



# *Silicon Valley Chapter* **The Bulletin**



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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

<i>7 Nov</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>21 Nov</i>	<i>Climate Change</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>
<i>5 Dec</i>	<i>Board Meeting</i>	<i>10:00 AM</i>
<i>19 Dec</i>	<i>Turkey for Christmas</i>	<i>11:00 AM</i>

## *LUNCHEON PROGRAM*

**21 November 2013**

**Social Hour: 11:00 AM      Luncheon: 11:45 AM**

**CDR Bob Whitten, USN (Ret)  
Climate Change**



CDR Robert C. Whitten, USNR (Ret)

**It is Membership renewal time Please send in your check**

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**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE**

There are special events, some sad and some uplifting in the lives of all of us. The benchmark events: birthdays, anniversaries and in some cases – life shaping trauma -mark us all. This year we noted that a decade has passed since our nation was attacked and 3,000 + died. Many more have been killed and wounded in taking the fight to an enemy far from our shores. The burden has fallen on those who serve to protect us; with an all volunteer force this is a VERY small portion of our population. The survivors deserve not just recognition but healing; access to care has been difficult and now is getting better. Every year we celebrate a special day of remembrance on November 11. As members of the profession of arms, Silicon Valley Chapter members are encouraged to stay in contact with our congressional Legislators and our President to keep the care deserve not just recognition but healing; access to care has been difficult and now is getting better. Every year we celebrate a special day of remembrance on November 11. As members of the profession of arms, Silicon Valley Chapter members are encouraged to stay in contact with our congressional Legislators and our President to keep the care flowing to Wounded Warriors and Veterans who are returning with impacts on them not yet fully measured. Donations to the Silicon Valley Chapter Fund will be used to support programs and services for these deserving Veterans.

On a personal note, in early September, I attended the Tailhook reunion; this year's event was dedicated to the repatriated Vietnam era Prisoners held in Hanoi. More than 3,000 currently serving Naval Aviators, family members and Veterans gathered to hear stories from those returnees who were freed 40 years ago. Their complying with the Code of Conduct was exceptional in the face harsh treatment for many years. Mutual support, creative coping and determination were complemented by exceptional leaders among them. I had the honor of serving to foster their release more than half a lifetime ago. It was a joy to see how the former POWs, who were treated as returned heroes, have maintained their appreciation for the non-volunteers who fought for their release. Looking forward, the aftermath of many conflicts includes recalibrating the size of the defense forces. We are going through that downsizing again. Please keep in mind the Veterans of today need your support. *Paul*

**BULLETIN EDITOR**

*Be the Next Legacy*  
*( This problem needs help and REPEATING )*

Lt. Col. Keith Giles, USAF-Ret, has been The Bulletin editor for many years and it's time for a change. He's ready to take his place at a chapter luncheon table and simply enjoy the camaraderie, a nice meal, an often-entertaining speaker, and good cheer. And he's earned his retirement!

On that basis, the chapter has a current opening for a print newsletter editor, a member with computer skills, knowledge of desktop publishing, some sense of creativity and innovation, and a basic interest in producing a timely and informative newsletter. This is the perfect service opportunity for someone who would like to gain self-satisfaction through interpersonal communication and the written word.

Most of the content is likely to be provided; chapter members have been faithful offering drafts on a wide variety of topics. A special computer program is available; an EXCEL spreadsheet is used to maintain the membership and mailing databases. The task is to assemble appropriate content, create an effective layout about a month in advance of publication, maintain liaison with the printer, and supervise distribution. The newsletter will be posted to the chapter's website.

Finding a new editor is a critical issue, one which could result in serious consequences for the chapter should no member volunteer. Members who would like to express an interest in this opportunity are urged to contact Lt. Col. Keith Giles, USAF-Ret current Bulletin editor, telephone [1-408-244-9401](tel:1-408-244-9401).

*In Addition* Lt Col Neil Miles has unexpectedly resigned as this eBulletin editor. We're hoping someone steps up to take his place. Lt Col Michael Sampognaro will act as interim editor until replaced.

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**SVC MEMBERSHIP REPORT**  
*As of Oct 2013*

**Members 159 Auxiliary Members 44**  
**Total 203**

**VETERAN AFFAIRS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR October 2013**

**November 5**

Santa Clara Veterans and Military Collaborative, 11:30a.m.-1:30p.m. 2314 First Street, Tahoe Room, San Jose, CA

**November 6 Dementia Resource Day-VA**

**San Jose, 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m., Contact: 650-493-5000 RSVP by 10/31**  
 VA San Jose, 80 Great Oaks Blvd., Room F-100, San Jose, CA 95119.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**CPUC Annual Supplier/Diversity Event-DVBE , 9:00a.m.-3:15p.m., Contact: Stephanie Green 415-703-5245, UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center, 1675 Street, San Francisco, CA 1**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Veterans Corporate Technology Day, Contact: Mark Harvey 408-424-4447, Participants MUST Register at [www.veteranstechday.militaryhiringevents.com](http://www.veteranstechday.militaryhiringevents.com) Cisco Systems, San Jose, CA**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Wounded Warrior Project Music Festival, 11:00a.m., Contact: Dottie Guy at [wwpfest@gmail.com](mailto:wwpfest@gmail.com) Treasure Island Event Venue, 401 California Avenue, Treasure Island, CA**

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Veterans Memorial and Scholarship Fund Dinner-Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation Campbell, CA**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Veterans Day**

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Veterans Town Hall/Collaborative, (2 sessions) 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m. & 5:00p.m.- 7:00p.m., Contact: Eddie Ramirez 415-740-4399 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 207, 2nd Floor, San Francisco, CA (parking located below Civic Center Plaza)**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Wreaths Across America Ceremony, 8:45 a.m., Contact: Leo McArdle 650-303-2725 Golden Gate National Cemetery, 1300 Sneath Lane, San Bruno, CA**

**LEGISLATIVE NOTES*****CalMOAA Final Chaptered Bill Report***

The year began with over 100 veterans and military related bills being introduced. By the end of the legislative session, 45 bills had reached the Governor's office. Of these 45 bills, he signed 41 of them into law. Below is a list of bills that were signed or vetoed.

Many of the remaining bills that did not reach the Governor are considered still alive and can be moved forward next year after the Legislature reconvenes January 6, 2014.

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**For more information on these bills or any others, go to:**

**<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>**

CA AB 93

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Budget Committee

**TITLE:** Taxation: Credits, Deductions, and Net Operating Losses

**LOCATION:** Chaptered

**SUMMARY:** Extends existing law regarding the designation and oversight of economic development areas and incentives to businesses operating in those areas, and provisions of the Personal Income Tax and Corporation Tax laws that provide tax credits for sales and use taxes paid for purchases, and hiring credits, and the interest deduction. Creates a Tax Credit Committee. Limits the number of certain tax credits. Exempts sales taxes for property used in manufacturing and for materials used by a construction contractor.

**Position:** Support

CA AB 143

**AUTHOR:** Holden (D)

**TITLE:** Use Tax: Exemption: National Guard: Transfer Orders

**LOCATION:** Chaptered

**SUMMARY:** Exempts from use taxes the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property, other than a vehicle, vessel, or aircraft, purchased while outside the state by a qualified service member, or a qualified service member's spouse or registered domestic partner, prior to the report date on official orders transferring the qualified service member to the state.

**Position:** Support

**LEGISLATIVE NOTES**

## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

**CA AB 150****AUTHOR:** Olsen (R)**TITLE:** State Parks: Armed Services: Fee Waiver**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the State Department of Parks and Recreation to offer a veteran or current active duty or reserve military personnel of the United States Armed Forces or the National Guard of any state, a reduced fee or free day use of the California State Parks on Memorial Day and Veterans Day if certain conditions are met, including that proof is supplied.**Position:** Support**CA AB 151****AUTHOR:** Olsen (R)**TITLE:** Local Government: Disabled Veterans: Assistance**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the governing board of a county to grant financial assistance, relief, and support to a disabled veteran.**Position:** Support**CA AB 163****AUTHOR:** Atkins (D)**TITLE:** Sales and Use Taxes Exemption: Military Thrift Store**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Extends provisions of existing law that exempts from sales and use taxes, the sale of and the storage, use, or other consumption of, tangible personal property by a designated entity that operates a thrift store on a military installation, whose purpose is to assist members of the Armed Forces of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors.**Position:** Watch**CA AB 173****AUTHOR:** Weber (D)**TITLE:** Postsecondary Education: Small Business Procurement**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the California State University, and a community college district to award a contract for goods, services, or information technology with a specified value range to a certified small business, including a microbusiness and a disabled veteran business enterprise, without complying with specified competitive bidding requirements. Authorizes the University of California to award contracts for the same purposes with a specified value threshold.**Position:** Watch

**LEGISLATIVE NOTES**

## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

**CA AB 244****AUTHOR:** Bonilla (D)**TITLE:** Vehicles: License Plates: Veterans**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to sponsor a veterans specialized license plate. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue the veterans specialized plates if the Department of Veterans' Affairs meets specified requirements. Requires these plates to be subject to specified additional fees, and that the fee revenues be deposited in the Veterans Service Office Fund, after deducting administrative costs.**Position:** Sponsor**CA AB 256****AUTHOR:** Chavez (R)**TITLE:** State Agencies: Veterans**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Requires every state agency that requests on any written form or written publication, or through its Internet Web site, whether a person is a veteran, to request that information in a specified manner.**Position:** Support**CA AB 287****AUTHOR:** Frazier (D)**TITLE:** Vietnam Veterans' Memorial: Update**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to annually compile a list of names of Vietnam veterans to be added to the memorial. Requires that the Department of General Services annually add the names from the list to the memorial. Requires the Department to form a specified committee to review and consider request from the public to include names on the memorial. Authorizes the names on the list to be added, if specified requirements are met, including that adequate private funding is available.**Position:** Support

**LEGISLATIVE NOTES**

## CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

**CA AB 372****AUTHOR:** Eggman (D)**TITLE:** Civil Service: Veterans' Preference in Hiring**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Provides that whenever a veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100% disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an entrance examination, he or she is required to be ranked in the top rank of the eligibility list. Provides an exception. Deletes the provision that excludes those examinations for a class having a requirement of both college graduation and 2 or more years of experience from the definition of an entrance examination for purposes of allowing preference points for veterans.**Position:** Support**CA AB 409****AUTHOR:** Quirk-Silva (D)**TITLE:** Political Reform Act: Statements: Online Filing**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission to develop and operate an online system for filing statements of economic interests meeting specified requirements. Provides that with certain exceptions, filers would be authorized to use the system to meet requirements under the Act.**Position:** Support**CA AB 508****AUTHOR:** Calderon I (D)**TITLE:** Debt Collection: Homeless Veterans**LOCATION:** Chaptered**SUMMARY:** Prohibits, for a specified time period, the issuance of an order for the garnishment of earnings or the levy of a bank account or the earnings of a homeless veteran for the enforcement and collection of fees, fines, forfeitures, or penalties imposed by a court due to the violation of a state or local law related to loitering, curfew violations, or illegal lodging if the court has reason to believe that the debtor is a homeless veteran.**Position:** Watch

**Here is a listing of all the bills, with links to the complete text of each bill.**

**CA Legislative Bills**



## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### ELECTION 2013

The following is a list of chapter officer candidates for 2014.

President: Lt. Col. Michael Sampognaro, USAF-Ret  
1st Vice President/President-Elect: Lt. Col Neil Miles, USAF-Ret  
2nd Vice President: Lt. Col. Jesse "Jay" Craddock, USAF-Ret  
Secretary: COL Warren Enos, AUS (RET)  
Treasurer: CAPT Lloyd McBeth, USN (RET)

The election will be held at the November luncheon where any others can be nominated.

### EAT AND GREET

Chapter directors voted a one-time \$85 donation on October 3, 2013, to the San Jose State University Burdick Military History Center in support of a developing campus veterans' center.

During special Eat and Greet sessions, students are offered an opportunity to relax, become acquainted, pursue opportunities, and obtain academic and personal counsel and advice, with lunch provided by donors.

Members who might like to attend a session and meet the veterans can do so by going to the campus and the Burdick Military History Project room, Industrial Studies 239 (between the student union and San Fernando), Thursday, November 14, 2013, between 12:00 and 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Dr. Jonathan Roth, PhD, telephone 1-408-924-5505 and e-mail [jonathan.roth@sjsu.edu](mailto:jonathan.roth@sjsu.edu).

Tax-deductible donations in support of this effort can be sent to the chapter's treasurer, CAPT Lloyd McBeth, USN (RET), 498 Bancroft Street, Santa Clara, CA 95051-5610.



## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### Oak Grove AFJROTC

Living up to their motto of “Intendo Superior” the AFJROTC cadets at Oak Grove High School had an outstanding year.

At the beginning of every school year, the unit has to submit to the Air Force six goals that support the Air Force Junior ROTC mission to “Develop citizens of character, dedicated to serving their nation and community.” Two of these goals should focus on the community, two on the school, and the last two on the unit. By the 10th of April, the unit must report their status to Air Force Junior ROTC Headquarters. In pursuit of this year’s goals, this year’s 165 members of the Corps of Cadets accomplished over 5000 hours of community service, donated approximately 2,000 pounds of food, sponsored two blood drive that harvested over 300 units of blood, completed 5 campus beautification projects, and earned a GPA of approximately 2.68, which is higher than the school-wide GPA.

At every ESUHSD Board Meeting, two district schools are offered the opportunity to highlight the best aspects of their school. For the March Board Meeting, our Principal asked that cadets highlight the Air Force JROTC Program as the best the school has to offer. What an honor! She chose the 165 cadets out of the 2100 students at Oak Grove! The three Cadets discussed the program goals, the emphasis on the Air Force’s Core Values, and the many activities that help form citizens of character dedicated to serving their country and community.

This year, the Corps also underwent a triennial Air Force Unit Evaluation, and on 6 December 2012, earned a rating of “Exceeds Standards”, the highest rating possible.

In consideration of the unit’s performance during the inspection and efforts toward the six goals, the Air Force Junior ROTC Headquarters awarded the unit the “Distinguished Unit with Merit Award”; only 64 of the 867 AF JROTC units world-wide earned such a distinction this year!

Finally, every year the Corps of Cadets competes in six contests with the other JROTC units in the District. These competitions include academics, sports, physical fitness, and drill. This year, Oak Grove won the competition, and brought home the coveted “Principals Trophy”.

Earning an “Exceeds Standards” rating on the Air Force Inspection, bringing home the Principal’s Trophy, and being named among the top 7% of the Air Force Junior ROTC units in the world are amazing results. Achieving these milestones with the smallest JROTC senior class in years is almost incredible! We congratulate this year’s Senior Class for leaving a Legacy that will be hard to duplicate. Congratulations to all JROTC members, but most especially to the JROTC Class of 2013.

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**Oak Grove AFJROTC**



**JROTC Class of 2013**

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES****FALLING ON A SPEAR**

Participation with the California Council of Chapters (CALMOAA) can be interesting as noted from this e-mail exchange. The subject was travel costs related to an upcoming Executive Committee meeting in Oakland.

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Oakland is some distance from far Northern and Southern California and there can be significant travel costs involved making the trip, even for a one day meeting. No fear. No problem. Opportunity knocks. We are delighted to announce that Stockton-based Zuckerman Farm, right out there in the middle of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta, an organization touting "Farm Fresh and Pickled Produce," has set aside a small number of jobs for MOAA members who need additional financial resources for the trip. Most of the positions involve picking asparagus, and since the season will be over soon quick action is needed to secure one of the slots. Starting pay will be \$6.50 per hour for married workers, somewhat less for singles. No fruit or veggie experience is required; however a short basic skills test will be administered. A valid military ID card is all that's required for immediate employment. Another option, of course, would be for chapters to send presidents or representatives to the EXCOM meeting and reimburse all travel and related expenses. Not a bad idea, really. It keeps one out of the mud.

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I would be remiss if I didn't express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity you have presented to us poor southern boys to generate the necessary funds to visit beautiful Oakland. If possible I would like to be considered for a pickling rather than a picking assignment. Having fallen on my sword a number of times during my naval career I would be reluctant to become involved in asparagus picking for fear I will end up falling on a spear. On the other hand, a pickling assignment holds greater attraction. I myself have found myself pretty well pickled a number of times in the past and should fit into such an assignment with minimum training. Perhaps a short refresher course at the nearest wine tasting establishment would suffice. Any info you might have re times, wage scales, and bottling years would be appreciated. Thank you for your kind assistance. CAPT AI, USN (RET)

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Service at the state level can be interesting and very enjoyable. Any member interested in a potential assignment on the CALMOAA staff should contact CAPT Paul Barrish, USN (RET) without delay, telephone 1-408-356-7531.

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SOURCE: CALMOAA Communications

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES**

**WHY JOIN A MOAA CHAPTER?**

Here are six good reasons for any officer—active duty, Guard, Reserve, former, or retired, or their surviving spouse—to join a MOAA chapter today.

1. **Make yourself heard.** MOAA’s chapters provide critical grassroots support for MOAA’s national legislative agenda. Our benefits are under attack and MOAA is in the fight to preserve them. Chapter members let their legislators know what’s on their minds and open doors for MOAA’s legislative team in Washington, D.C. In these difficult times, MOAA members need to stick together and our chapters are the best way we know to do that.
2. **Giving back to the community.** Chapter members are MOAA’s ambassadors in their communities, supporting countless programs that make a difference in the lives of others. These members have gone the extra step to give back in the truest sense of servant leadership.
3. **Value added to chapter member lives.** MOAA chapters sponsor interesting programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders on issues important to members.
4. **Networking with fellow officers.** Chapters include second career members in the work force or retired service members who have contacts in the community that can be valuable to transitioning officers.
5. **Stay informed.** Chapter newsletters, websites, and meetings provide you the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits.
6. **Influencing state legislation.** Most states have a council of chapters that unites every MOAA chapter in the state. These councils often lobby for and pass state-level legislation that affects military members and their families, such as exempting military retired pay from state income tax or increasing funding for state-run VA programs.

SOURCE: MOAA

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES****POWER OF COMMITMENT**

Not everyone is leaving bankrupt Detroit; for some, the outlook appears bright. Quicken Loans, one of the nation's largest mortgage-loan companies, moved from the suburbs a few years ago to help attract a young, tech-savvy workforce. CEO Dan Gilbert said, "We are all in. We are more committed than ever to Detroit and the opportunities downtown."

An important purpose of the chapter is to protect the interests of members, their dependents, and survivors, and success depends on the active participation and commitment of the membership. Everyone needs to be "All In!" The chapter needs new officers, directors, committee chairs, and committee members. A replacement print newsletter editor is needed by the end of the year. Luncheon meeting attendance would encourage the leadership as well as provide an opportunity for members to be an active part of MOAA's "One Powerful Voice." Donations providing financial support to the chapter's operations and interests are important and appreciated.

Commitment has power. Goals are achieved, growth happens, and progress is made when chapter members make commitments. Studies show that commitments to almost anything, such as writing a novel, obtaining a college degree, going on a diet and losing pounds, or joining a local MOAA chapter and participating fully, brings benefits to one's world. Imagine approaching a movie theater box office, purchasing a ticket, and then just walking away without viewing the film. It just doesn't make sense.

Member commitments...

--Focus Energy. A typical flashlight provides a diffused beam of light but a laser pointer, using much less energy, concentrates the light to a tiny dot, providing more productivity;

--Inspire Growth. The life drivers of circumstances, convenience, and criticism do not cause growth, but when one makes a commitment to a specific goal or objective, something higher, there is personal and organization growth;

--Stabilize Relationships. On a wedding day the bride wears white and that demonstrates happiness, but why does the groom wear black? Marriage is not always easy. And opposites often attract; members have many differences. If chapter members are going to work together effectively, relationships must be founded on commitment.

--Determines impact. The life of individuals and organizations is short in relative terms. Sometimes there is only one shot, one opportunity, to make an impact. No ambition, no impact; high commitment, high impact. There might be good looks, lots of talent, and plenty of resources, but nothing great happens if there is no commitment.

CDR John Sammons, USPHS (RET), President, California Council of Chapters (CALMOAA), recently told chapter presidents that there are many challenges ahead at the national level which will require "heavy lifting" at the chapter level if earned entitlements are to be protected. Great outcomes are often achieved when chapter members are fully committed.

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SOURCE: Adapted From Power of Commitment by David Dewitt

## CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### 7<sup>TH</sup> PSYOPS GROUP

The 7th Psychological Operations Group is a psychological operations unit of the United States Army Reserve. Organized in 1965, it was a successor to United States Army Broadcasting and Visual Activity, Pacific. It is currently based at the relatively new Army Reserve Armory near Moffett Field.

It was constituted 19 August 1965 in the Regular Army as the 7th Psychological Operations Group, activated 20 October 1965 on Okinawa, inactivated 30 June 1974 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and redesignated 30 October 1975 as Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 7th Psychological Operations Group. It was concurrently withdrawn from the Regular Army, allotted to the Army Reserve, and activated at the Presidio of San Francisco, California, later to be reorganized and redesignated 18 September 1990 as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 7th Psychological Operations Group. Its location changed 15 September 1994 to Moffett Field, California.

Within the psychological operations battalions, there are a number of tactical psychological operations companies. Such companies are organized in the same manner as other tactical psychological operations companies Army-wide. It consists of a Headquarters Section, a Tactical PSYOP Development Detachment (TPDD), and 3 Tactical PSYOP Detachments (TPD). The TPDD focuses on Product Development and Target Audience Analysis while the TPD usually focuses on product distribution, face to face engagement with a given target audience and loudspeaker operations.

A member of the 7th PSYOPS Group's 12th Psychological Operations Battalion (POB) now of Mt. View, Sgt. Mark Hadsell, was quoted several times in the press in 2003 after the invasion of Iraq suggesting that music has been used in psychological operations. The term music torture is sometimes used by critics of the practice of playing loud music incessantly to prisoners or people besieged. The United Nations and the European Court of Human Rights have banned the use of loud music in interrogations, but it is likely still being used. For example, A BBC News report claimed that music by band Metallica, and from children's TV programs Barney and Sesame Street, was being used to cause sleep deprivation and culturally offend the prisoners. While it is acknowledged by US interrogation experts that it causes discomfort, it has also been characterized by them as causing no "long term effects."

In line with the U.S. Army Reserve's mission under Title 10 of the U.S. Code to provide trained, equipped, and ready Soldiers and cohesive units to meet the global requirements across the full spectrum of operations, the 7<sup>th</sup> PSYOPS motto is "Support by Truth."

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SOURCE: Wikipedia

## LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

## OCTOBER SPEAKER REPORT

On April 7, 1944, in the Central Pacific Ocean about 70 miles southwest of Guam, USS Pampanito was patrolling the western edge of the Japanese convoy routes between Saipan and the Palau Islands. Just after noon the radar operator picked up a target about 10 miles off the starboard bow, a small Japanese convoy including escort ships, and immediately went into attack position. During a cat and mouse game that was to last four days the boat was depth-charged and damaged, yet escaped to fight another day.

The chapter's October speaker was Mr. Richard Pekelney, a naval historian with the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association. He provided an overview of World War II fleet submarines, a history of the USS Pampanito (SS383) which is on display at Fisherman's Wharf, and specifics of the submarine as a museum and memorial.

During World War II the submarine force was the most effective anti-ship and anti-submarine weapon in the entire American arsenal. Submarines, which accounted for only about 2 percent of naval forces, destroyed over 30 percent of the Japanese Navy. U.S. submarines also destroyed over 60 percent of the Japanese merchant fleet, crippling Japan's ability to supply its military forces and industrial war effort. Allied submarines in the Pacific War destroyed more Japanese shipping than all other weapons combined. During the war, 52 US submarines were lost to all causes, with 48 directly due to hostilities; 3,505 sailors were lost, the highest percentage killed in action of any US service arm in World War II.

USS Pampanito was built in 1943 at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, New Hampshire as part of an expanded wartime production effort. She successfully completed six war patrols from 1944 to 1945 and served as a Naval Reserve Training ship from 1960 to 1971. Pampanito was decommissioned on December 15, 1945 and placed in "mothballs" at Mare Island. In 1971, the boat was stricken from Navy records, and in 1976 it was turned over to the Maritime Park Association; in 1982 it was opened to the public, over time becoming one of the most popular historic vessels in the country hosting as many as 250,000 visitors a year. In the spring of 1996 the submarine left her berth to star in the feature film "Down Periscope" starring Kelsey Grammer and Lauren Holley.

Rich Pekelney and others have worked hard to interpret the vessel to her visitors and to preserve and restore her to her wartime condition and appearance. In his presentation, Pekelney told of the importance of technology and with a focus on the CSP-62 Underwood Code Machine, one of the few surviving typewriters custom manufactured to transcribe Japanese radio communications. He also told of advances in diesel engines, depth charge technology, and the ECM Mark II, the SIGABA, a cipher machine used for message encryption. Today, maintenance is a big issue, particularly because of damage caused by salt water, and the submarine must go into dry dock every seven years for sometimes costly repairs. Chapter members who might want to contribute financially should visit the website [www.maritime.org](http://www.maritime.org).

Among member questions asked were: What impact does salt water have on the submarine? It rots everything. How extensive were problems with WWII torpedoes? Mark 14 torpedoes would often strike Japanese ships and fail to explode; the problems were complex and took a long time to resolve. Enemy ships often would return to port with an unexploded torpedo having pierced the hull. Are the guns in working condition? No, it's against the law to have operating weapons on the boat.

Mr. Pekelney said his organization's mission is to bring maritime history alive, and the luncheon presentation demonstrated he and others are very successful doing that.

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SOURCE: Luncheon Speaker



## LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

### NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Climate change is a significant and lasting change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns over periods ranging from decades to millions of years. Global warming is the rise in the average temperature of Earth's atmosphere and oceans since the late 19th century and its projected continuation. Is the climate really changing? Is the earth warming and if so do greenhouse gasses have anything to do with it? Is the earth increasing in temperature or is a cooling trend ahead? What's the truth about climate change and global warming claims?

The chapter's November speaker will be long-time member CDR Robert Whitten, USN (RET), Ph.D, a retired NASA research scientist. He has completed extensive statistical studies on climate change and specifically global warming; he has collected a huge body of evidence which he will share in the form of a POWERPOINT presentation; and, he will offer a dramatic conclusion based on his scientific inquiries and analysis.

The global warming controversy concerns the public debate over whether global warming is occurring, how much has occurred in modern times, what has caused it, what its effects will be, whether any action should be taken to curb it, and if so what that action should be. Global warming remains an issue of widespread political debate, sometimes split along party political lines, especially in the United States. CDR Whitten will provide a background explanation and reasons for alarmist claims and essentially the agendas of various stakeholders, most of which have a great deal to gain or lose depending on the beliefs and actions taken by legislators and certain policy-makers.

Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is the primary greenhouse gas emitted through human activities. In 2011, CO<sub>2</sub> accounted for about 84% of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions from human activities. Carbon dioxide is naturally present in the atmosphere as part of the Earth's carbon cycle (the natural circulation of carbon among the atmosphere, oceans, soil, plants, and animals). Some say human activities are altering the carbon cycle—both by adding more CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere and by influencing the ability of natural sinks, like forests, to remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere. Again, what is the truth? Is human-caused emission of gases like carbon dioxide a threat to the planet? Are humans causing climate change?

CDR Whitten will answer some of the basic questions by explaining how scientists try to model the climate, assemble empirical evidence, and reach conclusions based on studies demonstrated to be valid. As the great physicist, Richard Feynman, has said, "It makes no difference how beautiful your theory is, or how much work you have put into it, or how smart you are, if it doesn't agree with experiment or observation it's wrong!" Mistakes can be costly—for example, the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy both have been forced to adopt the use of bio-fuels at unbelievable expense and with mixed results.

A Korean conflict combat veteran, CDR Whitten is a graduate of the Merchant Marine Academy, was granted a Ph.D in physics from Duke University, and later earned a Master of Science degree, Meteorology from San Jose State University. He served for more than eight years as a senior physicist with SRI International, and completed a distinguished career after service with NASA. He is the author or coauthor or editor of more than one hundred thirty papers and five books on various aspects of atmospheric science. He has been active over the years with MOAA, ROA, and the Navy League.

SOURCE: Luncheon Speaker

## LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

### DECEMBER SPEAKER

Turkey, located mostly on Anatolia in Western Asia and on East Thrace in Southeastern Europe, is a democratic, secular, unitary, constitutional republic with a diverse cultural heritage. It's Western-oriented and boasts a free-enterprise economy. The cuisine is to die for, the coastline a dream, and many Turkish cities are dotted with spectacular old mosques and castles. It's a top Mediterranean coast travel destination.

The December luncheon speaker will be chapter member and Bulletin editor Col Keith Giles, USAF-Ret, who will provide an illustrated description of his tour to Turkey's Istanbul, Ankara, the Cappadocia region, and the western coastline. "I've always been fascinated with Istanbul after a lot of history reading when I was young," he said, "and approaching the "end-of-life" time I got to thinking that if I ever wanted to see it I had better get busy and arrange a tour."

Per tradition, members of Reserve Offices Association (ROA) Chapter #63 have been invited to attend the Christmas luncheon and enjoy the travelogue presentation.

According to Keith, "I knew I didn't want to be riding a bike in Turkey, so through a friend I contacted a Turkish travel agency. I flew to Istanbul and a tour guy met me. They put me in a hotel and it was arranged I would spend 4 days in Istanbul - 2 with a guide and 2 on my own. Then I was flown to Ankara to meet a group and travel by bus. Except for a Canadian couple who left the tour about half-way, the others were from India. They could speak English (the tour was in English) but mostly spoke their Indian dialect."

The heart of tourist Istanbul is the old section of the city, sprawling over the hills and tumbling down to the water in a grand spillage of glories from the past. The six minarets of the Blue Mosque are clearly visible; Hagia Sophia, lemon-colored and no less imposing than when it stood as the most important edifice in all Christendom; Topkapi Palace, where, swathed in the raiment of regal pomp, Ottoman sultans sat on golden thrones to chart the business of empire. It's a delight to walk portions of the five-mile-long Golden Horn and watch fishermen along the Bosphorus. Carpet-sellers offer tea just prior to the sales pitch.

"After visiting a couple of Ankara sites," Keith continued, "we drove southeast to the Cappadocia region where I had the highlight of the trip. Then we worked our way westward to the Mediterranean coastal area, visiting places in the areas of Ephesus, Troy, and the Dardanelles. We saw quite a few Greco-Roman ruins."

The tour ended in Istanbul and Keith flew home the following day, completing a very special trip, a dream adventure, a Turkish delight, something he always wanted to do.

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SOURCE: Luncheon Speaker

***THE IN BOX*****IRS DEMANDS**

At a recent board meeting one member disclosed that she was audited by the Internal Revenue Service because she made donations to the Tea Party. The long arm of the regulators is reaching down to the chapter level, and in more ways than one.

Apparently a new IRS policy is targeting American veterans' organizations and will levy steep fines if they do not report on the service records of all their members, according to Sara Blicharz, San Joaquin County GOP District 3 Chair. The new audit guidelines require the veterans groups to "maintain dates of service and character of service records for all members," with a penalty of \$1,000 per day for not having the required proof of eligibility.

The new guidelines are enforced by the same internal IRS bureau once led by Lois Lerner, the controversial leader of the office which created a scandal by targeting conservative and tea party groups and is now under investigation by Congress.

The American Legion has discovered existence of a so-called audit manual and suspects that "portions of it attempt to amend statutes passed by Congress and approved by the president," according to Philip Onderdonk, Jr., the American Legion's lawyer. The Legion will take up the issue and decide whether to pursue the matter through the courts or Congress.

It is unknown at this time whether the chapter will be audited and subjected to special IRS requirements, but providing detailed personal information about service records could prove to be a significant burden.

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SOURCE: Adapted from Daily Caller Item

**Thought For The Month**

*America is a land of opportunity, if you're a business man in China. B*

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<http://www.newsmax.com/Newsfront/irs-american-legion/2013/08/25/id/522102>

## **American Legion: IRS Demands Military Records for All Members**

Sunday, August 25, 2013 09:40 AM

**By: Audrey Hudson**

A new IRS policy is targeting American veterans' organizations with threats of stiff fines if the groups do not report on the service records of all their members, **the Daily Caller reports.**

The new audit guidelines requires the veteran groups to "maintain dates of service and character of service records for all members ... The penalty for not having the required proof of eligibility is, apparently, \$1,000 per day," according to the American Legion.

The new guidelines are enforced by the same internal IRS bureau once led by Lois Lerner, whose leadership of the office created a scandal by targeting conservative and tea party groups and is now under investigation by Congress.

"The American Legion has recently learned of the so-called IRS 'audit manual' and is concerned that portions of it attempt to amend statutes passed by Congress and approved by the president," said Philip Onderdonk, Jr., the American Legion's lawyer.

The American Legion will take up the issue during its national convention in Houston this week and decide whether to pursue the matter through the courts or Congress, where at least one lawmaker has already come to the organization's defense.

"On the heels of Americans' anger over revelations that the IRS intentionally targeted certain groups, it has been brought to my attention that the IRS is now turning their sights toward our nation's veterans," said Sen. Jerry Moran, Kansas Republican.

"The IRS seems to be auditing veteran service organizations by requiring private member military service forms," Moran said

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**THE IN BOX****TRICARE Statement About Government Shutdown****10/01/2013**[TRICARE Statement About Government Shutdown](#)

October 1, 2013

On October 1, 2013, the Defense Health Agency issued the following statement:

"We know that those who rely on the Military Health System (MHS) are concerned about how the government shutdown might impact their health care. While we can't predict the exact consequences of a shutdown on every part of our MHS, we will likely see some impact on the delivery of health care services within our military hospitals and clinics. Inpatient, acute and emergency outpatient care in our medical and dental facilities will continue, as will private sector care under TRICARE."

Read more at: [www.tricare.mil/Welcome/MediaCenter/News/Archives/10\\_1\\_13\\_Shutdown](http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/MediaCenter/News/Archives/10_1_13_Shutdown).**Same-Sex Spouses are Eligible for TRICARE Benefits****09/24/2013**[Same-Sex Spouses are Eligible for TRICARE Benefits](#)

September 24, 2013

Spouses, including same-sex spouses, of service members (active duty, retired or Guard/Reserve) are eligible for TRICARE. Coverage for same-sex spouses is retroactive to June 26, 2013. For full information on enrolling a spouse in TRICARE, visit the getting married page at [www.tricare.mil/LifeEvents/Marriage](http://www.tricare.mil/LifeEvents/Marriage).

For more information on filing claims with your managed care support contractor, visit the claims page at [www.tricare.mil/GettingCare/Claims/HowtoFile](http://www.tricare.mil/GettingCare/Claims/HowtoFile).

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The TRICARE Management Activity administers the worldwide health care plan for 9.6 million eligible beneficiaries of the uniformed services, retirees and their families.

**TRICARE TV - TRICARE Young Adult****09/17/2013**[TRICARE TV - TRICARE Young Adult](#)

September 17, 2013

Check out this video to learn about TRICARE Young Adult coverage for 21 - 26 year olds. Learn who qualifies, what's covered, and how to purchase TYA coverage.

View the video at: <http://ow.ly/oXD23>.

***THE IN BOX*****IG Finds Pharmacy Home Delivery Cost-Efficient, Safe****09/16/2013**[IG Finds Pharmacy Home Delivery Cost-Efficient, Safe](#)

September 16, 2013

Following an almost year-long study of the TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery program requested by members of Congress, the Defense Department inspector general's office has determined it is a cost-efficient way for beneficiaries to get their prescription medications, TRICARE Management Activity officials reported.

Read more at:

[http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/MediaCenter/News/Archives/9\\_16\\_13\\_HomeDeliveryIG](http://www.tricare.mil/Welcome/MediaCenter/News/Archives/9_16_13_HomeDeliveryIG)Sign up for TRICARE e-mail updates at [www.tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions).Connect with TRICARE on Facebook and Twitter at [www.facebook.com/tricare](http://www.facebook.com/tricare) and [www.twitter.com/tricare](http://www.twitter.com/tricare).

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### AUXILIARY CORNER

#### Estate Planning for Survivors

While nobody wants to think about his or her own death, the truth is we will all die someday. If you are widowed, you already know one of the most important gifts you can leave your spouse, children, or any other beneficiary is your final instructions. This includes a will and a trust, plus a myriad of other items that are necessary, which most of us never take the time to write down anywhere.

To help you out, MOAA has created an informative booklet called *Family Matters: A Personal Inventory for Peace of Mind*, which is available for download on the MOAA Web Base at [www.moaa.org/infoexchange](http://www.moaa.org/infoexchange). This booklet is an excellent guideline for what you need to provide in case something happens to you. Please fill it out in pencil and put it with your important papers. Update it as necessary as circumstances change.

Survivors should consider making out a new will and designating a new power of attorney and a new durable power of attorney in the event you are unable to make decisions for yourself. You will need to assign a new estate executor if your previous one was your spouse. Whom do you wish to make decisions for you? Do you wish to be buried or cremated, and where do you wish to be laid to rest? Your family needs to know.

In this age of technology, provide a list of your usernames and passwords for your online accounts, email accounts, cellphone, tablet devices, computer, etc. Photocopy the fronts and backs of all your credit cards, military identification card, and Social Security card and put them with your important documents in a safe place. Important documents include service records, birth certificates, marriage certificates, death certificates, deeds, life insurance policies, safe deposit box keys, tax records, etc. Make sure a family member or your estate executor has access to your safe deposit box and knows where your papers are located.

Life insurance is mostly for income replacement and is expensive. You might consider canceling or reducing the amount of life insurance you hold. For most of us, all we need is enough life insurance to cover final expenses. Consult a professional before making any changes.

Simple wills and powers of attorneys may be drawn up at your local military base judge advocate general office at no cost. For more information or assistance, call MOAA's Member Service Center at (800) 234-MOAA (6622) and ask to speak with a benefits expert in MOAA's Transition Center, or email [beninfo@moaa.org](mailto:beninfo@moaa.org).

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Source: The Affiliate/Kathy Prout, Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

## *PERSONAL AFFAIRS*

### **EMPLOYMENT**

For those seeking employment there are job listings posted on the CALMOAA website on line at [http://www.calmoaa.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=15&Itemid=36](http://www.calmoaa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=15&Itemid=36) . For additional employment assistance there are sites on our LINKS site at <http://siliconvalleymoaa.org/link.html>

The San Jose Police Department is looking to hire veterans at this site <http://www.sjpd.org/joinsjpdblue/Veterans.html>

H2H-Jobs for Members of the Reserve Component and Military Spouses <https://h2h.jobs/>

California Department of Veterans Affairs <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/>

DORS is a centralized job listing and placement system accessed through the department's human resources website <http://www.donhr.navy.mil/>

*COPS* <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=2630>

Here are resources for Veterans, their family members, and civilians to obtain career advice and find jobs. <http://www.va.gov/jobs/>

### **Looking For Employment?**

### **Do You Want More Job Security?**

**The State of California is planning on hiring 400-600 Program Technicians!!!**

The first step in getting a job with the State of California is passing an exam. CalHR is now offering exams for the Program Technician, Program Technician 2, and Program Technician 3 exams. Exams are required to obtain eligibility for job vacancies.

The California Health Benefit Exchange (Covered California) anticipates hiring 400-600 Program Technicians (2 and 3 levels) currently within the **Sacramento** and **Fresno** regions. The majority of positions will be filled with **Part-Time, Intermittent** and/or **Temporary** employees. Bilingual positions (**Spanish, Chinese, Hmong, Khmer, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin, Laotian, Korean, Cambodian, Vietnamese, Russian, Armenian, Farsi, and Arabic**) will be available. View the class specifications for a description of the duties and requirements for the Program Technician series at <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/state-hr-professionals/pages/9927.aspx>.

Visit <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/Pages/job-seekers-program-technician-2-3.aspx> to find out more about testing times and locations.

For additional information regarding the State of California hiring process please visit <http://www.calhr.ca.gov/pages/contacts.aspx> or by calling (916) 324-0455.



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How To Get The Most Out Of References In A Social Media World

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The 3 Parts of a Successful Job Search - How Many are You Using?

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RESUMES ARE ESSENTIAL!

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Get a Job Offer from a Stranger | TIME.com

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Networking Rules! Step-by-Step

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One Really Good Tip to End Your Job Search: Have a Plan and Work Your Plan

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If you're job hunting, don't forget about networking. Some basic tips on doing just that -

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Secret to Being Likable in Interviews

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The best Hobbies and Interests for your CV

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A Recruiter's Perspective

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Good resume format to use for Military Talent

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Here are some tips for using LinkedIn groups to get connected and find opportunities.

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5 Ways to Leave a Lasting Impression During a Job Interview

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### **ID CARD CHANGE**

The Moffett Field ID card office is currently located in the U.S. Army Reserve Center, 230 RT Jones Road, Mt. View, CA 94043-1809. The office can be reached by making the left hand turn from the 4-way stop immediately prior to the Moffett Field main gate. The building is one half mile down the road on the left.

It will be necessary to make an advance appointment for entry to the building and obtaining the new card. To make an appointment, use this number from 0800 to 1530, closed 1200 to 1300 for lunch: **650 526-9891** or on-line click on “Moffett Appointment” at this location <http://siliconvalleymoaa.org/iddecals.html>

### **VETERAN BENEFITS**

For veterans benefits and more connect with *eBenefits* at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/>

### **Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about TRICARE but were Afraid to Ask**

There are many secure functions available to help you manage your TRICARE benefits, DEERS, etc., while at home or on the go, no matter your military status, active, reservist or retired. Your local MOAA Silicon Valley Chapter heartily recommends first checking into the TRICARE Home- page, <http://www.tricare.mil/>, then clicking on any/all applicable link(s) that may apply to your particular situation.

Each specific link should provide detailed instructions on accessing that desired area of interest.

### **REPORTING DEATHS**

Members can report the death of a retiree locally through the Retiree Activity Office (RAO).

The phone number is 650- 603-8047.

You can also notify a MOAA member’s death to MOAA:

- \* Attn: MSC, 201 N Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314-2539.
- \* Or call 1-800-234-6622
- \* Or: E-mail: <mailto:msc@moaa.org>.

## ***PERSONAL AFFAIRS***

### **“VETERAN” DEFINED**

Over the years I’ve heard many ideas of what people think a veteran is and what they had to do to get this status. Some people who have been honorably discharged do not think they are veterans because they only served for two years, did not serve in combat, or were not injured in the service. Women and people who served honorably in the National Guard and Reserves are often unsure of their status.

What does it take to earn veteran status? The answer is not easy, but I will do my best to offer clarity from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) perspective.

Under federal law, a veteran is any person who served honorably on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. Anyone whose discharge is marked “General and under honorable conditions” also qualifies for veteran status. Any person who served in the active military, naval, or air service of the United States and was discharged from the service due to a service-connected disability or filed a claim and was service-connected for a disability sustained while in the service is also considered a veteran. For example, a person who goes into the service, gets injured while in basic training and receives a service-connected disability rating from the USDVA (no matter how long they served) would be considered a veteran.

Certain veterans of the Philippine Commonwealth Army who were identified as scouts and served between December 7, 1941 and January 1, 1947 are considered veterans of the United States.

Members of the National Guard and Reserves may be considered veterans if they were deployed under Title 10 (Federal Orders), completed that deployment and were issued a DD-214 (discharge) under honorable conditions. Persons who serve in the Guard and Reserve without a federal deployment are usually not eligible for veterans benefits unless they were injured during their basic or advanced training or while on weekend drill or the two-week summer training. To qualify for benefits, they must have reported the injury, filed a claim with the USDVA, and received a disability rating for that injury.

Other persons who’ve earned veteran status are those who served as commissioned officers of the Public Health Service, the Environmental Science Services Administration or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor the Coast and Geodetic Survey. Those individuals would have been issued a document similar to a DD-214 as proof of their service.

Eligibility for veterans’ benefits also depends on the character of the discharge: honorable, general under honorable conditions, other than honorable, bad conduct, and dishonorable. Normally, only honorable and general under honorable conditions will qualify the veteran for benefits. An uncharacterized discharge may also qualify the veteran, but that is up to the USDVA and is handled on a case-by-case basis.

An officer cannot receive a dishonorable discharge. If they are demoted in rank at a court martial, they are given an officer’s discharge that is equal to a dishonorable discharge. Most times, an individual with entry level separation given (usually) within the first 180 days for medical or other reasons is not considered a veteran.

Veterans should never take for granted that their discharge, if not honorable, precludes them from USDVA benefits. Unless the character of the discharge is bad conduct or dishonorable, the wise thing to do is apply for benefits.

There is a process through which an individual may seek a discharge upgrade. Application for an upgraded discharge should be made within three years of discharge, but the veteran needs to have a rationale for claiming that the discharge should have been honorable.

In the past, the services have rated people with personality disorders later found to be Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This usually occurred after the service member returned from a combat tour and had trouble dealing with the authority back in the home unit. Service members who have had that experience or who are unclear whether they have earned veteran status should contact their County Veterans Service Office for assistance. To find the office nearest you, go to [www.cacvso.org](http://www.cacvso.org), Click on Contact Us, and then click on your county of residence.

*SOURCE: Ted Puntillo, Director of Veteran Services, Solano County*

**PERSONAL AFFAIRS****SAVING MOFFETT CHAPEL**

Silicon Valley Chapter Chaplain Fred Tittle is joining forces with Air National Guard 129th Rescue Wing Chaplain-In Charge, Lt. Col. Laura Adelia, USAF, in an effort to make the Moffett Federal Airfield chapel open and available to the local military community. The chapel was closed some months ago due to budget constraints.

These two professionals are doing what chaplains do; in this case working to provide a physical place where the spiritual needs of armed forces personnel can be met.

The Militia Act of 1903 formally organized the various state militias into a National Guard. The National Guard's beginning, however, pre-dated our independence and was firmly rooted in our country's birth. It was Citizen-Soldiers from the colonies who rallied to begin an American dream, which quickly became the constitutional commitment to "...secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity..."

Chaplains, usually wearing traditional suits of black broadcloth, accompanied the colonial militias of Citizen-Soldiers into battle.

Writing to Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia, George Washington stated his firm conviction that the presence of chaplains providing spiritual care was as essential to his forces as any other officer. "The... (lack)...of a chaplain does," wrote Washington, "I humbly conceive, reflect dishonor upon the regiment, as all other officers are allowed."

Reverend Samuel Stone (1602- 1663), a Puritan pastor of Hartford, Connecticut, may well have the distinction of being the first active field service military chaplain in English America.

Chaplains, like Reverend Stone, conducted worship, held daily prayers, and visited the sick and wounded.

In the past Chaplain Tittle has conducted religious services at the Moffett chapel, has provided memorial services for chapter members, and presided at other special events.

A chaplain is the commander's staff officer to whom is delegated the responsibility to provide for the free exercise of religion. A chaplain's assistant is an enlisted member trained and qualified to support chaplain operations. Chaplaincy refers to the occupational-career field specialty responsible for providing religious support to military members and authorized civilians in specified defense and civil support operations. Along with certain other qualifications, chaplains are currently engaged in a denominationally approved, ordained ministry.

General Craig R. McKinley, Chief, National Guard Bureau, said, "The National Guard Chaplaincy is vital to the spiritual health and well-being of National Guard members and their families at home and overseas. We depend on our Chaplaincy to provide spiritual, moral, and ethical direction, especially in times of rapid change and uncertainty."

Chaplains Tittle and Adelia and other local chaplains are working to support the values of spirituality, the quest to know God, oneself, and life's meaning—a right guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; compassion, love that sees beyond the surface and embraces our common humanity; diversity, the inherent worth of every person and his or her right to be cared for with dignity and respect; and, courage, spiritual and moral strength to accomplish God's calling.

Chaplains and their staffs provide counsel and advice; spiritual, emotional, and sometimes material support; plus a wide variety of publications such as "Daily Guideposts," a devotional, "Our Daily Bread," military ministry, "Strength for Service To God and Country," and even an extensive booklet on "Loving Your Military Man."

Chaplains, community pastors, priests, rabbis, and other clergy, these unique spiritual caregivers, went where our soldiers went and lived the dangers they lived, and doing so with the singular purpose of ensuring the spiritual health and well-being of the militia.

*Source: Board Minutes*



**Membership Application and Renewal Form**

**Silicon Valley Chapter Military Officers Association of America Mail to:  
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