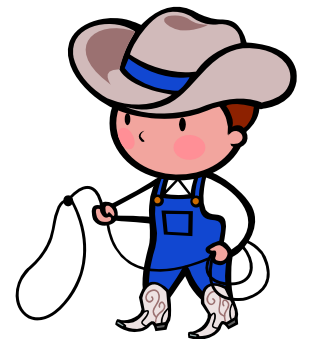
During World War II, thousands of billboards sported pictures of Uncle Sam, urging all Americans to help with the war effort. One commentator remarked that Sam Wilson, the model for Uncle Sam, ‘was a man who epitomized the plain American – honest, self-reliant, of good character, known for wit and wisdom, and devoted to his country’ ”

(Excerpt from “Flag Facts” National Flag Foundation)



APRIL DINNER DANCE
Saturday, April 21, 2012
(The date has been changed from the 28th)
Carmichael Elks Lodge
5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael

\$28 per person
Cocktails 1730 - Dinner 1830



Western

Dress: Casual/Western

Music: Lincoln Highway

Menu: 1. Pork Loin;
2. Chicken Breast;
3. Vegan

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

RESERVED SEATING – Please indicate your preference of seating when you send in your reservation.

**Please make checks payable to MOAA and mail to:
Mrs. Maureen Caputo, 2410 Rose Arbor Drive, Sacramento, CA 95835-2175**

Please send check to Maureen by April 23rd

Calendar of Events

April

- 2 MOAA Solos Board Meeting
- 3 MOAA Board Meeting
- 4 *US enters WW I*
- 6 *Good Friday – Passover begins*
- 9 MOAA Solos Luncheon
- 10 RAO Meeting
- 12 *First US Space shuttle launched 1949*
- 16 *Fed Inc. Tax due*
- 21 MOAA Dinner Dance (change)
- 30 MOWC Luncheon

May

- 1 MOAA Board Meeting
- 2 *Obama bin Laden brought to justice*
- 4 *1942 Battle of the Coral Sea began*
- 6 *1941 – Bob Hope’s first USO show; March Field AFB*
- 7 MOAA Solos Board meeting
- 8 RAO meeting
1945 – V-E Day
- 14 MOAA Solos Luncheon
- 19 MOAA Dinner Dance
Armed Forces Day
- 21 MOWC Luncheon
- 28 Memorial Day Observed

April Events

MOAA Solos Luncheon DATE: Monday, April 9, 2012 - Social–11:30 A.M.; Lunch–12 noon
PLACE: Sierra Regency, Roseville; **PROGRAM:** Chief Moses, Military Retirees’ Office.
MENU: #1- Seared Salmon Filet, topped with Mango, Papaya Salsa, Wild Rice Pilaf & Vegetable Medley.

MENU: #2 – Braised Short Rib, Pineapple Coleslaw & Cottage Fries.

Both served with Green Salad and Carrot Cake for dessert. Coffee, Tea and Wine

COST: BOTH for \$13.00

Please make your checks out to MOAA-SOLOS and mail to Dee Denny, 9200 Thilow Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826-4117. **Reservations must be in by Thursday, April 5th. If your check will be late please call Dee at 363-2537.**

RAO Meeting – Held at the North Highlands Community Center at 10:30 on April 10th. John Locher from the DMV will be the guest speaker.

MOAA Dinner Dance – See page 2

MOWC (Military Officers’ Wives Club): PLACE – Lionsgate; Date –April 30, 2012: TIME - 11:30 – Social; 12:00 Noon – Lunch; Menu 1 – Lemon Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with mashed potatoes and seasonal vegetables; Menu 2 – Chef’s Special Dill Salmon with mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables. Each meal comes with mixed green salad, bread and butter & assorted cookies for dessert. COST: \$20.00 Hostesses: Hostesses are Ann Chillemi and Martha McDowell. **Make checks payable to Ann Chillemi and mail to 4933 Forrestal St., Fair Oaks CA 95628** **Checks are due no later than April 24th. The program is a “Surprise.”**

Important Information for TRICARE Beneficiaries

<http://www.express-scripts.com/TRICARE/news/networkChange.shtml>

“Express Scripts, as the administrator of the TRICARE pharmacy benefit, has made a commitment to provide a prescription drug benefit that meets the needs of beneficiaries in an effective, efficient, and fiscally responsible manner. One of the ways we do this is by negotiating competitive rates for prescription drugs with retail pharmacies in our network. As you may have heard, Walgreens* has publicly announced it will stop participating as a provider in the Express Scripts pharmacy network starting Jan. 1, 2012.

The prices Walgreens offered to Express Scripts for filling prescriptions would cost TRICARE more than other pharmacies filling the same prescriptions. It would mean the cost to TRICARE would increase. Every dollar of cost savings from the discounted prices we negotiate with network pharmacies result directly in savings for the TRICARE program. **If you fill a prescription at Walgreens after Dec. 31, 2011, you will pay 100% of the cost and you will need to file a paper claim for non-network benefit reimbursement.** For more information, [view your detailed copayment/cost share information.](#) **To avoid potential disruption to your medication, it is important for you to take action now.**

We realize that this poses an inconvenience to you, and Express Scripts is committed to making the transition to an alternative pharmacy as simple as possible.

There are two easy ways to transfer prescriptions currently being filled at Walgreens:

1. Have the medications you take on an ongoing basis safely and conveniently delivered to your home through TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery. We can help you [switch your eligible prescriptions to Home Delivery](#) today. Have your prescription bottles handy and click here to begin. You will be directed to your online account login. Simply sign in or create an account if you haven't already and click on the "Switch your prescriptions to Home Delivery" link on the left hand side of the screen.
2. If TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery isn't for you, simply take your current prescription bottles to the network pharmacy of your choice. You may fill your prescriptions at other major pharmacies and independent drug stores that remain part of the network.

Our Find a Pharmacy tool helps you quickly [find local, network pharmacies convenient for you.](#)
If you have questions, please call us anytime at 1.877.885.6313”

SACRAMENTO MOAA CHAPTER NEEDS YOUR HELP! MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR

Barbara Toyne

We are still waiting for your response!!

WANTED: A willing member (or spouse) of MOAA to send out a few cards of sympathy, get-well or thinking of you each month to other members of Sacramento MOAA Chapter. (Otherwise known as “Sunshine Chairman.”)

WANTED: A willing member of MOAA (or spouse) to take over the fun scrapbook position for the rest of the year, (Otherwise known as “Historian.”)

If anyone is so inclined, please call our president, LTC Marvin Neill (685-9878), know and tell him of your decision! Neither of the jobs is difficult or time consuming and we would all prosper with your help. I know I can count on some of you!





Legislative Report
April 2012
Col Lorna Griess USA Ret.

As Legislative Representative for Cal MOAA and the Sacramento Chapter, I attended two meetings recently. **The first was the California State Commanders Veteran's Council (CSCVC)** held in the Military Museum in old town. Commanders from most organizations were present.

A report on the governor's Interagency Veteran's Council meeting the two days prior was given. The Interagency Council has **4 Pods**: Education, Employment, Health, and Housing and Homeless Veterans. About 130 representatives from federal, state, and local organizations gathered to discuss ways to make it easier for vets and their families to claim the benefits and services they have earned through military service. California is home to 2.2 million vets with more coming home monthly.

Getting information to the vets is a major problem. Some ideas were adding a V to the drivers licenses, getting Cal Vet information to the CVSOs (County Veteran Service Offices) – privacy was a problem, or using a data base that some vets organizations use.

The second major problem was **the cost of providing services.**

State Legislators receive a one page report on veterans annually. They need to get a more in depth report on the money that veterans bring into the state.

The rest of the CSCVC meeting was spent with Pete Conaty discussing the current bills in the legislature pertaining to the military. There are far too many to discuss here. The committee briefly discussed which bills to support and which ones to watch.

The second meeting was a Joint Legislative Oversight Hearing between The Assembly Committee on Higher Education and the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee. The meeting consisted of the following:

- 5 Assembly representatives.
- 2 CalVet representatives with an overview of CalVet's responsibilities.
- 2 Students from CSU Sac with perspectives from the needs of student veterans
- 5 high level representatives from the Community College system and the State College System.

The student perspectives were the most moving and informative. The veterans put their lives on hold to go to war and come home older, worried about fitting in and an ability to learn and keep up. They get lost in a sea for forms and rules. The GI bill checks get delayed and they get dropped from classes. They miss the military comradeship. Many military courses are not accepted as transfer credit so expensive courses are repeated. Some instructor's attitudes about war and soldiers were not helpful. The soldiers said a vet reentry center with vet counselors would ease the reentry into civilian life and college.

The college representatives testified:

There are 112 community colleges in 72 districts.

There are 23 CSUs in the state system.

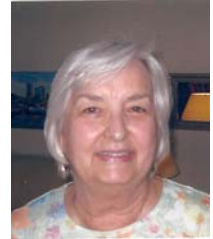
Both have credit by exam courses and both look over transcripts for transfer credits. Many veterans are entering college through a transfer pathway and are succeeding at almost the same rate as non-vets.

After the testimonials, one of the assemblymen said, "We have the programs, veterans don't connect – What is the problem." Answer: Bureaucracy. Veterans' benefits need simplification. Colleges are correcting the problems at the state level. Campus budgets are stretched. Community colleges are in 72 different districts with local control.

The recurring theme is that there is no bridge between the high level programs and the lone GI getting off of the airplane in California.

IN MEMORY

LtCol Melvin Lange, USAF
Survived by his wife, LtCol Ret, Judy Lange USAF Nurse Corp
We send our sincere condolences to his family and friends



Auxiliary Corner

Maureen Caputo

The Auxiliary Vote

“Widows and widowers of MOAA members have held a special place in the association since their addition to the ranks in 1975. Although the group receives the same level of membership benefits as officer members, Auxiliary members have never had the opportunity to vote for MOAA’s Board of Directors or make their voice heard on national platform issues. That status may change this year. In August, the general membership will vote on approving a change to the MOAA bylaws to grant Auxiliary members full voting rights.

There have been several efforts in the past that examined the voting issue. In 2003, the Auxiliary Membership Working Group, which evaluated chapter policies, focus groups and surveys of all member types, released a report to the Board detailing their findings after a year of research. At the time, the Board decided not to pursue a change to the MOAA bylaws, but it did approve the creation of a special advisory group known as the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC).

AMAC has served the MOAA membership in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors since 2004 and the success of the committee helped push the voting issue back on the discussion table in 2011. An Ad Hoc Study Committee was formed at the July meeting and reported back to the Board in October. The committee used extensive demographic data and input from major stakeholders such as the Council and Chapter Affairs Committee, AMAC and various chapter leadership groups to support their unanimous recommendation that Auxiliary members should be granted full voting privileges at the national level as soon as possible.

Auxiliary members make up 17% of MOAA’s One Powerful Voice and play key roles in leadership at all levels of the association. This summer, the general membership will have the opportunity to make their voice even stronger by granting them the right to vote. Current voting members should look for the national ballot with the delivery of the August edition of the *Military Officer* magazine.

Ana Smythe
Chapter and Council Auxiliary Liaison
Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC)”

DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE: If you know of anyone who did not receive a Trumpet because their dues have not paid as yet, please have them check the March copy of the “Trumpet” to see if “2011” still appears on the label. I will mail them a copy as soon as I receive their dues payment - (\$20.00 for Member dues or \$10.00 for Auxiliary Dues) with a check made out to “MOAA” and send to the Post Office address: PO Box 917, Carmichael CA 95609-0917.

DD214 Information!

It's official, DD-214s are NOW Online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214's online:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military

files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

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

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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.

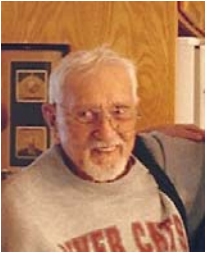
- Senator Barbara Boxer – 501 I Street, Suite 7-600, Sacramento CA 95814 – Ph. 916-448-2787
- Senator Dianne Feinstein – 1 Post Street, Suite 2450, San Francisco CA 94104 – Ph 415-393-0707
- Dist. 3 – Rep. Dan Lungren – 2339 Gold Meadow Way, Suite 220, Gold River CA 95670 – Ph. 916-859-9906
- Dist. 4 – Rep. Tom McClintock – 8700 Auburn-Folsom Rd. 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



Sick List

Just got word that **Barbara Webb and Geraldine Klein;** Auxiliary members, have been ill. Get well soon, Barbara and Geraldine!

Please contact Barbara Toyne (334-6616), if you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized so that the information can be posted in the Trumpet. Thanks for your help. B. T.



In and Around Sackamena

by Jim Harlow

April 2012

“When I was in high school in the 1930’s, there was a great feature writer for the San Francisco Examiner and I cannot remember his name for the life of me, but he was good and I never missed a one of his Sunday stories with the surprise endings. I don’t imagine after all this time that there is still a copyright for his work, so I would like to retell you one as best I can recall from memory, not to plagiarize, but in tribute to a great writer. Things could be wild in the 1930’s, too!”

There was this young fellow who met a girl for whom he developed an immediate interest and it seemed to be mutual, so he was delighted when she asked him to come to her house for a home-cooked meal and to listen to the radio by the fireplace. That evening, he got all dolled up, applied hair oil, studied his image in the mirror and took off for her house. On the way to florist shop, he decided on impulse to stop at a drug store. He really didn’t know much about the girl with whom he would be snuggling and listening to Glen Miller music by a cozy fire, but he did find her attractive and it was, he figured, better to be prepared than not. So in the drug store, he got to talking with the pharmacist, a pleasant old guy with a bald head, and purchased the product he had come for, telling the druggist not to bother with a bag, he’d just slip it in his pocket. ‘I’ve got a date with a girl I met just this morning and it’s better to be prepared than not,’ he said. The pharmacist agreed that it certainly was and the brand he bought was best protection there was.



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The young man proceeded on to the girl’s house stopping long enough to pop a bit of sen-sen into his mouth to sweeten his beath, found a florist shop, settled on a very nice selection, figuring that ought to make the girl responsive, but to make sure, he stopped at a store and got a box of chocolates. Now, he was sure he would be a big hit! When he got to the girl’s house, she greeted him and conducted him right into the dining room and there, at the hed of the table sat the little bald headed pharmacist. Introductions were made and the druggist frowned and said, “You look familiar. Say, aren’t you the guy who made a certain purchase at my drug store an hour ago?” The young man turned red and pleaded, “Oh, sir, please don’t tell her!” But the pharmacist just laughed, ‘Hey, honey,’ the pharmacist said to his daughter, ‘you’ll never guess what your young man here bought at my drug store!’ The young man turned all the more red and pleaded, ‘O, sir, please, please don’t tell her!’ But the pharmacist just laughed and said, ‘Know what he bought for his first date with you? A packet of antacid tablets!’



(Bet you knew that, Right? Right! Of course you did!)”

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

MOAA Sacramento Chapter
ATTN: 2012 Membership
PO Box 917
Carmichael, CA 95609-0917

Do you know of anyone who would like to become a member of the Sacramento Chapter of MOAA?
Please have him/her fill in this form and send to the address listed here.

NAME: _____	PHONE # _____ PUT IN ROSTER: YES ___ NO ___		
ADDRESS: _____	EMAIL _____ PUT IN ROSTER: YES ___ NO ___		
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____	RANK _____		
SPOUSE'S NAME: _____	BRANCH OF SERVICE _____		
RETIRED _____	ACTIVE DUTY _____	RESERVIST _____	FORMER OFFICER _____
Regular Member (\$20.00)	_____		
Auxiliary Member (\$10.00)	_____	(Spouse of Deceased Member)	
Scholarship Fund:	_____		
Total	_____		

(Cut here and mail to Post Office address)

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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.

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> May use in Roster <input type="checkbox"/> Unlisted
Email _____ <input type="checkbox"/> May use in Roster <input type="checkbox"/> Do not use in Roster

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