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Central Coast, Moorpark, Orange County
 "A California Non-Profit Corporation" FEIN: 461323725
 "God Bless You and the United States of America"

Our Organization

We are committed to work with veterans and our active duty military that served or are currently serving in a combat or non-combat status from all US military service branches and with their families. Our primary efforts are focused towards obtaining benefits working with the Veterans Administration (VA), Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and California Department of Veterans Affairs (CALVET) organizations for veterans, regardless of when or where they served, or the branch in which they served.

THESE ARE YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS & TEAM MEMBERS.

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MEETINGS:

Area 2 on the 3rd Saturday of every month
Moorpark General Meeting
11AM—12 PM
Tierra Rejada Golf Club
15187 Tierra Rejada Rd, Moorpark, CA 93021

Board of Directors:
(Please see monthly AVU Calendar for dates, times and locations).

Area 1 on the 4th Saturday of every month
Central Coast General Meeting
11 AM– 12 PM
American Legion Post 534
145 W. Clark Ave. Orcutt, CA 93455

Area 3
Orange County General Meeting on the 2nd Saturday of every month
11 AM—12 PM
American Legion Post 132
143 S. Lemon, Orange, CA 92866

Meetings dates are subject to change.
Please check monthly calendars.

Please visit our website
<https://avuinc.org> or our
Facebook page to see our
events, photos and more!



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Moorpark Field of Valor



Area 2 participated in the annual Moorpark Field of Valor held on Memorial Day Monday, May 30th at the Tierra Rejada Park. This event is a patriotic tribute honoring all Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel for their dedication and service to our nation, preserving our security, our independence, and our freedom.



“On behalf of a grateful nation”



AVU Area 2
Officers & Directors, Members and
Erik Nasarenko, Ventura County District Attorney (light blue shirt)

WELL DONE:

AVU Area 1's Float won the 1st Place Ribbon in the 79th annual Santa Maria Elks Parade held on Saturday, June 4th. Thanks to all of our volunteers including Clettus McDonnell, Vice-President (bottom left), Fred Cobb, Director (holding ribbon) and Callie with father & Lifetime Non-Veteran Member, Aric Schroff (bottom right). This year's theme was *"United We Stand."*



1st Place Ribbon for "Civic & Service" Float.



MEMBERSHIP:

Over 800 STRONG!!!

616 VETERANS*

199 NON VETERANS

815 TOTAL MEMBERS



***313 VETERAN LIFE MEMBERS are included in TOTAL**

***This means that 39% of our Veteran members are Life Members!**

Count as of 7/5/22 (this is an approximation)

**Attention Vets & Members:
Any changes to email, address or contact numbers
please call Linda Alfaro
Home: 805 529-1313**

*We encourage you to send us your bios, stories, newsy articles.
(Subject to space and approval)*



Newsletter contact:

Suzanne “Sam” & Glen de St. Jean

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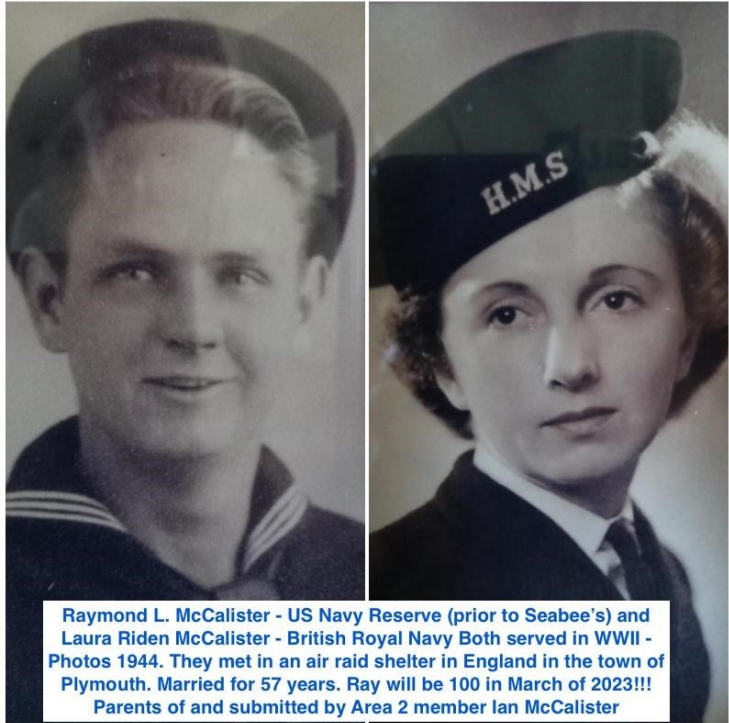
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“The Veterans in Our Families”.

Karen Jones,
AVU Web Administrator
 has added a new page on our website which features photos of our members families who served in the military. These are a few photos of what is on our website.

For more information on how to submit your photos please visit our website <https://avuinc.org> and select the “More” tab.

NOTE: This is not limited to your parents and/or grandparents, this can be any family member. We have room for 250 photos, so let's fill it up!



Raymond L. McCalister - US Navy Reserve (prior to Seabee's) and Laura Riden McCalister - British Royal Navy Both served in WWII - Photos 1944. They met in an air raid shelter in England in the town of Plymouth. Married for 57 years. Ray will be 100 in March of 2023!!! Parents of and submitted by Area 2 member Ian McCalister



Marlyn Hanson - USAF 1949-1978 - Vietnam - Receiving Bronze Star in 1969 & Retirement Photo in 1978
 Father of & submitted by Area 2 member Karen Jones



David K Omstead - US Army - KIA Vietnam June 1968 @ 21 years old - Cousin of & submitted by Area 2 member Sherry Hughes



US DEPT. VETERANS AFFAIRS



Access and manage your VA benefits and health care

Health Care - Disability – Education -Records

If you want more information please visit their website: <http://www.va.gov>



Register with CalVet to get veteran benefit and service recommendations just for you! www.cdva.ca.gov

Veteran Services / Benefits

California is home to 1.8 million veterans, representing eight percent of the total U.S. veteran population. California anticipates receiving an additional 30,000 discharged members of the armed services each year for the next several years – more than any other state. Historically, the largest demand for benefits and services for veterans occurs immediately after discharge and again as the veteran population ages and requires greater access to medical facilities and long-term care services.

With the substantial number of veterans under the age of 30 leaving the military after deployments to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, coupled with a considerably large population of Vietnam veterans who are now approaching a period in their lives where they will need greater access to medical and long-term care, California is preparing for a sustained spike in earned services and benefits.

About VBA

The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) provides a variety of benefits and services to Service members, Veterans, and their families. VBA has been undergoing a major transformation that is people-centric, results-oriented, and a forward-looking integration of solutions that will ensure total lifelong engagement with Service members, Veterans, and their families. To learn more please go to <http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/media-publications.asp>

EVENTS:

**9/17/22 Area 2 Annual BBQ
Oak Park, 901 Quimisa Dr. Simi Valley
12—3 PM**



**10/1/22 Moopark Country Days
Historic High Street, Moorpark
*(Area 2 plans to participate)***

**October—Golf Tournament
Date & Location to be announced**



**10/15/22 Santa Barbara County
Veterans Stand Down -Santa Maria Fairpark
*(Area 1 plans to participate)***

**10/22/22 Area 1 Annual BBQ
American Legion, Post 534
145 W. Clark Ave. Orcutt, CA
12—3 PM**



Area 3—Orange County (Dance and/or Car Show)

**Look for more information about these fun events at our
meetings & website.**

Dates, Times & Locations are subject to change!