



## President's Message, April 2012

Happy Spring to you all! I hope this finds you all enjoying the lovely weather - and welcome rains.

Our joint dinner meeting on April 16th with the Navy League promises to be very interesting, as we'll learn more about the fantastic work of the Armed Services YMCA from the Executive Director, Paul Steffens.

Please refer to the website for more details. You'll notice we're trying something different for this meeting, offering a buffet instead of the usual items on the menu. Also we have reduced the price just a bit- always a good deal! We welcome your comments on this change. Hope to see you all there!

I must pass on some very sad news to everyone, on the death yesterday of our dear friend and MOAA/Navy League member, Jim Cahill.

Captain Jim Cahill, USNR (Ret) was President of the Silver Strand Chapter MOAA in 1997 and 1998. He returned as President of the Chapter in 2007 and 2008. Jim served on the Board for many years in many capacities, and contributed significantly to the mission of MOAA at the local, regional and State levels. He was very effective as the Legislative Chair of the chapter by encouraging all chapter members to contact their representatives to support issues important to active duty and retired military and their families at both the State and federal levels. He lobbied the Coronado City Council and School District to support and fund the startup of the Coronado High School NJROTC Islander Unit and is considered a founding member of that very successful unit.

Jim also served as the Legislative Chair for the CAL-MOAA Area VIII meetings of all six San Diego area MOAA Chapters as well as serving in many positions with the Coronado Council of the Navy League. Jim's community service is well known- he was the "go-to" person for many events in Coronado.

Jim Cahill was a dedicated, sincere and concerned citizen and Patriot. He firmly believed in helping others and lived that belief every day. He was a superb example of giving for all of us and will be missed terribly. I know you all join me in sending your thoughts and prayers to Jim's family. A memorial service is scheduled for April 10th at 11:00AM at Sacred Heart Church in Coronado. His burial will be at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery at a later date.

All the best, Kathy Bruyere, Captain, U. S. Navy (retired)

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**Information on the April 16, Joint Dinner Meeting is posted on our web site for members to review and make a dinner reservation**

To review this information go to your Chapter web site:

<http://www.cal-moaa-silverstrand.org/> (select "Events" and click on "Joint Dinner Meeting")

The **Monday, April 16** dinner reservation form will need to be printed from your computer and sent to the chapter post office box to make a dinner reservation. The April 16 dinner will be at Coronado Yacht Club. **CAPT Paul Steffens, USN (Ret), Executive Director, San Diego Armed Services YMCA**, will be our guest speaker. Reservations must reach our PO Box by noon, Friday, Apr 13 (firm)

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You can review the latest MOAA Legislative Updates by clicking on the MOAA link below:

[http://www.moaa.org/Main\\_Menu/Take\\_Action/Legislative\\_Update/2012\\_Legislative\\_Updates/MOAA\\_Legislative\\_Update\\_-\\_March\\_2012.html](http://www.moaa.org/Main_Menu/Take_Action/Legislative_Update/2012_Legislative_Updates/MOAA_Legislative_Update_-_March_2012.html)