

Alameda Chapter Express



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Schedule of Events

See all scheduled meetings on chapter website [HERE](#).

- May 4th All Military Retiree Annual Seminar, Coast Guard Island
- Feb. 2nd. [Cutter Robert Ward commissioning](#) at Yerba Buena Island

2019 Board of Directors Meetings

Building 4, Coast Guard Island, 1030 to 1200

8 Jan	2 Apr	2 Jul	1 Oct
5 Feb	7 May	6 Aug	5 Nov
5 Mar	4 Jun	3 Sep	3 Dec

Upcoming General Meetings

13 February	14 August
10 April	13 November
12 June	

A President’s Farewell

Tulio Acquistapace

Another year for our Alameda County chapter and time for me to step aside and turn the gavel over to CAPT Fred Jaffin. We had another good year with a healthy financial condition and stable membership. The success of the chapter



was due to extra effort by members of the leadership team and I can only say thank you for your support for the past three years. We are already planning for special speakers at our general meetings and special events for 2019. I hope to see you at our meetings – read the newsletter for more information. To all members you can show your support by giving your input to any member of the board of directors and attending our general meetings. It has been an honor to serve as your president.

Thank You

Bob Council joined our chapter April 15th 2015 and volunteered to be editor of our newsletter within the next month. Bob has tirelessly supported the Chapter each month with both our Alameda Chapter website and ACE. Although Bob has passed on the reigns, he continues to support our Alameda chapter. A whole-hearted thanks to Bob for his dedication and undaunting support!

Election of 2019 Chapter Officers

Rudolf Bredderman

The Chapter elected its Officers and Board of Directors for 2019 at the Chapter's General Meeting on 14 November 2018. The members who were elected to be Chapter Officers and voting members of the Board of Directors are:

- President, CAPT Fred Jaffin, USN
- 1st Vice President, CDR Geoff Kline, USCG
- 2nd Vice President, COL William Garcia, USA
- Treasurer, CAPT Warren McDonald, USCG
- Secretary LT. COL Rodney Grayson, USA
- Dir. for Communications, Capt. Ramona Chávez, USAF
- Dir. for Membership, CDR Rudolf Bredderman, USN
- Director At Large, MAJ Sidney Jordan, USA
- Director At Large, CDR James Pricco, USN
- Director At Large, LTC Jason Kuroiwa, USA
- Legislative Affairs Liaison, LTJG Gary Blank, USN

Our current Chapter President, CAPT Tulio Acquistapace, USN, will continue to serve on the Board of Directors in 2019 as Immediate Past President.

Those elected on 14 November 2018 will take office at the Chapter's first meeting in January 2019. The term of office for each will be one year, but with the approval of the Board of Directors, can be extended to two years.

The incoming President may appoint additional Chapter members to serve in Chapter leadership positions and on the Board of Directors as non-voting members of the Board

December 2018 Membership Update

Jerry Jacobs

New Members. We welcome two Active Duty Members to the Alameda Chapter of MOAA!

The Alameda Chapter appreciates the

membership of the Active Duty Members from the Bay Area Coast Guard Commands.

- CDR Jacqueline Leverich, USCG
- LCDR Kris Leverich, USCG

This month's newsletter includes a 2019 Membership Application and/or renewal for the Alameda Chapter. This gives the membership a headstart for 2019. A few members find it convenient to pay a few years in advance.

Alameda Chapter dues are:

- Regular Members \$20 per year
- Spouse, and Surviving Spouse \$5 per year.

You may mail your dues to the address on the Membership Application to:

CDR Rudolf Bredderman
35923 Romilly Court
Fremont, CA 94536

Prompt payment will assist the Alameda Chapter in our administrative duties and is appreciated. The Alameda Chapter MOAA Board is looking forward to a participating and growing Membership.
Jerry Jacobs

Legislative Liaison

Fred Jaffin

Veteran's Day. This year's official Alameda County Veteran's Affairs Commission Veterans Day event was held at the Hayward City Hall (the new Library was still not completed) with Hayward's Mayor Barbara Halliday, and Fremont Mayor Lily Mei attending, as well as other local officials. The keynote speaker Colonel John McPartland, USA, Ret, and the Mayor Halliday spoke of the importance of the occasion for all veterans, and also on the importance of the commemoration of the end of World War I. Also, the American Legion Color Guard/Honor Guard, the Mount Eden HS Choir, and local Boy and Girl Scout Troops provided superb support to the event for many attending veterans, surviving spouses and guests.

Congressman Eric Swalwell's (CA-15) Service Academy Boards - These Boards interview applicants of the various military service academies assisting Congressman Swalwell with the in determining his list of nominations that will be submitted to the various service academies in January 2019. I served on the USNA Board, along with many other active and retired officers from all of the services on these Boards.

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) - There was an article in a recent MOAA National magazine on the issues surrounding the future of ANC. In addition, MOAA President Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF, recently submitted his recommendations to an Advisory Committee on how to keep this site open for the foreseeable future. He addressed the importance of avoiding restrictions of eligibility for military retirees, acquiring adjacent land for expansion, and acquiring non adjacent nearby land to continue its use for many years.

On a related matter, we have not received any update on the status of the planned Alameda Point VA medical and burial facilities. If any member has more current info, please let us know. We are also trying to get information from official sources.

COUNTY OF MARIN -VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE

Tulio Acquistapace

On Sunday November 11, 2018 I was honored to represent the chapter and CALMOAA by attending and participating in a very well organized and beautiful observance of Veterans Day. The day began with an indoor ceremony with recognition of the participating Veterans organizations and an address by Rear Admiral Peter W. Gautier, USCG. Eleventh District Commander. An Outdoor ceremony followed with presentations of wreaths and playing of Taps with a strong presence from the Marin Air Force JROTC. Upon completion of the outdoor

ceremony all attended a sit-down steak lunch and a very moving ceremony handled by the JROTC members-impressive young men and women.

The key note speaker, CDR Alden Mills, USN



Bag-pipers commemorate veterans at Marin's Veterans Day event.

Navy Seal retired, motivated all present. Every veteran was formally presented with a folded American Flag, a 100th Anniversary coin and a bottle of wine. I am sure similar events were held honoring all who served including a special tribute In Hayward where our President Elect CAPT Fred Jaffin played a major role.

77th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor Commemorated

Gary Blank

On December 7th (December 8th in Japan) the 77th Anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor that decimated the American Naval Fleet was commemorated.



Rear Admiral Peter W. Gautier, Commander, Eleventh Coast Guard District

The event was held on Coast Guard Island Base,

Alameda. The Master of Ceremonies was Cdr. Jacqueline Levertich. In attendance were two World War II veterans, one being Weezie Mott who as a LtJg in the Navy who served as a nurse in the Far East. She is a well know cooking instructor in Alameda and a contributor to many cultural events.

Rear Admiral Peter W. Gautier, the Commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, was the key note speaker. His command stretches from Alaska to Peru and includes Lake Tahoe. About 50 citizens, veterans and active duty Coast Guard personnel attended the Commemoration.

November 14 General Meeting

Rudolf Bedderman

At our November General meeting, Mr. Salvatore Compagno, President of the WWI Historical Association, gave us a recap of history leading up to and through what was then called THE GREAT WAR and THE WAR TO END ALL WARS. We now refer to it as WORLD WAR I. Mr. Compagno share much of what was a recap of what I learned in high school in 1950. The war



Tulio Acquistapace presents guest speaker, Mr. Salvatore Compagno, with a traditional plaque as token of appreciation.

began in 1914 with the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria by a Bosnian Serb.

That started a chain of events leading to war in Europe.

Here in the U.S., President Wilson tried to follow a path of neutrality which lasted until the British passenger liner Lusitania was torpedoed and sank off the coast of England on May 7, 1915. A detail not included in my high school history lessons was that dock workers in New York, where Lusitania was being loaded for a trans-Atlantic voyage to Liverpool, noted that the cargo being loaded included many crates marked cheese, but these crates were not going into refrigerated

spaces. The dock workers opened a few and found they were packed with arms and munitions. Many of the dock workers were of Irish decent and Ireland at the time was struggling for independence from Britain. They passed this information to the German embassy. A German u-boat returning to Germany with just two torpedoes, intercepted the Lusitania and fired one torpedo. It hit Lusitania, there was a small explosion followed by a massive second explosion that and sank in 18 minutes. That escalated pressure on President Wilson to join Britain and France in their war against Germany and its central European allies. U.S. forces were hastily trained and shipped off to Europe. The U.S. didn't declare war on Germany until April 1917.

On the continent, the war was waged from trenches to a stalemate with a 100 thousand casualties over several days. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation or exposure. Over 100,000 Americans were killed and over 200,000 wounded.

The war had a profound and continuing influence on history. The Treaty of Versailles is often blamed for the rise of national socialism throughout Europe and the resulting second world war. The leaders of the Allies redrew the national boundaries, not just in Europe but also in the Middle East without regard to the culture and beliefs of the people of the Middle East. This has had been a source of continuing conflict worldwide. It certainly was not "The War to End All Wars."

Past President's Note

Geoff Kline

What is something that we all take for granted and something that affects all aspects of our lives? The answer is the sun, that glowing ball of glowing gas 92 million miles from earth – defined as our astronomical unit of measurement (AU) – which provides life to our planet. The sun is powered by the fusion of hydrogen into helium. It will burn for 5 billion years with core temperature

of 28 million degrees Fahrenheit (F) and a surface temperature of 10,000 degrees F. It is so massive that it could hold 1 million earths. Its gravity is such that a 100 pound human would weigh 2800 pounds standing on its surface.

The sun, a common star in our Milky Way Galaxy, occupies a position in one of the galaxy's spiral arms at a distance of 26,000 light years from the galactic center. Considering that 1 AU equals 1 inch, and a light year equals one mile, the sun is only one of billions of stars in the Milky Way. Only ½ of one billionth of the output reaches earth. If the energy of the sun were focused onto earth, all the oceans would boil away in about 6 seconds and the crust would melt in about 3 minutes.

The sun is more than just important in the earth's existence. It is essential for photosynthesis of plants, and it makes the food chain function. It is the whole "ball game" so to speak.

Stay in the Know

Board Members for 2019

See List of Board Members with contact information at: <http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Chapter-Officers>

MOAA Alameda Membership/Renewal Application

See last page of newsletter or online here: <http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Join>

MOAA National application

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Join-MOAA/Why-join-MOAA.aspx>

Alameda Chapter Website

<http://www.alamedamoaa.org>

California Council Website

<http://www.calmoaa.org>

Alameda Chapter Editorial and Privacy Policy

<http://alamedamoaa.org/Editorial-and-Privacy-Policies>

MOAA Legislative Update/Action Center

<http://alamedamoaa.org/Legislative-Update>

Useful Websites for California Veterans

- To find information on California Legislation: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>
- California State Senate: <http://senate.ca.gov/>
- California State Assembly: <http://assembly.ca.gov/>
- To find California Law, including the Military and Veterans Code: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>
- Find your State and Local Legislator: <http://votesmart.org/>

2019 MOAA Membership Application and/or Renewal for Alameda Chapter

I hereby [] apply for / [] renew my membership in the Alameda County Chapter, MOAA.
I am (check one):

- [] ACTIVE DUTY: Currently a commissioned or warrant officer on active duty in a military service (check one Service below)
- [] REGULAR: (circle one) a retired, former, reserve, or inactive commissioned or warrant officer of any of the military services (check one Service below)
- [] SPOUSE or SURVIVING SPOUSE: The (circle one) spouse or surviving spouse of a deceased commissioned or warrant officer of any of the military services (check one Service below)

Name and Rank of qualifying officer's spouse: _____

I qualify for the indicated membership because I, or my spouse, is or was an officer in (check one)

U.S. Service

Army _____	Air Force _____	NOAA _____
Navy _____	Coast Guard _____	PHS _____
Marine Corps _____	National Guard _____	

Date: _____ National MOAA # _____

Name: _____ Rank: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

I am interested in participating in a Chapter office or committee: ____ Yes ____ No (check one)

Membership is for the calendar year commencing 1 January of each year.

Annual Dues: 1) Active Duty: None 2) **Regular:** \$20 / year; \$10 if joining after July 1 3) **Spouse / Surviving Spouse:** \$5 / year

Please attach a copy of your military ID, DD-214 or other proof of military service as an officer if you have not already provided this proof to the Alameda County Chapter.

Make checks payable to: ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER, MOAA

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