

California - Nevada GOLD MINER News & Highlights June – July 2023



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NEWS – HIGHLIGHTS

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President Message

Dear Moose Members,

I just got to visit 13 Lodges with the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Moose International, Bruce Masopust. He is a great man and a better Moose member. Very personable. He was incredibly happy with the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). We got to go to the oldest Lodge in the CNMA, Santa Barbara. He really liked what they were doing to make that Lodge look new again. He was extremely impressed with the work crew at San Fernando Lodge. They worked hard to make their Lodge better for their members. Everyone he met was unbelievably nice and friendly. It impressed him that all the Lodges we went to felt like home. I would like to thank all the members that we met for the warmth and all your hospitality. Bruce was so happy that he is planning a trip back to the northern part of the CNMA to see more Lodges. He also told me that the Moose Fraternity ended the year with a plus one for the second year in a row. This is legendary they do not know when this last happened. The CNMA also ended the year plus one for the second year in a row, so thank you to everyone that sponsored a member. Please keep up the magnificent work.

I hope you all are going to the 2023 International Moose Convention June 20-23 in Reno, NV. We need a big turnout so Moose International will start looking at the West Coast for more conventions.

It is going to be a great honor to represent the CNMA at the High School Graduation at Mooseheart. I cannot wait to go to Camp Ross that same weekend. I know I will have delightful stories, so please see me at the 2023 International Moose Convention and I will tell them to you!

Fraternally yours,

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Congratulations To The Class Of 2023!



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President's Project

MHN Chapel WiFi

**equipment to stream
Moosehaven Chapel Services
and MHN inhouse channel 3
as well as Facebook**

This project will allow the residents to view weddings, services and a host of special events throughout the MHN campus.

Make your checks payable to **MOOSE CHARITIES** and be sure and put **CNMA CHAPEL PROJECT** in the Memo.

A donation can also be made online at **www.moosecharities.org**. Select DONATE+ > Moosehaven City of Contentment and enter CNMA CHAPEL PROJECT in the Special Instructions.

Association Vice President - Roddy Myers

Vice President Message

Hello Moose Family,

It is hard to believe June and July are already upon us, you know what that means? All District Presidents should be holding nominations and elections for District officers.

Please remember we need your new District Officer Information Sheet completed by July 15th. Completing the information is easy just go to [CNMA website](#) > Secretary page > District Information > [District Officers Information Sheet](#). If you do not have a full board, please reach out to me and I will do my best to help you.

On to another matter that I just cannot grasp, that is I do not understand why the Lodge Administrator or Lodge President would not want to save their Lodge money. Just going to the District meetings and representing your Lodge earns you points towards the 5 Star Award. It is calculated based on a percentage since all Districts do not hold monthly meetings (some are bi-monthly and some quarterly). Remember it is a requirement that the President and Administrator attend District meetings. I am hoping this will be the year all of our 108 Lodges attend all meetings. If you know you cannot make it to a meeting, you can always call the Vice President of the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) and they can make the decision to excuse you. Please do not abuse this.

On to a good note I had the pleasure of traveling with the Moose International Chairman of the Board of Directors Bruce Masopust while he traveled around Southern California. We had a lot of **FUN** with the Jersey Boy that "knows a guy". Thank you to all the Lodges that were open, it was a pleasure seeing and visiting with all of you.

Remember if you want to apply for a position on the [CNMA Executive Committee](#), [Chairman](#) or to be on a [committee](#) (FYI each of these is a clickable link to the correct form) get your paperwork turned in by completing the appropriate form by July 15th.

If your lodge has not paid their CNMA dues or is not on a CNMA approved payment plan, please get it taken care of before the upcoming Annual Convention. Lodges that are in arrears are not eligible to have voting delegates at a convention. Your lodge has been receiving reminders, emails and calls regarding their indebtedness to this Association.

I know we can make this an impressive year. It is a lot of work but remember why we are Moose.

God Bless Mooseheart, Moosehaven and God bless all of you.

Roddy Myers
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Treasurer Message

Hello Moose Members,

As we pass the halfway point in our fiscal year, we see the Month of May with new Lodge Officers. Most Administrators are experienced, and some are new. I call upon us all to be there for support. The District Officers can play a significant role in helping our Lodges succeed through encouragement of timely reporting of members, Endowment, and various monies due. While we cannot predict our financial future in Lodges and Districts, we can help assess the positive outcomes. We find prices ever increasing. Now more than ever, Lodge Officers, District Officers, particularly the Treasurers and Secretaries must have a feasible year end goal that is achievable. As costs rise, we must put more funds away for convention and conference attendance. Plan ahead - various Districts may find the amount sent to the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) may not be significant enough. Building District meeting attendance is crucial to financial success. Start thinking outside the box for fundraising projects. Various Districts offer events inside of events, such as fundraising activities during District picnics, golf tournaments, inter-lodge pool tournaments. District Officers help the members by being detailed in your financial reporting. Providing funds for the necessities of our fraternal organization is not a one-way street, we receive as we give, as example some Lodges will see the rewards by earning the Five Star Award.

Coming out of our Mid-Year Conference we are in hand and on our way to having one of our best years ever. Remember that training gives us knowledge and knowledge is the treasure of a wise man. Please encourage all to take advantage of our numerous training tools, and especially the new Lodge officers, to attend Lodge Leadership training in a timely manner. Our contributions to the CNMA President's Project and the Always Active At (AAA) Moosehaven Project are growing, and we shall achieve our goals.

I would like to thank all the Committee Chairperson's for doing a wonderful job this year. To the Committee Chairperson's I work closely with, thank you for your timely reporting and the outstanding job each of you is doing in contacting Lodges, Districts and answering all the inquiries by members. Your Association Executive Committee is always here for any help you may need.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the 2023 International Moose Convention June 20-23 in Reno, NV!

Fraternally,

Bill Jackson
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Chaplain Message



Hello everyone! I hope you are doing well and have had a good start to your Lodge and Chapter year. We finished this last year strong with a gain in membership for the second year in a row and I know we can have a three peat.

I feel like I just got back from our Mid-Year Conference which I feel was a remarkable success and a ton of **FUN**. Mr. Hart was a great speaker; the Heart of the Community Activities were amazing, and the Casino Night was a **FUN** night.

With that being said we are now gearing up for our September Annual Convention. We are excited to go back to the Nugget Casino Resort as the hotel staff are very accommodating and they make sure we have exactly what we need. You are currently able to make hotel reservations and the convention registration should be up right after the International Moose Convention. If you need a scooter for September, you can either contact the Nugget directly or you can contact me, and I can put one on hold for you and the charge will be billed to your room.

Speaking of the International Moose Convention which will be held in our own backyard. I expect to see a lot of our members in attendance. For those of you who have never been to an international convention now is your chance.

Please keep an eye out for information on the upcoming September Annual Convention and I look forward to seeing you there!

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2023 International Moose Convention

Reno 2023

INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION
 JUNE 20 – JUNE 25

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE
(Subject to change)

Sunday, June 18, 2023
 Moose Legion Secretary Training – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, June 19, 2023
 Moose Legion Secretary Training (cont.) – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 2-HOTT Training – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 Registration Open – Noon – 6 p.m.
 Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open – Noon – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 20, 2023
 Registration – 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Moose Legion Breakfast & Session – 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
 Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 WOTM Topical Sessions Workshop – 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Moose Communications Awards – 11:15 a.m. – Noon
 Star Luncheon & Conferral – Noon – 2:30 p.m.
 Moose Workshops – 1 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
 Moose Legion Conference Session – 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
 Moose Trainers Meeting – 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
 Opening Session of The Moose – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
 Fellowship Breakfast & Conferral – 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 2nd Session of The Moose – 10 a.m. – Noon
 College of Regents Luncheon – 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
 Moose Workshops – 1 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
 College of Regents Conferral – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
 Moose Slots Tournament – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

25 Club/Fun Night
 Featuring
Under The Sun
 – Sun Records
 Tribute Concert
Thursday, June 22 • 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 22, 2023
 Academy of Friendship Breakfast – 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 3rd Session of The Moose – 9 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 Pilgrim Luncheon – Noon – 1:30 p.m.
 Chris Tuff Special Session – 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 Moose Workshops – 2 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
 25 Club/Fun Night – 6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Friday, June 23, 2023
 Installation of Officers – 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 Bowling for Moose Charities – 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
 League of Guardians Event – 5 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Registration and housing are open.
 Additional information for the 2023 Convention can be found at www.mooset2023reno.org.

Author and thought leader Chris Tuff offers tactics for organizations like The Moose that we can implement now to become better sellers, leaders and connectors - all while empowering us to do so with greater purpose and fulfillment.

Register Now For Housing

Book your hotel for the 2023 International Moose Convention in Reno with our Moose website www.mooset2023reno.org/reno-convention-housing. The Grand Sierra Resort is at capacity. For rooms at The Nugget Hotel & Casino call (800) 648-1177 and mention Group code GMSIN23 for Moose International Inc.

The Nugget Hotel & Casino

For rooms at the Circus Circus Hotel & Casino call (800) 223-7277 and mention Group code MOOSE23 for Moose International Inc.

Circus Circus Hotel & Casino

Association Past President – Bill Thompson

Past President Message



The 5 Star Awards have been compiled and are being reviewed as I type but it is obvious that we have amazing members working hard to achieve success. It takes a yearlong effort and monthly dedication to earn the 25% savings. Points are earned by bringing in new members, collecting and remitting endowment each month, attending the Annual Convention and Mid-Year Conference, submitting a Moose of the Year, and attending District meetings. But the biggest area that eliminated Lodges is not nominating someone for the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Achievement Award!

I attended the 75th Anniversary of the Yuba City Moose Lodge which was an impressive event and by the time you read this the Roseville Lodge will have celebrated their 98th Year! Congratulations and what awesome longevity. I thank your members for all of the contributions to your communities and for the Moose.

I need to repeat something that needs addressing. We had 33 CNMA Achievement Award nominees from our CNMA Moose Lodges which is the most ever but also nowhere near what it should be. Please start recognizing your members! Recognize an outstanding individual who has made a difference. It is the right thing to do, and the deadline of **August 14th** is fast approaching.

For the second year in a row, we are plus one in our CNMA! You are amazing and we can't thank our members enough for bringing in their friends. 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. We would really appreciate any effort you can make to continue our growth. Our retention percentage is not where we would like it, so take a look at what the problem or concern is in your Lodge and see what can be done to correct any areas of concern. We really need help with retention so please make a call and make a difference.

I am excited to once again attend the Mooseheart promotions, graduations, and Pilgrim Conferral. I expect/hope we will have eight or so new very deserving Pilgrims in our CNMA soon. I am looking forward to attending many of the upcoming celebrations! Less than a month later we will congratulate our newest Fellows in Reno! What a special event.

Plan to attend the first ever International Soft Tip Dart Tournament to be held in our own Yuba City Moose Lodge! October 13-15, 2023. Lots of great meals are planned with entertainment at night as well. But the highlights are all of the great darts and the amazing Moose members. Yuba City is planning on a sweep, so the challenge is out there to bring your best! Registration will open as it gets closer but plan for a great weekend. We also have at least 12 Moose Lodges within an hour's drive so a Moose hopping excursion is a real possibility.

I am so proud of all of our CNMA accomplishments so far this year. You have really made a difference with your contributions to the President's Projects by fully funding the Chapel Wi-Fi. You Rock! You also racked up huge numbers of members for the second year in a row! What an amazing accomplishment and I thank you! Way-to-Go California and Nevada!

Bill Thompson
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NEW!

SOFT TIP DARTS

Yuba City, CA 1204

October 13-15, 2023

MAIL IN REGISTRATION ONLY!

For additional information please visit mooseintl.org/members/index.php/sports/ or call Will Harrison at (630) 966-2214.

Secretary Message

It is that time of year when members of this Association consider applying for a position on the Executive Committee, becoming a Committee Chairman or Sergeant-at-Arms, or perhaps an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms or Committee member. The deadline of July 15th looms and a member might wonder what form do I use to apply for one of these positions? Here are the answers (*each item that is highlighted and underlined is a clickable link to the applicable form*):

All forms can be found on the [CNMA Website](#) on the [Secretary](#) page. Once you complete the form DO NOT FILL IT OUT AGAIN – One application per year. The **Association** year is defined as October 1 to September 30 and is a selection at the top of the form.

Anyone wishing to be considered for a position on the CNMA Executive Committee should fill out the [Executive Committee Application](#). The Executive Committee is defined as President, Vice President, Junior Past President, Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Anyone wishing to be considered for a **Committee Chairman** position or as the **Sergeant-at-Arms (not Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms)** should fill out the [CNMA Chairman Application](#).

Anyone appointed by the Chairman to be a committee member **must** fill out the [Committee Member Information Sheet](#).

Anyone appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms to be an Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms **must** fill out the [Committee Member Information Sheet](#).

After elections are held for District Officers the following forms are to be completed:

The elected District President **must** fill out the [District President Application Form](#). The due date is July 15th. The District Secretary **must** complete the [District Officers Information Sheet](#). This must be completed immediately following the District elections.

Questions can be directed to the respective assigned representative as defined by the CNMA Policy Manual Policy 8.2.

As promised another quarterly Association dues billing occurred on May 15th. Many lodges have already made payment and we appreciate it. We would like to thank everyone who has taken advantage of paying their Association dues invoice by clicking the “Review and Pay” button in the email sent on May 15th to each lodge Smartermail account. If your lodge did not receive this email (or accidentally deleted it) please let us know and we will reissue it. As a reminder the 5 Star Award credits will not be applied to eligible lodge accounts until August and prior to the August 15th quarterly billing. The Executive Committee must complete a final review of the results and consider any appeals that may be received.

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Liaison Message



With the new Moose year upon us, it is time to embrace the new campaign... **Proud Past, Bright Future**... The Moose has gone through a lot of changes in the last few years with the women now being members of the Lodge and becoming leaders in various Lodge and Association positions. Let us continue to work together to grow this fraternity in both membership, community service, and giving to our beloved twin cities of Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

As always, there will be things to work on and areas we can improve such as retention and the sponsorship of new members. As an Association, we did not do well in the new member category, but our retention was decent. I hope to see many of you at the International Moose Convention June 20-23 Reno, NV, which happens to be in my Territory. The biggest little city of Reno, Nevada welcomes the Moose for a week of **FUN** and information.

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25 Club/Fun Night
Featuring
Under The Sun
– Sun Records
Tribute Concert
Thursday,
June 22 • 8 p.m.



Chris Tuff
Author and Thought Leader
Thursday, June 22
• 2 - 3 p.m. •

Membership Committee Chairman – Robert Leon

Membership



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA NEVADA MOOSE ASSOCIATION (CNMA) LODGES AND MEMBERS FOR ANOTHER GROUNDBREAKING YEAR!

Overall, The Moose saw an increase in Membership for the second straight year as we had a gain of +1,803 New or Reenrolled Members. **YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!**

I am collaborating diligently with the Committee and District Presidents to ensure your Membership incentives get out to you as soon as they come in. Thank you to the 649 members who signed three new members, the 279 who signed up 5 new members, and the 67 who signed up 10 or more new members.

We have a **NEW CAMPAIGN** from **May 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023: 'Spring Into Action.'** We truly hope this short campaign will resonate with the Membership and inspire them to look around and see which potential candidates they have overlooked and encourage them to become part of The Moose Family.

Back by Popular demand is the apron for signing **10 or more members**, this was clearly popular and requested by several Members to repeat this incentive. For signing **3 or more members**, you will receive a cell phone sleeve which attaches to the back of your cell phone, which can be used to carry your credit card, Moose membership cards, & ID so you do not have to lug your purse or wallet around. For signing **5 or more members**, you will receive a 3-in-one charging cable for Android, Apple, or other devices.

On another note, as I have previously mentioned, I am looking forward to visiting Lodges in the CNMA. I have been fortunate to attend several District Socials up here in the North and have visited a couple of Lodges in the South. My hope is that every Lodge and every District has a Membership Chairperson to help promote both the Moose International Campaign: **PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE** & the CNMA Campaign: **'Spring Into Action.'**

One last thing before I sign off: We are still looking for Membership Champions to become part of this exciting Membership Committee. We cannot do it alone and I would genuinely like to see our committee grow and have members from Southern California and Nevada involved in planning and promoting Membership ideas. *"A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many."*

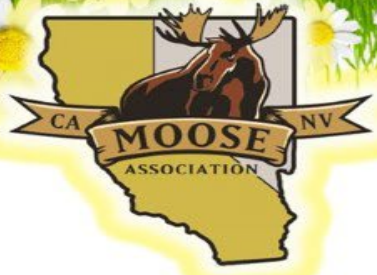
Thank you to my Vice-Chair Terry Gough for allowing me to bounce ideas around and turning them into reality. A heartfelt thank you to our CNMA President Joe Henderson for having faith and allowing me to run with our promotions.

Finally, thank you to my wife Rosamaria (since 4/29/2023) for supporting me in all my Moose endeavors.

'There is a lot of really nice Moose Members out there, and if you can't find one, **BE ONE!**'

Fraternal Regards,
Robert Leon
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*Membership Incentive
May 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023*



Spring into Action

SPONSOR 3
*Earn a
Cell Phone Sleeve*



SPONSOR 5
*Earn a
3-In-1
Charging Buddy*



SPONSOR 10
*Earn a
CNMA Membership
Apron*



*Spring into Action...
Make it Happen...
Sponsor a Member Today!*





New Member Orientation

Hello Everyone!

I would like to congratulate our new presidents and their board of officers. I would also like to thank you for your service. As you know, by stepping forward into your Lodge, you have big responsibilities, and we are here to guide you in the right direction.

All Lodges should be striving to earn the Premier Lodge Award, and Presidents and Administrators to earn the Leadership Award. These awards are a great honor for each Lodge. These awards are a goal we hope to achieve each year.

One way of doing this, is for all presidents and officers, to download the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) website on their personal devices. This will help with having the website accessible from all your devices when needed. We also request that you download the Gold Miner Newsletter as this is a great tool for upcoming information that will keep you up to date and informed on the current information that you will need for the positions that you have been appointed. It is another tool that will help you achieve your goals. We want you to have all the tools/resources at 'the touch of a finger'! The key to having a successful year is having all the information you need, and we are here to help you along the way.

Some key notes to scheduling are that your important dates should be scheduled a year in advance. Examples of that are orientations. Orientations should be scheduled a year in advance so that you have a published schedule and so that all involved can attend. We want everyone to be able to add it to their calendars and be able to attend as these orientations are an especially important part of making your job a success!

Throughout the year, I will be emailing all Lodges in the CNMA monthly. I will be giving you information and ideas that can help you with your orientations.

Please feel free to email me on things that are working in your Lodge. I am here to assist you with all your questions and get you the information/person who can help you with all your needs on orientations. This will truly help me relay the information to the correct officer, Lodge, or administrator.

Sincerely,

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Retention

Well congratulations to all our new officers. Let us get started on the right foot. Start on your **Retention** now! The **Councils of Higher Degrees** are ready and willing to help, all you must do is ask them.

Remember your new members, let them know what The Moose does. Looking forward to helping in any way I can.

Hugs,
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“Remember me? I’m the one you asked to become a member. I’m the one who paid dues to become a member, and stood up in front of all of you and promised to be a good member. I’m the one who has come to every meeting since that time, but no one paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly to some other members, but they all had their buddies to talk with and sit next to. I sat down along with some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn’t pay much attention to me. I hoped very much that somebody would ask me to take charge of the last fundraising project, but no one asked. I wanted very much to do the job, but no one saw my hand when I volunteered. I missed my first meeting since becoming a member when my husband was sick. I could not make it, but no one asked me at the next meeting where I was. Gosh, I guess it didn’t matter very much to the others whether I was there or not. The next meeting, I decided to stay home and watch a good program on TV. The following meeting, I attended. No one asked where I was the week before. You might say I am a nice person, love my family, hold a responsible job, and serve my community. You know who else I am? I’m the one who never came back. It amuses me when I think back on how the president and several members were discussing why the Club was losing members. It amuses me that they spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. All they needed to do was to make me feel wanted, needed, and welcome. I’m the one who never came back.”

*Be the Solution not
 the Problem*

Moose Legion



As we begin a new chapter in membership building for the **Moose Legion**, let us not forget those we are seeking to retain.

This can only happen if we work together as a **TEAM** (The Entire Amarzing Moose) (Feel free to plagiarize this). More than ever, we need to concentrate on making **Retention** a priority daily or weekly and not wait for the month to hustle and catch up. By doing this, at the end of the year, panic should not set in and the effort to retain **Moose Legionnaires** will be minimal. Remember, the **Moose Legion** gives 100% at all levels.

Now that we have laid a foundation for **Retention**, let us look at **Moose Legion** membership building. Moose International has a new campaign, **PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE**. As in life, some things must change or evolve to correspond to the ever-changing climate of what people are looking for in a Fraternal Organization.

For our **Moose Legion** to grow, we must explore and try new ways to attract New **Moose Legionnaires** and their families. If your Lodge Home allows, set up family night activities once a week or once a month with games and entertainment for all, let us have a BBQ, let us have **FUN!**

Is your **Moose Legion** Jurisdiction running a membership campaign, maybe offer a life membership, a year's **Moose Legion** dues, Moose Bucks, a **Moose Legion** belt buckle, etc. to sponsors? How about a quarterly inner to welcome the newest **Moose Legionnaires**? The goal is to keep persevering through all the challenges we encounter in our pursuit of increased membership in The Degree of Service.

From my personal experience, you never know who has been asked to become a **Moose Legionnaire** until you ask. You never know, this might be the right moment where your candidate has seen enough to be encouraged to finally join. Today is a good day to ask a Brother to join the **Moose Legion**.

Fraternal Regards,
Robert Leon
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Mooseheart Chairman – Julie Nelson**Mooseheart Happenings**

Hello everyone and Happy Spring. I am excited to bring you the most current happenings from Mooseheart.

May and June at Mooseheart are very busy for the students and staff as they begin to wind down the year and gear up for promotions, graduations and summer vacations.

The first week in May brought balmy weather, a Cinco De Mayo celebration, and the Reserve Officers Training Corps (RORC) Annual Awards Ceremony. Dignitaries from the Great Lakes Naval Base were present to observe the students and present awards. Warrant Officer Rick Smith conducted his last inspection at Mooseheart as he is retiring at the end of the year.

May 7th was the 46th Annual Mooseheart Relays at Mooseheart Stadium. The Northeastern Athletic Conference finals for Illinois high school students were held simultaneously. It was a very proud day for Mooseheart as the ladies' team took first place and the men's team took second place. Six of the participating students took first place in their respective events.

In preparation for the 5th & 8th grade promotions on June 2nd and high school graduation on June 3rd the students are extremely excited to pick out suits and dresses for their events. The senior class enjoyed missing two class periods as they had their final fittings for their Dress for Success business outfits sponsored by the Pennsylvania Moose Association. The adults present commented on how the new attire seemed to bolster the self-confidence of the students as they emerged from the dressing rooms adorned in their professional business attire and great big smiles.

The weekend will be packed with picnics and celebrations honoring the promoting and graduating students and their families. The State Associations for Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey, Michigan and the Canadian Association will be on campus hosting these events.

Mooseheart has fourteen proud graduates this year and they have all chosen their paths to a successful future upon leaving Mooseheart. Four students have chosen to pursue careers in nursing, the class Valedictorian will study to become an Aerospace Engineer and wants to work for NASA. One of the graduates is headed to Community College and will enter their trade school to become a heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) technician and three others will pursue general studies at the Community College level. Two graduates will be studying computer science and another psychology. And the last student, an incredibly talented artist, will be studying Fine Arts.

Two of the undergraduates at Mooseheart have been selected to represent Mooseheart at the Yellowstone Conservation Corps (YCC) Youth Camp from early June through late July.

The majority of the students will leave the campus and travel home to be with family and /or guardians for the summer. They are busy finalizing plans for their trips home as their guardians purchase plane tickets or make arrangements to pick them up for the summer. But before they leave, many of the campus homes will take summer trips. In June, the Oregon girls' home will travel to Moosehaven, the Canada and Antoinette Marinello boys' home will travel to Washington, and Oregon, and the New England boys' home is traveling to Rhode Island and Maine. These trips provide the kids with a real family vacation experience which most of them have never experienced.

We wish all of the new graduate's heartfelt congratulations and wish them nothing but success in their career pursuits!

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MOOSEHEART
Child City & School Inc.



Moosehaven Committee Chairman – Linda Ethier**Moosehaven**

I want to say thank you to Joe Henderson for giving me the opportunity to represent Moosehaven. Moosehaven is remarkably busy with many improvements going on. The largest being the **Always Active At** Moosehaven (**AAA**) Project. This is a 10-Million-dollar project to complete construction or renovation on three buildings on the Moosehaven campus.

- 1. Pavilion** – a large enough space to seat all residents under the same roof with lighting, ceiling fans and restrooms where picnics and evening events can be held and will even include a Tiki Bar
- 2. Sports & Recreation Complex** – a social area for all to enjoy with a bowling alley, electronic darts, billiards, indoor shuffleboard, a golf simulator, and a card room
- 3. Amenity Center** – which will include a remodel of the indoor therapeutic pool, outdoor patio with a fire pit, multi-purpose room for group exercises and gym equipment designed just for seniors

These are just a few of the fabulous things going on with the AAA Project. Another project going on at this time is the construction of the Florida Hall which will be converted to Brandon Place and made into thirteen apartments.

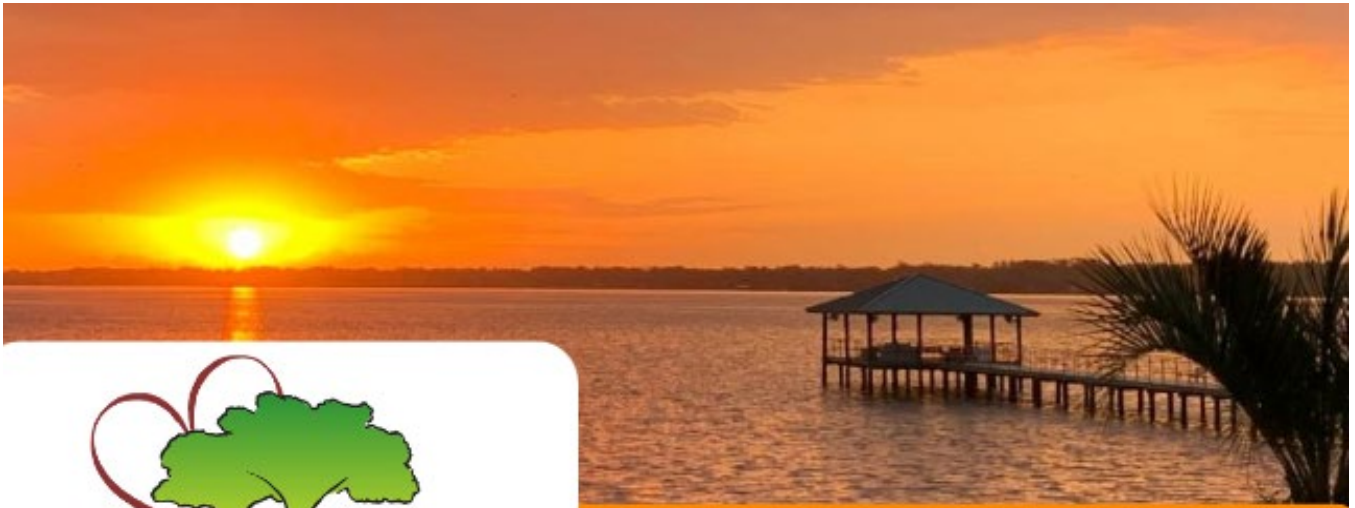
Total members at Moosehaven are 291 with 108 men and 183 women, ten of whom are from California. the average age at Moosehaven is 81.9.

Always Active At Moosehaven (AAA)

Please keep the donations flowing to the AAA Project.

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It's never too late to have fun!

MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT

Always Active At Moosehaven



Pavilion

- A large enough space to seat all residents under the same roof!
- Picnics and evening events will be held here
- It will have lighting, ceiling fans, and restrooms.
- Portable Tiki Bar



Sports and Recreation Complex

- A social area for all to enjoy
- Bowling alley
- Electronic Darts
- Billiards
- Indoor shuffleboard
- Golf simulator
- Card room



Amenity Center

- A complete remodel of the indoor therapeutic pool
- Outdoor patio including a fire pit
- Multi-purpose room for group exercise
- Gym equipment designed for seniors

DONATE TODAY!

To make a gift by mail, send your check made payable to: Moose Charities, Inc.

155 S. International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539-1100
include "AAA" in the memo line

Visit our website

Support.Moosecharities.org/MHNAAA

to make an online donation to support the project!

Heart of the Community News



Hello Summer!

I guess Spring has sprung without a second glance. Our committee is hard at work again getting ready for the Annual Convention in September. We will be looking for Tommy and Rosie Moose, Blankets, Gift Cards etc.

We are planning to have a Blood drive too. We will be sending out the Wish list to the lodge Smartermail accounts and to the Territory Managers' distribution lists so please be on the lookout for it. This email will provide all that we need to have a successful Heart of the Community event.

Hope to see you at the International Moose Convention June 20-23 in Reno, NV!!

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Training News



Lodge Leadership Training sessions are being scheduled to assist all lodge members with learning about the general laws of The Moose. Understanding the roles of the officers, chairmen, committee members and members is vital to lodges earning awards such as the Premier Lodge Award, California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Five Star Award and Leadership Awards. This training is required for all lodge officers and is good for three years. Those members who are taking the training for the first time are suggested to take it in the classroom. Those renewing can take it online using the [Moose International website](#) > Members Area > Moose Training > Moose Online Training > Online Training – Credit Eligible > [Lodge Leadership](#). There are two modules and a Lodge Leadership Assessment Test. A score of 80% or better must be achieved in order to receive credit for completing the training. Many sessions are being scheduled throughout our Association so please check the [CNMA Website](#) > [CNMA Education](#) often to find a session near you.

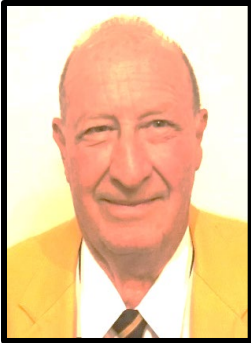
Administrator School and 2 Section Hands on Technical Training (2 HOTT) sessions have been scheduled throughout our Association. If you are an Administrator, Chapter Treasurer or Moose Legion Secretary it is required that you attend this updated training. There is no online training for this training. Review the appropriate general laws to ensure you have the right information to remain current in this important training as the requirements are different for each position and for a Chapter Treasurer who is working toward the Star degree it is required.

Remember that all training sessions can be found on the CNMA Website > [CNMA Education](#). Our website is a valuable resource for this Association and should be reviewed at least weekly to ensure that you are up to date on the latest news.

Now that our prior fiscal year has ended as of April 30th it is now 990 tax time for our fraternal units – and 199 tax time for California units. Please file your 990, and 199 by the required due date of **September 15th**. Do not wait till the last minute especially if you need assistance. Not filing can be very costly as interest and penalties accrue **daily**. Go to the CNMA website, > LCL/QBO Procedures > Tax Procedures to find instructions and clickable links to the appropriate form. Not sure what to do? Call Moose Technical Trainer Deborah Story – she is happy to assist! Call her at 310-704-7669 or email ladyfelix17@gmail.com. She has already sent an email (and a letter via snail mail) to all units letting us know she is here to help. As an added bonus, with QuickBooks Online there is a way to add her as an Accountant so she can access your database and prepare your taxes electronically!

Chapters and Moose Legions can electronically file the Internal Revenue Service Form 990N and the Franchise Tax Board required CA199N. A listing of all units assigned numbers can be found in the same location CNMA website > LCL/QBO Procedures > Tax Procedures > [Lodge IRS/FTB FEIN/ Corp ID Listing](#). entity ID numbers for all chapters is also on the Your greatest resource is Deborah Story! Don't wait till the last minute, contact her today!

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Special Projects HOC Sub-committee Chairman – Bob Bakman**CNMA Moosehaven 'AAA' Special Project News**

Hi Everyone,

Thank you, Thank you, Thank You to all for your donations that have us started and moving toward our minimum donation goal of \$200,000 towards the Moosehaven 'AAA' Project that will certainly improve the quantity and quality of the recreational opportunities for our senior residents at Moosehaven.

So where are we, you ask? Well as of the end of the Moose fiscal year on April 30, 2023, your donations to the Moosehaven AAA Project totaled \$33,115.12, which means we are only \$166,884.88 from our minimum goal, and keep in mind that the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) membership has traditionally seen the minimum goal as something to look back at, not forward to.

The certificate award levels are in place and Level 1 is attained when your donations reach \$350, Level 2 at \$700, Level 3 at \$1,050, Level 4 at \$2,100 and those attaining Level 5 \$4,200 and Level 6 \$8,400 will receive an appropriately engraved plaque. We are also continuing to present an appropriately engraved plaque to the Top Donor in each of the following categories: Lodge, District, Council of Higher Degrees, Chapter, Moose Legion Jurisdiction, and individual member.

Our transition to create a better communication and information resource utilizing our CNMA Website continues, and you are now able to go to the Special Projects selection on the right hand side of the website (do not forget to scroll down) to find information about and answers to your questions. It is my goal to provide Ann Cooke with monthly updates on the status of this worthwhile project. So, check this section of the website often for the latest news and updates.

Keep in mind the difference between an **AWARD PROGRAM LEVEL**, which requires you to attain a certain monetary level to attain, and **PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**. If you donate to the program, **YOU ARE A PARTICIPANT**, if you do not donate to the program, **YOU ARE A NON-PARTICIPANT**. The choice is yours.

Fraternally,

Robert R. 'Bob' Bakman

Special Projects Sub-Committee Chairman

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***SPECIAL PROJECTS
WE CAN DO IT!
BRING THEM ON!***

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Youth Awareness News



We have just completed our Youth Awareness (YA) 2022 - 2023 year. Youth Awareness students from across the nation went to St. Louis, Missouri for the Annual Youth Awareness International Congress. The students had a wonderful time! They went to the aquarium, the zoo, and the famous St. Louis Arch to name a few things. The five scholarship winners were announced on Sunday, April 23rd, at one of the local Lodges.

- 5th Place** - Xavier Aquino-Missouri \$2,000
- 4th Place** - Ivy Liny-Virginia \$3,000
- 3rd Place** - Alannah Talley-Missouri \$5,000
- 2nd Place** - **Quang Ho-California!!! \$8,000 Sponsored by**
Garden Grove Chapter 1117
- 1st Place** - Aniston Hornsby West Virginia \$12,000

Congratulations to all the winners! The Scholarship money is provided by the Moose Legion!!! A huge thank you to our Moose Legion and everyone who sponsors a student in the Youth Awareness Program!!

Our winner from California, Quang Ho, is in 11th grade and will return to our program for 2023/2024. He is a wonderful young man who did his talk on 'Goal Setting'. It looks like he set his goal on a scholarship and won!

We also had four wonderful young ladies who were finalists for the California Nevada Moose Association. Denise Rojas sponsored by Garden Grove Lodge, Hannah Walker sponsored by Buena Park Chapter, Zuleyka Alvarez sponsored by Sunnyvale Lodge (all 11th graders) and Peyton Manning (12th grade) sponsored by West Sacramento Lodge.

Every year our YA Coordinators give everything to their students. It starts at the YA Congress, which is the first requirement to being in the program. The Coordinators mentor the students, give them resources for Kids Talks, support them, guide them, push them when they need it, give lots of helpful hints, and endless encouragement! We each have our own style and that is what makes it **FUN!** We have an amazing team of very dedicated Coordinators in California! Without them we have no program! We all love what we do!

We are now searching for new students to join the program. The only requirement is to be a high school student! Their parents do not need to be Moose members. Students can return every year until they graduate.

A YA Student Congress must be held between August and October. We have a few congresses set up for the South. September 9th – Buena Park and October 14th – Escondido. We will post all Youth Awareness Congresses on the [CNMA website](#).

Thank you all for your support of our program.

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Our five finalists for the CNMA waiting to board the plane for the International YA Congress



2nd Place scholarship winner, Quang Ho, sponsored by Garden Grove Chapter 1117 at the St Louis Aquarium



Home safe and sound!



Girls just want to have fun!



Denise Rojas sponsored by Garden Grove Lodge 620 and Hannah Walker sponsored by Buena Park Chapter 828



The Story Continues

Hello to all - The Story Continues,

At the International Convention of the Loyal Order of Moose in Detroit in 1911 Director General James J. Davis instructed the Supreme Council to look for property which, could be obtained for the establishment of a 'Moose College' Institute, or 'School.' When it became generally known that the Moose planned to build a school, offers of property came from all parts of the country. For an entire week in December 1911, a joint committee of trustees of the Supreme Council met at the Willard Hotel in Washington to receive and examine the offers. During these meetings and a number of subsequent ones, it was decided that the school should be located somewhere near the center of population. This ruled out many possible sites. Finally, in December 1912, it was decided to purchase a dairy farm known as Brookline Farm, near Aurora IL and several hundred acres from an adjoining farm. The land was acquired in January 1913, and consisted of approximately 1,000 acres of fertile farmland in the scenic Fox River Valley. The Name Mooseheart was suggested by Congressman John J. Lentz of Ohio who served on the original Mooseheart Board of Governors. The name was formally adopted at a meeting in Chicago in February 1913. The Story Continues.

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Disaster Relief Fund Chairman – Rick Balthazar

Disaster Relief News

Hello to all my Moose Brothers and Sisters,

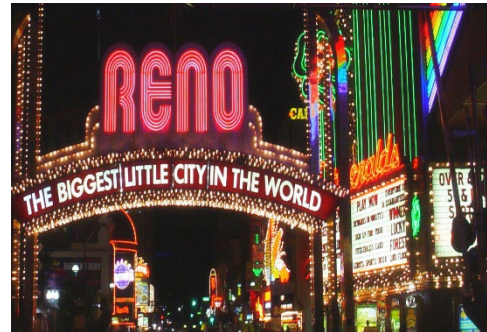
Thank you to all who contribute to the Disaster Relief Fund. Recently Me and my wife Debbie were honored to have dinner with Milt, Bettimae, CEO Scott Hart and his wife Christie at our Past President dinner. One of the things we discussed was how the Disaster Relief fund came to be. The Executive Committee along with the Hart family visited La Habra Lodge after the conference. While they were there I showed Mr. Hart how it all started by dropping a quarter into a jar. He was extremely impressed and gave thanks to the California Nevada Moose Association for all their excellent work. Let us keep this fund strong. Another Thank You to Pacifica Lodge for another big donation. Recently we helped a Lodge with a \$1,000 for desperately needed repairs. Thank you all for what you do.

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**All American Patriots Information and Action Bulletin
CNMA VALUED VETERANS and PATRIOT ~ MOOSE CALL**

HIGHLIGHTS & COMING EVENTS

- MOOSE INTL – JUNE RENO
- VALUED-VET ORGANIZATION
- IMAGINE POSSIBILITIES
- NATIONAL PARKS VETERAN PASS
- VETERANS PROGRAM MENU
- CNMA VETERANS WEBPAGE
- COLOR GUARD UNITS
- VETERAN-TELL- YOUR-STORY
- MAKE YOUR WISHES KNOWN!
- CONGRESS CONTROL ON VETS
- HELP LOCATE WW II VETERANS



**IMAGINE
THE POSSIBILITIES!**

**WE HAVE THE NUMBERS
NOW LET'S JUST GET ORGANIZED
AND SHOW WHAT WE CAN DO
TOGETHER!!**



Can you imagine opening **The MOOSE** Conventions & Conferences first, by the posting of the Colors by two California Nevada Moose Association (**CNMA**) District Color Guard units and three Lodge Color Guard units with all those colorful and **patriotic flags** waving in the movement? Or attending a community parade and watching several **patriotic entries** representing their Moose Lodges? You could be walking next, to that entry, handing out small personal American flags to happy smiling children on the parade route, along with a candy or healthy snack. Remember two things: **1)** *“We are limited only by our imagination and our will to act”*, and **2)** *“A burden heavy to one is borne lightly by many.”*

We continue to receive requests from Lodges and Districts, for guidance and instruction for the **CNMA Valued Veterans** program; and the truth is that it is an **OPPORTUNITY RESOURCE**, and each Lodge and District can choose to maximize or to minimize their efforts depending on the **RESULTS** they want for their Lodge or District. Several Lodges have organized and used the program to conduct creative **Patriotic Programs** that motivates their member families and invites communities to come participate in a flag waving program that ‘celebrates America’ and instills pride in participants. Conversely, some Lodges are satisfied to have an internal program like a dinner for members to celebrate the anniversary of each military branch of service. Each organization at every level is free to decide to do as much or as little as the members wish to do, in order to accomplish as much or as little as they desire.



Fortunately, we have resources with considerable experience to help you construct Veteran and **Patriotic Programs** at every level; from an internal dinner to a local community program to a major public reunion, or ceremonial program or parade - and the price is right! There is no reason **ANY Lodge** cannot develop and sponsor their own **Patriotic Programs**, as a mechanism to support their membership. We have the potential to guide '**Valued Veterans**' to do wonderful things for our Lodge, District, Chapter, Moose Legion, Community and Association.



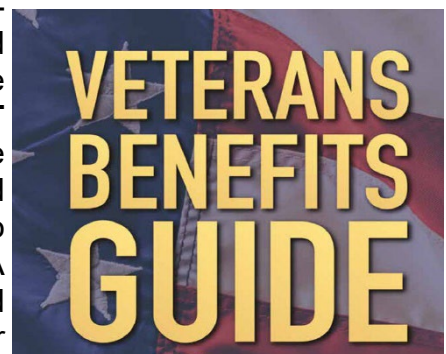
We are not all the same and we should just accept the fact that there are differences between our Lodges and their membership: size, interests, activities, community engagement, fraternalism, resistance to change, etc. Remember that it is our desire to assist any Lodge that **WANTS** help; and certainly not to compel one that prefers its 'privacy.' Individuals, groups and Lodges who have questions or who would like more information; please reach out and we will get you connected.

There are always issues as well as opportunities. And for those of us who choose to see '**THE GLASS-IS-HALF-FULL**' - we recognize that most major problems also, simultaneously, provide 'an opportunity to excel.' For those who see the glass is '**HALF-EMPTY**' look for the positive resources in your Lodge - **EVERY** Lodge has a couple, who merely need a true opportunity to 'do something.' But first every Lodge should discuss to decide - do we want more than we now have? Remember that we have the resources and experience to help those who **WANT** help. We appreciate that true 'leadership' does not **COMPEL** anything; it merely assists an organization to do those things that the 'organization' wants. < AmVetNet@yahoo.com >

Our **CNMA Valued Veterans Program** includes truly resolute '**Patriots**,' committed members who sincerely desire to support and advance **patriotism** for a multitude of reasons. Those of us who have experience with these **Patriot Volunteers** know that they are sometimes even more dedicated than some Veterans themselves. Sometimes in honor of their father or grandfather, or merely because they have never been offered an opportunity 'to serve.' There are a couple in every Lodge to find, ask, and support them!

For some programs and initiatives there is the consideration for financial support for: flags, decorations, printing, advertising, gifts, souvenirs, prizes, etc. That is where **SPONSORS** can help us make things possible **NOW**, instead of later after timely fundraising.

SPONSORS: There are commercial sponsors that have expressed interest in providing some support for our programs; but they **NEED** to know our statistics: How many Veterans do we have? WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Women, Cold War, Submarine Service, Ex-POWs, Legion of Valor, etc. Please, we have created forms and rosters to assist Lodges to more easily list, record and categorize their Veterans and essential uniqueness; please ask if you **WANT** help. Remember that these sponsors can provide the resources we need to grow, support, and expand what we need to grow and prosper. We have grand ideas and initiatives that we would like to implement, but everything needs financial support. For example: A Color Guard needs flags and uniforms, visiting hospitalized Veterans needs individual flags, military branch decals, pins, or patches:



- Lodge identify and list **ALL** your Veterans > Decide when you will meet monthly, determine your interests, priorities, organization, and leadership > Select & schedule the programs you want > Assign a committee to manage each program > Reach out, invite, coordinate, and cooperate with neighboring Lodges.
- We desire to identify and to honor our Veterans, from the oldest to the youngest; but we **NEED** that information from **YOUR** Lodge – every Lodge [**PLEASE**]. We cannot schedule the medal program for WW II and the Korean War Veterans until we know **WHO** and **HOW MANY** there are! And it is estimated that 273 WW II Veterans die every day. **PLEASE** help!

NOTE: JUNE 20-23, 2023, **INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION** - Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV.

NOTE: SEPT 14-17, 2023, **CNMA ANNUAL CONVENTION** - Sparks, NV.

Every two years the Congressional Budget Office gives a 10-year overview, just before the start of the new Congressional session. The report includes both required and optional budget and program recommendations for programs, services and benefits to military and Veterans. Decisions which are made upon these recommendations directly affect Veterans, their spouses, dependents, survivors, and caregivers from changes in compensation as well as by reductions of programs and services. A few of the proposals currently under consideration are:

1. A financial means - test for **VA** disability compensation for Veterans with higher incomes.
2. Elimination of the **VA** 'Individual Unemployability' compensation to disabled Veterans when they reach Social Security 'Full Retirement Age' (FRA0 3) benefit reduction for Veterans older than 'FRA' and
3. Reducing costs by limiting eligibility for the lower disability ratings. And do not forget that certain interests are pushing budget savings by reducing and limiting eligibility for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

CONGRESS: This is the season when Congress prepares new Veteran's initiatives which will be supported in the next National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA FY 2024); and this is a short window of opportunity when they give little attention. Inside and outside interests will ask (push) our elected officials to support or create programs which will affect Veterans, military, and their dependents. This period is when Congress is most receptive to ideas and opinions from the Veterans' community. Our official Veterans organizations are always pushing for Veteran support; and that is **WHY** it is important for every Veteran to be an official member of at least **ONE** Veteran's organization.

Remember that Congress controls the 'purse strings,' and therefore, what the **VA** is both directed and financially supported to do. For example, we have reported on the 2022 Veterans **PACT ACT**; and Congress will monitor claims applications to determine whether to expand and support the program. Recall also that Congress scrapped the **VA** Asset & Infrastructure Review last year when they rejected the plan to close several of their medical facilities. Now you should know that they are being pressed to severely restrict eligibility standards to qualify for burial at **Arlington National Cemetery**.

On a more positive side, **VA** has recently opened enrollment for the Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (**VALife**); which allows Veterans aged eighty (80) or under and with **ANY** level of service connected disability (0%-100%) to apply at any time with no medical exams or health questions necessary.

Veterans eighty-one (81) or older may apply for **VALife** within two years of receiving notification of a new service-connected disability and under certain conditions. **VALife** is available in \$10,000 increments up to \$40,000; does accrue cash value but does not extend to dependents. For more detail go to <https://benefits.va.gov/valife.asp>.

Veteran National Parks Pass: The Interagency Military Pass covers entry fees and is available online at <https://store.usgs.gov/MilitaryPass> and a \$10 processing fee. Save the fee cost by applying in person at your convenient location identified at <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/pickup-pass-locations.htm>.

FINAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS: We are working on a comprehensive package to assist our members in addressing key issues and making decisions regarding their personal decisions, wishes and preferences for any circumstance when they cannot articulate their wishes. We are called-upon several times a year to assist bereaved families to apply and coordinate final benefits and services for their incapacitated Veteran relatives. The most critical issue is the Veteran **MUST** inform the family **WHERE** they keep their military service documents, especially the 'DD-214'; the 'key' to all **VA** benefits and services. We are printing a convenient form to assist the Veteran and centralize documents when he or she is incapacitated.



Health professionals from counselors to psychologists advise Veterans to '**TELL YOUR STORY**' as personal self-help therapy for several of their concerns, issues, and problems. We now have the personal '**MY MILITARY LIFE**' journals for all veterans. Once you start, it is tough to stop; Just **ASK!**

Begin creating **YOUR** input to **OUR Valued-Veterans & Patriots Programs** list: Parades, Color Guards, Memorial Honor Squads, and Community Parade Units.

Looking forward to seeing you and answering your questions at the International Moose Convention, June 20-23, 2023, at the Grand Sierra Resort (GSR) Hotel & Casino Reno, NV.

We hope to have you visit our **CNMA Valued Veterans Resource Display** tables at our September convention being held at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV.

CNMA Valued Veterans webpage - A continuing work-in-progress, come check us out at Heart of the Community > [Valued Veterans](#) and send us your ideas, suggestions, questions, problems, comments, schemes etc., (AmVetNet@yahoo.com).

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<https://www.ca-nvmoose.org/publications/>

MOOSE PROUD PAST, BRIGHT FUTURE

May 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024

We are proud of the history of this great Fraternity. While keeping our past successes in mind, we look forward to the bright future with like-minded members who continue to play an important role in their local communities and supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven for years to come.

Working together, our future is bright.

Sponsor 1 Member

Proud Past - Bright Future 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/ WOTM pin



Sponsor 5 Members

Funds will be used toward the AAA project at Moosehaven. 5 Club members will be providing equipment for the sports complex including a top of the line Golf Simulator. Exercise is important for our residents and they look forward to perfecting their golf swing even in inclement weather. 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 **Proud Past - Bright Future** membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2024 International Moose Convention in New Orleans, LA. Additional information can be found on www.mooseintl.org.

MOOSE REWARDS

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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