



President's Message, August 2011

Summer greetings to you all, hope you are enjoying the lovely weather, like we always do in the San Diego area! We are again communicating to you all via email, with postcard notification about the next dinner meeting for those few members without email. Sure would like to send a more comprehensive newsletter, but we will not be able to do that without a new Newsletter Editor- that means a volunteer. So- if you or anyone you know would like to volunteer, please let Jim Strickland know. It's not hard- we'll even provide the necessary computer support program and some other incentives (like free dinners at our meetings).

Meanwhile, to recap recent events - The Memorial Day Service at Star Park was a very well attended event with inspiring remarks from MajGen O'Donnell, USMC. Our Joint Dinner Meeting on June 20th was highlighted by the really interesting remarks from Helen S. Cheng from our world famous San Diego Zoo. If you missed it, check the Zoo's website to learn all about "biomimicry"- fascinating!

Please check our website for information about our next events- first, a very informative Joint Dinner Meeting on Monday, August 15th, featuring Sally Ann Zoll, Ed.D., CEO, United Through Reading , a program available to deployed service members and their families .

And- VERY IMPORTANT - sign up for the annual CAL- MOAA Region VIII Joint Luncheon on Saturday , September 17th, 2011, at the MCAS Miramar Officer's Club. You won't want to miss hearing from our very special speaker, MOAA President Vice Admiral Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., United States Navy, Retired. Chapter members Bob Butcher, Wayne Hoffman and I all had the pleasure of serving on the national MOAA Board with President Ryan, and you will NOT want to miss hearing from him about MOAA as well as what is really happening on the Washington, D.C. scene. Send in your reservation(s) NOW!!

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Kathy Bruyere, Captain, U. S. Navy (retired)

Information on the August 15, 2011 Joint Dinner Meeting is posted on your web site to review

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**, August 15 dinner reservation form will need to be printed from your computer and sent to the chapter post office box to make a dinner reservation, pay your dues or contribute to the various activities your chapter supports. The June dinner will be at Coronado Yacht Club. **Sally Ann Zoll, Ed.D., CEO, United Through Reading**, will be our guest speaker.

Reservations must reach our PO Box by noon, Friday, August 12 (firm).

You can review the flyer for the CAL- MOAA Region VIII Joint Luncheon, Sep17th and copy the reservation form by going to <http://www.cal-moaa-silverstrand.org/> (select "Events" and click on "Cal-MOAA Joint Luncheon")

VADM Norbert R. Ryan, USN (Ret), President MOAA will be the guest speaker

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

http://www.moaa.org/action/lac_issues/lac_issues_update/default.htm