



President's Message, February 2012

Happy New Year to everyone- hope you and your families will have a very happy, safe and healthy New Year.

Please join us at the next joint MOAA/Navy League dinner meeting on Monday, February 20th, at the Coronado Yacht Club. Admiral Mac McLaughlin, President and CEO of USS MIDWAY will give us an update, which is sure to be very interesting and lively. See the Chapter website for dinner info.

I wanted to share some information that might affect our venue for our dinner meetings in the near future. Due to recent price increases for the use of the Coronado Yacht Club, the cost for our dinner meetings has increased slightly. Your Board decided to absorb the costs for now, as we review the continued use of the Coronado Yacht Club for our meetings. Since all our meetings this year are joint meetings with the Coronado Council of the Navy League, we are jointly reviewing other possible venues on Coronado. We want to make sure we address all the important issues such as location, parking, cost of meals, etc. The cost of our February meeting-will remain the same, but it may not in the future. Keep in mind that we have had the same price: \$ 30.00 since December 2004 - even considering inflation!

We will keep you informed of any changes we decide to make, and we want to make sure we keep the desires of all of you in mind. Please let any Board members know of any other locations you would like us to review, and any other comments you have. Please contact Jim Strickland at jos1048@sbcglobal.net or (619) 435-6608.

Some really good news- our Chapter Auxiliary representative, Kathy Prout, has been selected to the national MOAA Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee, where she will join five other Auxiliary members who advise the national MOAA Board and staff in all matters affecting the 61.000 Auxiliary members. Your Chapter was delighted to nominate Kathy for the prestigious Committee, and we know she will do a fabulous job in her three year "tour! Congrats, Kathy- we're very proud of you!! You can congratulate Kathy at (619) 980-6623.

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

Information on the February 20, 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, February 20 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 2012 dues or contribute to the various activities your chapter supports. The February 20 dinner will be at Coronado Yacht Club. **RADM John "Mac" McLaughlin, USN (Ret), President and Chief Executive Officer of the USS Midway Museum**, will be our guest speaker. Reservations must reach our PO Box by noon, Friday, Feb 17 (firm).

Silver Strand Chapter MOAA Dues are Due January 2012

Members who owe dues for 2012 will receive an e-mail notifying them that their 2012 dues are due.
If you do not receive this notice, you have paid your 2012 dues.

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/2012_Legislative_Update.html