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## ARWF CALENDAR NOTICE!!!!

**We are meeting at the  
Atascadero Elks Lodge  
1516 El Camino Real**

**Date: ARWF General Meeting  
4th Tuesday  
March 24, 2026**

**Check-in: 11:00AM**

**Lunch: 11:30 AM**

**Speaker: STACY KORSGADEN**

**Meeting/Luncheon Cost: \$26.00**

**Menu: Homemade Soup, Salad Bar, and  
Dessert**

**Location: Atascadero Elks Lodge at  
1516 El Camino Real**

**Please RSVP through the Punchbowl  
Invitation. If you don't get it, email at  
[arwfclub@gmail.com](mailto:arwfclub@gmail.com)**

**ARWF Board Meeting You can also pay for  
the Meeting/Luncheon online**

**<https://buy.stripe.com/28E4gydCS0Ms3iN3IK6Zy03>**

**Date: Wednesday April 1, 2026 10:00am  
at the Atascadero Elk Lodge**

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Don't forget to wear your Elephant Jewelry to the meeting. If you don't have or want more Elephant jewelry, check out the Jewelry Table. Barbara Tull always has some beautiful jewelry available for sale.

## ARWF CLOSET

Barbara Tull will be having the ARWF Closet again at the March meeting, and it will continue to be available at all future meetings. This initiative provides an opportunity for members to contribute and support the club in a meaningful way.

If you have any gently used or new clothing items, shoes, handbags, or hats that you wish to donate, please bring them to the next meeting. All donated items should be brought on a hanger to help with organization and display.

The proceeds from the ARWF Closet will be directed to support the club, specifically under the fundraising efforts led by Barbara's Jewelry Sales. All funds raised through this initiative will contribute directly to the club's activities and goals.

Members are asked to take their items home each month, as there is currently no available storage space for the items.

"As long as I have breath, I will NEVER allow anyone from blocking us from saying the TRUTH: Christ is King. He died for our sins. We are forgiven. He will come again in glory. Amen."

– Sec. of War Pete Hegseth 🇺🇸



## President's Message – March —2026

It helps to understand the motivations of President Trump as he travels the world practicing the “Art of the Deal.” Lately, I have been wondering about his obsession with Greenland. This area of the world, which was partly green when the Vikings visited in 980 A.D., was merely a colony of Denmark, or so I thought.

Upon further investigation, I learned that in World War II, Denmark declared its neutrality but the Nazi regime placed Denmark under Nazi occupation. Since Greenland was a Danish colony there was great concern in the US that Germany would invade Greenland as well, potentially giving the Nazis a North American base of operations.

The Danish Ambassador in Washington, Henrik Kauffmann, acted on his own and signed a 1941 defense agreement giving the US broad authority to build airstrips and ports in Greenland and to station US military personnel on the island. Over the next four years, the US built 13 Army bases and 4 Navy bases there, manned by nearly 5800 military personnel. By 1944, American troops constituted roughly 25% of Greenland's population.

After WWII, Greenland took on new strategic importance during the first years of the Cold War. Once the Soviets got nuclear weapons in 1949, the US and NATO allies wanted a strengthened military presence in the Arctic to detect Soviet bombers. Denmark was unable to provide the military defense that Greenland required. In 1951, NATO directed the US and Denmark to negotiate a treaty that would provide for the defense of Greenland and the rest of NATO.

Little known at the time, the US had already decided we were going to establish a massive air base at Thule in northern Greenland. In 1951 the Defense of Greenland agreement was signed.

Although the US greatly reduced its military presence in Greenland after the end of the Cold War, the 1951 defense agreement remains in effect. The pact was last amended in 2004 to recognize Greenland's Home Rule government (established in 1979) but not to restrict US military operations on the island.

Today, China, Iran, North Korea and Russia are considered our primary adversaries on the world stage. Inspired by Israel's Iron Dome, President Trump wants to create a Golden Dome which would shield the US against ballistic, hypersonic, and cruise missiles from these and any other countries that wish us harm. Greenland is strategically located to provide support for that Golden Dome. Now, I understand the importance of this island.

I recently heard Glenn Beck describe Mr. Trump as a President who “plays his cards in a way no other president has ever played them.” As in all his negotiations, President Trump plays the long game, always putting America first and we can thank God for that. God bless America and stay safe, my friends.

Jan Wolff-ARWF President



## **SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY WAS AMANDA CURAZA**

We were graced to have Amanda Curaza, Executive Director of Operation Surf based in Avila Beach, speak to our club at our February 2026 General Meeting. Amanda shared that Operation Surf is a little more than just surfing so she took us on a journey behind the scenes.

Amanda's husband, Van Curaza was a pro surfer on the pro surfer circuit until he, quote: "crashed and burned", unquote, and fell into despair, depression, drug and alcohol abuse then rebuilt his life. He has been clean and sober for 23 years. He founded Operation Surf through his own journey of recovery and healing in 2008, realizing the huge role and benefits that surfing was playing in his recovery and healing. He also realized that pro surfing was not going to be his future, but he began teaching surfing and found he had a gift for that.

In 2008, Van was helping anybody and everybody and had the opportunity to help wounded military veterans at an army medical center in San Antonio, Texas. At this time there were many injured military soldiers coming back from the war. There were a lot of rehabilitation centers there and Van was able to take many of those wounded soldiers out to surf and witness firsthand the impact surfing had on them. This is where everything started.

Amanda knew Van but actually met him 15 years ago. Together they are Operation Surf. As she said, "She is land, he is water. He is the surf she is the operation.

They operate with a very small staff, 4 in fact. They are a small operation doing mighty things. Amanda shared with us the story of John because his story replicates so many of the veterans that come to and through Operation Surf. John is a retired Army Veteran of 20 years from Colorado. He fell into depression, isolation, and alcoholism, like so many of the veterans that come home. He heard about Operation Surf and moved his family to San Luis Obispo. John went through their 6-month program, and it was life changing for him, however, Amanda told us that healing is not linear, it is a journey, that the program is not an end all, fix all, but rather a puzzle piece that fits into one's journey. John fell back into isolation and depression. After this hardship with his family, John took his jeep and pistol into the back country. However, he ended up crashing his jeep in a ravine and hit a telephone pole which sent a signal to PG&E and that is how they were able to find him. His pistol was lost because his jeep was turned upside down. He got arrested for a DUI and was put in jail. Upon his release from jail the first person he called was Van Curaza. John asked for help, and Van was able to get him into a great 6-month Veteran's Program, came back for Operation Surf's 6-month program at which time he was able to get himself through recovery and now works for Operation Surf as their Program Manager. God's hand was all over John and Operation Surf.

Veterans don't come home and get healed, Operation Surf believes in lifelong care.

Operation Surf serves 4 key populations within the military.

Recovery – Those like John who need to come back into the program to get some healing.

Prevention – When veterans are getting out of the military, they are given tools to help not go down that path of despair.

Performance – They work with active-duty forces serving on the front lines and their spouses to reset that family unit so they can go back to work and doing those important jobs in protecting our freedoms.

Preservation – This is the alumni. They will always be there for them and will try to get them any additional resources they might need throughout their lives

Operation Surf works with a hospital in Texas for potential applicants as well as an Open Application throughout the U.S. which is very intense. They will receive 80 applications for 8 spots. Those who are not accepted in the program for the scope of care they may require are not forgotten. Operation Surf will work to find the care they require.

They offer 1-week programs about 10 times per year. This program uses surf therapy, peer support, and other tools to help through transition. They also offer grief and healing where they will take roses and rocks out on their surfboards called "Paddle Out" and dedicate them to those who have fallen. They also offer a 3-month program where they meet twice a week with a cohort. They learn about the tides, weather maps, and everything about surfing you can imagine. When they graduate, they receive a custom surfboard and wet suit and become veteran support for the next cohort. For the alumni they have weekly Zoom calls which they call the Canteen for continued community development and the all-important tool of staying connected with each other. They also have an annual campout. This year they are taking two groups to Nicaragua.

Operation Surf believes in sharing what they have been gifted with. They have gone to Florida and the UK to teach other organizations what they have learned. They have start surf therapy programs in Australia, the UK, Finland, Puerto Rico, Israel, Canada, and many around the U.S.

The why for Amanda was so deeply heart felt. She shared that when she was about 22 she met a young man who had lost both of his arms. She helped him by feeding him. She suddenly realized the great sacrifice given up for her freedom and it moved her so much that she couldn't turn away from what she was called to do. Like Amanda said, "you can't unsee that which you have seen or undo that which has been undone". However, Eric is the recipient of two arm transplants. Amazing! Glory goes to God.

Amanda and Van Curaza are lights in the darkness and such a gift in our community is doing so much good for those who go all to often forgotten. Please pray for them, they are a blessing from God. A truly God Inspired organization.

For more information on Operation Surf please visit their website: [operationsurf.org](http://operationsurf.org)





**THERE'S A NEW KIND OF STUPID IN TOWN. MOVE OVER AOC.**



**SAVAGE CLAPBACK!**

**ILHAN OMAR:** "Trump is a liar and should be ashamed of himself!"

**REP. RANDY FINE (R-FL):** "You should be deported."

Millions of Americans are standing up and saying the same thing — **DEPORT Ilhan Omar NOW!** 🔥



**From our CFRW State President  
A Positive SPARK of Faith and Purpose**

Being a Republican woman in California isn't always easy. As a super minority, it's natural for frustration and discouragement to creep in—especially in a political climate where negativity often feels louder than hope. ***But positivity is not denial; it's a decision rooted in faith.*** We trust that God is sovereign, that He has a plan and a purpose—not only for each of us, but for California as well. CFRW is powerful because it is a place where Republican women can gather in encouragement, friendship, and shared conviction, anchored in the belief that *our work matters*. When we protect this Federation as a positive space—one grounded in grace, optimism, and action—we strengthen one another for the calling and the hard work ahead.

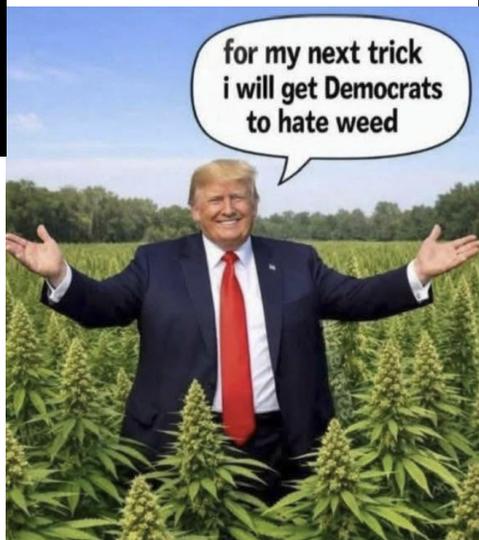
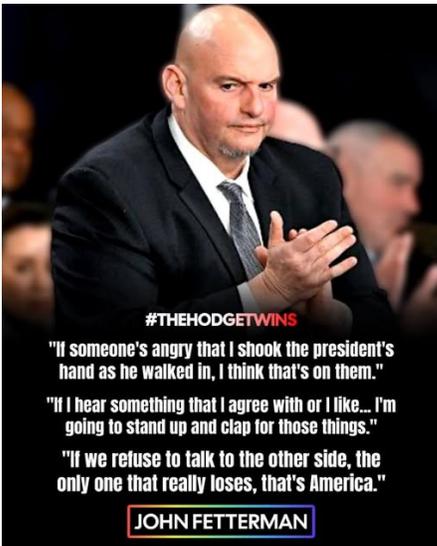
***Hope grows when it is shared, and together, guided by faith, we move forward with confidence and purpose***

*Ingrid Lake, CFRW President*



## SPEAKER FOR MARCH WILL BE *STACY KORSGADEN*

*STACY KORSGADEN is a licensed insurance professional who is running for the Statewide office of Insurance Commissioner in California. Korsgaden has held an active insurance license (CA Department of Insurance License #0750748), since 1988. Stacy has spent her career helping families and small businesses navigate complex policies, devastating losses, and an increasingly broken system. As the owner of a successful multiline insurance and financial services agency, she has written policies, handled claims, managed risk, and worked directly with regulators, experience no other candidate can match. Korsgaden's plan restores competition, expands insurance options, lowers costs for working families, strengthens consumer protection and disaster response, and brings stability, fairness, and affordability back to California's insurance market through experienced, accountable leadership. [www.StacyforInsuranceCommssioner.com](http://www.StacyforInsuranceCommssioner.com)*



**Jimmy on Rosane Barr's tweet.**

"And ABC, to their credit, didn't waste any time; they canceled her show today. I'm not a fan of censorship, but this wasn't about free speech..."



- it was about consequences for saying something vile. You can say what you want, but networks don't have to pay you to say it. ... You can't just blame Ambien for that. Actions have consequences, and ABC made the right call."

- Jimmy Kimmel, May 29, 2018 



RPSLO Atascadero Headquarters  
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You can also register to vote at the RPSLO Atascadero Headquarters.  
 If you know of someone who needs to register  
 let them know to come on down.

Hello members.

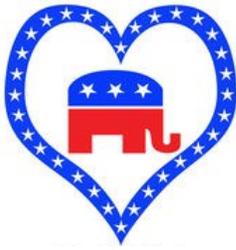
Our donations for the month of February 2026 went to Operation Surf in Avila Beach. We collected \$430.50 in donations, and Shelley Sterni generously donated her raffle ticket winnings of \$98 to the organization as well. This made a total donation of \$528.50 given to Operation Surf for February. *Thank you for your generosity.*

For March, contributions will again be going to Operation Surf in Avila Beach. I thank you for helping to keep struggling veterans in, on or near the water. Nature-based/Ocean therapy is powerful. It was a delight and enlightening having Amanada Curaza as our guest speaker.

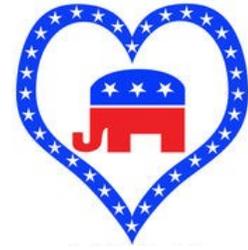
Thank you for your generous donations. Your kindness and willingness to give make a significant difference. We are truly grateful for your support.

Michele Nolan (Tabares-Nolan)  
 Chair - Caring for America  
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**ARWF**



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**The Trumpeter is published monthly. We do not have a meeting in December  
Please let the editor of this newsletter know if you have any contact information changes.  
This way, we can continue to send your newsletter without you missing any important issues.**

We are pleased to share that, as of this month, ARWF has a total of 133 members who have successfully paid their dues for 2026. This reflects strong support and commitment within our club.

There are approximately 48 members who have not yet renewed their membership for the current year. If you are among those who have not renewed, we kindly ask that you let us know your intentions regarding renewal. It is important for us to understand whether you plan to continue your membership or if there are any concerns preventing you from doing so. If you are experiencing financial difficulties that make it challenging to pay your dues, please reach out to us. We have resources available to assist you and encourage you to communicate with us so we can help ensure your continued participation in ARWF.

Here is a link for the dues  
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Here is the Associate Dues link  
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or you can mail them in to  
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Atascadero, CA 93423

Juanita McDaniel-ARWF 2nd Vice President



Celia Beyn	March	09
Heather Newsom	March	11
Debbie Mueller	March	11
Catherine Lyon	March	15
Kathy Mauer	March	15
Diane Ryan	March	22
Mary Hildebrandt	March	24
Marcia Torgenson	March	26
Barbara Nowinski	March	26
Debbie Arnold	March	26
Mary Engleton	March	28
Becky Hallett	March	30
Diane Cassidy	March	30

**Regular Member \$35 Name Badge (\$10.00)**

**Associate Member (Assoc. Members are men or members of another RWF club) \$15**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Day of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a **NEW Member** who was referred by: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a **RENEWAL**       I am a registered Republican



Checks payable to "ARWF", **Regular Membership \$35**, Associate Membership \$15 Mail to:  
**ARWF P.O. Box 1664, Atascadero, CA 93423**



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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WE SHOULD SEND A CARD TO WHO IS SICK, BEEN INJURED OR FAMILY MEMBER PASSED? PLEASE E-MAIL THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND REASON TO CAROL BRAZIL, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, AT ( [lesbrazil@aol.com](mailto:lesbrazil@aol.com) ) or call (805)438-5398.

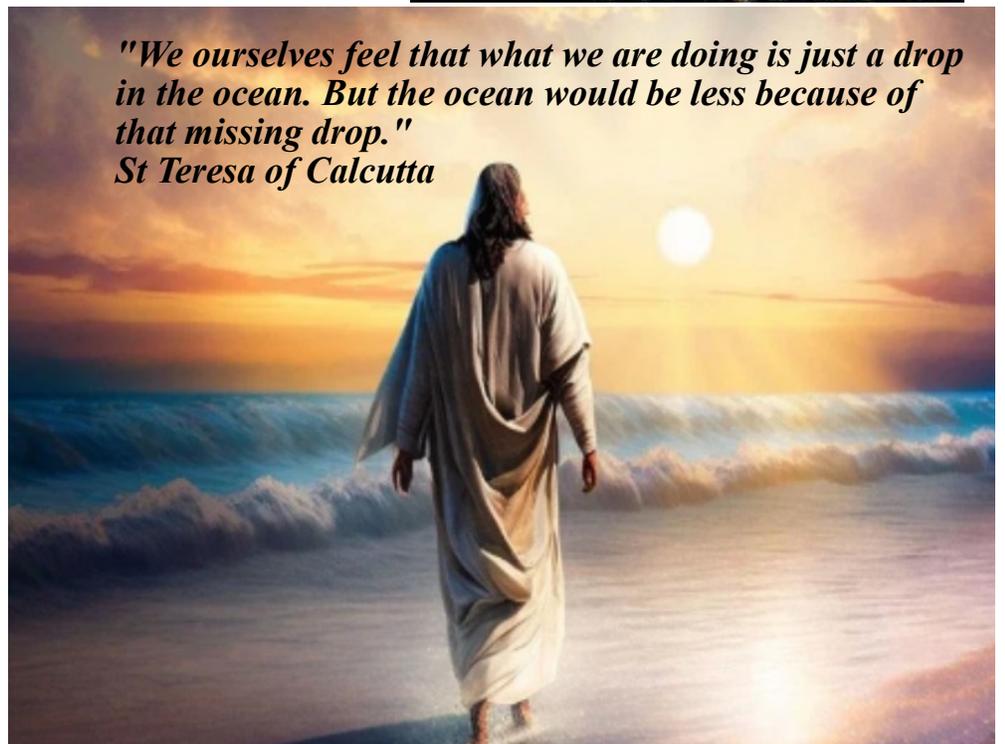
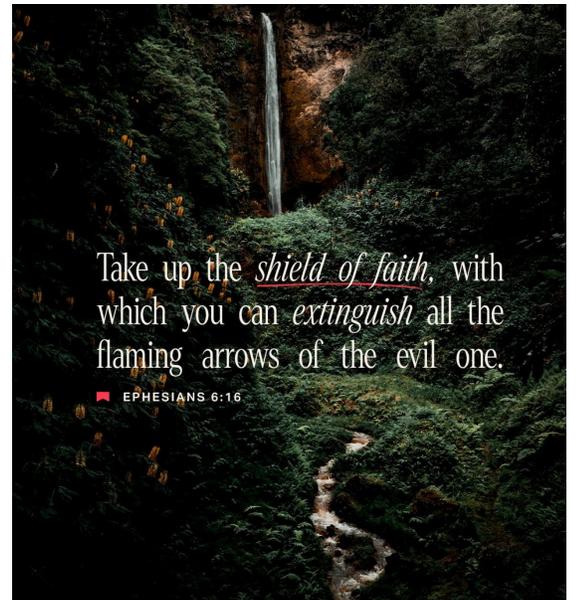
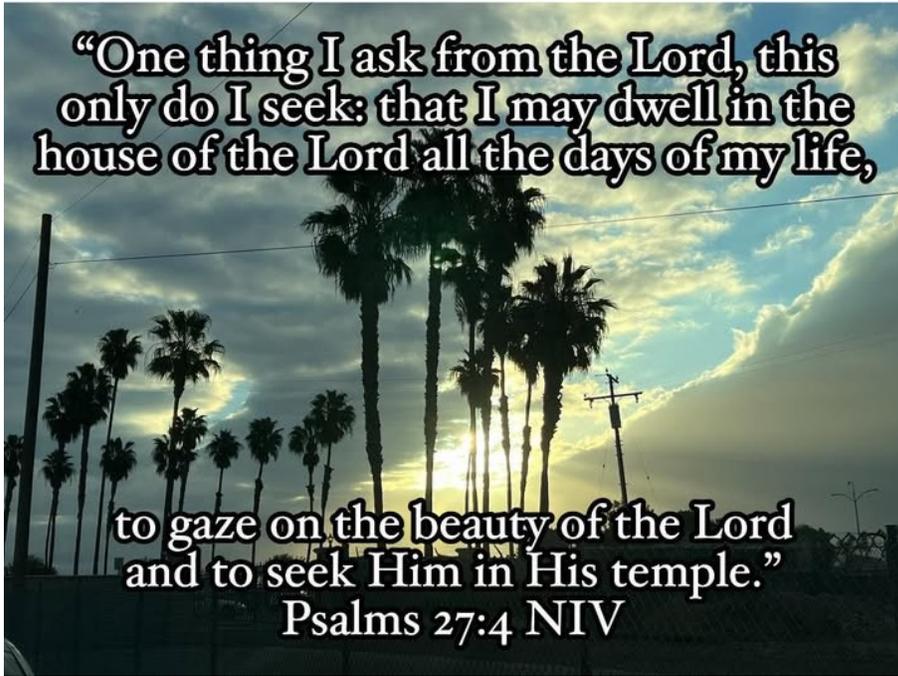
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# MEMORIAL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>1</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>2</b> <b>Tea Party</b> HQ 6:00pm</p>	<p><b>3</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>World Wildlife Day</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>ARWF Board Meeting</b> 9:30am Atascadero Elks RPSLO Hours 12-4 12:00-4:00pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>6</b> RPSLO Hours 9-2pm</p> <p><b>Dentist's Day</b> <b>National Cooled Cookies Day</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>National Cereal Day</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>Spring Forward!</b> set your clocks ahead an hour</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S DAY</b></p> <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Celia Beys</p> <p><b>National Napping Day</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>10</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>11</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Heather Newsom Debbie Mueller</p> <p><b>WORLD KIDNEY DAY</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> RPSLO Hours 9-2pm</p> <p><b>Sleep Day</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Cathie Lyon Kasidy Miner</p> <p><b>WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>17</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>St. Patrick's Day</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> RPSLO Hours 12-2pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> RPSLO Hours 9-2pm</p> <p><b>First Day of Spring</b> <b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF HAPPINESS</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY</b></p>
<p><b>22</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Diane Ryan</p> <p><b>World Water Day</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>Natural Puppy Day</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>ARWF Meeting</b> 11:00am Atascadero Elks RPSLO Hours 12-4</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Mary Hildebrandt</p> <p><b>WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>International Day of Remembrance of the Enslaved Victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p> <p><b>Happy Birthday</b> Marcia Torgenson Barbara Nowinski Debbie Arnold</p> <p><b>RPSLO Movie 5pm</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> RPSLO Hours 9-2pm</p> <p><b>NATIONAL JOE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Mary Engleton</p>
<p><b>29</b> <b>Rabbit Sunday</b></p> <p><b>NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>Happy Birthday</b> Becky Halset Diane Cassidy</p> <p><b>DOCTORS DAY</b></p> <p><b>World Bipolar Day</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> RPSLO Hours 12-4pm</p>	<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>