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President Message

Dear Moose Members,

It has been a very eventful year. We ended the year plus one for the second year in a row. We bought a car for the kids at Mooseheart, paid for the upgrade to the Wi-Fi system at Moosehaven, and now we are raising funds for a new Utility Vehicle for the Mooseheart campus. Our Association is doing incredibly special things and Moose International is looking at us very favorably thanks to all the wonderful things going on in all our Lodges. Please keep up the magnificent work.

As some of you know Director of Membership Mike Rios drove to the International Convention and stopped at a lot of our Lodges. He was impressed at how friendly you all are and could not stop bragging about California and Nevada.

On behalf of the California Nevada Moose Association, I would like to say **THANK YOU** for the great attendance by our Association members at the International Moose Convention. We were represented very well and Moose International is still talking about the turnout.

My year is almost over, and I have had a wonderful time representing this great Association and all of you. I hope to see you all in September in Reno. It is going to be a great Annual Convention.

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The latest CNMA President's Project

MOOSEHEART UTILITY VEHICLE



Association Vice President - Roddy Myers

Vice President Message

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

As September is coming upon us fast remember, now is the time to start planning for our upcoming Annual Convention.

With that said District Presidents insure you have everything in order for the financial review of your books.

For the people that would like to know where to go to find out about District Officers' Guidance you can go to [CNMA website](#) > Secretary > District Information and you will see everything all the information available to Districts in this Association. You will also find the **CNMA Policies/Guidance** and other Documents.

I highly recommend going to our website and looking around to familiarize yourself with all that has been provided to assist in making our Districts successful. We have tried to make it easy for everyone to be able to find anything you may want to know.

Another goal of ours was to make it easy for folks to submit required paperwork by creating fillable forms that are electronically completed and submitted. We hope this helps.

Wow what an International Convention it was informational and a lot of fun. It was nice talking with everyone.

I would also like to remind all District Presidents that they need to be visiting the lodges in their districts and to submit visitation reports for each visit. During these visits you should be finding out if they are current on their Association dues, and with Moose International. In addition, it is the District President's, along with the District Secretary's, responsibility to complete all the required documents and reports. Everything you need to know is on this section of the CNMA website.

We, the Executive Committee, are here to help.

See you in September. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Thank you.

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Districts can make a
difference if they work
together as a team!



Association Treasurer – Bill Jackson

Treasurer Message

Hello and Greetings to all,

Here we are 'Jumping through July,' and for our Districts and the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA), the fiscal year is almost gone, while in our Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions we are off to another great start. Whether in our Lodges or our Districts let's be proactive in our tasks ahead. We all have our strengths, some may call them 'Battle Scars', and we all have our specializations or what we do best. At the Lodge level we are given the tools so that we know what is ahead for the most part, thus giving us the opportunity to be proactive in our financial projections so that we plan our events to our needs and proceed accordingly. At the District level using that same thought, let us share with our members our projection of what is ahead. Even these last months we can plan ahead so that our district year resolves on a **PLUS** note. This will help set the new year in a good direction. Also, our Board of Officers and our Members each have an area of specialization. Let us capitalize on these specific skills to parlay them into success. Some may have the skills of gathering Members, some the skill of the catch phrase or idea. By blending together and informing everyone, this completes our mission to be proactive in our Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions... but especially in our Districts. The more complete and more progressive our message, the more enthusiasm, attendance and success at our District meetings and functions.

Thank you to all who have stepped forward and submitted their forms for Committee Chairperson and Committee member positions. If you want to step up, it is not too late to serve on a committee. Please visit our website and submit the proper form.

With the CNMA Year End Annual Convention looming ahead, any existing Committee Chairpersons who wish to have a decorated table at the Annual Convention, please get with the Chaplain and Treasurer so we can accommodate your needs. We will be reaching out to our Committees again so that once again we will have a successful presentation at the Annual Convention. See you all in September,

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Association Chaplain – Dina Munday

Chaplain Message

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying your summer! Well, we asked for warmer weather and boy did we get it. My last article stated I was getting ready to head to Mooseheart to attend the 5th and 8th grade promotion as well as the high school graduation. This trip as always was amazing!! I love visiting the campus and speaking to both the children and staff. We should be so proud of the work that we do. The milestones and things these children have accomplished are amazing. Knowing that each member was a part of their success just by being a member of the Moose. Please know that because of you each of these children has been provided with a second chance to make the most out of life.

While at Mooseheart I also was able to witness eight California - Nevada Fellows walk into the House of God and come out as Pilgrims after receiving the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. Congratulations to each of you and thank you for your years of dedication and service and we look forward to seeing more of each of you in the future.

The International Moose Convention was a much easier trek this year as it was held in our Association's Territory at the Grand Sierra Resort. I myself had a wonderful time and as always am always inspired by the speeches, reports, and videos. I hope many of you had the opportunity to attend and if not have checked it out on the Moose International YouTube Channel.

Now that the International Convention is behind us we are gearing up for our Annual Convention which will be held at the Nugget Hotel and Casino again this year. Cheryl, our new Convention Liaison Damon Russell, and I are gearing up to what is going to be a great convention. We have some great meetings planned and a lot of fun as well. I am excited that we have Moose International's Director of Business Operations Gordie Dailey as our Official Visitor. Gordie is a great speaker with a lot of valuable information, and he is also a lot of fun. I am still in the planning stages of what I can do to raise some money for the President's project...at his expense...I think I will let Earl off the hook this time. If you have any questions about the upcoming convention please feel free to reach out to us and we will help you as best we can. All information regarding the convention can be found on the CNMA Website > [Conventions](#) page. Hotel registrations have been open for a while now so please make sure you get your reservations in. The cut off for room reservations is August 20, 2023. Once that date has passed our block of rooms will be released. If you make a hotel reservation and find that you have to cancel it please contact me before you do so as I may be able to transfer it to someone else who needs a room.

Well, that is all for now. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you soon. Stay cool and have a great rest of your summer.

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Association Past President – Bill Thompson

Past President Message

As my time on the Executive Committee comes to an end I would like to thank our members for their amazing hospitality as I visited so many of our Lodges. I am humbled by your support of the President's Projects and amazed at the dedication of our members to making things happen. You have collectively come together and increased our membership two years in a row, increased our giving to Moose Charities, and made our Association Mid-Year Conferences and Annual Conventions very successful. Chris and I have really enjoyed our Moose travels across California and Nevada, and we hope to continue Moose hopping in a more relaxed manner.

I really hope you will make an effort to attend our upcoming September Annual Convention in Sparks, NV. It should be a lot of fun and I'll look forward to thanking you in person for all you do for our great fraternity.

Please help get the word out regarding our Moose International Dart Tournament to be held in our Yuba City Moose Lodge near Sacramento the second weekend in October. Put a team together and join us for a great fun-filled weekend. Registration will be open soon so keep an eye out on Moose International's website. Lots of great food, awesome company and the Social Quarters will be well stocked!

In closing, I would like to thank our amazing Executive Committee for their dedication and support throughout the years I've served. Collectively we have significantly improved our financials, streamlined our procedures and processes and happily I can say we made a difference. But, I have full confidence that this board going forward will continue to make a difference and lead us to new heights and continue to make improvements. They are dedicated to our Moose, and I can't wait to see what heights and improvements our current President Joe followed by Roddy and then Dina will accomplish.

I wish each and every one of you nothing but the best and thank you from the bottom of my heart ❤️ for the kindness and support you have shown Chris and me.

Fraternally yours,

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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

Our newsletters are filled with lots of good information regarding our upcoming Annual Convention, most notably the entire section of our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) website entitled [Conventions](#) that is dedicated to providing easy clickable links to hotel reservations; information on our Official Visitor Gordie Daily; the information package which includes a letter regarding what is needed for attendance at the convention as well as a manual registration form to be used **ONLY** for registering with a check; a clickable link to the online registration form with the ability to pay using a credit or debit card (no it does not save any information) and yes multiple registrations can be completed using a single form and payment and yes there are NO fees as those are paid by the Association; a clickable link to the Convention Program Booklet Ads guidance which provides a link to the online submission form with the ability to upload your ad; and a draft agenda. Imagine all that valuable information available in one easy location. If you view the page you will also see the upcoming dates for the International Conventions as well as our Association Conventions and Conferences.

We will be creating another Association Dues billing on August 15th and these invoices will need to be paid **PRIOR** to our Association Annual Convention in order for your lodge to be eligible to have voting delegates! Also, if you are currently behind on your last billing, which was completed on May 15th, it will also need to be **paid in full**, so your lodge is eligible to have voting delegates. This is all documented in the Association Bylaws and Policy Manual.

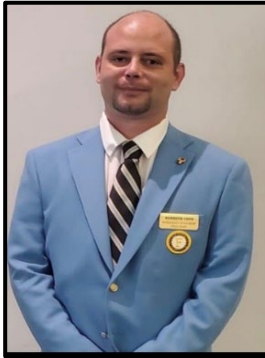
It is important to remember that with the Association being on QuickBooks online the best way to pay your Association dues is to open the email received and click the **Review and Pay** button. This allows the lodge to pay using the lodge checking account or a credit card. This method is totally secure so please use this method and remember that there are NO fees for using either of these methods and the Association pays all fees.

Also documented in the aforementioned guidance is the need for each lodge to identify their delegates, not just the alternates, but **ALL** delegates must be voted upon and approved by the lodge membership. The best way to provide this information is no later than two weeks **PRIOR** to the convention, not **at** the convention. Please ensure your lodge board of officers has familiarized itself with Article VI of the CNMA Bylaws in order to avoid any confusion regarding delegates during the upcoming convention.

Speaking of the CNMA Policy Manual changes have been made and will be voted upon at the Annual Convention. The updated CNMA Policy Manual which has been pre-approved by the Chief Compliance Officer will be emailed to each lodge so please have your lodge voting delegates review the changes, so they are aware of what they are voting on which this item is addressed on the convention.

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Association Liaison – Kenneth Copp**Liaison Message**

First, I would like to congratulate our senior class that graduated this year on June 3, 2023, and the eight new Pilgrims that we received on June 3, 2023, for the 94th Conferral of the Pilgrim Degree of Merit. As well as, the Fellows that received their Fellowship Degree of Honor, our new Stars, our new College of Regents, and the thirty eight (38) Lodges that received the Premier Lodge Award at the 135th Moose International Convention that was held this past June in Reno, NV. Congratulations to each and every one of you!!

The Moose had another gain in membership in the fraternity for its second straight year. Let us do it again for the third year in a row. As always, there will be items that we need to work on and areas that we can improve on such as retention and sponsoring new members.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Annual Convention that will be held at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV September 14-17, 2023.

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What does a Territory Manager do? Territory Managers (TM) provide oversight to Moose Lodge operations, promoting programs of The Moose and other units of Moose International; TMs also ensure Moose Lodges and members adhere to the General Laws of Moose International. TMs assist with providing training to association and lodge leaders, as well as to Moose members in general. TMs serve as first line representatives of The Moose and all units and departments of Moose International and provide assistance when questions or issues arise.

Membership Committee Chairman – Robert Leon



Membership

Is it just me, or does anyone else ever wonder how Lodges such as Tracy and Big Bear can already be at a plus twenty increase in membership, while your Lodge is struggling to retain what it already has and is losing Members at an alarming rate?

I just looked at the numbers for our Association comparing last year's 53,800 members to our current membership of 51,690 that is down 2,110 members. Of the 108 Lodges in the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA), eight (8) Lodges are in the plus one to five range & three (3) Lodges are in the plus six to ten range. I believe in encouragement, it is easy to point out what is wrong in our Lodges; however, let us look at what is working for the aforementioned Lodges.

Communication has not been our greatest strength, so how do we exercise that muscle? One solution I have witnessed personally is having a Membership Chair appointed at **EVERY** Lodge, someone who cares about the growth & welfare of their Lodge who can communicate to the Members about the importance of Membership and how it benefits Mooseheart, Moosehaven, their Lodge, & local Community.

Solution #2, District Presidents, appoint a Membership Chair to speak about the Membership Campaigns, both International & CNMA at every meeting. Encourage your members and **ALL** of the Lodge Board of Officers in your District to attend the District Socials. What better place to hear about the internal campaigns Lodges, Chapters, & Moose Legions are promoting & accomplishing in your District! Share with members the link to the latest copy of the Gold Miner!

Solution #3, Ask, Ask, Ask! Ask other Lodges, Chapters, & Moose Legions what they doing to increase, attract, & retain Members? Membership is not a **BIG SECRET**. We have not been around since 1888 just watching the world revolve around us. Now is the time to "*Spring Into Action!*" which is the current CNMA Membership campaign in case you did not know. Officers & Members at all levels, turn to one another and tell yourselves "*It's time for us to spring into action!*"

Solution #4, Utilize your Lodge newsletter to promote the Membership campaigns, mentioning the newest Members and their Sponsors who deserve recognition! Promote the 25 Club as well.

Final questions: How active are you? Once you have joined your Lodge is that where it stops? Do you manage the affairs of the Lodge from the Social Quarters, yet do not participate in **ANY** activities? Are you a Moose Legionnaire, Fellow or Pilgrim who is able but no longer chooses to be active? Are you a Lodge Officer with a Personal Agenda that does not benefit your Lodge or the principles of the Moose? Look in a mirror & ask yourself these questions, I truly hope you will find **purpose** in your Membership, Officer Title, and Degree.

One last thing, I love the Women of the Moose (WOTM) and what they have done and continue to do to this day. Mooseheart & Moosehaven, now more than ever needs the WOTM. I receive the

Chapter Membership numbers as well and it disheartens me to see Chapters close. I am sure there are other ways to help; however, one effective way that I have seen is: At the Lodge Orientation, have the Senior Regent present so that after the Lodge Orientation is completed, she can take the women aside and speak about the benefits of being a Chapter Member for as little as 4 cents a day.

I would really like to hear positive reports from Lodges, Chapters, & Districts that I can share with others in the next edition of the Gold Miner, so shoot me an encouraging email. PS: I will read the others as well.

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

Fraternal Regards,

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A promotional poster for a membership incentive. At the top left is the logo for the CA MOOSE ASSOCIATION NV, featuring a moose and a map of California and Nevada. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Membership Incentive May 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023'. The central text 'Spring into Action' is written in a large, cursive font. Below this, three boxes describe sponsorship levels: 'SPONSOR 3 Earn a Cell Phone Sleeve' with an image of a phone sleeve; 'SPONSOR 5 Earn a 3-In-1 Charging Buddy' with an image of a charging cable; and 'SPONSOR 10 Earn a CNMA Membership Apron' with an image of an apron. Each box is placed on a spring that is rising from a small wooden box. At the bottom right, the text reads 'Spring into Action... Make it Happen... Sponsor a Member Today!'. The entire poster is framed by a border of white daisies on a green grass background.

New Member Orientation Committee Chairman – Larry Salem**New Member Orientation**

Hello Everyone,

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer as well as their local Lodge. We have a lot to talk about and to be proud of our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA). I recently attended the International Moose Convention held in Reno, NV. It was a highlight reel of our own CNMA and that is something to be proud of for all Lodges.

Currently our membership is up, retention is up, and our members are seeing the importance of orientations. This is what we strived for, and we have met this especially important goal. The response in the use of social media is so important to inform our Lodge members and keep them involved. This is the quickest way to get all the new and updated information in a timely manner. Times are changing and we need to be informed as soon as possible. When promoting orientations, invite a new member to attend and emphasize how this will change their life forever.

Whether it is volunteering for a few hours or at several functions, it is always a great feeling to give back and volunteer. It is hard to explain the feeling and satisfaction you get while volunteering. It is also a terrific way to meet new members. Everything you do will help the youth and seniors in our fraternity.

Always remember to promote and support orientations, as this is the key to our success.

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Mooseheart Chairman – Julie Nelson**Mooseheart Happenings**

Summer greetings to everyone,

Summertime at Mooseheart brings a whole separate set of activities and duties for the students, the staff and faculty at Mooseheart.

After the successful Graduation ceremonies and celebrations in June our fourteen new graduates have moved on for some summer fun. After their break they will begin preparations for their future educational opportunities being provided for them by the Mooseheart Scholarship Program. In the past five years the program has invested over \$500,000 into Mooseheart graduates. Each student is eligible for anywhere from \$5,000 to \$42,000 in scholarship money depending on their length of time at Mooseheart, their GPA and other established criteria. There are currently thirty-six students still attending colleges and receiving monies from the scholarship fund. This is made possible because of donations from all of you and other Moose members from around the USA and Canada.

As I reported in my last article many of the students will be making summer trips to various locations including Moosehaven, Washington, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Maine before going home for the summer. Ninety-nine percent of the students will get to go home for the summer but about 14-20 students will remain at Mooseheart. This year there will also be several international parents visiting the campus from several different countries. The students that stay on campus will participate in either a summer recreation program or a summer work program. Either way these students will be learning as they are enjoying the summer at Mooseheart.

You might think that this will give the staff and administrators a much-needed vacation from all the students and activities throughout the year. However, this is, unfortunately, not the case. As soon as the kids are gone, they must get to work preparing the campus for the new year. All the homes and many offices are given a deep cleaning. Then they must get to work on plans for where the children will reside when they return to campus. The vacancies left by the fourteen graduating students will be filled with some new students and other students who have aged up will be moved to new homes for older children.

None of this can happen without much thought and planning from the staff. And the summer for them is short as all the students must be back on campus by August 6th to start another year at Mooseheart!

At the Reno International Moose Convention in June, I attended a workshop on Mooseheart conducted by the Executive Director of Mooseheart Gary Urwiler. I thought I would share some interesting facts with you. Gary, himself a graduate of Mooseheart, introduced his friend Frank, also a former Mooseheart graduate. Frank and eight of his siblings were sent to Mooseheart when his parents were both killed in a car accident. Frank graduated from Mooseheart and went on to become a successful contractor and owns a large construction company in Illinois. Frank is currently helping repair the crumbling sewer system on campus. They currently have their own water reclamation plant on site and 4.2 miles of pipe running under the campus which all need to be replaced. Not to mention the 628 toilets and thirty-eight dishwashers at Mooseheart that must be kept in working order. Gary and Frank are just two examples of the success of those who have experienced life at Mooseheart and returned to fulfill their promise, "Enter to Learn and Leave to Serve". Hats off to these two amazing men.

Until next time, enjoy your summer.

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Moosehaven Committee Chairman – Linda Ethier**Moosehaven Message**

My last article listed the many fabulous things to do at Moosehaven. It is the best kept secret. During the International Moose Convention there was a workshop with information on Moosehaven. Many members have questions about what we are able to take with us. Here are a few of the frequently asked questions.

Q. What are the qualifications for the Moose Life Traditional Admission Program?

A: Available for single entry or as a married couple. Applicants must have 15 years or more continuous membership in the Moose up to the date of application and must be sixty-five or older. If married, one member of the spousal unit must meet both qualifications.

Q. Do I have to give the Moose all my money?

A: If approved, the resident will transfer all assets and resources into a Moosehaven Retirement Account. Monies will be used for resident's costs of residence including housing, meals, healthcare which includes pharmacy, activities, transportation, clothing, glasses, dentures, and hearing aids if needed. All needs will be provided. If resources do not cover the costs for the resident the fraternity will provide the additional costs.

Q. Can I bring my pet?

A: Moosehaven does allow pets; small dog breeds and cats are welcome.

Q. Can I keep my car?

A: Yes. Residents must maintain a valid FL Driver's License, vehicle registration and vehicle insurance as well as comply with the Moosehaven Vehicle Policy.

Q. Can I leave the campus?

A: Residents are able to come and go at their own discretion. Residents are asked to follow vacation policies notifying staff when they are off campus.

Q. Can I choose where I live?

A: Resident rooms are assigned on the date of admission.

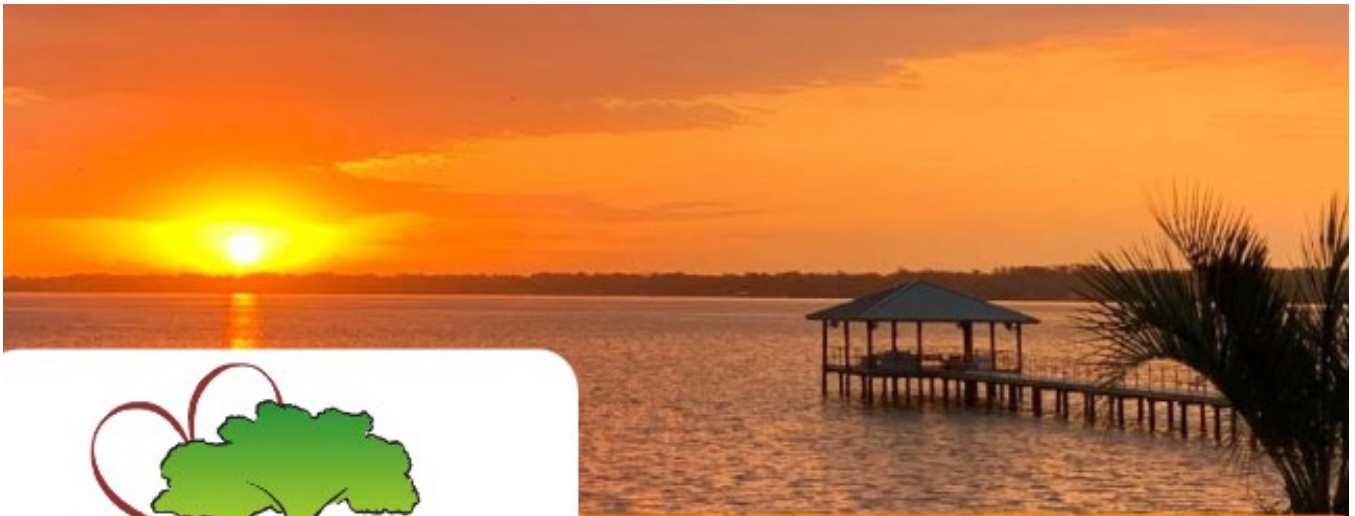
Q. Can I have a cell phone?

A: Yes, residents either purchase the pre-paid phone plans or are covered on their family plan.

These are just a few of the questions the members asked, if you would like more information, please give me a call, or send an email. If I do not have the answer, I will get it for you.

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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!

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Visit our website

Support.Moosecharities.org/MHNAAA

to make an online donation to support the project!



Heart of the Community News

Well, the heat is on!!

It is that time of year again! The California Nevada Moose Association Heart of the Community needs donations for the September Convention.

We need Tommy Moose, Rosie Moose, and blankets for the Renown Children's Hospital, as well as the Reno and Sparks Fire and Reno Police Departments.

We will also be delivering backpacks stuffed with school supplies and Tommy/Rosie Moose for the [Newton Learning Center](#) a school for mentally challenged children.

We are also requesting Gift cards or that items be purchased from the Reno Ronald McDonald House Wish List that is posted on the [Heart of the Community page](#) of the CNMA Website. Please share this wish list and post it at the lodge. Everyone has something to give, and your donations are much appreciated by the families who stay at the Ronald McDonald House or use the Ronald McDonald Family Room at the Renown Children's Hospital.

Vitalant Blood Bank will be back again, and we need your blood donations. The Blood Drive will be held on Saturday September 16th from 11 am – 3 pm. A flyer has been posted to the CNMA Website Heart of the Community webpage. Please post this in your lodges so everyone can participate.

If you are bringing your donations to the Annual Convention please ensure that they are delivered to the Heart of the Community booth by Friday, September 15th.

We would like to make this a Great Heart of the Community event for the Reno/Sparks Community. With your support this event will be Awesome!

Thank you again for all you do for the Heart of the Community!

Look forward to rocking the community in Reno NV!

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Training News



We have almost completed all of the scheduled Administrator Schools, 2 HOTT sessions and Leadership training.

We have tried to ensure that everyone has had an opportunity to attend a session within a reasonable distance to their location and additional Administrator Schools will only be scheduled if we can determine that there is enough of a need this fraternal unit year to warrant scheduling another one. Next time you see Debi Price, Denise Angeles and Cindy Raslavsky be sure to thank them for the dedication to providing you with this required training. We are lucky to have them supporting us in

this Association.

The CNMA Website > [CNMA Education](#) webpage is the place to go to view all scheduled training, read the announcement for any scheduled sessions and to register for the session. Remember that registering is so important to our ability to ensure that we have enough training materials available for each student. With today's ever increasing costs of printing & supply chain issues we really need to only order what is needed. The price of training materials from Moose International has also increased and shipping is another added expense so please help us out by pre-registering for any and all training sessions.

Lodge Leadership training is available to taken [online](#) and many of our officers are past due on completing this required training. We have been told by our Territory Managers that Lodge officers will be removed due to lack of completing their required training. We would like to thank our Leadership trainers Roddy Myers, Jim Waggoner, Chad Watson & Dave Benner for providing classroom training to our members. The interactions in these classroom sessions have been invaluable to the students who have attended.

We have been told that more online training will be coming in the New Year so please visit the CNMA Education portion of the CNMA Website often to get the latest news of training, links to the Moose International Moose Training webpage, CNMA Trainers contact information, class announcements and registration.

A report will be given at the upcoming Annual Convention.

As a side note – there are many hours of dedicated effort that goes into creating the many procedures that are available to everyone on the LCL/QBO Procedures page of the CNMA Website. These step-by-step procedures are invaluable in assisting users with the various tasks required to be successful Lodge and Chapter Officers; learning computer skills; navigating the many forms used by the Moose in daily tasks; using QuickBooks (the Moose way); using the Moose email system known as Smartermail; assisting with completing and navigating the sometimes difficult world of taxes; and other general items listed such as Paying Endowment On Line, and Excel Basics. Please take advantage of these procedures and our website!

As always your CNMA Trainers are here to help in any way they can and can even provide one-on-one assistance. All trainers can be found on the CNMA Website > CNMA Education > [CNMA Trainers](#).

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CNMA Moosehaven 'AAA' Special Project News



Hi Everyone,

Well, the pace of the donations toward our Mooseheart "AAA Special Project" have been increasing at a steady, slow pace, we are happy to report as of June 30, 2023 our total donations are \$43,367.70. This is \$152,736.30 short of our **MINIMUM GOAL** commitment. We need to keep in mind that this program is expected to continue until about October 2025, which means we need at least a minimum monthly donation income of around \$5,657 in order to reach the **MIMINUM GOAL EXPECTATION**. As those of you that have been participating historically already know, minimum donation levels are something that we like to look **BACK AT**, not **FOWARD TO!** So Forward, Onward and Upward, every dollar counts!!

Ann Cooke has been assigned to assist me in keeping the Special Projects webpage updated. There are great tools available on the site such as Special Project News, Chairman message (this is where you will find the newsletter message), Project Overview, Mission Statement, Awards Program, and the latest spreadsheet along with a spreadsheet guide created to assist users in understanding the columns in the spreadsheet. If you have a pressing need for information that you feel is necessary to increase your ability to fulfill your fundraising role/goal; please send me an email and we will help you resolve your issue or problem. My information can be found in this article as well as on the [Special Projects webpage](#).

We hope to have and bring an armful of Program Level Awards for all who have earned them for distribution during the Annual Convention. However, we are a little behind in design and production, but hope to have them available.

In closing, we would say **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU** to everyone on behalf of Moose Charities International Staff, Our senior residents at Moosehaven, your Association and our Committee, for all you have, are and will be doing; to make this fundraising program successful.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS
WE CAN DO IT!
BRING THEM ON!

Youth Awareness Committee Chairman – Bridget Robinson

Youth Awareness News

We are reaching out to all high school students to apply for the Youth Awareness Scholarship Program!! Five (5) scholarships, totaling \$30,000, are awarded every year! Thank you to the Moose Legion who financially supported this program!

While our high school students are enjoying their summer, the coordinators have the challenging task of reaching out to students, updating paperwork, and getting Youth Awareness (YA) Congresses set up. It sounds easy, but it is incredibly challenging. With our recent run of seven scholarship winners, the word is getting out and we do have some students looking for us, which is wonderful!!

If you know of a student who is interested in attending the YA Congress (which is required to participate in this program) or would like more information, please have them reach out to one of our YA Coordinators.

Currently we have the following YA Congresses set up in the south at Buena Park Lodge-September 9th, Garden Grove Lodge-September 23rd, and Escondido Lodge-October 14th. Contact Bridget Robinson at Bridge2Moose@aol.com (714) 394-4910 (call or text).

For the north we do not have dates yet, but we have some locations. We will post all these dates and locations on our dedicated [CNMA Webpage](#) and on our Facebook page (Moose Youth Awareness California Nevada Moose Association) when we get the dates and times confirmed.

For Clearlake Oaks, Orland, and West Sacramento, contact Lynn McDonald at memooseteam@sbcglobal.net; for Auburn, Richmond, and Placerville, contact Fred Reichelt at overseers@comcast.net. For the District 10 area we have no dates or locations set up at this time. Contact Kathy Childs at Kathychilds@prodigy.net. When sending emails to us please put "Youth Awareness" in the subject line.

We would love to hold additional congresses to reach out to more students to give them an opportunity to earn a scholarship. If you have a scouting group, sports team, dance team, church group, or any group of high school students that are interested, we can come to you. Students must fill out an application, which can be emailed to them, prior to attending a Youth Awareness Congress.

Please remember to put all of your Youth Awareness donations in your Heart of the Community report. Including when you host a Youth Awareness Congress at your Lodge!!

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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The Story Continues

Hello to all, the story continues,

The dedication of Mooseheart was set for July 27, 1913. Supreme Governor Ralph W. E. Donges, in inviting United States Vice President Thomas R. Marshall to take part in the dedication ceremonies, said, "What we are planning will not be an orphanage at all... It will be a home and school for the dependent children of our deceased members."

On July 27, 1913, Mooseheart consisted of Aid Hall, a few "down-at-the-heel buildings" and a circus tent which was erected to provide covering for exercises. But most important that day, there were eleven children - an in-the-flesh vanguard of the thousands who have passed through Mooseheart in subsequent years.

In his dedicatory speech, Vice President Marshall said, "Thank God, here in this Middle West here on this most sacred day, humanity has again proved its right to be called the children of the Most High, has again reached out its hand in love and loyalty to the needy brothers; and has disclosed not only the right, but the duty of this great order to exist."

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Disaster Relief Fund Chairman – Rick Balthazar

Disaster Relief News

Special thank you to all of the contributors to this Special Fund. Since our last letter we have helped two Lodges with a \$1,000 each for much needed repairs. An extra special thank you to District 19 for donations over \$800 at the last District Meeting. A \$120 donation from each Lodge will keep our funds strong. The **Moose, WOTM, Moose Legion, Moose Riders** and **individual members** have all donated to this fund. Please help keep this fund alive so that we can help Lodges in need. Since we started this fund we have not had a Lodge close its doors. Do not forget to add your donations to your Heart of the Community Report. I'm really proud of everyone who has stepped up to contribute. If your Lodge could use some support, please notify your Territory Manager. Look forward to seeing you all real soon.

Rick Balthazar

Disaster Relief Fund Chairman

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We are so looking forward to gathering with our far-
 flung California Nevada Patriots at the CNMA 2023
 Annual Convention at the Nugget Casino Resort
 September 14-17, 2023, in Sparks, NV. We always

have an exciting time, and it is so much more compact than some
 of the competing venues.

HIGHLIGHTS & COMING EVENTS

- The All-Volunteer Force
- Assault on Entitlements
- VA Hiring & Seeks Volunteers
- VA 'Claim Shark' Warning
- Military & Veteran 'NDAA'
- CNMA Patriot's Webpages
- **My "American History"**
- 77% Fail Military Standards
- Convention Dining Options
- Business Cards at Cost
- Help Locate WW II Veterans
- Patriot-Veteran Vendor List

We have a pair of Color Guard units, representing two distinct eras, confirmed to ceremoniously render honors for our Convention Opening Ceremonies. Please plan to join us for this patriotic opening program. Meanwhile, how many ways can you try to make a little money? Then of course, not only, how many ways to make money: machines or tables? But also, when you win, how do you carry all that money?

> **Read On** >

VA HIRING EMPLOYEES AND SEEKING STUDY VOLUNTEERS

VA is now aggressively recruiting to fill tens of thousands of positions in its three components: VHA, VBA (includes VR&E) & VCA, which we have described previously. This means that there are plenty of great service and employment opportunities for the right applicants (not for all). Share this information with family and friends - we can use all the well-trained 'friends' we can find.



Additionally, VA is seeking Veteran volunteers for a number of clinical studies. If there is enough interest, we will provide details on the multiple opportunities.

Note: We are now enjoying the new improved 2022 PACT Act, which superseded the previous 'new-improved' 2018 Mission Act, which replaced the previous ailing Veterans Choice Act; and Congress scrapped the VA's 'Asset & Infrastructure Review' rejecting a plan to close or overhaul VA medical facilities that 'do not meet Veteran's health needs.

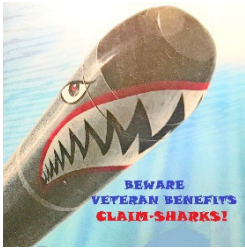
For more < AmVetNet@yahoo.com >



There are Moose members who want to do something, let's allow and help them to show what they can help us do! Yes - movements can begin with small steps & a good team can help Lodge & District!

CONGRESS & VA WARNINGS

Beware of Veterans Benefits 'Claim-Sharks' - Members of Congress and the VA alert Veterans to Beware of VA 'Claim Sharks' who advertise aggressively claiming to assist Veterans and their



families to gain benefits and services which are provided - Free - by the government and by legitimate Veterans' organizations. These well-funded 'Sharks' buy print and broadcast advertising; and then take/charge a percentage of the money awarded for the Veteran, taking easy money from the Veteran's 'already earned' entitlements; for services available for Free!

Remember also that a "service-connected" Veteran becomes eligible for supplemental dependent compensation only upon achieving a 30% or higher disability rating. Every Lodge should now have a current 2023 VA Compensation Pay Chart on their Valued Veterans Bulletin Board. We update and consolidate 9+ pages into this one page compensation chart every January, and issue copies at Conventions/Conferences. You can find and download a color copy from our Valued Veterans webpage on the [CNMA website](#) (or request at AmVetNet@yahoo.com, and we will send you a color copy).

THE CONVENTION EXPERIENCE

Great Dining is on the Convention menu - Thankfully, casinos provide such a variety of great food that only a number of really good restaurants can provide comparable food and more competitive prices. Convention dining at the Nugget is nice: Oyster Bar, Rosie's Café, and Anthony's Chophouse. The Nugget provides lots of food for lots of attendees, at their wonderful Oyster Bar seafood restaurant (great Bouillabaisse), Rosie's Cafe has something for everyone, and the terrific Anthony's Chophouse downstairs will give you something to remember. There is good news for hungry Convention visitors who find the lines and waiting lists at only three Convention restaurants a daunting experience. Fortunately, we can share that a few wonderful new options are available within just - one block of the Sparks hotel, yes right there at Victorian Square. Three names: Great Basin Brew (large menu), O'skis Pub & Grille (great top-shelf liquor & food) and Chuy's Mexican Kitchen & Rotisserie (wonderful surprises). Several restaurants are opening soon, just look round the corner.



VALUED VETERANS & PATRIOTS

Please come by and visit your CNMA Valued Veterans & Patriots display at the CNMA Annual Convention. This is an opportunity to strengthen our working relationships, answer your questions



and establish communication among our multiple resources and exchange ideas, dreams and wishes for the future. This is a unique opportunity for us to identify and network those special Patriots who want to do things that really Need to be done; and that have never been done before. Yes, we will help You to do those things that You want to do. Sure, we will give ideas, and share resources - but your show is your show!

Questions, issues, problems, reach out or just go to the [CNMA Website](#) ➤ Come Visit

"If It's To Be, It's Up To YOU & ME"



NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT & VETERANS

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) reflects the decisions, instructions, budgets, and changes that affect the complete national defense operations for the year. It affects, directs, controls and limits not only the entire Department of Defense but also the Veterans Administration (VA) and includes, authorizes, controls, and expands or restricts benefits to eligible Veterans as well as to all military retirees.

The Congressional Budget Office, an independent review board updates a 10-year program and budget review with recommendations to the US Congress to guide their programs and budget decision making. The 2024 NDAA is currently being held hostage over multiple issues like diversity and health care. It is currently (July) being held hostage by almost 1,500 proposed Congressional 'amendments.' Many have nothing to do with Defense, Security, Military or Veterans!

NOTES:

1. The wonderful cost-cutting innovative initiatives and recommendations are generally developed and are being offered by many educated 'experts', most with no military or VA experience who have 'no-skin-in-this-game' and are not risking their paychecks.
2. And, just for perspective: The VA's own Inspector General revealed that VA Senior Staff lied, giving misleading information regarding the VA's continuing multi-Billion-dollar Patient Electronic Health Record System – another costly hiccup in the multi-year transition. Will there be any consequences? Stay tuned.
3. And while we are thinking about National Defense - The Washington Post printed an editorial to Congress, in April 2023 to 'take action to strip away disability pay and benefits to reduce the VA's growing budget' by implementing a financial 'Means Test' to eliminate some otherwise eligible Veterans if they have resources above or below a certain amount. And changes to military retiree entitlements such as Tri-Care are also under scrutiny.

CREATING OUR CNMA VETERAN VENDORS LIST

We want to assemble a Veteran & Patriot Vendor List of Veteran and Veteran-friendly product and service providers. We all need things and would certainly prefer to support a true Patriot Provider who provides special and or discount considerations to patriot projects and programs. These

entrepreneurs do not have to be only from Nevada and California, although there is a preference to support those in proximity to our Pacific Rim. Send your information to AmVetNet@yahoo.com. We will need pins, buttons, decals, patches as well as plaques, flags, and patriotic items, and more – “Made-in-America.”

MOOSE VETERANS' BUSINESS CARDS

Remember that we have dedicated Moose Patriot Business Cards for Veterans as well as Patriots. Hand them out to introduce yourselves to people you would like to invite for a drink or meal at your Lodge. A great tool for getting someone to Remember You and reach out to You for whatever reason. Remember that we are not only ‘The Family Fraternity’ we are also ‘flag-waving’ American Patriots! – Always looking for and partnering with like-minded citizens. Order Now!



***ALEXA, When I win a Jackpot it likely will not fit in my pockets, should I just put it in a box or bag?? What do you think?
OH, And ALEXA Make me a Triple Chocolate Cheesecake***

VA MILLION VETERAN PROGRAM (MVP)

Tops 725,000 Enrollees - The results of most nationwide opinion surveys are based on just a few thousand respondents. The VA's Million Veteran Program is different, and that is why they want to enroll one million Veterans to help researchers understand what illnesses might be associated with, where and when Veterans served. The goal of the voluntary research program is to partner with VA enrolled Veterans to study how genes affect health by safely collecting and storing blood samples and health information. The large sample population will then allow researchers to better study diseases like diabetes and cancer and military-related illnesses, such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

2022 VETERANS PACT ACT

Greatly expanded the claims field for Agent Orange, especially Blue Water, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam, Korea, etc. After many years of cost savings, Blue Water Veterans have extended ‘automatic’ Presumption to toxic exposures. After a mere 50-Year delay, the PACT Act also expanded compensation eligibilities for Vietnam Veterans, thousands which did not survive to appreciate the action.

Veterans and survivors have filed more than 500,000 toxic exposure-related benefits claims under the passage of the VA ‘PACT Act.’ In May 2023 the VA announced that Veterans and their survivors had already filed more than 500,000 claims for toxic exposure related benefits under the PACT Act

since it was signed into law August 10, 2022. VA reports that it has already awarded more than \$1 billion in earned benefits to Veterans and survivors who filed PACT Act - related claims. Ailing (surviving) Vietnam Veterans have waited 50 years for earned benefits and health services finally approved under the 2022 PACT Act.

Remember also that a Veteran's dependents will increase the Veteran's tax-deductible compensation if he/she has dependent spouse and children and sometimes even dependent parents – once the Veteran has met the minimum 30% (SC) threshold.

In addition to more than twenty (20) new conditions and cancers, the PACT Act has extended eligibility to Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Korea as well as multiple transit and storage locations. And remember that you can minimize frustration, delays, and simple denials by always working with an 'Accredited' Veterans Service Officer; and NOT directly with the VA Too often, like a graduating High School senior; there is no-fault, but - you just do not know, 'what you don't know!' Just ask at AmVetNet@yahoo.com.

ALEXA, How many ways are there to make money here, and tell me when to STOP!!



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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.



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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