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NEWS – HIGHLIGHTS

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Association President – Roddy Myers

**President Message**

Hello Moose Family,

I hope everyone is doing awesome. I would like to thank everyone that showed up to my California Nevada Moose Association Presidents' dinner. It was great to see everyone.

We had our District Presidents and Chairpersons seminar at Santa Barbara Moose Lodge #605. For those that showed up it was a great meeting. I hope you all at least learned something to help make your year easier. I will say that the Santa Barbara Moose Lodge welcomed us with awesome hospitality and the food they cooked for us was off the hook. Thank you for showing us a good time while we were there.

We are going to have another District Presidents and Chairpersons seminar at the Monterey Moose Lodge #876 on January 13th, 2024. Remember all Moose members are welcome to attend.

Let us not forget March is coming upon us fast. Let us start planning for our California Nevada Moose Association Mid-Year Conference March 21st to March 24th at the Hilton Costa Mesa. We would like to have all of you there to enjoy the Mid-Year Conference. You will be able to make reservations soon.

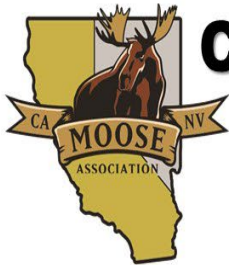
I will be traveling to Lodges during my year as President I will try to come while you are open but sometimes it just does not work out and I will apologize in advance. I am hoping to hit a few Lodges on my way to Costa Mesa and on my way back.

Everyone should all have the Presidents Project flyer up in their Lodge. If it is not up please post it so everyone can see what my project is for this year. It is a Utility Vehicle for transporting school supplies from the warehouse to their classrooms. I am hoping we all can make this happen for the Mooseheart Campus.

We are hoping to have a 3-Peat in plus one in membership for California Nevada which would be another record for California-Nevada. So, let us all do our part and sponsor new members into your Lodges.

Remember – 'If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.'

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California/Nevada Moose Association 2023-24 President's Project

Utility Vehicle for Mooseheart



Providing our Mooseheart School with a utility vehicle to help haul classroom supplies across campus so the teachers and students have what they need to be successful in their classrooms!



MOOSEHEART
Child City & School Inc.

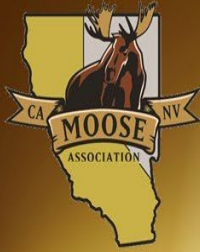


A Community Focused on Helping Children!

Children live in one of thirty residences designed like a spacious single-family home. Each residence is home to six to twelve children. The heart of the program is Family Teachers providing a consistent, systematic method of care, with emphasis on social-skills, development skills essential for success in later life. It is Mooseheart's policy to admit qualified children who have a need.

Mooseheart.org

Membership Incentive Campaign



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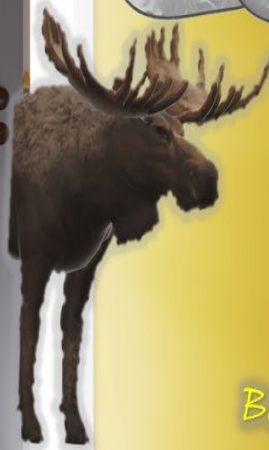
Membership Incentive Campaign

October 1st 2023 through April 30th 2024

*"WE" Are the Key
to Membership*

MEMBERSHIP

*Unlock the
Door to Great
MOOSE
Benefits*



Be the Key ... Sponsor a Member Today!

*The California Nevada
Moose Association Executive
Committee wishes each of
you Happy Holidays and
continued success in the
coming New Year!*

*HAPPY
Holidays*

Association Vice President – Dina Munday**Vice President Message**

Greetings Everyone!

As I write this message, we are hardly over the sugar high of Halloween and have not celebrated Thanksgiving. However, when we go to the stores they are already decorated for Christmas. Why is there always such a rush during the holidays? The holidays are supposed to be a time to enjoy our friends and family, instead we are rushing around more than normal trying to squeeze in all the activities and to get things done. Well, I would like to ask you to just slow down a bit, I know it is easier said than done. Take just a minute for yourself and look around at all the things that we appreciate and the things for which we are thankful.

I am thankful for my family and my husband first and foremost. I am thankful to have a roof over my head and a job to help support my family. I am also very thankful for my friends I surround myself with. While not all my friends came from the Moose many of them did and I am so very thankful for the lasting friendships I have made. I'm thankful that my parents introduced me to the Moose and that I've been a proud member for 27 years...and to think I'm only 30 years old. 😊 I'm thankful that I have had the opportunity to visit both Mooseheart and Moosehaven and spend time raising funds for our twin cities, our communities, and our Lodge. Speaking of my Lodge I am so very thankful for Hayward/Castro Valley #1491 and their support. We have an amazing group of members that keep us going in the right direction. What are you thankful for? I know our children at Mooseheart and our seniors at Moosehaven are thankful for you. Each of you makes their life better and for that I am also thankful. So, remember when it becomes a lot just take a minute to sit back and remember all the things for which you are thankful.

On November 4th we had our first Committee Chairperson and District Presidents Seminar in Santa Barbara. I want to thank everyone who attended and especially the Santa Barbara Lodge #605 for hosting it as it was wonderful. I am hoping everyone walked away with some new information that will help them in their roles.

District Presidents please remember while it is your secretary's responsibility to send in the minutes, the MDF's and checks after every meeting it is your job to ensure that this gets done. If, as I go through the reports and notice things are not correct or if I am missing items, you are the one whose phone is going to ring. I know you are very busy, and so am I so when I call you if I leave a message or send you an email, please have the courtesy to return my call or email. While I know it may be the secretary's job, I feel that you should know everything that falls under your responsibility so I will start with you.

In addition, please remember that Administrators and Presidents are required to attend all District Meetings. If for some reason they are not able to attend they must reach out to me prior to the meeting with a reason they cannot attend and who will be going in their place. Note all reasons are not excusable and attendance is crucial for your Lodge to receive the 5 Star Award. We are in month two of the new District year and while I may have been a little more flexible during the October transition, I expect we are all settled in now and we are ready to get down to business. I get it we were all learning including myself. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions. I may not always have the answer at my fingertips, but I can guarantee you I can get it for you. I can also do my best to make myself available to come to your district meetings. If you want me to come just give me a call or shoot me an email. Earl and I are always up for a good road trip.

Well, I think I have taken up enough of your time so that is all for now. Enjoy your holiday season and keep doing the good work that you do to make the Moose successful and a wonderful fraternity to be a part of.

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Chaplain Message



Greetings to all of Our Members,

We have a busy time of the year upon us. Our Annual Cradle Fund drive is ending and thanks to you we had another great Fundraising Drive. Our November Seminar in Santa Barbara was a success, and a lot of valuable information was shared.

As we approach the Holidays we anticipate our Traditional Family and Fraternal gatherings with our banquets of food and great recipes for our enjoyment. Like our festive gatherings we also have great recipes for success in our Membership Campaign where “We are the Key”, and our Moose Charities following our Founders Day Celebration and our Retention when we reach out to everyone. All of our California Nevada Moose Association Committees are hard at work in their special areas, and I would like to thank all of the Committee Chairmen and Committee Members for their devotion. We have a lot to be thankful for in our Association for giving to our Moose Charities yes, but also for the information that is brought forward to enable our members to be a part of our Mooseheart and Moosehaven support.

Coming up our Lodge Fellows Committees will be holding their Annual Meetings and Lodges and Districts will be supporting our Communities especially those in need. This is also a great time of the year to talk membership, contact friends we have not seen in a while, work closer with our Chapters and Moose Legion, in all...let us keep talking Moose! As we follow through with our Holidays, let us follow through with the recipes we have for making our Association stronger and keeping up the success that we have achieved so far this year.

Veterans Day is always a great Celebration at our Lodges and Districts so don't forget about our Lodge Valued Veterans. If you read the latest Moose Magazine, you all know the story of Mooseheart Grad Robert Apple who was the first Mooseheart Grad to lose his life in WWII. He was aboard the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, caught below decks he is forever entombed on the ship at rest in Pearl Harbor. Also don't forget another Mooseheart Grad Edward Silk our only Congressional Medal of Honor winner in WWII.

Coming up in January 2024 we have our next Seminar taking place in Monterey. I cannot wait to see everyone there sharing information and once again gathering together as Fraternal Members. This Seminar promises to be fun as well as informative so do not miss out.

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Association Treasurer – Robert Leon

Treasurer Message

For those who took time to attend the Informational Seminar for Committee Chairs, District Presidents, and Secretaries in Santa Barbara; **THANK YOU!** There were a lot of good questions and interaction with those in attendance. Santa Barbara Moose Lodge #605, what an **AMAZING HOST** you were. Please be available to visit this Lodge.

The next Informational Seminar will be held at the Monterey Moose Lodge #876 in Del Rey Oaks on Saturday, January 13, 2024. I look forward to seeing all the Committee Chairs as well as District Officers. If you have any questions, please bring them with you and we will try and have them answered in the breakout sessions.

Thank you, Bill Jackson, for the support and information as I transition into this role. From where I sit, my obligation is to ensure the funds we collect are distributed to and for the intended Moose endeavors, also to make sure receipts are made for traceability. It is not always about the money I have witnessed; but, how to build a stronger, vibrant, and well-run Association that is here to support the Lodges in California Nevada.

There are many resources out here and available to each unit of the Fraternity; please do not hesitate to reach out.

I have the pleasure of collaborating with many Committees in the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA), i.e., Disaster Relief, Historical, Loss Prevention, Ways & Means, New Member Orientation and others. If you would like to be on a Committee, please go to the CNMA Website > Secretary you will find the required forms as well as information about Districts and Lodges.

Many of the Committees could still use some members to join them in their success. So, as we move forward, let us all remember; we are One Moose working towards a better life for the children at Mooseheart, our seniors at Moosehaven, and our Fraternity.

The ocean started with one drop of water to create a beautiful and bountiful sea; let us all be that one drop of water by sponsoring at least one member from now until the end of the Membership Campaign on April 30th.

There are a lot of good Moose Members out there; if you cannot find one; be One

Fraternal Regards,

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Junior Past President Message



Dear Moose Family,

We just had a wonderful Association Seminar with District Presidents, Secretaries, and some Committee members. I was very thankful for the Secretaries that showed up, I know we will not have any problems with these Districts this year.

We had a very good Executive Committee meeting the day before, got a lot of work done and made some very good changes that will be coming soon. If you have never been to the Santa Barbara Lodge you are missing out, the members are very friendly and we had a great time, the food was awesome also.

So, if you are down in Southern California make time to visit this Lodge it will be worth your time.

We have sent out the current California Nevada Moose Association 5-Star Award status to all lodges. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Just an FYI start looking at your membership and get a name ready to recommend for the Award of Dedication. I would like 100% of our Lodges to put someone in this year and set a record. I know you all have someone that is deserving.

Fraternally yours

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ANNUAL CNMA



DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRPERSON MEETING

Saturday January 13, 2024

Time 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

**Monterey Moose Lodge #867
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Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940**

Lunch will be available for purchase

Secretary Message

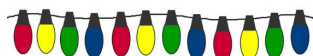
As promised the November 15th billing was sent to all units along with annotations in the email regarding any differences or outstanding balances. Hopefully, each lodge reviewed the email and found it useful. Obviously, many lodges have adapted to paying their invoices online because we have already had 28 pay using the easy click and pay method. Thank you so much!

Our 2024 Mid-Year Conference will be at the Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa, 3050 Bristol St, Costa Mesa. Our Official Visitor will be Executive Director of Moose Charities Pam Amundsen. We will once again be having a Casino Night where our members can play blackjack, Texas Hold 'em, Roulette, 3 card poker, and/or craps. Everyone who attended last year's event loved it and you will too! Do not know how to gamble? The good news is that it does not cost you anything and you can learn at our event. There will be food included in the ticket price as well as lots of amazing prizes. The dates are March 22 to March 24, so please make your hotel reservations by going to the [CNMA website](#) > Conventions and clicking the [Hotel Reservations](#) link. This is the best way to make your reservations and please remember to use the CNMA group rate code which is **CA NV MOOSE** to ensure you get our all-inclusive rate! The Mid-Year Conference registration package will be available in early January in the same location on our website and through email to all units and Territory Manager email lists so stay tuned for more information! Also remember that we would appreciate everyone registering online. Remember that the Association pays all fees associated with using a debit or credit card.

Let us talk about our Association website which can be found at www.ca-nvmoose.org. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep things updated on the website and we sure could use the help of our Committee Chairpersons who are responsible for updating their webpages. It is not enough to create an article for the newsletter and expect that it will be sufficient to update the page that has been dedicated to that committee. Sometimes even that article is not enough to fill a page in the newsletter. Having a webpage on the website is a wonderful way to sing the praises and accomplishments of a committee, provide the names of your committee members, advertise upcoming events, provide pictures from the event, or just provide valuable information regarding the committee. It is so easy to get information updated so why not give it a try? Do not know how to do that? Here are the instructions: Go to the [CNMA website](#), scroll to the bottom of any page and click the Submit Article and fill out the form and click Submit. Included in the form is the ability to allow you to drop & drag files that you want to upload such as pictures, flyers, etc. You can either type in your article or include it as one of the attachments that you submit with the form. Please give it a try and assist us in keeping the information on the site current. As an added incentive we are going to develop awards for your efforts. Stand by for further details.

Wow where did this calendar year go? We have accomplished so many things in this Association that we should all be proud of. The good news is there is lots more to come!

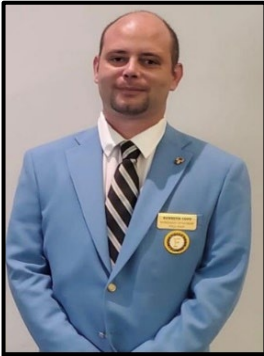
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Happy
Holidays!



Association Liaison – Kenneth Copp

Liaison Message

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As you all may know, the Territory Managers attended Moosehaven's 13th Annual Chili Cook-Off on Veterans Day and also our Annual Workshops. The Field Staff received a lot of valuable information that we will be discussing and implementing in our Lodges in the near future.

As an Association, we have been showing a gain in membership each month. Let us continue this going forward. I know we can do this because we have an amazing group of members and leaders in our Lodges, Chapters, and Moose Legions.

I cannot wait to see you all again at our next Conference that will be held in March, the 22nd thru the 24th in Costa Mesa.

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New Member Orientation



Happy Holidays Moose Family,

We are a little over halfway to the completion of the Moose year. This means you should have held at least 3 New Member Orientations at this point. These are critical for the members and the Lodges overall. 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. Without the New Member Orientations this is not possible.

Where do you start? As I have mentioned in the past Moose International has a guide in the members area on the way to get started. If you have trouble finding it, I am more than happy to assist. One fantastic way to start out holding these orientations is with **FOOD**, who does not love food. It can be as simple as pizza or more in-depth if you choose. After that, it is time for the New Member Orientation video. Moose International has the video to the YouTube link in the members area or search Moose International on YouTube and you will find it under Orientation Video.

This is a great starting point to get the orientation started off. From there here are some of the things to hit on as you are engaging with your new members. We often try to tell everyone everything about the Moose at one time. Make sure you cover some basics like when the Lodge is open, or when food is served, and when meetings are held. This may seem like common knowledge but to new members they may not be sure of that. Some other topics that I believe are important to a new member would be what type of activities are coming up and when, how they can become involved, or how they can access more information about the Lodge.

Covering these topics is a great start to building your orientation program. It does not have to be very in depth. Giving members the valuable information in a clear manner will help them become more acclimated to the Lodge and its membership. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Fraternally,

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Retention



It is almost the end of the year and I ask myself - Have we worked enough on Retention?

All of our members are important!

Are we friendly enough? Do we show them what we do? Do we tell them about Mooseheart and Moosehaven or how wonderfully our children and Seniors are taken care of.

Please ask the Councils of Higher Degrees to help with calls so we can remind our members how valuable they are to our Fraternity.

Hope your Holidays are wonderful, and May God Bless you and your family with love and health.

Fraternally,

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CHD Chair

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

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

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

Mooseheart Chairman – Julie Nelson**Mooseheart Happenings**

Hello Everyone,

As fall has arrived at Mooseheart so have all the autumn activities planned for the kids. Founders Day was celebrated just before all the Halloween festivities began. It is a very popular event that runs throughout the weekend. One of the highlights this year was the reverse Trick or Treating hour that was presented by the Michigan Moose Association. The seniors were presented with gifts as well as their Letterman Jackets in the House of God. Both Michigan and Ohio Moose Association members, family and friends were there to cheer them on.

Halloween was a great success as the kids dressed up in their costumes and trick or treated around campus with the older kids passing out the candy. There was a Haunted House this year which the kids loved, and every student got to carve their own pumpkin.

The first week in November the students and staff were busy preparing for the Job Fair that was held on campus. Mooseheart had a booth along with 30 other local businesses. The hope was to garner some new interest from the community and recruit more Family Teachers. The good news is that there are currently several new applicants who are in various stages of the hiring process and are set to begin their training as new Family Teachers in January.

Many of the students are looking forward to November 17th when the Thanksgiving break begins for those students going home for the holiday. Lots of fun activities are being planned for those students who have to stay on campus for the Thanksgiving break. They will be doing things like working with Feed My Starving Children to pack meals for hungry children in other countries. There will be the annual Turkey Olympics and some kids will be earning volunteer hours by participating in the Moose Charities Rudolph Run.

When the Thanksgiving break ends, and everyone returns to campus there will only be 3 more weeks of studies before Christmas break. During those 3 weeks there will be so much going on. There will be the Wisconsin Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Senior Portrait Luncheon, Christmas photos, preparing Christmas food baskets, Christmas cookie deliveries and a Christmas school concert. Those three weeks are going to fly by for everyone.

For all of you with Sunshine Kids be sure you are looking for their Christmas wish lists so you can get your packages ready for mailing. The kids will not get those gifts until they return from Christmas break for their Mooseheart Christmas. This gives the kids incentive to want to leave their family and friends and return to school.

Thanks to all for your continued support of Mooseheart. You are all so generous with your time and money which ensures that Mooseheart continues to change the lives of all those kids who are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to attend such an amazing place. Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and best wishes for a great Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
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Moosehaven Committee Chairman – Chuck Barber**Moosehaven****Sunshine Grandparent Program**

Moosehaven residents come from all over the United States, as well as Canada and England! That means they may be far from family and friends.

Lodges, Chapters, State Associations, Council of Higher Degrees, other Moose affiliated groups, and even individual Moose members are encouraged to 'adopt' a Moosehaven resident under the Sunshine Grandparent Program.

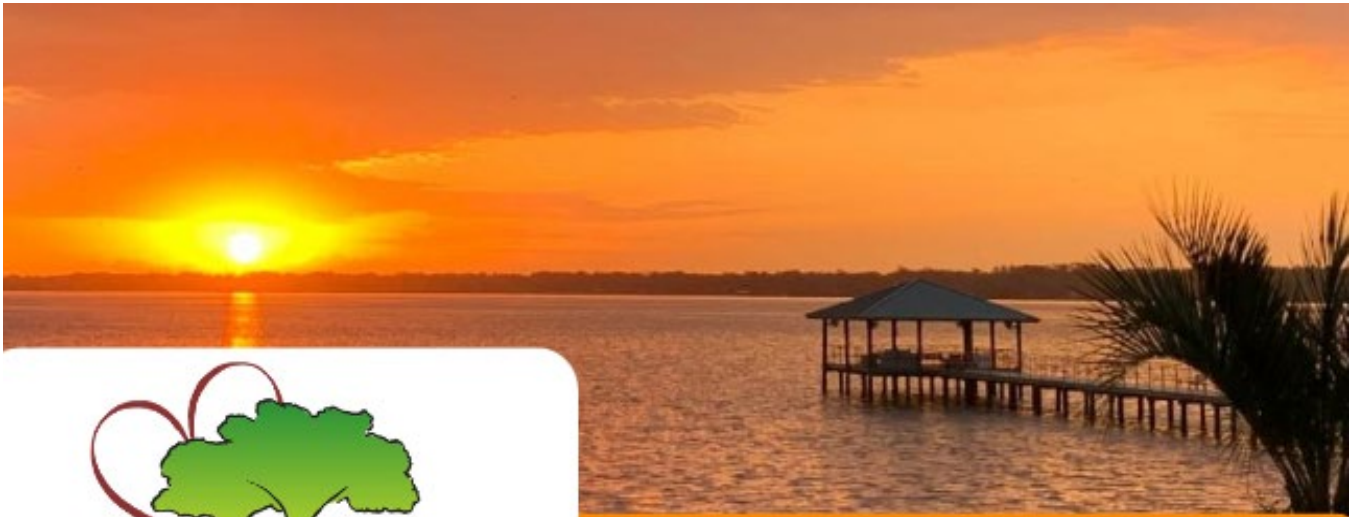
Simple gestures, such as exchanging emails, or sending cards to celebrate birthdays and holidays, can make an enormous difference. Sharing stories and life's journeys builds strong and lasting relationships. This program enriches not only the lives of the Moosehaven seniors but also the lives of those who adopt them. For more information go to the Moosehaven website, Sunshine Grandparent Program.

Statistic at Moosehaven

- 111 men and 186 women living at Moosehaven.
- The oldest resident is Glenna McClain at 101.4 Years.
- 41 Married couples living in Moosehaven.
- Longest married couple Alert & Marlys Shallbetter, who are celebrating 69 years.
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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



Hope everyone is ready for the Holidays and a good time for giving! The Heart of the Community is looking for blankets, Tommy and Rosie Moose and gift cards.

We are trying again this year at the Mid-Year Conference to do a Blood Drive, so hopefully you can donate blood in March.

We hope that you can please help us by donating to Children's Hospital of Orange County, Ronald McDonald House Orange County and the Costa Mesa Fire and Police Departments. We are also looking to donate again to the Hope School.

Please dig deep and help make our efforts a success!

Looking forward to seeing you all in Costa Mesa in March!!

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Heart of the Community Program

Tommy Moose, the Moose Fraternity's beloved plush ambassador, is available for purchase in bulk for donation to local public safety agencies (i.e police, fire, state police and sheriff's departments). Tommy rides in police cars, fire engines and ambulances, waiting for the important time to comfort a child in distress. The recognition and goodwill that the lodge, chapter, Moose Legion or Moose Association generates through Tommy is priceless.

"Just as The Moose helps communities in need, Tommy Moose plush dolls help a child in need."

— Will Harrison, Coordinator of Activities and Heart of the Community

Training News



As this newsletter goes to press our final 2 Section Hands on Technical Training (2 HOTT), Virtual Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) and Administrator School sessions will be held for this calendar year. We want to thank the California Nevada Moose Association trainers for their dedication to scheduling and presenting all the training needed by our Association members. Next time you see one of them be sure to thank them.

We were successful in deploying online registration for all our scheduled sessions. Have you ever given any thought to the need to let the instructors know your intent to attend a training session? It is important for us to know how many folks will be attending so we can ensure that there are enough training materials available for each attendee. Remember that it costs the Association to produce or purchase these materials. In the case of some classes, we need to know your experience level to determine the number of additional instructors that might be needed to assist the students with hands on exercises. With the implementation of virtual sessions multiple trainers are needed to support the Adobe Connect software, they need to not only instruct the class but have a facilitator to run the session and breakout rooms. **Please be courteous and thoughtful to your dedicated training team and register as soon as possible.** Remember also that paying when registering guarantees your spot in the session. Sometimes there are so many people who need to attend as a condition of their position and they we may have to give priority to them if they have prepaid for the session.

Individuals who wish to attend a scheduled session will need to click the link provided on the CNMA website under CNMA Education and register online for the class they want to attend. It will also take your payment for the session (***always required prior to being confirmed for any training session***) using your debit or credit card. We are working on a solution for accepting electronic payments using a checking account (this would be for a Moose Legion, Chapter or Lodge in lieu of writing & remitting a check). Once again we ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate these new tools.

As a friendly reminder Administrators are once again **REQUIRED** to attend a basic **2 HOTT** session in order to register to attend an Administrator School so the technical training staff has been scheduling them the day before an Administrator School so this requirement can be met. Unfortunately, the Virtual 2 HOTT is not yet available so keep this in mind when the Virtual Administrator School becomes available in January 2024. A January 2 HOTT session has been scheduled for January 21st at the Ventura Moose Lodge so if you need it please be sure and register as soon as possible to attend.

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

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

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CNMA Moosehaven 'AAA' Project News



Hi **ALL**, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of **YOU** and **YOURS**.

Thanks to all of you who have and continue to participate in the **Moosehaven AAA Project** it is holding its own. As of October 31, 2023, the Contribution total has reached \$88,757.14, which means we only have to come up with \$111,242.86 to reach our minimum Goal of \$200,000.00.

So let us take a look at things we need to adjust in order to achieve our past history of looking back at our minimum Goal. The California Nevada Moose Association units are made up of Lodges, Districts, Chapters, Moose Legion jurisdictions, and Councils of Higher Degrees. As of 10-1-2023 of the 108 Lodges, 79 (72.5%) are participating; of the 19 Districts, 12 (62.3%) are participating; of the 5 Council of Higher Degree units, 3 (60%) are participating. Participation is defined as having donated some amount. Donations range for contributing Lodges between \$50 and \$8,725; Districts \$20 and \$1321; COHDs \$45 and \$500. So, with the aforementioned in mind, we would appreciate those in leadership positions of each program area to please take a look at the nonparticipating units in your area and help us help them in resolving whatever issues are found. If our Committee can be of any assistance in helping with an issue toward resolution, please contact us.

We have another group of Donors who deserve our recognition, and they are the individual donors who currently number 54 and that have collectively, since the beginning of the **Moosehaven AAA Project** have to date donated in amounts ranging from \$10 and up, a combined donation total of \$17,976.72. On behalf of our Committee and the Moosehaven Residents we say **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!**

In closing we wish all of you a wonderful Holiday season and extend multiple **THANK YOU'S** for all you have given in support of the **MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT**.

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MOOSEHAVEN AAA PROJECT

Always Active At Moosehaven



Pavilion



Sports and Recreation Complex



Amenity Center

The Story Continues



Hello to All,

Robert F. Havlike, a young engineer, was employed to oversee construction and some elements of vocational training. William Stephens, a Pennsylvania Farmer, was put in charge of the farm and was asked to put in an orchard. An Aurora physician was engaged on a part time basis to care for the health of the children.

Mooseheart began to grow rapidly. A complete water and sewer system was installed in the spring of 1914. A deep well was installed, and a water tank was erected. A carload of elm trees was purchased and spread out on the bare campus, which today is tree-lined and shaded.

Work began at Purity Hall, a girls dormitory, and soon after it was completed, work began on Loyalty Hall a boys Dormitory.

Thanks for all you do.

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Disaster Relief News



Disaster Relief was started to assist Lodges in need and to help keep a Lodge with limited funds keeping their Lodge from closing. Since this committee started five years ago, we have not closed a Lodge! The Grant Program along with this fund has really been special. We continue to assist Lodges in need. Please contact your Territory Manager and let them know of your request and what the funds will be used. So far no Lodge in need has been refused. Do not ask for assistance if your Lodge has a savings account or T-Bills. If you truly need some help we are here for you! To keep this fund strong, we need .75 cents a day per Lodge!! Turn in your donations to California Nevada Moose Association earmarked Disaster Relief Fund! Thank you all who continue to keep this fund strong. Remember your donations can be used in your

Community Service report!

Thank you,

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Encouraging Words From An International Moose Legion Ambassador



As a long time Fraternalist, I truly believe that as we continue to evolve because of the current state of our society, the Moose Legion should begin looking at what it will take to attract future Moose Legionnaires. Are **'WE'** thinking outside of the box or doing the same things over and over? Are we asking what kind of activities would attract New Moose Legionnaires? Are we offering discounts on Moose Legion events?

Just walking up to a Brother Moose and asking, "How would you like to join the Moose Legion?" does not seem to be as effective as before. Once upon a time being asked to join the Moose Legion was a prestigious honor because it could lead to a Higher Degree. It feels like today, New Moose Legionnaires are unaware of that possibility and what it means to achieve such an honor.

This is why the Moose Legion Conferral is so important as is the role the assigned Ritual Staff plays in acquainting new Moose Legionnaires with their obligation. If you do not have a Ritual Staff, I encourage Moose Legion Presidents to assign roles to any available Moose Legionnaire, this includes Fellows and Pilgrims that are present, that are willing to take the time to read their part before the Conferral to familiarize themselves with the part assigned. A well-versed Ritual has a meaningful impact on the Candidates.

VISIBILITY: Personally, being at a Conferral where other Pilgrim, Fellowship, & Moose Legionnaire Brothers are in attendance is a joyful remarkable sight. Attendance is not always possible, but an amazing sight to see, especially for the Candidates. This is one of the keys to ensuring that at the forefront of Retention we are visible and ready to begin **MENTORING** the next generations of Higher Degrees and Quota-busters! How wonderful to ensure and know that the Legacy of the Moose Legion will be well cared for, for future generations. Be a part of that!

RETENTION: Are we actively holding on to our expiring Moose Legionnaires, are we calling them to see how they are doing first, then ask about their dues? Is there a financial, health, or any other issue as to why they are not renewing? For every Moose Legionnaire we lose, we need to sign two to keep up with our Membership numbers. Let us all be a part of the solution, rather than the problem. . .

I like to say, "There are a lot of truly good Moose Legionnaires in our Fraternity: however, if you do not know one . . . Be One."

Fraternal Regards,

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Valued Veterans & Patriots Action Bulletin



HIGHLIGHTS & COMING EVENTS

- New 3.2% Vet Pay COLA
- Pact Act For ALL VETS
- V.V. Patriot Calendar—Q1
- Korea Veteran's Medal
- Free Audio Books Program
- V.A. 'Unclaimed Money'
- Women Veteran Leaders
- Vet & Patriot Business Card
- Points to Ponder
- Vet 'Caregiver' Expanded
- Death-Pension Reform
- Survivor DIC Improved
- Long Term Care Expanded

ACKNOWLEDGE & HONOR VETERANS

Military Veterans, men and women are the best trained, most experienced, disciplined, evaluated, proven and underutilized resource in America; and our Moose Family Fraternity has **BATTALIONS** of them! As we wrap up the end of the year with traditional festivities, we should **THINK** and begin discussing ideas about the many ways in which we can use this resource to support our - Lodge - Veterans & families - community – membership and society. Yes, brainstorm and discuss ideas and the planning for the special patriotic activities you may want to celebrate as a new opportunity for **FUN**. The **MISSION** is perfect when it combines American Patriotism with **HONOR**, and it cannot work well without the **FUN** component!!

- Don't you have a Veteran or two in **YOUR LODGE** who are worthy and deserving of recognition?
- All Veterans, men, and women, who have served honorably deserve appreciation; but especially those who served during active wartime campaigns or who have provided especially unique service to their country [submarine, gliders, armor, artillery, Purple Heart, **ETC**]. This is a marvelous tool to invite members of **YOUR** community to an **ALL-AMERICAN** program of American History, Honor, **FUN - AND** a brief introduction to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, and purpose, mission, services, entertainment, dinners, and social quarters fraternalism of their local Moose Lodge They will come back; for patriotism, dinners, pool or cornhole but some **WILL** come back!
- We would like to identify and honor groups of Veterans not only in our Lodges, but later at special combined district or territory programs or even at conventions.
- WW II Veterans, witnesses to American History are a dwindling resource, an estimated 271 die every day - identify and **HONOR THEM** while we still can!
- Then Korean war Veterans - Please. We are committed to honor **ALL** vets but want to prioritize the oldest - while they are still alive. You do not have to honor **EVERY** special date; you may alternate years as well as programs.



- The **California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) VALUED PATRIOT CALENDAR** will be posted online - make it a part of your Lodge activity year. Use it as a membership resource.

ORGANIZE YOUR LODGE PATRIOT ACTION SQUADRON FOR ACTION

MISSION - Patriotism - Membership - FUN

There **ARE** true **PATRIOTS** in your Lodge; they just feel like they are in the minority. Develop your Lodge Patriot Patrol: Identify all Veterans, men, and women, record them (send us that information), and form your dedicated Patriot Patrol of valued-Veterans and Patriotic Leaders that will cooperate toward a common purpose to help increase the public visibility and leadership of your Lodge in your community. There are many opportunities to push your Lodge higher 'on the All-American' map. Do what is expected and also, 'think out of the box' to demonstrate your value to your community.

This is **AMERICAN HISTORY**, increasingly not-taught-in-schools. Want to create a speaker's bureau? Do you have Veterans who have earned and **DESERVE** recognition?

► Celebrate the holidays - Celebrate your Veteran's branch of service - Celebrate Veterans by campaign, awards, unique service.

- Make it honorable but always build-in the **FUN** component and
- Always, a 'brief' introduction to Mooseheart and Moosehaven, your family dinners, social quarters, team sports and Veterans!



When you record your Veterans, you may be surprised to find some **VERY** special experiences and misadventures that are not only noteworthy but also worthy of public appreciation and recognition. Recognize and honor your Veteran of the Month and ► post a 'mini-BIO' in your newsletter! ► We have so many Veterans with unique experiences, history witness, humor and then Submarine Service, Glider, Pilots, Reconnaissance, **ETC.** ► Create your Veterans Wall/Corner, Fotos **THEN & NOW** and provide Veteran benefits materials for Veterans **AND** their families. Many Veterans think they know '**ALL-ABOUT THE VA;**' but it is only when a spouse learns about missed benefits, that they encourage the application • Solicit & post **BEFORE & AFTER** pictures, ribbons & awards.

► Let us know how we can help you to do all the things that your members can dream of doing. We have information, resources, experience, history, and ideas to assist you.

► A reminder > **UNCLAIMED MONEY FOR VETERANS:**

VA still holds much Unclaimed Money - much is government insurance policy payouts or dividend checks and premium refunds mailed to policyholders and that delivery failed for a multitude of situations. When payments cannot be delivered they are returned to the Department of Veterans Affairs where they are held indefinitely by the **VA** Insurance Division. **IF** you or a family member has any unclaimed money, you can check at the **VA** website.



(<https://insurance.va.gov/liability/ufsearch.htm>)

Note: When searching common names, you may need to provide more specific details such as middle initial/name, service number, **VA** file/insurance number, **ETC.** Many of these details are available on military service documents, often recorded and filed at county courthouses. Remember that these official records can be permanently saved by being recorded at your county recorder's office at no charge; and are available whenever a Veteran or dependent has a need.

By the way - did you ever notice that when you put the two words 'THE' and 'IRS' together - that they spell 'HEIRS'? Coincidence??

VETERAN SUICIDE NEWS YES, the rate of Veteran suicide is down from 22 to 17 **EVERY DAY**; but that is still outrageous! Post the **NEW 3- DIGIT SUICIDE NUMBER - #988** is the new National Suicide Crisis number and Veterans need only to **press #1**. Please keep these numbers handy and available for those who want to seek help. Post the number prominently. Veteran suicide should be a national outrage - **WE** can and should be a part of the solution!



There is a new program demonstrating significant success in suicide prevention. We will study and report here on this new nonprofit organization —'Save-a-Warrior.' More to come. ► Even though PTSD treatments work, most people who have PTSD do not seek out treatment. **BE-A-FRIEND**, Reach - Out and honestly help a buddy! We can all help. Text a Veteran, tonight. Just Check in. And download PTSD Coach or PTSD Family Coach apps and hear from Veterans who have turned their lives around with PTSD treatments. A vet is not likely to share casually or with a stranger.



'WHEN YOU'RE DOWN' 'When those thoughts come up of someone in your life that you care about, make it a priority to act, not to do it later, but to say, **OK**, I'm going to stop right now and just do that (Reach-Out).'

Take-a-Moment ●What kinds of programs would **YOU** like to see next year? ●Find a friend or two who seems to support your ideas ●Scan our CNMA Patriot calendar and select a new program or two ●If you want help, ideas or support, reach out: AmVetNet@yahoo.com ●If you make your plan months in advance, some members will show support ●Share information, keep all informed ●Alert your resources months in advance ●What would you like to see addressed or explained here in your bi-monthly 'Moose Call' newsletter? ●Suggestions, Questions, Complaints, Ideas, Need Help? AmVetNet@yahoo.com ●Do you want to help, volunteer, have a skill, need very basic drawing skills ●Consider ordering your 'Valued-Veterans' or the 'Valued Patriot' business cards to assist your contact and recruiting efforts. Remember, they are effective recruiting reminder and networking tool!

Remind all your Veterans that on 11/11/23 the PACT ACT extended eligibility and services to **ALL** Veterans that may have suffered conditions due to any toxic exposures during all military service periods. No deadline and no expiration. **BUT – DO** remember: to avoid a quick response/**DENIAL**, to **ALWAYS** seek the assistance of an 'Accredited' Veterans Service Officer who has experience with intricacies of these types of **VA** claims! Reach out if you need referral in your area, have questions, ideas or want to do more, please just reach-out: AmVetNet@yahoo.com
This is our information exchange.

We are looking for your input regarding the types of information, issues, ideas, questions, problems, and harebrained schemes that might support not only honoring Veterans but also guiding our Lodges to lead our communities in All-American patriotism. Want a list of available **VA** benefits, Veterans' discounts, patriotic days, **VA** ID and more. Reach out, contact AmVetNet@yahoo.com. Remember that we will continue to post information and references on the CNMA website and newsletter archive.



Please help us to invite American Patriots to join our ranks and make good things happen.
"Together we can make great things happen in our communities!"

~ LODGE PATRIOT CALENDAR ~



VETERANS
'PROJECTED' 2024
VA COMPENSATION
BASIC MONTHLY

10%	- \$ 171.-
20%	- \$ 338.-
30%	- \$ 524.-
40%	- \$ 755.-
50%	- \$ 1,075.-
60%	- \$ 1,361.-
70%	- \$ 1,716.-
80%	- \$ 1,995.-
90%	- \$ 2,241.-
100%	- \$ 3,737.-

We will update, print & issue final released totals to include dependents & A&A amounts in next 'Gold Miner'. Note Then follow: 'Letter Rates', SMC & DIC.

www.ca-nvmoose.org/publications/
 Questions/Problems: AmVetNet@yahoo.com >> [estimated2024vaComp](#)

PLAN SOME SPECIAL PATRIOTIC FUN

FEBRUARY -----

- 03 – Four Chaplains Day
- 14 – National Salute to Veteran Patients
- 19 – Coast Guard Reserve Birthday
- 20 – President's Day

MARCH-----

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- 03 – Navy Reserve Birthday
- 05 – Seabee Birthday
- 13 – K-9 Veterans Day
- 25 – Medal of Honor Day
- 29 – Vietnam Veterans Day

APRIL-----

- Month of the Military Child
- 05 – Gold Star Spouses Day
- 14 – Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 15 – Purple Up! Day
- 23 – Army Reserve Birthday
- 30 – National Military Brats Day

* Announce it: - public & news media will come out of the woodwork to be a part of it

These are just a few dates that are notable for their contribution to our **REAL AMERICAN HISTORY**, often not taught in our schools. You will have members who can explain the meaning of these special dates. Take your pick; educate and inform your members and community.

MAKE THE PATRIOT CALENDAR PART OF THE LODGE ACTIVITY YEAR Patriotism is a cornerstone of Americanism and a foundation of what underpins our **ALL-AMERICAN** society • Not all Lodges are the same, some are more fraternal than others • Each Lodge is free to discuss and decide just **WHAT** and how much or little to do each year • Each Lodge **WILL HAVE** at-least 2- 3% members who **REALLY WANT** to help make a difference. You do not have to honor **EVERY** day; alternate years and your programs to keep it fresh • Keep what works.

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CALIFORNIA-NEVADA MOOSE ASSOCIATION



Valued Veterans
Moose Members Serving Then ... and NOW!



◇ KOREAN WAR CAMPAIGN MEDAL ◇



A government medal has been recently authorized for American veterans of the Korean war; and we would like to examine our Valued-Veteran membership to identify all Korean War veterans, men and women, who are members of our Family Fraternity to create an appropriate public ceremony. The following actions are requested from each lodge in our CNMA association:

> ***1-** Post the notice on the bulletin board **2-** Include this information in your newsletters, as well as digital Internet and Social media programs. **3-** Organize a lodge team to reach out to your membership, to identify all your veterans and assure they are registered "Valued-Veterans"; Identify and list all veterans, men and women, including their military branch of service, war/

campaign periods of service all listed and registered on your lodge PATRIOT ROSTER (Online). Surely **your lodge has veterans that DESERVE recognition!**

Inform appropriate members that your lodge and CNMA are seeking this information in order to develop and plan a grand ceremonial War Medal Awards Ceremony; and having such information on ALL veterans assists in planning future programs to similarly recognize and honor other veterans in chronological order: WW II, KOREA, COLD WAR, VIETNAM, COLD WAR, BOSNIA & ETC.

As we develop protocols, we can prepare scenarios and guides to assist those lodges wishing to conduct community programs to attract their community and invite them to patriotic programs at the lodge.

===== NAME ===== PHONE ===== E-MAIL ===== SERVICE

1. _____
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CNMA VALUED VETERANS, POB 97, W. Sacramento, CA 95691

PLEASE! We Can Help Each Other: Info: AmVetNet@yahoo.com

"IF IT'S TO BE, IT'S UP TO YOU AND ME! LETS HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN."

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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