



Newsletter for December 2019

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Chapter Luncheon

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MOWW Annual Holiday Program December 18, 2019

We are pleased to announce that this years annual Christmas Program will again be held at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. The Cuesta College North County Chorus will provide the entertainment with lively music, traditional songs and Christmas carols. Companions and attending MOAA members are urged to invite family and friends and to make reservations as early as possible. The event will take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2019 starting at 11:30 am with a social meet and greet. Lunch and entertainment will take place from 12:15 pm to around 14:00 pm. Since this is a festive event, we are encouraging all military to wear their Dress Mess or Class A uniform. Otherwise suit with tie. Of course the ladies will know their appropriate wear. Reservations must be made NLT COB Tuesday, December 14th by contacting.....

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The cost is \$35 per person payable by check or cash at the door (no credit cards). The menu will be Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf, Root Veggies, Mashed Potatoes, NY Cheesecake with Berry Sauce for dessert, or vegetarian by special request. A no host bar will be available with beer and wine. Directions to the event are attached:

Chaplain's notes December 2019

Friends sometimes ask me why I have such a positive attitude. Let me offer the following:

It's easy to look on the bright side when all is going well. But the really happiest folks are the one who can say when all is going wrong; that a little unhappiness must balance out the joys, so a bit of sadness has a place in the world, too.

Many years ago when our family had disintegrated, I was a teenager but consoled my Mother "Everything happens for the best." When we thought we were at the end, we kept this thought first. We know that for life, and people and plants, there must be rain as well as sun. So we must accept both for our own survival.

For those of us with a positive attitude, our favorite season is always the one we're in. We must continue to look on the bright side, knowing that soon, the sun will shine on us again and the flowers will bloom! This requires something that might be missing in your life: Faith! Yes, faith is not easy to define, but without faith we have nothing. With faith, we have a caring and loving God who will pick us up and carry us when we have lost our way. When you think you are at that time and point in your life when everything is dark, and you think you have nowhere to turn, there is your faith, a faith in God to give you the physical and mental strength to carry on!

We are approaching one of the most important seasons of the Christian calendar: We look to December 25 as the birth of our Lord Jesus. There is perhaps no better time to reflect on your personal faith and an opportunity to renew and restore that faith! May God be always with you!

MOWW Luncheon November 15, 2019

Incoming officers for 2020 were elected as follows:

Commander:	<i>Maj James Murphy, USMC (Ret)</i>
Sr Vice Commander:	<i>LTJG Joseph Brocato, USN (Fmr)</i>
Jr Vice Commander:	<i>LTC Louis Stout, USA (Ret)</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Joe Brocato</i>
Judge Advocate:	<i>LTC Dan Dow, USA (NG)</i>
Adjutant, Chaplain, & Sgt at Arms:	<i>Jim Murphy</i>
Staff at Large (3 positions):	<i>LTC Angel Ortiz, USA (Ret), Capt David Brandmeyer, USMC (Fmr), and CPT Richard Hathcock, USA (Fmr)</i>

The December meeting will be a joint affair with the MOAA to be held at the San Luis Obispo Country Club on Wednesday, 18 December. The meeting will start at 11:30 am with a short opening followed by entertainment by the Cuesta College Carolers with seasonal songs. Lunch to follow.



Cost will be \$35/person with a menu of Bacon Wrapped Meat Loaf, vegetables & mashed potatoes, NY cheesecake, with a non-alcoholic beverage station.

The meeting schedule for 2020 will be a bit flexible with the number of meetings to be a minimum of 4 and maximum of 10 with at least 1 combined meeting with the MOAA Chapter.

Companion LTC Dan Dow, District Attorney, gave a brief overview of his office activity handling between 12,000 to 14,000 cases annually with about 20% being felonies. He gave some interesting details of some current completed trials.

His office has about 110 staff members with 38 attorneys and supporting personnel.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR PAST YEAR:

October, 2019:



Lt Col Nelson (Ed) "Fast Eddie" Cobleigh, USAF (ret) gave a recap of his distinguished career as a fighter pilot in Vietnam, instructor at USAF Fighter Weapons School and the USN's Top Gun school, and as an Air Intelligence Officer he worked with the CIA, FBI, and MI6 on a variety of covert intelligence projects.

September, 2019:

Companion Tim Haley, USMC (fmr) went to Europe last summer and made a very interesting slide presentation of the historic sites he visited. These included Belleau Wood and Normandy in France.



July and August were "vacation" months

June, 2019:

Atascadero Boy Scout Troop 51 was recognized for their excellent support of monitoring the flags at the American Heritage Monument by the Galaxy Theatre.



May, 2019: Recognition of Law Enforcement. The meeting was on the 15th which happened to be Peace Officers Memorial Day (and our flags at the American Heritage Monument were at half-staff).

Marni Barton, Special Agent with the FBI was the officer being recognized for her many accomplishments. She was accompanied by Supervisory Senior Resident Agent Charles (Chip) Kincaid. Jim Voge, the Undersheriff for San Luis Obispo County, LTC Dan Dow, San Luis Obispo County District Attorney, and Dennis Falasco, Pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church in San Luis were also guests in attendance.



April, 2019

This was a combined meeting of the MOWW and MOAA (along with MCL680 & the American Legion) at the Madonna Inn to remember and celebrate the life of our friend CDR William Houston, USN (ret) ...aka: Padre Bill. (A memorial celebration had previously been held at the Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles.)



March, 2019: Our guest speaker was Capt. Pete Pepper, USA (Ret). Pete started the non-profit Central Coast Veterans Helping Veterans Organization, see their website at: <https://ccvhv.org/> . He also currently leads our Veterans Treatment Court Mentor program.

Pete talked about his experiences as Company Commander in Vietnam and why he started “Veterans Helping Veterans”.

February, 2019: Our speaker was Mr. Bear McGill. Bear retired from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's office after 28 years as a Correctional Deputy, He is now the Chairperson for Honor Flight Central Coast California program. Bear was assisted by Bruce McGrath.



There was an excellent presentation covering all aspects of the Honor Flight program. Their Mission is to honor all of America's veterans by taking them to Washington D.C. on their "Tour of Honor" as a guest. Once there, they can visit and reflect at their memorials which have been built to honor their service.

January, 2019: Mr. Colt Esenwein, the Director of Public Works for San Luis Obispo County had some interesting perspectives on traffic, water issues, growth management and other infrastructure related activities.

Colt was previously the assistant director of Public Works for Stanislaus County. He served in the Navy from 1990 to 1994, holds a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from Cal Poly and is a registered professional civil engineer.

For more information on the programs and additional photographs, please visit our website at: <http://www.mowwvanderberg.org/MeetingsPage.htm>

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Mark your calendar

Wed. Dec. 11th -MOWW/MOAA EXCOM

Wed. Dec 18th- MOAA Holiday Luncheon

Jan. 9th-MOWW EXCOM

Jan. 15th-MOWW Luncheon

MOWW Preamble

To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;

To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag;

To promote and further patriotic education in our nation;

Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States;

To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces;

To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America;

To acquire and preserve records of individual services;

To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and

To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country we unite to establish . . .

The Military Order of the World Wars.