



Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc.
A 501(c)(7) Association (REMCOAI) *May 2025*

NEWSLETTER

The quarterly luncheon & business meeting of the Retired Employees of Merced County Association, Inc. will be held on *Tuesday, June 10th* at the Merced Elks Lodge, 19th & "M" St, Merced.

Topic: High Speed Rail - Augie Blancas

10:00 AM Doors Open
10:30 AM Presentation
11:30 AM Business Meeting
12:00 PM Lunch Served

RESERVATIONS ARE MANDATORY and REQUIRED by March 5th to have an accurate head count for food. The following people will accept your reservation:

Lola Barnett (209) 658-5109
Michele Burroughs (209) 769-0367
(call or text include name in text)

Please state if member or guest

Office and Directors

President	Lori Norman	209-769-5556
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Secretary	LaVon Justice	209-722-8202
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REMCO WEBSITE: www.REMCOMerced.com
MercedCERA WEBSITE: www.mercedcera.com

President’s Corner

Hapy Memorial Day, Graduation and welcome summer! Thank goodness tax season is behind us and I can get back to enjoying retirement!

Our next membership meeting is Tuesday June 10th at the Elks. The program starts at 10am. Feel free to bring a guest. Reservations are needed if you are going to stay for lunch. Tri-tip is on the menu.

Our presentation is a speaker from the High Speed Rail Project. I personally know very little about this project, except for the buildings that are going to be torn down in Merced. Please plan on attending with an open mind. Have your questions ready. We can be polite with both positive and negative comments.

We have several board positions that need volunteers to keep REMCO going. If you could donate 28-35 hours a year to our organization, we would love to have you! Please review the article in this newsletter. WE NEED YOU!

We had great scholarship applications. The results should be available in the next 2 weeks.

I look forward to seeing you on June 10th.

Lori

2025 Membership Meetings June 10th, September 9th, December 9th

Membership meetings are held at the Elks lodge in Merced and begin at 10:30. Lunch is included for members at a cost of \$8 and guests are \$12 mark your caledars now!

2025 Board Meetings July 30th, October 14th Every member is welcome to attend. Please let any board member know that you are planning to attend so we make sure we have a large enough room.

Monthly Draw Winner Every quarter we draw a random name from the membership list to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card. If the member can’t attend the meeting, we mail the card. Dennis Floyd of Encinitas is this quarters lucky winner!

Attendance Door Prize All members who attend our June general membership meeting will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 gift card .

[Annual Reports - Merced County Employees' Retirement Association](#) Are you interested in the financial health of our retirement fund? You can go to MercedCERA.com to review the most recent annual financial report. There is a lot of information for us retirees on this website. Take a look!

Board Vacancies

The REMCO organization is run by a group of volunteers that are either officers or directors. We currently have two positions open in each area. The time commitment for any of these positions is much less than what you would expect.

REMCO is funded through the \$3 dues that you pay each month. There is no fundraising or asking for donations involved!

There are eight meetings a year that we ask you to participate in. (We are all enjoying our retirement life so if you need to miss a meeting or two, we can work around that.) There are four board meetings where the board gets together and plans the details for the next membership meeting and deals with any other issues that arise. These meetings tend to last 1-2 hours. Then there are four general membership meetings. The board arrives about 9am to get everything set up and we are always done by 1:30-2pm. This means that you would have 28 hours a year dedicated to meetings. If you volunteer to help with something else, it might include a few additional hours. This is not a lot of time for the fun and learning that REMCO provides its members.

Open Positions

Vice President – this position is exactly what you would expect. You would have to run a meeting if the President was unavailable. You could participate on the Scholarship committee or help with the By-law review. After attending a few meetings, you may find something that interests you that you can do or help with.

Secretary – this position is exactly what you would expect. Taking minutes during the meetings, typing them up, and sending them out to the rest of the board for review and approval. Lavon, our current secretary, has done this for many years and has everything set up and organized. This position does have an extra hour of work after each meeting to get the minutes put together.

Director Communications – this position would be responsible for the newsletter and Facebook page. You are NOT **writing the newsletter** or the **Facebook content**. You are just making sure that everyone else is getting their information to you, so you can submit everything to the company that creates our newsletter. They do all the hard work! If you have suggestions, or other ideas of ways to communicate, this is your position!

Director Social – this position would help with our Facebook live stream during general membership meetings (training provided). We would also like to increase the social part of REMCO (train trips, casino trips, museum trips, shows/concerts, etc). This position could have a committee to help with ideas and planning the details. You could ask for volunteers or pick your own committee. The entire board would be available to help with the organization and participating in the events. One or two events a year would be awesome!

REMINDER: If you are on **Facebook**, please join the REMCO Group. You'll find the latest information as well as videos and live stream broadcasts of our Quarterly meetings. Here is a link to the group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/527512874350767> . The group is a private group so an admin will approve your membership. Be sure and answer the simple questions when prompted.