



## President's Message, December 2012

Hi everyone,

Hope you all are well and enjoying Fall, and that you and your families will have a happy, healthy holiday season!

Please get your reservations in ASAP for the next dinner meeting- you don't want to miss hearing our Chapter member and former President Bob Butcher bring us all up to date on Marine Corps aviation and the wonderful work he is doing for the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum at Miramar. Bob will also install the 2013 Chapter Board at the meeting.

Do you owe dues to the Chapter? If you do, please remit your dues, and any donation(s) you may wish to make as well, when you send in your dinner reservation, or separately if you can't join us on December 4th.

Our thanks to Pat Donahue for volunteering to manage the Letters to the Troops project this year. They were fun to read, and I know the servicemembers will love hearing from our Coronado schoolchildren. Look for the winning letters (although they are really all winners) in the newspaper at a later date.

I want to thank you all for the privilege of being your President these past two years. It truly was a pleasure, especially working with our wonderful Board members, who are so giving of their time and talents. Because I live in Chula Vista, I did not know many of the Silver Strand Chapter members, and it has been fun getting to know so many of you. I look forward to continuing in the Chapter, which will be so capably led by Tom Bauer.

Thanks to the new Board members for stepping up to volunteer, and to all of you for confirming your interest in our Chapter. Special thanks from all of us to Jim Strickland, who has been our Secretary for so many years, who has made it possible for all of you to receive these messages, and who has kept our membership records so carefully. Although Jim is officially "retiring" from the position, we will continue to rely on his guidance into the future. "Thanks! " Jim, for a job so very well done!!

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

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**Information on the Tuesday, December 4, 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 **Tuesday, December 4** 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 December 4 dinner will be at the **Coronado Golf Club Clubhouse**. Our speaker will be **MajGen Bob Butcher, USMC (Ret), Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Flying Leatherneck Historical Foundation**. Reservations must reach our PO Box by noon, Friday, November 30 (firm).

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## **Letters to the Troops 2012**

The Silver Strand Chapter MOAA sponsored the “Letters to the Troops” project for the fourteenth year in a row. Coronado schools wrote over 374 letters that were sent to deployed Sailors and Marines from the local area. This year’s letters were particularly difficult to judge due to the quality of each one of them. As usual, board members who read and rated the letters were impressed with the ability of students at each level to express their appreciation and concern for military members who are in harm’s way. The Board selected first and second place winners from each school and awarded them \$25 book gift certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$20 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. All letters submitted were delivered to ComNavAirPac where they were flown to deployed sailors and Marines in time for Christmas. The winner’s letters will soon be published in the Coronado Eagle Journal. Winners from each school are:

**Christ Church Day School: First Place, Carley; Second Place, Layla**

**Silver Strand Elementary School: First Place, Bailey; Second Place, Jasmineen**

**Coronado Middle School: First Place, Archer; Second Place, Sophie**

**Sacred Heart Parish School: First Place, Mary Kate; Second Place, Ivana**

**Village Elementary: First Place, Mikenna; Second Place, Syke**

**Coronado High School: First Place, Sophie; Second Place, Elvis**

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## **2013 CHAPTER OFFICER SLATE**

The Silver Strand Chapter MOAA proposes the following slate of officers to lead our chapter for 2013:

President: Tom Bauer, CAPT, USN (Ret)

First Vice President: John Donahue, CAPT, USN (Ret)

Second Vice President: Al Herrmann, CDR, USN (Ret)

Secretary:

Treasurer: Bob Sheridan, CAPT, USN (Ret)

Air Force Representative: Richard Hayward, LtCol, USAF (Ret)

Army Representative: Don Mayhue, BG, ARNG (Ret)

Marine Corps Representative: John Downey, LtCol, USMC (Ret)

Navy Representative: John Donahue, CAPT, USN (Ret)

In accordance with our Chapter By Laws, this slate will be placed in nomination at our Annual Membership Meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor, nominations will be closed and our officers for 2013 will be elected and immediately installed.

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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 - November 2012.html>