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Chapter Luncheon

During the forthcoming months, the MOWW EXCOM along with the MOAA EXCOM have agreed to adjust our scheduled luncheon meeting dates to accommodate the conflicting holiday schedule. During November we have scheduled a joint meeting with the MOAA at the Madonna Inn on Friday, November 9th starting at 11:30 am. We have scheduled some very special entertainment as described in the Sr. Vice Commanders comments that follow herewith. This is a do not miss program. Please make your reservation early.

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Commander's Message: LTC Louis Stout,

The guest speaker for our Oct. 17th Luncheon was LTC Erik Brun, USA, (Ret), Foundation President for the 99th Infantry Battalion. Erik presented an interesting description of the Saga of the Viking 99th Infantry Battalion and its various missions during WWII. The 99th was comprised of Norwegian residents (to become citizens) and was a unit separate from the Army Battalions (consisting of 4 companies each). This separate designation enabled rapid deployment to whatever assignment/mission needed their expertise (and of course skiing was one of the talents utilized). Their greatest and most important achievement was the destruction of the Nazi's heavy metal manufacturing capabilities that stopped their development of the Atomic Bomb. Without this, the Germans could have leveled London as the US did Hiroshima. Pictures on page 2.

During December, we will hold our **Christmas Holiday lunch** at the Officers Club on Camp San Luis Obispo at noon on Tuesday, December 11th, the same as last year. Again, this will be a joint meeting with the MOAA. Additional information will be included in the Dec. MOWW Newsletter.



Sr. Vice Commander: LT Ron Janney USNR (fmr).

WORLD PREMIER PERFORMANCE North County Chorus. The North County Chorus of Cuesta College will perform a special musical piece entitled “Normandy” at the site in France where Allied troops landed in World War II on June 6, 1944. The performance will be on July 4, 2019. To commemorate the event, Cassandra Tarantino, Choral Director at Cuesta College, has commissioned Dr. Ron Kean to compose the special piece of music for the Chorus to sing. He composed what Cassandra has described as a remarkable piece---- “Normandy”. It is written for choral and flute. He had earlier written the Harriet Tubman piece for the SLO Master Chorale which was performed last Spring.

Mrs. Tarantino has requested the World Premiere Performance to be recorded and performed for the Military Order of the World Wars, especially to honor those veterans of World War II. The Executive Committee of MOWW has decided to join with the Military Officers Association of America and have a joint dinner meeting and has invited the North County Chorus to present this musical piece. This will occur on Friday, November 9 at 1130 hours, and will be at the Madonna Inn. This meeting will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled meetings for both MOWW and MOAA for the month of November. It will also be just two days before Veterans Day, which this year is the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice which brought World War I to an end.

We may be hosting up to twenty five members of the North County Chorus, and this should be a very special event, considering what the focus of their endeavor is. I would like to encourage all members of both MOWW and MOAA to attend this performance, and be in uniform if possible. Ron Janney

Sergeant-At-Arms Remarks: MAJ Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)

Here is but a small sampling of the wit and wisdom of one of the great world leaders, Golda Meir. There is nothing I could say about her that would extol her more than her own words. I will include only a smattering herein, and will try to offer some added words of hers next month:

1. Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement.
2. We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children. We cannot forgive them for forcing us to kill their children. We can only have peace with the Arabs when they love their children more than they hate us.
3. My dear, old age is like an airplane flying in a storm. Once you're in it, there's nothing you can do. You can't stop the plane, you can't stop the storm, you can't stop time. So you might as well take it easy, with wisdom.
4. A man who doesn't hate war is not fully human.
5. Don't be so humble. You aren't that great!

Adjutant: MAJ Jim Murphy, USMC (Ret)

Thanks for all who paid their chapter dues last month! If you are wondering if you are remiss, just ask! Actually, while your National dues are paid based on your anniversary date, it has been decided that locally we will look to the calendar year for the chapter. Thanks again for your support!

Chaplains Corner, James Murphy

Last month I ended by promising a second chapter. Here it is:

The waves of the sea roll in on the shore 26 to the minute in all kinds of weather.

All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day. Linnaeus the Great Botanist once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives. If we try to regulate our own lives, we will have only mess and failure. Only God, who made our brains and hearts can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache; when you open it he collapses. When he see you reading it, he loses his strength and when you stand on the word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil—it has no point.

I pray God bless you in ways you never even dreamed!

ARMISTICE DAY, November 11, 1918. “The First World War created the modern world. A conflict of unprecedented ferocity, it abruptly ended the relative peace and prosperity of the Victorian era, unleashing such demons of the twentieth century as mechanized warfare and mass death. It also helped to usher in the ideas that have shaped our times—modernism in the arts, new approaches to psychology and medicine, radical thoughts about economics and society---and in so doing shattered the faith in nationalism and liberalism that had prevailed in Europe since the Enlightenment. With *The First World War*, John Keegan, one of our most eminent military historians, fulfills a lifelong ambition to write the definitive account of the Great War for our generation.”

This paragraph is the opening “blurb” from the front flap of the dust jacket on *The First World War* by John Keegan. On page 423 of that book is the following: “The Second World War was the continuation of the First, and indeed it is inexplicable except in terms of the rancours and instabilities left by the earlier conflict.” And a follow up to this fact is what has happened following World War II, which leads us to where we are today. (My sentence, not Keegan’s.) While November 11 was originally called Armistice Day, it has had many other names. It is called Remembrance Day in the UK and Commonwealth countries, and was later changed to All Veterans Day in the US. In 1954, President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as a National Holiday, and Congress changed the name to Veterans Day. From 1971 to 1978, Congress changed Veterans Day to the fourth week in October, but due to the public feeling for November 11, that date again became Veterans Day. So now Veterans Day is to honor all Veterans, not just those who gave their lives in World War I, or the Great War as it was called then. So on a Sunday which is coming up soon, plan to go to a local Veterans Day Ceremony. Thank other veterans and yourself for service to this country. I have heard from some that “I didn’t do much, I was just a truck mechanic” or “I manned a typewriter”. You go where your orders tell you to go, and not all of us were in a foxhole, on a Swiftboat, manning a 40 MM Bofors on a Battleship, passing gas from a KC-135, or up in an F-4 Phantom. So if you served, whether providing food or ammo to the front lines, doing admin work, playing in the band, or were on the front lines using the ammo, thanks for your service. If you were on land, at sea, or in the air, thanks for your service. I will be at the Faces of Freedom in Atascadero on Veterans Day. And by the way, the official title for the day is Veterans Day, without the apostrophe. Congress has declared that it is meant to be attributive, not possessive.

LT Ron Janney

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Mark Your Calendar

Fri. Nov. 9th - MOWW/MOAA
JOINT LUNCHEON

Tue. Dec. 4th - MOWW/MOAA
COMBINED EXCOM

Tue. Dec. 11th - MOWW/MOAA
JOINT CHRISTMAS 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 ...

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