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California Nevada Moose Association 2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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Association President – Dina Munday



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

As always, I hope this message finds everyone doing well. I can't believe my year as President is almost over. It seems crazy to me that this adventure is ending. However, it's not over yet and we still have our Annual Convention in Sparks which is sure to be a blast. If you thought, we had **FUN** in Costa Mesa well you haven't seen anything yet. We are excited to have a member of the Moose International Board of Directors, Brian Toseki as our Official Visitor in

Sparks. He will be bringing his lovely wife Pam, who is amazing. I have also managed to wrangle another special guest for this convention who will be addressing the Women of the Moose at our breakfast so don't miss out. That is none other than Women of the Moose Executive Project Manager Denielle Baile. Pennsylvania will be represented at this convention. I'm thrilled to have them in attendance.

We have a ton of things planned for this convention. As always, our committees are getting ready to have some **FUN** activities and great prizes while sharing great information. This year I have added something new which is the Moose Legion, Women of the Moose and Council of Higher Degrees **FUN Room/Haunted House**. As I said before my goal is to not only grow our regular membership but to see growth in the Moose Legion and Women of the Moose. I also want to get some attention on the Council of Higher Degrees, who can be a great help with retention. So don't miss out on this **FUN Room** that will be decked out in the **Haunted Mansion** theme.

Earl, myself, and some friends have had the opportunity to visit a lot of great Lodges throughout my year, and it has been amazing. We aren't finished yet as I am planning a visit down south the first week of August where I hope to visit Stockdale, Victor Valley, Apple Valley, Big Bear and other Lodges. So, keep a lookout because you never know when Michael and I will show up at your Lodge.

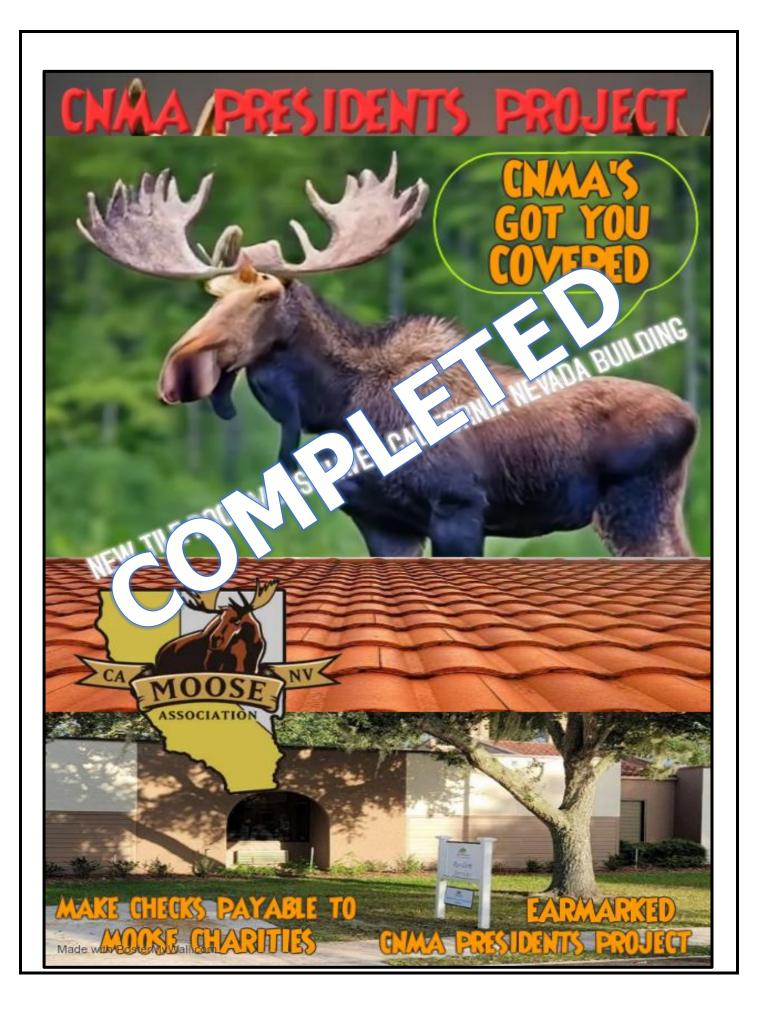
I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Executive Committee, the District Presidents, Committee Chairs and all Moose members for all the support you have given me this past year. I never dreamed I would hold this position and now that I have it I can say it was more special than I ever imagined. Thank you so much for the memories.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Sparks as we are going to have a lot of great information to give and have a good time doing it. Cause if it's not **FUN** don't do it. And always remember your why.

Fraternally,

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Association Vice President - Bill Jackson



VICE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Greetings California Nevada Moose Association Members,

August, the border between Summer and Autumn is upon us. Time for all District Presidents and hopefully Secretaries to be winding things up in the Districts. July 15th was the District Officer Informational and District President Application forms deadline. Our Annual Convention in September is almost

here and it's time to register online. Remember District Presidents our Board Meeting is at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday in Nugget I. This informational Meeting is vital to move forward in our next Fiscal Year...so plan to attend. The deadline to pre-order your Moose Mode T Shirt has passed but there will some available on site at the convention, but supplies are limited so be sure to get your shirt upon arrival.

August is truly a month of activities. The Latin translation to inspire, be reverent is also a month that represents victory, or accomplishment as the month was finally named for Augustis Caesar. We at our Lodges and Districts often use this month as our final month for outdoor BBQs, and special **FUN** games. In fact, August is noted for its National Pickleball Day and National Watermelon Day. Taking these ideas forward they provide us with input for events that boost our attendance. One of the first Ice-Cream Social's was held in August.

Why did the Vice President become a dentist? He knew it was a great way to fill in the gaps of his schedule!

Let's take a leap and inspire other Members to join us at the Annual Convention. Know someone with a Birthday coming up, gift them a registration to our **FUN** convention. The "Haunted Mansion" theme for our Saturday banquet is sure to bring out the "Spirits" in everyone. We have a lot of exciting new information to pass on, and we want you to be there and be a huge part of it.

Also, something you **MOOSE-T** know, your committees are planning extra events this year including our Chapters, Moose Legions, Councils of Higher Degrees "**FUN Room/Haunted House**." Can't wait to see you there, and once again to all District Officers, make your last Meetings the Moose-t Attended, the Moose-t Productive, the Moose-t Profitable. Put them all together they spell **M-O-O-S-E**...or something like that.

Once again, join us at the Nugget, we're a haunting you!

Bill Jackson Association Vice President (760) 269-5573 bmonet71@gmail.com











FUN AND GAMES FOR MOOSE CHARITIES

Thurs-Fri-Sat 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

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Association Chaplain - Robert Leon



CHAPLAIN MESSAGE

I am so excited for the upcoming Annual Convention which I hope many more of our Members will be a part of by attending. As we see growth in Membership, we also begin to see our Lodges prosper and grow as well. All it takes is for each Member to sign at least one new or former Member into their Lodge, Chapter, and Moose Legion.

We continue to pray for those in Texas who have faced catastrophe and loss, and if there is a way you can help, please do not hesitate to do some good thing for those in need.

I personally am very grateful for this Fraternity we call The Moose and the many wonderful people I have met not just in my time on the Executive Committee, but as a Member attending the Conferences and Conventions. Believe it or not, there are many amazing stories of success as well as those of failures overcome with hope and dedication. Please take the time to meet others from Lodges outside of your own and converse/share your successes with one another. In time you will see, it is easier to move forward than live in the past.

Are you ready for **FUN** at the Annual Convention in September! I encourage you to leave all the negative stuff on the freeway if you are driving and, on the runway, if you are flying. Take the time to come up to the Executive Committee and say hello while you are at the Annual Convention, I promise, we don't bite!

I am keeping this under three minutes, so as I sign off, please drive and fly safely. Continue to pray for one another and REMEMBER

There are a lot of good Moose Members out there; if you can't find one, be One

Fraternal Regards,

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As Chaplain I provide oversight of:

Activities, Communications, Degrees, Government Relations, Heart of the Community, Moose Charities, Resolutions, Rules and Order, Scholarship, Special Projects Sub-Committee, Veteran's Sub-Committee and Youth Awareness Committees.



Association Treasurer – Earl Munday



TREASURER MESSAGE

Well, we are coming up to the end of a great year with the President's Projects going way above and beyond.

With our Annual Convention around the corner there are some great opportunities to purchase tickets for drawings such as the Moosehaven Trip for two to the Annual Chili Cook-off and Car Show. So, if you haven't bought your

tickets yet, you had better get them soon as the winner will be announced during one of the meetings on Saturday Sept 13th.

Also remember, this is going to be a very **FUN** Annual Convention. There is going to be a **FUN Room/Haunted House** / Halloween theme, and I can't wait to see all the decorations and costumes. If you didn't make it to Costa Mesa for the Mid-Year Conference you don't want to miss out on this one, talk about bringing some excitement and energy into the meeting room our California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) President Dina has definitely done that and promises to deliver it again.

Don't forget if you want to be on a committee you must go to the Secretary's page on the CNMA website and fill out an application so that we will know that you want to be considered for a position.

Earl Munday Association Treasurer (510) 676-0428 earlm1964@gmail.com

As Treasurer I provide oversight of:

Disaster Relief, Financial Review, Historical, Loss Prevention, Membership, Moosehaven, Mooseheart, New Lodge Development, New Member Orientation and Ways & Means Committees.





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About the Moose Rewards Program:

It's simple...earn points for helping the Moose grow and prosper, then redeem your points for valuable awards, gifts and experiences.

You earn points for sponsoring members, attending meetings or training, holding office or just renewing your dues. Every active member of the Moose has an opportunity to participate and your points are awarded automatically. No paperwork or submissions needed.

All program access is online:

Simply visit the My
Membership Record selection
of the Moose website and your
Rewards Record will be
available. The Rewards
Program has been extended
indefinitely. For promotional
materials and more
information, including the
Official Terms & Conditions,
please visit the Membership
section on the Forms &
Documents page of the Moose
International website > Moose
Rewards Program.

Association Junior Past President - Roddy Myers



JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hello Moose Family,

Time is sure flying by, seems like yesterday I was elected to the California Nevada Moose Association's Executive Committee and now I'm writing my last Gold Miner Article.

I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful Moose members I have met during my travels across California and Nevada and the warm welcome I have received while visiting your Lodges. Not to mention what we have accomplished with the support of all as we made Plus 1 for 3 years in a row, not to mention the support you gave us in funding the California Nevada Moose Association Presidents Projects and various other charitable endeavors. I'm still going to travel to Lodges but at a more relaxed pace. Again, you are all my Moose Family. Thank You... for making my travels across California and Nevada special.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the September Annual Convention in Sparks NV. It's going to be a lot of **FUN**. Don't forget the theme is **Haunted Mansion**.

In closing I would like to thank all the Executive Committee for supporting me during the years. I will never forget all the accomplishments we have made over the years. You all are the best... Let us make great decisions and keep California and Nevada moving forward in being recognized. I know we can do this because you all are true Moose members that I'm proud to call my family.

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Association Secretary - Cheryl D Volden

SECRETARY MESSAGE

We are happy to report that we have once again cleared the indebtedness from the May Association dues billing and have no outstanding accounts receivable! Many thanks to Treasurer Earl (and our fabulous Territory Managers) for assisting with getting everyone current.

Another billing will occur on *August 15th* and the lodges who earned the 5 Star will also receive their dues credit which means that they will probably not have an outstanding balance due. It is important to read the email message attached to your invoice to ensure that you understand the balance due or that you have a credit balance. Another thing to note is that we would like the invoices to be paid within 15 days so that we can start contacting those who may have forgotten to pay their invoice and ensure that we can keep on being successful in clearing our accounts receivable.

Thank you to all lodges who paid their Association dues by clicking the easy to use "Pay Invoice" button. This saves the Association money on fees and also makes your Association Secretary's job so much easier! She is very appreciative of you!

Please watch your SmarterMail email accounts to ensure you receive your notifications and billings from this Association. This email is your Moose International official email and should be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure you are up to date on all the latest communications and notices.

Online registration for the upcoming Annual Convention went live on July 1st and we have had many registrations so far. To those who have registered you still have until **Saturday September 6th to register online**.

Just a friendly reminder that if you are going to designate an Alternate for the Lodge President or Administrator you must vote and approve the alternate and provide an Alternate Delegate letter no later than two (2) weeks prior to the convention. **Deadline is August 30th, 2025.** The letters need to be uploaded with the online registration of the alternate and/or sent via email to conventionservices@ca-nvmoose.org. Your cooperation is appreciated by your convention services team.

Hotel reservations have a cutoff of August 20, 2025, so please ensure that you make your hotel reservations by this date, so you have a room. After that date rooms will be released to the public and may result in you having a higher rate or perhaps having to stay at a different hotel.

Everything you need to attend the convention can be found on the CNMA Website, <u>Conventions</u> page.

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Association Liaison – Kenneth Copp



LIAISON MESSAGE

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to August!

It's incredible how quickly this year is flying by. As we step into a new month, I'd like to take a moment to share a few highlights from the International Moose Convention held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this past May, and update you on

our progress three months into the new Moose Year.

International Moose Convention Takeaways

Let's review some of the key updates from the 2025 International Moose Convention:

General Laws

- All four proposed General Law changes were approved by favorable vote
- These changes will officially take effect on August 1, 2025

New Fraternal Recognition Program

During the convention, Moose International CEO Scott Hart unveiled a brand-new Fraternal Recognition Program designed to include every member -- whether you're new or a long-time Pilgrim or College of Regents member. Everyone starts fresh!

The program has four achievement levels: Preferred, Power, Prestige, and Platinum.

To reach the first level -- Preferred Status, beginning May 1, 2025, a member must complete all five of the following:

- Sponsor one new member into the Lodge
- Attend a Lodge Orientation
- Complete and log 10 volunteer hours (at the Lodge or through Moose-initiated Community projects/events)
- Make at least one donation to Moose Charities either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven
- Create and maintain an active "My Membership Record"

An overview of the full program with all four levels and FAQ's will be presented at our Annual Convention in September

Goals for the 2025–2026 Moose Year

Let's take a look at where we currently stand and what we're aiming to achieve:

- Membership Goal: Net gain of +1 (Target: 56,985 members) -- Current count: 56,122 members (-863 from goal)
- Retention Rate: 80% or higher -- Current rate: 56.9%
- Moose Charities Giving Goal: \$475,000 -- Current total: \$114,746.91
- New Applications Goal: 10,989 -- Current new members enrolled: 2,573

We encourage all Lodges to remain focused on sponsorship and retention. With continued teamwork, I'm confident we can surpass last year's achievements -- particularly in membership and charitable giving.

Let's continue to:

"Move Forward and Give Back" while "Embracing Our Community" and "Making It Happen" and We truly have a Proud Past and a Bright Future!

In Closing

A heartfelt thank you to the 100 Lodges (out of 106) that submitted their Moose of the Year nominations!

All awards -- including:

- Moose of the Year
- Premier Lodge Awards
- Moose Charities
- Heart of the Community
- ...and more -- will be presented at the Awards Breakfast on the morning of Sunday September 11th during our Annual Convention in Sparks, NV. Please ensure someone from your Lodge is there to receive your award(s).

I look forward to a **FUN**, energetic, and enriching time with all of you at our upcoming Annual Convention!

Thank you for your continued dedication to the mission and values of Moose International.

God Bless Moosehaven.

God Bless Moosehaven.

And God Bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

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'Moving Forward, Giving Back' - International Campaign

MOOSE MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK

May 1, 2025 - April 30, 2026

Our Fraternity has made a commitment to being ever present in our communities. By continuing our positive momentum, we make our meaningful contributions a reality. To move forward, we must make a positive impact on our society, by giving back.

Sponsor 1 Member

MOVING FORWARD, GIVING BACK 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 purchase of a backup generator for Moosehaven's computer server room. This is important for keeping their offices running in case of power failure, protecting the

residents' electronic records. 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 **MOVING FORWARD**, **GIVING BACK** membership drive will receive free basic registration for our 2026 International Moose Convention in Oklahoma City, OK. Additional information can be found on **www.mooseintl.org**.

Earn Rewards simply for doing things that strengthen The Moose. Now is a **REWARDS** 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.

Membership Committee Chair – Lisa Marquez



MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Moose Members!

I can't believe we are already three quarters of the way through our Association year! Our membership year just started in May, and we are already through our first quarter of the fraternal unit year. Where are you with your membership and where does your Lodge stand?

I encourage you to use the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) Campaign "RISE by Lifting Others Up" and I challenge you to rise to the occasion! Let others know about The Moose and the good that we do for our communities and Moose Charities.

Is your Lodge having regular Orientations? How is your Lodge sharing the good things about our organization?

Don't forget that effective August 1st, spouses are no longer considered qualified guests. This means that spouses are now required to apply for membership in order to be allowed to come to the lodge and make purchases. This is an opportunity for each of us to educate spouses on the reason they should be proud to join our fraternity. Being a member means they can make purchases and come to the lodge on a regular basis. We should also tell them about the benefits of being a member of the Moose Legion or Women of the Moose.

Have you hear about the new Fraternal Recognition Program that recognizes our members and the good work they do for our fraternity and their local communities? There are various levels you can earn as a member, and it starts with signing up a new member and continuing to sponsor new members! Make sure your Lodge has the information posted in your home Lodge. Information on the Fraternal Recognition Program can be found on the CNMA website by clicking here. To find it on the site go to www.ca-nymoose.org > Lodge Awards > Fraternal Recognition Program.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the CNMA Annual Convention in Sparks, NV in September. Stop by the membership booth to see what great opportunities we are offering, to pick up some tips on sponsoring members, what information is available for you to share, or to just say hello!

Most of all, don't forget to "Meet me at the Moose."

Until next time,

Lisa Marquez Membership Chair (805) 236-4583 Marquezno7@yahoo.com



'RISE By Lifting Others Up' - CNMA Membership Campaign





May 1, 2025 -April 30, 2026



One person can make a difference, everyone should try

Playing Cards



Ear Buds



Sign up 3 members! Sign up 5 members! Sign up 10 members! Padfolio



New Member Orientation Chair - Boyd Abbott



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We are just 3 months into this fraternal unit year and hopefully all of your Lodges have had at least 2 New Member Orientations. Remember that you must contact your Territory Manager to get the Orientation or Enrollment approved in order to receive credit. In addition, a new item has been added in LCL Web where the member identification numbers of those who attended the Orientation must be entered. This is important for the new Fraternal Recognition Program so please ensure that this information is entered. If

you have any questions please contact your assigned Territory Manager.

As I have said before, the Orientation is perhaps the first time our new members have heard of the purposes of our great fraternity. In addition, they should be told about the things that are unique to our individual lodges like when is the lodge open; what type of activities do you offer; when is food served; what types of meetings are held and when are they held; how can they become involved; how do they access more information about the lodge; who can they talk to in order to find out more information about The Moose; and how to I get access to all the resources available from Moose International, the California Nevada Moose Association. What about social media sites?

"The Moose is an international organization of men and women, dedicated to caring for young and old, bringing communities closer together and celebrating life."

The <u>Moose International New Member Orientation video</u> describes Mooseheart, our Child City & School, and Moosehaven, our City of Contentment. There are great resources available on the CNMA Website including an <u>Orientation Guide</u> that has information on how to conduct your Orientations.

Celebrating life is the easy part, make the events that you have at your Lodge **FUN**. It keeps people interested and engaged.

See y'all in Sparks at the CNMA Annual Convention.

Boyd Abbott New Member Orientation Chair (916) 990-3004 babb332@yahoo.com



Council of Higher Degrees Chair - Frankie Wysocki



RETENTION MESSAGE

What a great Fraternity we belong to,

Retention is always a problem, but I feel we don't explain what The Moose is all about and all of the wonderful things we do. Retention begins at our fraternal home.

Are we friendly enough? A smile and a welcome go a long way in keeping our members coming back and encouraging guests to want to be a part of The Moose. When you ask why someone is not returning, this is what we hear. No one talks to me, or I went in to volunteer and I was told I'm not needed. Never turn down a Volunteer!!!

All the Councils of Higher Degrees work hard to keep Retention a high priority.

It is important to keep our current members, in addition to sponsoring new members. Remember with membership growth we will be able to continue supporting Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

The Moose takes pride in helping Children and Seniors but without the support we can't continue to support our mission. We need your help!

Call the expired members and let them know they are missed. By pulling together we can make our membership grow and grow. Always remember Be Kind!

Interesting and FUN Council of Higher Degrees Annual Convention Activities:

Sep 11th: Territory Managers, Membership Chairs and Membership Committees are expected to attend a Council of Higher Degrees **Meeting** at 6:30 pm

Sep 12th: Council of Higher Degrees **Breakfast** on 7:30 am

Sep 11-13th: During the Annual Convention drop by the 'FUN Room/Haunted House' say Hi and learn more about the Council of Higher Degrees and how we can aid the Lodges, Chapters and Moose Legions in the Retention of their active dues paying members through personal contact. Retention is our Goal!

I look forward to meeting and greeting each and every one of you.

Fraternally,

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Mooseheart Committee Chair – Julie Nelson



MOOSEHEART HAPPENINGS

Hello Everyone,

As promised in my May article, I am reporting on my trip to Mooseheart during the Milwaukee International Convention.

It was not disappointing! What a magical place it is. The entrance is both impressive and welcoming. We were served lunch in a lovely patio area surrounded by grass

and trees. We toured most of the 1,000 acres of the property on the roads that took us by the lake, cemetery and the homes where the kids reside. The homes were not as I pictured. They are scattered throughout the property. Each home is different with large porches, yards and character. We viewed the sports fields, the gymnasium and the field house. The MAC Center and the House of God were beautiful.

We attended the 107th Mooseheart High School Graduation and were privileged to meet many of the graduates and hear about all of their accomplishments and plans for the future. We attended the weekly Saturday afternoon church service in the House of God where I talked to a Family Teacher about her experiences and met some of the younger students. The Family Teacher I met is on campus with her husband and 2 younger children. They live in a home with 7 teenage girls. The teacher explained that they taught in another school for boys near Chicago prior to coming to Mooseheart. They will remain at Mooseheart until their young children are teenagers. Then they will leave to concentrate on raising them privately. The Buena Park WOTM Sunshine Child was present, and we got to meet her and give her a hand crocheted blanket that one of our members made for her. As we drove off campus and headed back to Milwaukee I reflected on the day. What an awesome place for a child to experience, especially in light of having to leave their family and friends to go and live with strangers. They don't realize it when they are dropped off there, and they may not realize it for years to come, but it is a life-changing experience for a child in crisis. I am so grateful that I get to be a part of it.

As a side note, as part of the convention agenda, I attended the promotion ceremony of the 5th and 8th grade students from Mooseheart. The kids were transported to Milwaukee where they were joined by family and friends to watch their promotion ceremony. Three 5th graders and fifteen 8th graders were honored. The ceremony was great! The WOTM Grand Regent, Verna Miller gave the promotional address. The kids were given certificates for their achievements, and we were treated with selections from the Mooseheart Band and the Little Ramblers Choir. I was very happy to be present to help them celebrate their promotion.

Most of the kids at Mooseheart are currently at home with family and friends for summer vacation. The ones that remained on campus have special summer activities planned for them by the staff and teachers. They are looking forward to the return of the rest of the students in August.

Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

Julie Nelson Mooseheart Chair (714) 267-5772 Jdn4801@sbcgobal.net



Mooseheart's 2025-2028 \$12,000,000 Fundraising Campaign



Three fully renovated Mooseheart homes

Redesigned to serve children and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

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Including new paving, curbs, sidewalks, and modernized water lines across key areas of our campus.

A state-of-the-art Fresh Water Treatment Plant

Ensuring safety and sustainability for the entire Mooseheart community.

Three brand-new, purpose-built homes

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A revitalized track and discus cage

Because every child deserves a place to run, compete, and dream.

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The heart of our caregiving model.

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or

https://www.moosecharities.org



Moosehaven Committee Chair - Chuck Barber



MOOSEHAVEN JULY 4TH

On Independence Day Moosehaven welcomed the community onto the campus for the "Moosehaven/Orange Park American Pride 4th of July celebration" a day of fun, food, music, and fireworks enjoyed by all. Another example of why each day at Moosehaven is "another day in paradise" for our seniors who are "Always Active at Moosehaven." Our seniors enjoy a wide range of special events as a vital part of their active lifestyle on the Moosehaven campus. One of the highlights each year is the annual Chili

Cookoff and Car Show each November. This year two members of the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA) will have the opportunity to visit Moosehaven for this very memorable event by participating in the opportunity raffle sponsored by the CNMA Moosehaven Committee. Each District President received tickets for this raffle to distribute to their district Lodges so if you have not been given the chance to buy a chance in this raffle please check with your Lodge and district, also there will still be tickets at the Annual Convention in Sparks September 11-14 with the winning ticket to be drawn on Saturday September 13th.

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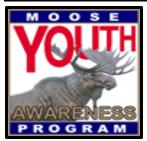








Youth Awareness Committee Chair & Coordinator – Bridget Robinson



YOUTH AWARENESS NEWS

Greetings from the Youth Awareness (YA) Committee!! The months continue to fly by!!! I hope this article finds you all well. The YA Committee is up and running for the year 2025-2026.

In the South we have several YA congresses set up:

- August 17th, @11:00 am Escondido Lodge Contact Bridget Robinson
- August 23rd, @ 10:00 am Garden Grove Lodge Contact Bridget Robinson
- September 20th, @ 10:00 am Pomona Lodge Contact Bridget Robinson
- October 12th, @ 10:00 am Stockdale Lodge Contact Bridget Robinson

In the North we have the following YA congress set up:

- September 20th, @ 10:00 am - Roseville - Contact Shannon Kline We will post additional congresses in CA North and Nevada as soon as we get them scheduled.

If you have children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, friends and/or neighbors, that are in high school that would like to attend college and could use scholarships, please reach out to us for information on the YA Program. The only requirements are that the participants must be a high school student and must attend a YA Congress between August and October 2025. Participants can return every year, even if they have already won a scholarship. The student does not have to be affiliated with a Moose member. **This program is open to ALL high school students!** If you know of a student who would like to participate, or attend one of the congresses listed, they must first apply to be considered for the program. They can do that by texting me at 714-394-4910.

I hope everyone took the time to read the Moose Magizine. It had an article with our 1st place scholarship winner, Victor Torres. It was great to hear his story. Victor is an amazing young man. We hope to have him attend our upcoming Annual Convention so we can all meet & visit him.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Sparks! We hope you stop by the Youth Awareness booth to say "Hi", grab a piece of candy, try your luck at winning one of our great prizes, and pick up some information on the Youth Awareness program. If you have any questions regarding our program, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

I would like to thank our committee for all of their hard work and dedication. Fred Reichelt, Lynn McDonald, Kathy Childs, and Shannon Kline, along with others, who help us behind the scenes, to pull this program together. Thank you to all Moose Legionnaires, who sponsor the scholarship money. And a huge thank you to all of you who support Youth Awareness including the California Nevada Moose Association.

If you are making a donation to Youth Awareness, please <u>make the checks out to: California Nevada Moose Association</u>, <u>earmarked Youth Awareness</u>. This way your donation stays with the students in CA/NV. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make. - Jane Goodall. Youth Awareness starts with YOU!!

On behalf of the Youth Awareness Committee,

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Heart of the Community Committee Chair – Denise Angeles



HEART OF THE COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU, **THANK YOU** to all the Chapters, Lodges and the California Nevada Moose Association Executive Committee who donated so many Tommy Moose, Tommy Moose Coloring Books, Tommy Moose Bookmarks, Blankets, and gifts for the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County. Your generosity is amazing. I know that the donations were truly appreciated.

We are going to work on getting more brothers and sisters to the places that we visit so that they can experience the gift of giving and watch the faces of the children when they see Tommy and receive their gifts.

The Annual Convention will be on September 11-14, 2025, at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, Nevada. I'm so excited to see our brothers and sisters and visit with them. We will be doing our Community Service events as we have done in past conventions.

Our Heart of the Community program remains strong. We continue to help in any way we can. A popular Heart of the Community component is Tommy Moose plush. We need to keep providing them to our local police, firefighters, EMTs and any others that will accept them. Children are so happy when they receive them.

As you have generously done before, please keep making those blankets and cancer caps to be distributed at our convention. Start collecting Rosie Moose, Tommy Moose, Tommy Moose coloring books, Tommy Moose bookmarks so we can donate them.

Always remember that we are the best kept secret out there. We are the **MOOSE**, so be proud and help us by donating, working with charities to provide whatever they need.

REMEMBER, EVERYONE has superpowers. Your talents, your strengths, and your passions – those are your superpowers! No matter who you are, where you live or what your job is, **YOU** have a superpower. We need to challenge our members to look inside themselves and discover their superpowers and determine how they can use them to benefit Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Moose Charities and our Communities.

Thank you for your continued support. We should be **MOOSE PROUD** at who we are and what we have accomplished!!! Let's make our convention one to remember.

If you have any questions, please contact me or a member of our committee.

Denise Angeles Heart of the Community Chair (805) 312-4727 dlangeles5@gmail.com



Moose Charities Committee Chair – Jason Evans



MOOSE CHARITIES NEWS

Greetings Moose Family,

I hope this message finds you well.

As I returned from the International Moose Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I could not stop thinking about my first visit to Mooseheart. Many

of you have also visited this amazing and picturesque city. But for those who haven't, let me begin by saying, "Wow"!

The most amazing part of the trip was the realization of where our hard-earned money goes every time we donate it to Moose Charities.

Oftentimes I open my wallet without ever thinking about what benefits my dollar might possess. And other times I wondered what it may be used for. That was why I had to see for myself.

Helping those in need, and less fortunate, not only puts a smile on their face, but it also makes me smile.

For those of you who have not yet been to Mooseheart, I hope you can make the trip at some point. I'm sure that you will get the same joy and heartfelt satisfaction that I received when I finally arrived.

I know I'm already looking forward to my next visit! And congratulations to the Mooseheart graduates of 2025! Live, love and smile, life is good!

Fraternally yours,

Jason Evans Moose Charities Chair (209) 642-2079 jasonevans987@gmail.com





Financial Review Committee Chair - Hiram Cooke



FINANCIAL REVIEW NEWS

As we get ready for the Annual Convention in Sparks, it is important that all District Presidents/Secretaries and the Councils of Higher Degrees ensure their books are presented to the Financial Review Committee.

We meet semi-annually to review all District and Council of Higher Degrees financial records.

Please be sure the following are brought to the Financial Review room no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 12th:

- Printouts of all District Monthly Distribution of Funds Reports (September 2024 present)
- Printouts of all Board of Officers meeting minutes (September 2024 present)
- Printouts of all your Social meeting minutes (September 2024 present)
- Receipt book
- Checkbook
- All hard copy bank statements (September 2024 present)
- All deposit slips

Also please update the Audit Spreadsheet and upload all required documents to Cognito.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me - finreview@ca-nvmoose.org.

Fraternally,

Hiram Cooke Financial Review Chair hiram.cooke@gmail.com



Training Coordinator - Cheryl D Volden



TRAINING NEWS

In classroom, Lodge Leadership Training continues to be offered throughout the California Nevada Moose Association (CNMA).

Newly developed Lodge Leadership training and materials are going to be deployed by Moose International (MI) soon, so it is important to get this training completed as soon as possible (ASAP).

At this time, we do not know how long the online Lodge Leadership course will remain available so if you complete it now, you will be good for three years. It can be found using this <u>link</u> or you can go to the CNMA website > CNMA Education > Lodge Leadership Online Training.

The final 2 Day Hands on Technical Training (2 HOTT) for this calendar year has been scheduled for August 30th at the Buena Park Lodge. If you need this training please register ASAP in order to prevent the cancellation of this session.

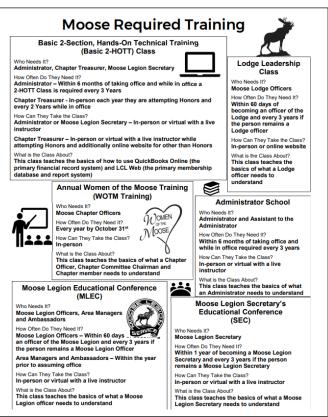
The final Administrator School sessions are scheduled for August 16th and 17th at the Rancho Cordova Lodge and August 31st and September 1st in Buena Park. Please register for these sessions so appropriate plans can be made by the instructors, and they can ensure they have enough materials for each student.

It is important that each individual understands the training requirements of the positions they hold in their Lodge, Moose Legion or Women of the Moose Chapter. Your best resource for Moose Required Training is the Training Flyer that is available on the CNMA Website > CNMA Education > Moose Required Training.

There have been many changes in training over the past twenty (20) years that I have been working with Moose International. I have been the CNMA Training Coordinator for nearly that long and it is time for me to hand it over to someone else. Effective October 1st this position will be available. If you think you have the necessary skills to be the CNMA Training Coordinator please contact Regional Manager Mo Khan or MI Training Manager Steven Glover.

I have not yet decided if I will be continuing as an Instructor but it has been my pleasure to serve as your CNMA Training Coordinator and as an instructor of Lodge Leadership, 2 HOTT and the Administrator School. I have enjoyed assisting those of you who have stepped up to lead our fraternity as Lodge & Chapter Officers. It is my hope that you all will continue to lead the way in educating our members about this wonderful fraternity known as The Moose.

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Historical Committee Chair - Damon Russell



STOCKDALE LODGE 2178 Chartered Feb 03, 1968 WOTM CHAPTER 1203

Chartered Sep 27, 1970

I was recently enlisted by Stockdale Lodge #2178 Historian Robyn Tennison to help uncover some of the history of this relatively young Moose Lodge. Here's what we found that I would like to share with you.

On January 26, 1968, a notice was published in the Bakersfield Californian announcing the official institution ceremonies as quoted below:

"The Loyal Order of Moose Lodge for South Bakersfield, to be known as the Stockdale Lodge 2178, will be organized and formal institution ceremonies held on Feb 3rd at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 2001 Wilson Road. Ceremonies will be performed by the degree staff of Taft Moose Lodge 1431, and a check-in of charter members will start at 6 p.m. Formation of the charter will be at 7 p.m., followed by the installation of officers, membership director Robert Morrison said. After the ceremonies, a potluck dinner, furnished by the wives of the new Lodge members will be served and a dance will follow. Special representative Ted Hardeman will be the instituting officer and District President Tonie Rea the installing officer. Presentations will be made by Morrison. Charter members are still being accepted, Morrison said, but they have to be signed, and dues paid by Feb 3 in order to have their names appear on the charter."

On Feb 13, 1968, there was a general meeting in the banquet rooms of the Holiday House Hotel, which was located at 2300 S Union Ave, Bakersfield, based on this Feb 12, 1968, article:

Moose Meet Tuesday

"The newly formed Stockdale Lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose announced the first general meeting after its formation will be held Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. The Board of Officers is headed by Governor Ronald Friday. Meeting is in the banquet room of the Holiday House."

That meeting may have been postponed because **on Feb 19, 1968**, another announcement in the same paper was made regarding what might actually be the first general meeting for Stockdale Lodge 2178 as quoted below:

Moose Slate Meet

"The Loyal Order of Moose, Stockdale Lodge 2178, will meet tomorrow in the Veterans Memorial Hall on Wilson Road at 8:15 p.m. The social hour commences at 7 p.m."

An article with the Public Notice for application for a liquor license was published in the Bakersfield Californian dated January 16, 1969: "County. Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control for issuance on original application of an alcoholic beverage license (or licenses) for these premises as follows: CLUB.

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such licenses may file a verified protest with any office of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, within 30 days of the date the

proposed premises were first posted, stating grounds for denial as provided by law. The premises are not now licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages. The form of verification may be obtained from any office of the Department

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE Stockdale Lodge 2178 January 16"

The timeline suggests the Lodge was operating out of the Veteran's Memorial Hall, which was 2.5 miles away from the present Lodge location. Application for the Liquor license suggests the building was being remodeled.

An interim Lodge home existed at 405 South Chester Ave as noted below. On **February 15, 1969**, Stockdale 2178 held its first anniversary celebration as quoted in the Feb 13 article:

"Deputy Supreme Governor Johnnie James of Norwalk will be guest speaker Saturday night when Stockdale Lodge 2178, Loyal Order of Moose, celebrates its first anniversary with a recruitment of 25 new members. Festivities, which will include a dinner and dance, starting at 7 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, 405 South Chester Avenue."

STOCKDALE 2178's NEW LODGE GRAND OPENING: JUNE 20, 1970

The **June 18, 1970**, article in the Bakersfield Californian is quoted below:

MOOSE WILL OPEN LODGE

"Stockdale Moose Lodge Number 2178 will hold its grand opening for members and guests Saturday at its remodeled hall, 905 Stine Road. The all-day program will be highlighted by ballroom dancing from 9pm. to 1am. Among the featured guests will be Bob Bresnin of Lancaster, President of California Nevada Moose Lodges."

December 17, 1970, article is quoted below:

Moose to Take in Large Class

"Stockdale Moose Lodge 2178 will enroll a large class at 8 p.m. today at the Lodge Hall at 905 Stine Road, according to Chester Ketelsen, Secretary. Roy Sutton, State Secretary from Visalia Moose Lodge, will be a special guest. Women of the Moose are invited. The meeting will be preceded by a 6:30 pm. potluck."

It would appear in the early days, the Lodge frequently enjoyed a band called the "*Savage Sound Band*," which may have practiced at the Lodge in the early 70's. There are literally hundreds of articles in the newspaper about the activities of this Lodge as well as the surrounding Lodges, of which Taft Lodge #1431 remains. There was Bakersfield Lodge #473 at 134 Goodman St, Taft Lodge #1431 is at 205 ½ S. 10th St, and Oildale Lodge #1222 which was at 207 N. Chester St.

If you would like to discover the history of your Lodge, add anything to what you've read above, or share your stories, please reach out to me at canvhistory@gmail.com.

Fraternally,

Damon Russell Historical Chair (510) 506-4314 canyhistory@gmail.com



Loss Prevention Committee Chair - Sam Hoffman

LOSS PREVENTION NEWS

Happy Summer my California Nevada Moose Association family,

Well, it seems like I can't go to any Moose function without a significant event occurring. Our International Convention has been no exception.

But first let me tell you that the convention was fantastic (the part which I attended, I'll explain in a bit.). Spirits were high and the feeling of celebration was in the air. Lots a great information. I'm looking forward to Oklahoma next year.

This brings me to this month's installment. In the past I've discussed the safety of our Lodges. Protecting and maintaining the building and the grounds. After all it's the Lodge!

But what makes it "The Lodge?" Its members. I mentioned a significant event at the beginning of this article, and I was only able to attend the first 3 sessions. As my wife Phyllice and I were getting ready to visit the Harley-Davidson Museum, she began to complain of chest pain. It continued to get worse to the point where I called **911**. The medics arrived and did an **EKG**, and it was unremarkable. Being a paramedic myself I agreed with their findings. But the pain continued and didn't get better. She refused to go to the hospital, the medics left, and we sat in the parking lot for a bit. It was then I said, "Nope, we're going to the hospital," Long story short. My wife, who's about 5 foot tall, weighs about 105 pounds, had a major heart attack. Even though the **EKG** showed nothing. A triple bypass later and she was on the road to recovery. Fast forward 2 months and I'm happy to say she's doing great. It has led to a major lifestyle change but all for the better.

My brothers and sisters of the Moose, while we strive to maintain our membership in our fraternity. Bringing in new, young members, we must remember that many of our members are seniors. Many with various health conditions. Heart disease, the leading cause of death in America being one of them. Is your Lodge prepared for such an emergency? We all know how to call 911. But when? We are not all doctors and chest pain could be anything. Indigestion, GERD or maybe due to a bad chest cold with cough. Heart attacks don't always follow the stereotypical rules. Pain, possibly radiating to the jaw or arm, cool pale skin with sweating, anxiety and weakness. So, what do we do? Error on the side of caution! Call 911 and insist that the member go to the hospital. As I write this, I'm reminded of one of our members who had been complaining of mild chest pain and some weakness going home after the Lodge closed. He was found dead in his Lazy Boy the next morning by his significant other a retired nurse. Cause of death was Myocardial Infarction. As I've said many times, "Better to have them and not need them, then need them and not have them." I'm of course referring to the first responders.

But what can we do while we wait for the first responders? First, stay calm. Panicking only makes things worse. If aspirin is available, give one 325mg tablet or 3-4 low dose 81mg tablets. Have them chew it, don't swallow. Make sure the member is in a position of comfort. Nothing else by mouth. If the Lodge has personal information, have it ready for the first responders and finally, be ready for worst case scenario.

If your member goes unconscious. Do you see no signs of life, and it doesn't appear they are breathing, find someone trained in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation otherwise known as **CPR**? Is there an Automated External Defibrillator (**AED**) device available? Are you trained in using it? These two lifesaving skills are easy to learn and require only a few hours of training. A good practice is to have at least a few members trained in this skill. Ideally, those that are there pretty regularly like Bartenders, servers, or Officers. The Lodi Lodge does have an **AED** and it's been put into use. **AEDs** aren't cheap, but what price do we put on a member's life?

So, in closing I hope I haven't put the fear of God into you but maybe made you a little more aware of how to make our Lodges a little safer for you and me. (don't forget, I'm 70. Lol)

So again, be safe, be vigilant but have **FUN** too!

'Protect the Lodge, Protect the Mission'

Until next time. See you at the Moose.

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There are lots of available resources on the CNMA Website to assist members and Lodge Officers with learning more about Loss Prevention and Risk Management. Please take advantage of these resources:

Loss Prevention Links

Loss Prevention Reference Guide

Volunteer Agreement/Waiver

Music Licensing Information

Continuous Accident Prevention Booklet

General Lease Agreement

How to Investigate Complaints

Insurance Reference Manual

Lodge Safety Committee Best Practices Guide

Lodge Sexual Harassment/Respectful Environment

Powerpoint

Parking Lot Lease Agreement

Registered Agents, Litigation and The Moose

Tax Exempt Organization Information

Service Dog Waiver Agreement

Workplace Safety & Health Guide

They can be found on the CNMA Website > Lodge
Operations > Loss Prevention.
Each item listed is a clickable link. Just click on it and it will take you to the item listed.
Also remember that they can be printed and placed in a binder in the Social Quarters, so everyone has easy access to the tools they need to be

successful!

Heart of the Community - Valued Veterans Chair - Jesse Orta



VALUED VETERANS HONOR ALL YOUR VETERANS' MEN & WOMEN

AUG: Military Order of the Purple Heart Wounded Veterans

SEP: CNMA Annual Convention, Reno/Sparks

SEP: US Air Force Veterans Anniversary **OCT:** US Navy Veterans Anniversary

NOV: US Marine Corps Veterans Anniversary

NOV: Celebrate All – Veterans Day



LODGE - ALL AMERICAN RECOGNITION & PROGRAMS - HOW TO:

- Ideally you begin to think and plan at least six months ahead and agree on programs for the next 6, 12, 18 and 24 months and confirm availabilities and calendars. Begin NOW, thinking about 2026!
- 2. Develop the scope of WHAT & HOW MUCH you want to do, THIS TIME
- 3. Select and confirm an available date, place & critical resources
- **4.** Assemble a group of 'Interested' volunteers, etc.
- **5.** Meet, discuss and agree on **WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN, WHERE** & how **MUCH** \$, you want to celebrate and **WHAT** and how much you want to do, <u>this time</u>: (speaker(s), presentation, ceremony, social, snacks, meal. video, entertainment, games, etc.)
- **6.** Develop a budget for necessities and **SEED** money to start.
- 7. Assign responsibilities for speaker, entertainment, necessities, etc.
- **8.** Will you have to charge for participation? How much? Options?
- **9.** Prepare comprehensive **NEWS ADVISORY** two months in advance; and **NEWS RELEASE** (TV, Radio, Newspapers, Newsletters) for clubs and organizations one month prior.
- **10.** Select and <u>prepare</u> Master of Ceremonies, Welcome team, cooks, bartender, flyers, materials and Chaplain (does not need be religious/clergy, just a good, sincere messenger.)
- **11.** Select and invite **VIP's**: elected officials, notable individuals, issue experts, etc.
- **12.** Consider colorful decorations that practically beg news cameras to capture and share your news through the public media.
- **13.** Sequence: Welcome/Chaplain **INVOCATION**/Pledge Allegiance/Introductions & Program.
- **14.** Have Veterans, especially, stand and introduce themselves, military service, hobbies and share their outrageous stories of "**How I Won the War.**"



- 15. Conduct your program, ANYTHING your committee desires informative AND FUN!!
- **16.**Thank everyone for supporting and attending- **BUT** before leaving, one last message: **INTRODUCE 'MOOSE FAMILY'**: If you remember nothing else; just know that "If there is a child in American who does not have family to care for them, the Loyal Order of Moose will take them-in; and provide all health, education and personal development services including vocational education or college preparation."
- 17. Chaplain gives final BENEDICTION departing message. (Lunch or dinner & Social Quarters).
- **18.** Again, **THANK** all and Release them to the social quarters. "And 'remember that your local Moose Lodge serves home cooked breakfast every Sunday and special family dinners during the week. Thank you for coming. We are now planning the following community programs and seek volunteers." (**ASSURE** that everyone leaves with a copy of your newsletter bulletin and calendar.).

"MY AMERICAN HISTORY"

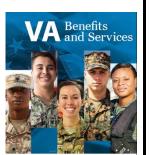


Most Veterans know where their DD-214 (Certificate of Separation or Discharge". But if the **NO VA** benefits may begin before presenting the valid DD-214. The "**MY AMERICAN HISTORY** helps you to tell '**YOUR STORY**,' share with your family; especially when you cannot speak for yourself. Families want and need to understand many of the experiences that helped form their characters. Once started, a growing group of Veterans will discover that it gets easier and can even make some things better (purge the poison of PTSD, sensitize the family, etc.) and often sparks a new desire to continue writing a second and third chapter of '**MY** American History - Life Story."

- New V.A. Administrator supports multiple psychedelics for PTSD
- Post the new CNMA Veteran's Compensation Chart on bulletin board
- PACT ACT recognizes more new presumptions for ALL VETERANS
- Pre-eligibility programs help Veterans make all FINAL PLANS- NOW
- Several NEW research cancer alternatives approved for Veterans
- Remember the VA/UBER transportation program we reported
- V.A. CAREGIVER Support Program helps Veterans and families
- VA seeks volunteers for periodic research programs including the M.V.P.
- PREPARE: we need to organize the interested to help new VET legislation
- We try to respond to most of **YOUR FAQs** in our newsletter report
- We now have an experienced team of Veteran Program, VHA, VBA, and VCA program specialists to respond to YOUR questions & ideas: ASK !!

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