



## President's Message, Jun 2011

In the April edition of SOUNDINGS I mentioned the possibility of a change to our newsletter, both in content and communication, pending a volunteer to take over as Newsletter Editor. Since we don't have a volunteer as of this date, your Board has decided to move forward with some new procedures. Until we have a new Newsletter Editor, those of you with email addresses will receive an email with the President's Message and a link to the website "Events" section where you can find a notification concerning the dinner meeting, the speaker, a reservation form and timely information concerning events. For now, this e-mail will serve as the newsletter. Members without e-addresses will receive a postcard with information about the next dinner meeting only. We are working on making sure we have current e-addresses on all members with e-addresses, so please contact Jim Strickland with any changes at [jos1048@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jos1048@sbcglobal.net). If you know of members who have e-addresses but who haven't shared them with us, please urge them to contact us. We want to save some money as well as the environment!

We would really like to continue providing the membership with the same comprehensive newsletter that has been produced for the last ten years, but that takes someone willing to step forward and volunteer. As a reminder, that volunteer could be a regular member/ Auxiliary member/ a spouse/ spouse team AND we would provide the necessary free computer support program as well as free dinners at our dinner meetings ( or whatever other incentive we might negotiate ). Just let us know and we'll work it out. I believe we will all miss the "old newsletter ", which always had very interesting and timely information on a variety of subjects. By the way, the Newsletter Editor doesn't have to think up the interesting and timely information; just put it together in the correct format...it's really easier than you might think!

We are also still looking for a volunteer for our Secretary position. As you know, both the Newsletter Editor and Secretary positions have been filled for the past ten years by our Board member, Colonel Jim Strickland, USAF (Ret). It's time for others to volunteer, and we are so grateful Jim has done both jobs for so long. He is remaining on the Board as the Air Force representative- wouldn't be the same without him there!

Please check the website for event information. I look forward to seeing you at the Memorial Day Ceremony next Monday, May 30th at Star Park at 10:00 AM and at the joint MOAA/Navy League Dinner on Monday, June 20th.

Kathy Bruyere, President, Silver Strand Chapter MOAA

Information on the June 20, 2011 Joint Dinner Meeting is posted on your web site for members 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**, June 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 dues or contribute to the various activities your chapter supports. The June dinner will be at Coronado Yacht Club. Helen S. Cheng, Conservation Finance Manager, San Diego Zoo, will be our guest speaker.

Reservations must reach our PO Box by noon, Friday, June 17 (firm).

You can also review information on the Memorial Day Service at Star Park on June 30 at 10:00am on your web site "Events" page by clicking on "Memorial Day Service"

MajGen Andrew O'Donnell, USMC, Commanding General, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing will be guest speaker.

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

[http://www.moaa.org/lac/lac\\_issues/lac\\_issues\\_update/lac\\_issues\\_update\\_archive/index.htm](http://www.moaa.org/lac/lac_issues/lac_issues_update/lac_issues_update_archive/index.htm)