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CA/NV website

<http://www.ca-nvmoose.org>

Moose Member Benefits

<http://mooseintl.org/public/Benefits.asp>

Moose International website

<http://mooseintl.org>

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Please print and share with others.

PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Wow, what an awesome membership result for the Moose Year! I would like to personally thank you for your collective efforts to bring in a new generation of members. Our Association really came through and I couldn't be prouder! Our districts did awesome as most were plus one and we had numerous lodges that were plus 100 or more. What a great effort. But, like everything else we need to move forward and continue to grow our Association and Fraternity. I would like to start off the new year strong so I'm asking you to continue to invite your friends and family to join our great Fraternity. Make a difference and bring in a new member.

At the end of March at our Mid-Year I started the President's Bingo Project for Moosehaven and I'm ecstatic to announce it is already fully funded. We contributed over \$12,000 as of this writing and I can't thank you enough for your generosity! The extra funds will be used to buy a big screen TV for the system.

We held our Association Campout at Topaz Lake on the CA/NV border in May and it was a FUN and successful weekend! We served a great Friday Breakfast and had a very enjoyable Saturday night steak dinner. Lots of games, trail rides and wine tasting with great fishing as well. The combination of the hotel and the RV park was a good idea as it brought more people together. The highlight was the great moose members coming together and having a lot of fun and comradery!

Mark your calendars as we have scheduled two seminars for District Presidents and Secretaries, Committee Chairpersons and Committee members along with anyone else interested. The first seminar will be October 22nd at the Hayward Castro Valley Lodge and the second is January 14, 2023 at the Ventura Lodge. We wanted to make it easy for all to attend, so we scheduled one in the northern part of our Association and one in the southern portion.

I continue to visit Lodges and some highlights were the Pacifica Moose Lodge Prime Rib dinner with Shawn Baile as well as the Golden Spot 15 awards banquet. I made a pit stop into the Carson City Lodge meeting place and thought the Moose head was a nice touch in the pub! The Lindhurst Lodge is making progress recovering from their devastating fire and the new team is making a difference!

District elections are in progress but please make sure you're doing it right and follow the rules which are posted on our Association website. Contact your Territory Manager or an Executive Committee member if you have questions. Anyone interested in serving on an Association committee please contact the Chairperson and let them know you're interested. If you want to be considered for an Association office, please fill out the form which is on our website and attach a Moose resume. Please help keep our membership numbers up across California and Nevada by bringing in a new member and talking to a dropped member about coming back. Let them know we miss them. I would really appreciate any effort you can make to close our year out strong.

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VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Brothers & Sisters,

All you awesome members in this Association have been doing a wonderful job on Membership and to funding the California Nevada Moose Projects. Your wonderful hard work and giving has put California Nevada Moose at the top of the Moose Fraternity. The President's project was a great success thanks to all of you. We helped make Mooseheart and Moosehaven a better place to live.

Now we need to work on getting better attendance at our District Meetings and making them a **FUN** place to be for all members. I know with just a little bit of ingenuity we can have the most entertaining meetings and get a lot of work done at the same time. District meetings should be **FUN!**

Remember it is required for the President and Administrator to attend these meetings so go with them and help them have **FUN** and get the work of the Association done at the same time. This attendance is now being considered and points awarded based on their attendance. Many lodges failed to earn the California Nevada Moose Association 5 Star Award due to their lack of attendance.

Remember both men & women it is very important to mentor your new members so that some day they will move into a leadership role in this Moose Fraternity, to help us keep it going for another hundred plus years.

Please remember that the Executive Committee of the California Nevada Moose Association is here to help you in any way we can so please reach out to us.

Fraternally yours,

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CHAPLAIN MESSAGE



As Chaplain it is my responsibility to work with the committees of the Association. According to the bylaws provided by Moose International there are many Standing Committees. Most you are probably familiar with some of them like Activities, Communications, Degrees, Membership, & Moose Charities to name a few. All Standing Committees are listed in our Association by By-Laws which can be found on the CNMA website under Secretary > CNMA Policies/Special Notices.

Without the assistance of committees, the Association could not accomplish its objectives of coordinating and supporting the programs and directives of Moose International, Inc. and The Moose.

The Association President is responsible for appointing Chairman to each of our Association Committees. The Chairman needs members to assist them in their duties and responsibilities. If you are interested in joining a committee please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will put you in touch with the Chairman. We want to encourage all Association members to join a committee. It is a great way to get to know about the Association.

I only mentioned a few standing committees and I want you to know that we also have some that are unique to our Association such as Administrative Advisory, Loss Prevention, New Lodge Development, Ways & Means (our Association fundraising committee) and a newly designated Retention Committee.

You may ask why we need a Retention Committee – but if you have seen the retention rates being sent out by your Territory Managers then you would understand how much we need to assist our units with increasing lodge (and therefore, Association) retention rates. It is important for us to encourage our units to increase retention through incentives and to provide us with some suggestions on how to bring our previous members back into our fraternity. We are expecting great things from this new committee. If you think you can help please join this committee.

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TREASURER MESSAGE



I hope this finds you well and your year is off to a great start. We are all starting fresh so let's make it the best year yet.

In the next couple weeks, I will be heading off to the Mooseheart graduation. I love visiting Mooseheart as it always gives me a renewed sense of purpose by seeing all the good, we do. I am also excited to see who our new Pilgrims will be. Once we get back, we will have a few weeks to get ready to head to the International Moose Convention and visit Moosehaven and again witness all the good we do for our senior members. I also cannot wait to reconnect with Moose members from all over. If you ever have the chance to visit

Mooseheart or Moosehaven you should do it. You will be never stop paying your dues.

Once I return from Moose International you will start getting information on our September Annual Convention which I'm sure will be wonderful as we return to the Nugget.

Thank you for all you do.

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PAST PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Hello to all,

I would like to welcome all the new Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion Officers and look forward to working with you.

The International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL is coming up fast and the impact of California/Nevada being in attendance always makes a great time! How exciting for us to be recognized for our hard work in building the membership in our Association. Congratulations on a job well done!

The month of May is the time for all Districts to start their Nominating Committees for election of their District Board of Officers. A sample Nomination form can be found on the CNMA website > Secretary > District Information > District Officer Nomination Form.

The month of June you should hold your District Elections and by July 15th you must, I repeat, must have all your District paperwork sent entered using the online District Officers Information Sheet which can be found on the CNMA website in the same location mentioned above. There is no other form accepted. Also remember that the District President must complete the Association Application online form which can be accessed on the Secretary page of the CNMA Website under CNMA Forms.

Also, I would like to congratulate all our new Pilgrims they are ????????. Take it easy, you will know when their ceremony has been completed.

Thanks for all you do.

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SECRETARY MESSAGE

How can it be June already? The Mooseheart High School commencement is scheduled for June 4th with the 5th & 8th grade promotion the day before on June 3rd. We will be traveling to the Mooseheart campus for these ceremonies and to welcome our new Pilgrims. For those of you who don't know we honor all new Pilgrims at a dinner on June 4th back in Illinois and present them with their Pilgrim lapel pin. The Association also provides them with their Pilgrim pocket badge worn with their Pilgrim jacket.

What an exciting year we had with our membership growing enough for us to move up in the ranks of Associations in membership to second place. Thanks to all our members for their support of the Stronger Together campaign. Now it is time for us to Make It Happen and continue on our upward trend in membership. This year we will also focus more on retention.

The quarterly billing occurred on May 19th. You probably noticed that it was higher than the previous billings this Association year. This is because it is based on the April 30, 2022, membership figures, which means it now includes all members of your Lodge. With our increase in membership comes an increase in your quarterly billing cost which is calculated as \$1 per quarter. Just a friendly reminder that you can pay your Association dues online which is the easiest way to send your dues payment. Remember that the system is secure and does not retain the credit/debit card information in the system, so your information is protected. Note the lock when the website is accessed. You can find the link for paying your Association dues on your favorite part of our Association website (www.ca-nvmoose.org) > Secretary > CNMA Forms > Association Dues Payment.

As another reminder any Lodge that qualifies for the California Nevada Moose Association 5 Star Award will receive a \$1 per member credit (based on the 4/30/21 membership) and that credit will be reflected on the August 15th billing. Our apologies that our Lodges have not been provided with a status of their qualification, but hopefully that will be accomplished soon.

We have completed the transition of the website. Several changes have been made to enhance the website and there are more to come. The new and improved website is secure (notice the lock in front of the URL). If you have any suggestions, please send an email to caassoc15@gmail.com. Now is a good time to offer constructive feedback on what you would like to see offered on our website. You should notice that the website now displays better with a smart phone & IPAD as a result of the upgrade.

We anticipate making some additional changes to our online forms and would appreciate your constructive feedback. Please use the caassoc15@gmail.com email to let us know your suggestions.

Happy to help in any way I can.

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LIAISON MESSAGE



We proved we were “Stronger Together” as the Moose Fraternity finished on the plus side for the first time in a long time at +5,120 members. “Make it Happen” is the new campaign for the 2022-2023 year.

We also had a very good year as an Association by finishing with an increase of over 4,000 members in California & Nevada. Along with this our Moose Charities giving exceeded \$310,000 while also assisting to fulfill three projects thus far to include the Mooseheart Activity Center (MAC), Mooseheart Lunchroom PODS, and the Moosehaven Bingo System including a big screen TV.

Please review the new Premier Lodge and Leadership Awards requirements, as of now every Lodge has an opportunity to earn the Premier Lodge award. The focus areas need to be on retention and enrollments/orientations. These two things go hand in hand because it allows new members to learn about the fraternal side of our organization and allows existing members to become rejuvenated by hearing about what we continue to do as a Moose Fraternity.

If you need assistance with performing orientations/enrollments, please reach out to your Territory Manager. Please also appoint a membership chairperson who will put a team together to work Lodge retention, we continue to sign up new members, but our overall retention rate is below the goal of 80%.

New officers also need to take Lodge Leadership training online or register for a class when one becomes available. You have until June 30th, 2022 to take the training and also be a member of a respective higher degree such as the Moose Legion or Chapter.

Finally, I hope to see many of you at the International Moose Convention in Orlando, FL or in September at the Annual Association Convention in Sparks, NV. Let's **Make it Happen** and have a wonderful year.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Hi everyone,

What a great way to end the old year and to start the new fiscal year. Membership within the Moose Fraternity went above and beyond, with membership being the best since 2012. What a great accomplishment.

California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) ended the fiscal year with 52,402 members, and an increase in membership of 4,507. The membership committee met their goal and we are happy about these numbers. We had 78 Lodges that increased their membership totals for the year by at least one member. Congratulations to each of you. Now let's keep it going.

The CNMA new membership incentive started on May 1, 2022 and will continue through September 30, 2022. If you sponsor 3 new members in this timeframe, you will receive a blackout Flat Magnetic LED Flashlight, making it perfect for a nightstand or even in a lady's purse, making it handy for her safety at night. Sponsor 5 new members and you will receive a 22 oz aluminum sports water bottle with carabiner, making it easy to carry if you're biking or hiking, but it's great for anytime you need to carry water. We think all of you will like both items. So, get out there and sponsor some new members for your Lodges.

Membership is the core of our Moose Fraternity, and maintaining your membership numbers will actually save your Lodges money on the amount they are required to pay the Association, so let's make a difference this fiscal year and retain our current members in addition to sponsoring new members. There are so many things a Lodge can do to retain their members, but none bigger than your Lodges hosting events that draw your members to your Lodge. Use social media to get the word out to your members in addition to a newsletter for your members to stay up on the activities your Lodge is doing. A happy member will remain a member. Make your calls or send cards to your members whose dues have expired. Let them know that you want them as part of your Lodge. Everyone wants to feel welcome.

For those who earned their membership incentives from the previous year, don't lose your faith in us as your incentives will be sent as soon we validate the year-end membership information.

During the current incentive program, we will be distributing the membership incentives at the Annual Convention in Sparks, NV in September. Come to the membership table for your awards. We hope to see you there.

Fraternally,

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Membership



Incentives

Effective Dates:

May 1, 2022 through August 31, 2022



Sign up new members to earn these cool prizes!

Sponsor 3
New Members
Get a CNMA
Blackout Flat
Magnetic
Flashlight



Sponsor 5
New Members
22 Oz. Aluminum
Sports Water
Bottle w/
Carabiner!



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION



Hello,

As the New Member Orientation Chairman it is my responsibility to provide you all with guidance on conducting orientations at your lodge homes.

First of all it is one of the criteria for earning the Premier Lodge Award that each lodge should be striving to earn. If a lodge does not earn the Premier Lodge Award then the Lodge President and Administrator are not eligible to earn the Leadership Award. See the attached guidelines on both awards.

Why are New Member Orientations Important?

If you think about orientations in a lodge and for our fraternity, they're an important part of welcoming new members. For example, when done properly they provide information on our private policy, Mooseheart & Moosehaven, membership incentives offered at both the Moose International level all the way down to our local lodges. Generally, new member orientation is crucial for membership-based organizations because it:

- Encourages new members to get involved by showing them pathways for engagement such as volunteering
- Acts as an ice breaker for members to meet fellow members (even if they are just other new members)
- Serves as the first step in retaining a member at renewal time by introducing them to member only benefits & the member benefits offered exclusively to Moose Members through our Member Benefits Program
 - A Moose membership card provides access to over 1,600 Lodges across North America, but it also offers much, much more. Did you know that your Moose membership provides you with benefits that allow you to save more than your membership dues? That's right, just being a member of the Moose Fraternity provides you with a variety of money saving opportunities in categories like Travel, Entertainment, Insurance, and Health & Wellness. Your Moose membership has it's benefits – Don't forget to take advantage of all that the Moose has to offer!
 - Go to www.mooseintl.org/member-benefits to learn more about all the exciting benefits offered exclusively to moose members.
- Helps new members become familiar with policies
- Ensures they understand about other options such as the Moose Legion and Women of the Moose and earning the degrees of The Moose.

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2022-2023 Premier Lodge Award



Beginning May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023, in order to earn the Premier Lodge Award a Lodge must:

- 1) Increase Active Membership over the fiscal year ending 4/30/2022
- 2) Increase in Total Giving to Moose Charities, excluding amounts for Safe Surfin' over the fiscal year ending 4/30/2022. Includes Youth Awareness and individual Donor Circle donations to Moose Charities for your members.

OR

Lodge per capita contributions to Moose Charities during the fiscal year ending 4/30/2023 must equal or exceed the fraternity-wide per capita average of \$6.51 per member (as established during the prior 2 calendar years)

- 3) Submit Heart of the Community Reports and receive a grade of "Good" or better on each report
- 4) Indebtedness on the monthly Moose International Consolidated Billing Statement is less at April 30, 2023 than the balance due shown on the May of 2022 statement (any April 30, 2023 balance of **zero or less** is considered less than the prior year)
- 5) Submission of Moose of the Year nomination form by established deadline
- 6) Lodge must be represented at the 2022 International Convention
- 7) Lodge must remit Endowment Fund contributions to Moose Charities in at least 10 months during the year
- 9) Lodge must hold an Orientation/Lodge enrollment a minimum of every two months during the year.

Leadership Awards

When the Lodge qualifies for the Premier Lodge Award, both the President and/or Administrator can earn a Leadership Award, qualifying each of them for 100,000 Moose Rewards points. In order to qualify, the following criteria must be met individually:

- Must serve a full term from May 1 through the following April 30th
- Must be an active Chapter/Moose Legion member at the close of their term, April 30th
- Must sponsor at least three members into The Moose during term of office
- Must, during their term of office, have personally attended all meetings below during their year of service (Alternate Delegates qualify for a Lodge's representation but does **NOT** qualify for the Leadership Award)
 - Association Annual Convention **AND** Association Mid-Year Conference
 - 2022 Moose International Convention
- Must have successfully completed the minimum required training, pursuant to the Training rules and regulations.

Without exception, **ALL** of the above conditions **MUST** be met in order to qualify for the award.

***At the discretion of the Chief Compliance Officer, a Lodge may be disqualified from earning the Premier Lodge Award or Leadership Award for failing to abide by our General Laws.

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RETENTION

As members we do such wonderful things in our community not to mention mooseheart and Moosehaven. I'm so proud to be a part of this wonderful Moose Fraternity.

Why would I not pay my dues? We need your help with this.



Call your members and let them know how important they are to our Moose Fraternity. Make them feel like they are a part of a wonderful group of people. Show them how much **FUN** the Lodge is. Invite them to a function let them know what we are all about.

The Councils' main responsibility and goal is to aid the Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions in the retention of active dues paying members through personal contact. Our Council members run various social programs and do a fair amount of fund-raising as well. Support of Moose Charities initiatives and our fraternity in general is often very rewarding as done by these groups. After all, they are made up of past and current leaders who believe in our cause and know our needs and how to fulfill them.

Additionally, the Councils normally have an annual banquet and/or other events to honor those new degree holders who have advanced in the past year. These events recognize the individuals and offer a chance to publically thank them for their service among their peers. This in itself promotes benevolence and charity among all members.

As members of the Higher Degrees, these groups are generally in the forefront of support and promotion of Moose programs and lead the cause of fraternalism by example. These groups, at the Chapter, Lodge and Moose Legion level, may meet as often as desired to socialize, work towards building membership strength, raise funds for Moose Charities and help with various other fraternal endeavors.

Remember - It's the little things that usually have the greatest impact in life.

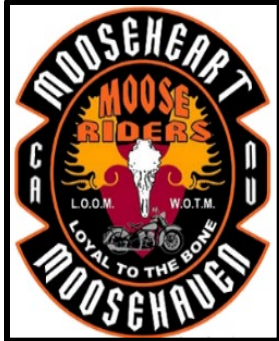
A smile - A hug - A thank you and A compliment - when someone does a great job!

Fraternal,

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CALIFORNIA NEVADA MOOSE RIDERS

Established September 4, 2014



Everything is set for the VIP Trip to Mooseheart/Camp Ross for our 2 winners of the VIP Trip on June 1 to June 6 – Bob Bakman may need to postpone his winning trip due to his Quad Bypass that turned into 5... He had surgery April 25th and was home on May 1st and recovering. He and Sylvia will go if cleared by doctors, otherwise they will postpone to either Christmas time or next Summer. Sam & Tracy Easley are making a road trip out of their VIP trip for their 41st Anniversary. They will have a great time!!

The Moose Riders along with MSC2719 Moose Riders just held a Poker Run in conjunction with the Santa Cruz Moose Lodge and Autism Family Network of Santa Cruz on May 7th and raised \$315 from a Poker Run and donated to Autism Family Network of Santa Cruz for use in their programs.

The Escondido Moose Riders held a Poker Run on May 14th and Big Bear Moose Riders held a Bike Blessing and Poker Run on May 21st. Both events were after the deadline for this article and the results will be in the next issue. Thanks to the Moose Rider Groups providing events.

CA/NV Moose Riders authorized \$500 cash payments to each of the 4 representatives to the Moose International Youth Awareness Congress that was just held and will be presented to them at recognition ceremonies in the South and North. One of our Representatives won 3rd place and a \$5,000 scholarship from the Moose Legions at the Moose International Youth Awareness Congress.

Derrick Morris

California Nevada Moose Riders Founding Chairman/President 2014-2022 (8 Years)

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CNMA ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE NEWS

The “ACT” in Activities

We keep giving money away at least twice a month to individuals and fraternal units that purchased calendars. There are still calendars available. Every Calendar Sold is in **EVERY** Drawing!! – A Calendar can win more than once.

For fraternal units – This is a **HEART OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECT** as it provides support to Mooseheart/Moosehaven with half of the proceeds. Fraternal Units – contact me to get your 20-packs.



The Association Campout May 11th to 15th was a lot of **FUN** for those that attended. We did off-road adventures on Thursday and Friday. Friday morning, we had a pancake breakfast with sausage and bacon. Thanks to **Bill Thompson** for cooking the bacon and **Jack Shomberg** for cooking the sausage and pancakes. This was done for **NO COST** to those that wanted to eat. We had a Cornhole double elimination tournament with 7 teams formed by blind draw Saturday afternoon. Congratulations to **Jim Erskine** (Placerville Lodge) and **Frank Clay** (Auburn Lodge) who went undefeated and took home the prize money of \$35 each. Thanks to Carson City Moose member and Lakeshore Premium Wines Principal **Jeff “Vino” Williams** for providing the wine tasting. I am not a wine drinker, but I enjoyed tasting the wines and actually bought a bottle of Illumination. We did a 2-day Poker Run and the winner was **Danny Jordan** (Auburn Lodge) - \$84 plus a \$210 donation to Moose Charities under his Moose ID number with a 6-high straight. 2nd was **Suzanne Erskine** (Placerville Lodge) with 2 pair - Kings and Queens for \$63, 3rd place was **Leonard Vyfvinkel** (Sunnyvale Lodge) with 2 pair - Kings and Sixes for \$42. The worst hand for \$21 went to **Jody Sharp** (Auburn Lodge). We had about 50 for the steak dinner Saturday Night. Special thanks to **Bill Thompson, Jack Shomberg, Chris Thompson** and **Sue Morris** for the cooking and prep (and **Jim Erskine** for allowing us to soak the fresh corn in their husks in his hotel room bathtub). Everyone enjoyed the dinner. We then drew the dinner tickets for prizes (extra food/snacks) and cash (dinner profit) to conclude the day's activities. There was socialization amongst the moose members the entire time and a couple meals out supporting the local communities. There were at least 8 Lodges represented - Great Camaraderie and new friends were made!!

The Moose Night with the Bay Area Panthers Indoor Football Team at SAP Arena on April 20th which also included Tommy Moose (**Roddy Myers** – thank you!!) in the stands was a huge success. Seven cases of Tommy Moose were handed out to the public and 3 cases were presented to the San Jose Police Department. Great visibility for The Moose!! We had a lot of Moose members as well in the stands for this game.

Besides Lodges sponsoring the Bay Area Panthers, Lodges have now grouped together to produce an event with the San Diego Strike Force Indoor Football Organization to provide a Safe Surfin' **CHILD/SENIOR ID EVENT** at the June 18th game in San Diego!! We will be having leadership from Safe Surfin' in attendance at the game and **CHILD/SENIOR ID** event. There will also be the Moose/Safe Surfin Dasher Board at the remaining San Diego home games.

Thank you to the Lodges that donated money to get the Moose/Safe Surfin' co-branded flash drives and banners for the **CHILD/SENIOR ID** event. This will start 3 hours before the game in multiple sections of Pechanga Arena (inside and outside) on June 18th.

It will also be a Moose Night and **“PARTNER OF FORCE FOR FIRST RESPONDERS”** where fans will be tossing Tommy Moose plush onto the field to first responder organizations either pre-game or at Halftime.

We will have group tickets and our own section for the June 18th game in San Diego. If you are unable to attend the game, you can still participate!! You can purchase a Tommy Moose Plush and 2 tickets for a special price and provide the opportunity for an underserved family to attend the game and be a part of the festivities!! **HEART OF THE COMMUNITY** credit for Lodges!!

This program (ticket sales link) is being finalized as the deadline for this article arrived. Contact me for details on how to get this special package for yourself or to gift it. All proceeds from the sale of the Tommy Moose/Tickets from the June 18th game are being donated to Safe Surfin as our game beneficiary.

The Vegas Knight Hawks are also offering group tickets for Moose Members to their remaining home games in Henderson, NV. So, we now have group opportunities at all 3 of the IFL Pro Football teams in CA and NV!! Contact me for information for any of the venues. What a great Lodge outing **ACTIVITY!!**

Derrick Morris – North Monterey County MSC2719

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Serbando Bonilla – Pacifica Moose Lodge

Sue Morris – North Monterey County MSC

Rick Balthazar – La Habra Moose Lodge

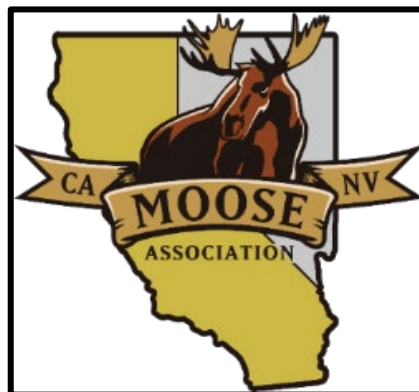
Cyndi Hanley – Placerville Moose Lodge

Rich Russitano – Pacifica Moose Lodge

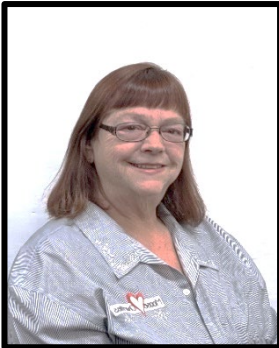
Leonard Iniguez – Pacifica Moose Lodge

Fred Harris – North Monterey County MSC

Donnie Britt – Buena Park Moose Lodge



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY NEWS



Wow can't believe this year is already halfway over!

Time is flying by and in the blink of an eye we will all be together at the Annual Convention in Sparks, NV.

The Heart of the Community is gearing up for the Annual Convention with some great Community events!

We will need your help with the Tommy and Rosie Moose. So please order your Tommy and Rosie's for the Annual Convention. We will also need blood donations for Vibrant Blood bank. We would love to beat the total of 20 units that was donated during the Mid-Year Conference. Also, we will be taking donations for Catholic Charities for Stuff the Barrels, any gently used clothing is greatly appreciated. We are checking in with the Ronald McDonald House in Reno, NV and will be asking for donations for them.

Administrators watch your Smartermail for the flyers from the Heart of the Community coming soon!

Thank you for all you do for our communities.

Moose members have the biggest **HEARTS!**

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TRAINING NEWS



Hopefully you are closely monitoring the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) website CNMA Education (formally known as Fraternal Education) section to see any posted training opportunities scheduled.

Unfortunately the Two **Section** Hands on Technical Training (**2 HOTT**) has been postponed again until the end of June. The course is now called a “**2 Section**” versus a “**2 Day**” because the course has been redesigned as a basic course with two sections, one being LCL Web and the other being QuickBooks Online (**QBO**). It is also now a one-day session. There are a few things that aren’t addressed in this basic session (i.e., the Export feature)

that will be offered in an Advanced course that will be available sometime in the future. We will also be offering virtual sessions for our more seasoned users of **QBO** and LCL Web.

Several of your Moose Technical Trainers have received updates on how training will be conducted, and it is significantly different than what we are accustomed to. Until we get better acclimated to this new way of training, be prepared to schedule to attend a session when it is offered in person in your area as these in person hands on classes may be limited. Attending a class virtually is the new and improved way to get your training requirements completed, however it is recommended that you attend an in-person session if you have not previously worked with QuickBooks or the “Moose” way of bookkeeping. For those of you who are more comfortable with attending a session online please plan to attend one of the scheduled virtual sessions to ensure you get the credit you need. It is important to remember that Chapter Treasurers and Lodge Administrators are required to attend a 2 HOTT for either personal honors or as a requirement of their position.

If you have been installed in an Officer or Chairman position in your lodge then Lodge Leadership training is for you! In the case of officers, it is mandatory and must be completed within 60 days of taking office! Good news is that Lodge Leadership training can be taken online and is highly suggested for **all** members of The Moose. It can be found on the Moose International website > Members Area > Moose Training > Moose Online Training > Online Training – Credit Eligible > Lodge Leadership. Don’t forget to take the Lodge Leadership Assessment Test and remember you need a score of 80% or better to receive credit. Also note that you receive Moose Rewards points for taking online training. The most convenient way to do that is online which is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

Coordination of training sessions is important to ensure we handle the demand, and it is the responsibility of the Training Coordinator (yes that is me!) to do that for this Association.

WOTM Training sessions for 2022 – 2023 are scheduled and have been published on the CNMA website under CNMA Education. Additional sessions will be scheduled in the coming months so visit this section of the website often to find out about in-person classes near you. There are also a virtual session scheduled if you prefer to take the training from the comfort of your home.

As always, all your California Nevada Moose Association (**CNMA**) trainers (Technical, MLEC, Lodge Leadership & Administrator School) are here to assist you in any way they can or to provide some one-on-one assistance.

Have you taken advantage of the procedures that are available on the **CNMA** website under the **LCL-QBO Procedures** section? These procedures have been developed to help all fraternal units with day-to-day operations and tasks. If there is something that you would like to see added or updated, please contact me using the information provided below.

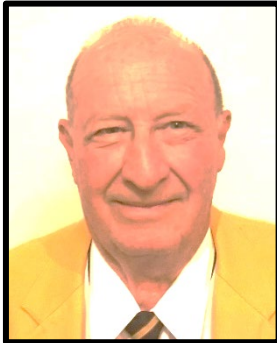
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Website Updates: The website now has a section entitled **CNMA Education**. This section provides a listing of all scheduled training within our Association. You can have the training listed in multiple formats (i.e., list, month in a calendar format or by day). Additionally it provides for links to the Moose International Moose Training page, 2 HOTT Basic LCL Web Hands-On Technical Training Participant Guide, Basic QuickBook Online Hands-On Technical Training Participant Workbook, a list of CNMA Qualified Trainers by training course (Administrator School, Lodge Leadership, Moose Technical (2 HOTT), Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC), and other important fraternal information and Training Matters.

Watch for further updates to the CNMA Education section (suggestions welcomed!).



MOOSEHEART ACTIVITY CENTER (MAC) PROJECT NEWS



At the close of the fiscal year on April 30, 2022 the total donations from the CMNA for the **MAC** Project was \$217,944.65 which is over our adjusted minimum goal of \$216,000.00. However, based on information seen in recent Moose International publications a continuing need for donations to the **MAC** Building Fund and based on our past Major Projects funding experiences, even after the original cost estimates have been met there are always shortfalls wherein extra funding is required. Based on this we are encouraging everyone to continue your donations toward this project, until notified of an alternative.

We remind you that during the Moose International Convention in July we usually hear about a **NEW** Moose major project. With this in mind our committee will be establishing and distributing a donation and awards level spreadsheet as of April 30, 2022. Every Association unit (Lodges Districts, Chapters and Moose Legion Jurisdictions should retain a copy so they can provide accurate donation and level award information to their membership.

BEWARE!! In the past we have observed that both units and individuals have missed award donations levels by only a few dollars. **DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU!!**

We encourage all to continue their donation efforts and remind those who have not made a contribution that the only **DIFFERENCE** between being a **NON-DONOR** and **A DONOR** is making a **DONATION**. **SO, MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**

Please remember to make your donation checks to Moose Charities, put **CMNA MAC** in the Memo section and mail to Moose Charities 155 S International Dr Mooseheart IL 60539-1100.

On behalf of our Children at Mooseheart, Moose Charities, the Association and our Committee;
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.

You're A to Z CNMA Mooseheart Activity Center Committee:

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AMERICAN PATRIOT MOOSE CALL

HIGHLIGHTS

- Moose & Vets Serving Community
- New Website & Vet Portal
- Vet Roster & Forms
- Women Vets & VA
- Vets Travel Discount Warnings
- Vets Programs
- Discount Internet
- CNMA Convention
- Vets Caregivers



We are now in the middle of the calendar year but just the start of the Moose year and we must try to make up for the two years that we have been hamstrung by **COVID**. But we can take comfort knowing that it is never too late to do the right thing. America's veterans are all around us in our Lodges as well as in our communities; and they have "the right stuff" [training, experience, team spirit, discipline] and many have traveled to other countries and seen how others live, and have a perspective that is alien to many citizens.

Please - this is a **WIN-WIN** opportunity. We are in a position to help our **Moose Family Fraternity** while not only helping our veterans and their dependents; but also, our communities. Each Lodge Veterans Committee has a tremendous opportunity to become an effective resource for their Lodges, and if desired, for their communities.

Veterans have seen and experienced challenges and opportunities that most Americans have not. But it is that very perspective that is the source of their unique value.

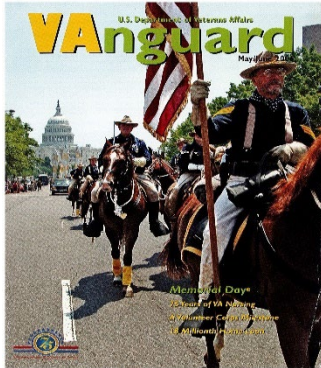
We are told that "America's Greatest Generation" was born out of the World War II experience. Our country was threatened and America came together from mobilizing and redirecting our industrial capacities to families sending their young Americans to defend their country, planting their family gardens to supplement food shortages and rationing of basic necessities like sugar, flour, meat, gasoline, nylon **etc...** America, **WE** built that spirit of cohesion, cooperation and willing self-sacrifice which was born out of an awareness that we are **ONE AMERICA**. Yes, America thought of themselves as '**WE**'; and '**OUR**' freedoms, '**OUR**' rights and '**OUR**' liberties.

Sometimes it appears that we may be devolving into a '**ME-ME-ME**' society of individuals concerned only with "**MY**" Rights, "**MY**" Freedoms and "**MY**" Liberties" and to heck with "**YOURS**". *If we're not a part of the solution, we're part of the Problem!*

Certainly, we are the majority, but just too quiet. Perhaps we think that we are alone and don't realize that most of our friends and neighbors think just as we do. Well, there **IS** strength in numbers and this is a need that we can help address.

For your personal **FREE** color copy of the Veterans & Patriots newsletter every other month, just e-mail: bobbb@bak.rr.com, Subject: "**SUBSCRIBE GOLD MINER**". That's it!

Think about it like a community parade: Everyone loves an exciting and **FUN** parade with flags and marching bands. Everyone wants to take the kids to enjoy the **FUN** and to learn by being exposed to the cohesive community spirit; the authentic and exciting **WE** of our neighbors and community.



Although most people love the idea, few know how to be the ones working the months required to assemble, coordinate and conduct the parade.

Well, we have a few experienced individuals willing to assist, teach and guide us to create such newsworthy programs, ceremonies, memorials and reunions at our Lodges. Furthermore, we have heroes and individuals worthy of recognition already in our Lodges. Some will have interesting and perhaps incredible experiences and stories to share. Start by getting to know and honor your members and allow them to help you; learn about their knowledge, experience and willingness to help 'do something'!

If you create this opportunity to highlight and honor a worthy issue or group of individuals, the **news media** will take notice and gradually the community will take notice and inspire and ignite that spark of interest in our **Moose Fraternity**. There is nothing wrong with being associated with American patriotism and community advancement. Sometimes and for some clubs our greatest weakness can be our self-imposed 'isolation' by our own failure to reach out and invite the community to the many opportunities supported by **The Moose**. **ASK IF YOU WANT HELP!** Reach out if you want to become a constructive agent of change.

- **NEW WEBSITE with VETERANS PORTAL** – Our California Nevada Moose Association (**CNMA**) is working to update and improve our primary communication and information resource - the **CNMA** website. This new site will help provide a new and dynamic information exchange hub for all members. To stay informed and to reach out for information and assistance, remember AmVetNet@yahoo.com
- **VETERAN ROSTER AND FORMS** - We will have more roster, registration and benefit application forms online soon. If you need something **NOW**, please just E-Mail: AmVetNet@yahoo.com
- **WOMEN VETERANS AND VA** - There are Women Veterans **not** using their earned **VA** benefits and services; and the **VA** would love to hear from them. Take a brief, anonymous survey to help the **VA** better design their services. Go to: <https://survey.voice.va.gov/?cww-women-veterans>
- **VETERANS TRAVEL DISCOUNTS WARNING** - **VA** warns veterans to be aware of the proliferating - travel scams directed to veterans by email, phone, television and media sources, and points veterans towards a selected travel company, with 'American Forces' in its name and website.



Veterans who have tried to work with that specific 'American Forces' travel outfit now warn all veterans that from their harrowing experiences, veterans should avoid or be extremely careful when dealing with **THIS** and any veterans travel service. **"Trust-but-Verify"**.

Remember MOOSE, "IF IT'S TO BE, IT STARTS WITH YOU & ME!"

- **VETERANS PROGRAMS** - This is a good time for Lodges to begin planning their calendar for local veterans' programs. We suggest that you begin by identifying and honoring the oldest veterans while we still have them. First find those in your Lodge and begin identifying



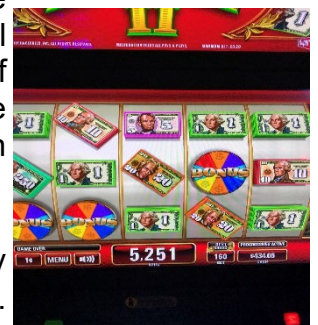
those in your community for a future program. Remember that there are still many veterans from the Korean Action; but there are many that are organized into posts: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, **etc.** But there are many you may already have like Purple Heart veterans, Ex-**POWs**, Submarine Service veterans and more. When you have enough, you may want to consider 'sponsoring' a veteran's post; just like several other Moose Lodges have done, to great advantage for the Lodge. Brainstorm and think out-of-the-box; there is something for everyone **PLAV** (Polish Legion of American Veterans), **JWV** (Jewish War Veterans), **TREA** (The Retired Enlisted Association), **Sub Vets** (Submarines), Women Veterans, **VVA** (Vietnam Veterans); Cooties,

Louse, Sad Sacks, Devil Dogs and still more. They could become your most loyal cooperative group.

- **DISCOUNT INTERNET** - We have all heard the news and it is estimated that 2.5 million veterans are eligible for the new Internet access discount program announced by the Federal Communications Commission (**FCC**). The Affordable Connectivity Program (**ACP**) provides a discount of up to \$30 per month that can be used toward broadband service for eligible households, and 20 leading internet providers will offer **ACP**-eligible households a high-speed internet plan for no more than \$30 per month.

For information and eligibility, visit **Get Internet** site or the **Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)** through an approved carrier by visiting www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575.

- **CNMA CONVENTION** - Our **CNMA** convention promises a **FUN** and informative experience for all and is scheduled for 15-18 September 2022 at the fabulous **NUGGET CASINO AND HOTEL** in Sparks, Nevada. We have been there before and it is a grand and beautiful venue. We encourage all members to attend and are excited that there are a number of **VETERANS** programs and services now being considered for the benefit of veterans, their dependents and Patriots who want to learn how to participate and support the cause.



There will be a Veterans Resource display with materials with military and **VA** resources being invited to participate and provide services. For reservations - **Nugget 1-800-648-1177**

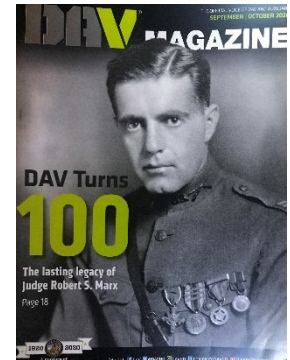
- **VETERAN'S CAREGIVERS** - Society is increasingly coming to see and appreciate the critical services provided by America's **{CAREGIVERS}**. The government and the **VA** recognize that family caregivers not only provide essential and critical services; but also represent considerable financial savings to government budgets. **VA** created the Caregiver Support Program (**CSP**) specifically to promote the health and well-being of caregivers supporting America's military veterans and provides two distinct programs.

PGCSS (Program of General Caregiver Support Services) is a clinical program which offers a variety of support services, resources, events and activities, including specific mental health support that provides caregiver support services.

PCAFC (Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers) offers **enhanced** clinical support to many caregivers of veterans suffering serious disabilities/illness and requiring in-person personal care. In an effort to support the well-being of caregivers, this program provides a more comprehensive array of resources and services designed to help maintain and enhance skills and abilities. For information just follow the references at **VA.gov**

*****Please e-mail for the following articles [AmVetNet@yahoo.com]**

- **New Presumptions Added**
- **Veterans Calendar**
- **Southwest Asia Veterans**
- **Veterans and Bladder Cancer Alert**
- **VA Inspector General Resource**
- **Veterans and Stroke Risk Discovered**
- **Veteran Business Sponsors**



There are a number of companies and government agencies willing to give support to our **Valued-Veterans Program** but always want to know: How many veterans does your **CNMA** have? By branch of service/ Women/WW II/Korea/Vietnam/Age ranges/ **etc.** Please help by registering **ALL** member veterans and information that could assist us to help ourselves and provide more resources.

If you have ideas or issues, **PLEASE**, contact us and let's share information that can help other members and Lodges. Questions or problems: AmVetNet@yahoo.com and we'll get back to you. If you need the fold-out pamphlets, go to the CNMA Website or e-mail us for referrals.

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Youth Awareness News



Hello,

The International Youth Awareness (YA) Congress was held in Orlando, FL. The California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) sent four students, two sponsored by Sunnyvale, one sponsored by Buena Park Veterans and one sponsored by El Monte Chapter. I would like to thank all of the Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, and Moose Riders who sponsored students.

I am proud to announce that we did have a winner!! Karina Haddad, sponsored by Sunnyvale Lodge, brought home 3rd place and a \$5,000 scholarship! Karina was 5th place last year! All of our students had a great time!! The sad news is that 3 of our 4 finalists are seniors and will be graduating soon. We will miss them, but wish them well in all of their future endeavors.

In the past 3 years, six of our students have brought home a scholarship! California students have earned a total of \$35,000 in scholarships. That's a lot of money in three years! Our students could not have achieved this without your support of the Youth Awareness Program!! We all thank YOU!!!

We will be presenting our finalists with their \$500 checks from the CA/NV Moose Riders! A huge thank you to our Moose Riders who have done such a great job supporting our program! The students in the South will be presented with their checks at the District Picnic on Saturday, June 4th, at 11:00 am at the Kiwanis Land in Garden Grove.

The students in the North will be presented with their checks at the District Meeting on Saturday, June 11th, at 1:00 pm at the San Jose Moose Lodge. If you are in the area of either of these locations, stop by and congratulate our students and hear them share a little about their experience at the International YA Congress.

Youth Awareness Congresses will start again in August. If you would like more information regarding the Youth Awareness Program, holding a YA Congress or helping on the YA committee, please contact me.

Thank you for all you
Do for our kids!!

Fraternally Yours,

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LOSS PREVENTION MESSAGE

Loss Prevention -- Summer is here -- Some things you should know about Heat Exhaustion
The following article is courtesy of Lockton Affinity:

Heat exhaustion is one of three heat-related syndromes, with cramps being the mildest and heatstroke being the most severe. While heat exhaustion is in the middle, this syndrome must be taken seriously.

Heat Exhaustion Causes:

According to the Mayo Clinic, your body needs to maintain a normal core temperature around 98.6F. In hot weather your body cools itself by sweating. However, when you overexert in hot, humid weather your body cannot cool itself efficiently.

This syndrome can also be caused by dehydration, alcohol use, and overdressing. Certain factors can increase your sensitivity to heat including:

- **Young or old age** - Infants and children younger than four and adults older than 65 are at a higher risk of heat exhaustion
- **Certain medication** - Some medications affect your body's ability to stay hydrated and respond appropriately to heat. These can include high blood pressure and allergy medications.
- **Obesity** - Carrying excess weight can affect your body's ability to regulate the temperature and cause your body to retain more heat
- **High Heat Index** - When the humidity is high, your sweat can't evaporate as easily and your body has more difficulty cooling itself, making you prone to heat exhaustion and heatstroke

Heat Exhaustion Symptoms

Symptoms of heat exhaustion may develop suddenly or over time and can include:

- Cool, moist skin with goose bumps when in the heat
- Heavy sweating
- Faintness
- Dizziness
- Fatigue
- Low blood pressure upon standing
- Muscle cramps
- Nausea
- Headache

If you think you are experiencing heat exhaustion, stop all activity, rest and drink cool water. Untreated, heat exhaustion can lead to heatstroke, a life-threatening condition that requires immediate medical attention to prevent permanent damage to your brain and other vital organs.

How to Prevent Members from Experiencing Heat Exhaustion

When hosting an outdoor event on a warm day, consider these tips:

- Check for weather updates
- Watch your local news for extreme heat alerts. Consider moving events indoors or rescheduling if temperatures reach extreme levels.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully. Try to plan events in the morning or evening. If your event is in the afternoon, provide plenty of shaded areas and water.
- Encourage loose-fitting, lightweight and light-colored clothing
- Provide plenty of fluids. Sports drinks can replace salt and minerals that have been lost in sweat. Avoid alcoholic beverages, which can dehydrate members more.

Schedule breaks. Encourage members to start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Set regular breaks in a cool area or in the shade.

With these considerations, your Lodge can host a successful, safe outdoor event during the summer months.

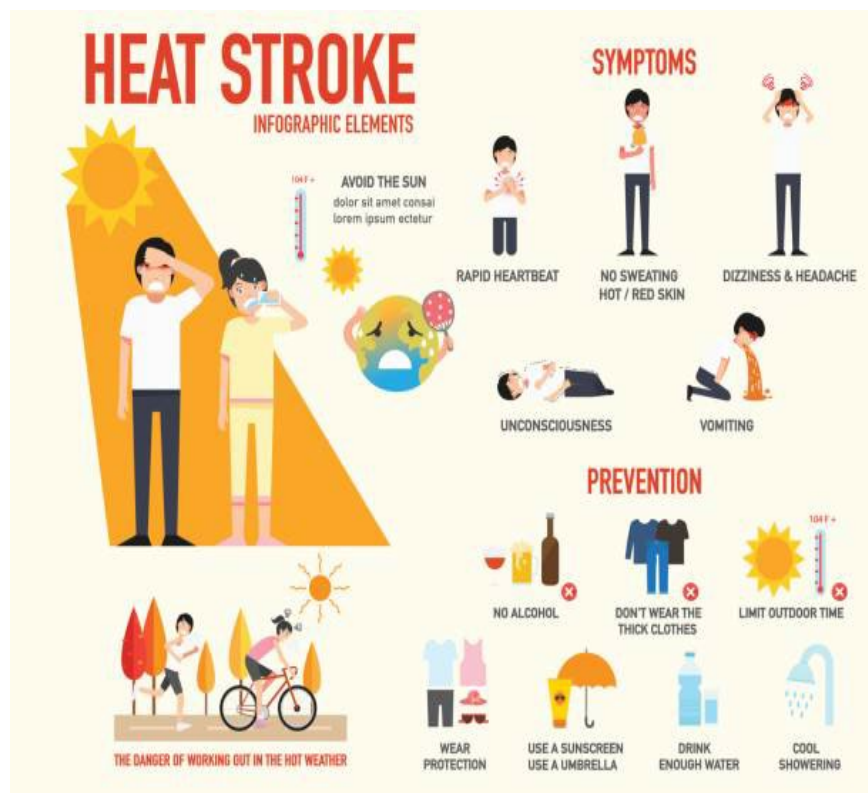
Have a great and safe summer.

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MOOSE “MAKE IT HAPPEN!”

May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023

Our campaign slogan is not only a statement but it is a challenge. Our members make things happen by helping others and showing what it means to be a Moose. To be successful we need to write down our vision and address it every day. Dream the dream, have a plan and “MAKE IT HAPPEN!”

Sponsor 1 Member

MAKE IT HAPPEN lapel pins are presented by your Lodge, Chapter or Moose Legion to individuals that sponsor their first member during the campaign.



Lodge pin



Moose Legion/
Women of the
Moose pin



Sponsor 5 Members

In honor of their century of commitment, funds will be donated to our Moosehaven campus towards updating the audio and visual systems in the auditorium. This will allow residents to watch HDTV while cheering on their favorite sports teams or watching their favorite movies. Contributions are courtesy of your Association, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion.



Sponsor 25 Members

Members attaining Sponsors of Distinction status by sponsoring 25 members during the **MAKE IT HAPPEN** membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2023 International Moose Convention in Reno, Nevada. Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.



Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose. Now is a great time to sponsor a member; serve in office; renew your dues or complete training. Each activity generates points automatically that you can use to pay dues, contribute to Mooseheart/Moosehaven, or redeem for Moose gift store purchases. Check your Moose Rewards points total today at www.mooseintl.org to see how many you have earned! Also, look for special promotions throughout the year for your chance to earn greater rewards.

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