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Notes from the President's Desk

RADM John "MAC" McLaughlin USN (Ret), President & CEO, USS Midway Museum, was our speaker this month. Mac updated us on what is currently happening, and his future Vision of the Navy and Marine Corps in San Diego. We were informed that the USS Midway Museum is America's most-visited historic floating ship museum. It is dedicated to preserving the legacy and contributions of naval aviation as well as honoring those who serve America in uniform. It is the top-rated attraction in San Diego and hosted more than 940,000 visitors this last year. We are getting ready to support our next overseas unit; the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 82nd Airborne Division. It is currently in Afghanistan. Our very own Chapter member, Lt Adam Brown is there now. We are in a full scale press to recruit new members using the Give Me 10 Program. So, when you meet a fellow former officer make an effort to recruit them. Finally I want to thank Tom Pomeroy for donating \$100 to our Scholarship Program. Because of you and Bonnie Saylor who also donated \$100, to the many folks who donate every month, and to the many raffle winners who donate their winning to the Scholarship Fund, we will be able to donate \$400 each to 5 JRTOC Programs this year! Well done to all of you! Our May Guest Speaker is Colonel John Kaheny USMC Ret. He will be discussing the Battle of Khe Sanh, Vietnam. This will be a remembered dinner for all those who attend.

Next Meeting: May 3, 2012

Program: Khe Sanh: Siege in the Clouds

Date/Location: Thursday 3, May 2012, MCAS MIRAMAR OFFICERS CLUB

Guest Speaker: Col John Kaheny, USMC-Ret, President Khe Sanh Veterans

Board Of Directors MEETING; 1730, Social Hour; 1830, Dinner; 1915, Price: \$20.00 per person

Menu: Plated Dinner. Choice of Roast Pork Loin with Apple, Garnish Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Garden Green Salad, Freshly Steamed Vegetables with Assorted Desserts OR Breast of Chicken Pecan with Pecan Sherry, Butter and Rice Pilaf, Freshly Steamed Vegetables, Garden Green Salad, with Assorted Desserts. Gluten Free/Vegetarian Diet available upon request.

CHAPTER AFFAIRS**MEMBERSHIP REPORT****As of April 2012**

Regular Members	230
Auxiliary Members	31
Associate Members	4

Old Total	277
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Renewed (Final Total)	265
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OVERVIEW OF APRIL 2012 MEETING:

During the board meeting, the Board Members discussed membership renewal, approval of our updated by-laws, budget, legislative Issues, membership recruitment, new JROTC support and electronic membership payments for chapter membership renewal.

**VETERAN AFFAIRS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR MAY 2012**

"Miramar Quarterly Color Ceremony" - hosted by Headquarters 3rd MAW. Location is in front of flagpoles near 3rd MAW Headquarters. **Color Ceremonies** are now **on a TBA status**. For reservations and **further info call SSGT Guzman at (858) 577-8990**. CALLS MUST BE NO LATER THAN **"ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE"**.

Friday, May 04; San Diego Veterans Coalition, 8:00 A.M – 10:00 A.M. at County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, JA Training Room, San Diego.

May 8, 1945; VE Day!

Saturday, May 12; Veterans Advisory Council monthly meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 A.M. Location: TBD.

Sunday, May 13; Happy Mother's Day! Thought I would forget didn't ya?

Wednesday, May 16; "One VA", 9:30 A.M. VAMC, 3350 La Jolla Village Dr, 4th Floor, San Diego.

Saturday, May 19; Armed Forces Day!

Saturday, May 19; United Veterans Council of San Diego meeting; 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Veterans Museum and Memorial Center, 2115 Park Blvd, San Diego.

Monday, May 28; Memorial Day!

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Fellow Chapter Members; Please, if you are **looking for employment**, or know of a **job/position at your place of business that needs filling**, call **Bud Lichtenstern** at **(858) 312-5503**. I may be contacted by email at budl@score.com. Let me serve you, and I thank you for your support.

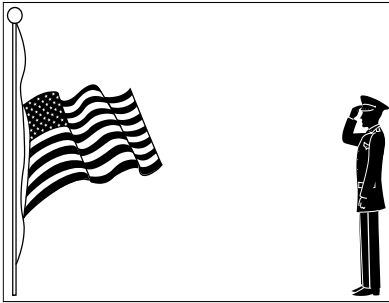
Chapter Activities



Captain Robert Geis, son of our very own LCDR Neil Geis, USN Ret, became the Commanding Officer of NAS Oceana on March 8, 2012. Neil and all his children were in attendance. And very proud they must be.



Guest speaker RADM John McLaughlin, USS Midway Museum CEO, (third from left) with all the Chapter Navy Members present at the April Dinner.



TAPS

We received notice that LCDR Irene Broker, USN, and Mrs. Segried Seal, Spouse of Col Galen Seal, USAF, have passed away.

Please keep Irene's and Galen's families, and all those who are serving their country during these current times, in our thoughts and prayers.

Editor Notes

Articles for Newsletter: Please **submit** your **articles** prior to **2nd** week of the month, **I will try** to make every effort to **include** all **articles submitted** (as space will allow). Tel: (858) 672-3731 or email: bmarstall@san.rr.com. **Editor**

Important Month Dates: This is a very important month, in that we celebrate **VE Day, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day**. Note the dates on the Veterans Affairs/Calendar of Events (Page 2). **Editor**

Job Search Assistance: For those who have not contacted **Bud Lichtenstern** for his assistance to Transitioning Officers (Active/Former/Retired) **via the TOPS Program**, please get the information that is necessary to be successful in **finding a job/position** in this wacky employment environment. And I repeat, **for those who are in the position of hiring employees**, please contact Bud as to your needs, **or even a willingness to mentor/counsel someone transitioning through a job search process**. **He has access to individuals who volunteer to look at resumes and offer suggestions** concerning that job search process. **Editor**

Veterans Museum and Memorial Center: For those who missed the **recent article** in the **San Diego Union Tribune**, the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center is a great representation and tribute to our Veterans. It is an **excellent opportunity** for us as **Parents/Grandparents** to **discuss** with our Children and Grandchildren, the **part our veterans contributed in maintaining freedom** for our country. It is also a **chance to say "Thank You"** for their service. (See note above on important dates during May). **Editor**

Wedding Congratulations: Congratulations to LtCol Monty Nereim, USMC, and the lovely Sharon Payton who got hitched on November 11, 2011. Again, congrats love birds! **Bud**

Auxiliary Corner

Support Functions. Please contact me for the latest happening with the Auxiliary, or if **you wish to continue to support** our Troops/Sailors/Marines/Coast Guard/ Oceanographic members and families. For instance, Miramar Chapter **will be sending care packages and letters** to the 82nd Airborne and the Marine 2nd Battalion in Afghanistan. Please also contact me if you have knowledge of any member or potential member requiring assistance. Thank You to all our members who are involved in providing assistance to the Wounded Warrior, Homeless Veterans (Male and Female), and the Veterans Village of San Diego.

Auxiliary Membership: Please contact me with information concerning anyone who may be interested in joining our Auxiliary. We have a great support unit at National MOAA. I may be contacted at dhenhouse@sbcglobal.net. Thanks.
Donna Henson, Auxiliary Liaison.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

FYI, the Legislative Liaison for the San Diego United Veterans Council (UVC), Steve Arends recently attended the VFW's 13th National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC from March 3-7. He met with all five San Diego members of the U.S. House of Representatives, including the two who serve on the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), Reps. Duncan Hunter and Susan Davis; House VA Committee Ranking member Rep. Bob Filner, House Oversight Committee Chair Rep. Darrell Issa, and Rep. Brian Bilbray. While most in Congress expect that the VA's budget will be exempt from sequestration, the DoD must significantly reduce its budget by January 2013. HASC Chairman, Rep. Buck McKeon introduced **H.R. 3662: Down Payment to Protect National Security Act**, to delay the massive budget cuts demanded by sequestration. Rep. Duncan Hunter is among the 65 cosponsors for H.R. 3662.

Many special interest groups are busy in DC trying to protect their programs from looming budget cuts in FY-13. MOAA, VFW, DAV, and other Veterans Service Organizations (VSO's) are doing all they can to convince legislators not to pay down the nation's debt on the backs of today's military. Issues run the gamut from military healthcare costs and retirement, to VA disability claims backlog and veterans' jobs. During a March 7th joint session of the SVAC and HVAC at the U. S. Senate, the repeal of the "Widow's Tax" was addressed. This is the issue of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Death Indemnity Compensation (DIC) which requires survivors of active duty, or retirees who die from service connected causes to forfeit their SBP to receive DIC. This SBP offset to DIC has been approved by Congress for many years, but has never been funded. Last year HR-178 attempted to correct the Widow's Tax but it failed to be enacted in 2011. MOAA will be in DC in April to "storm the hill", and all VSOs will be engaged through the Military Coalition.

Other bills to watch at the federal level:

H.R. 3340: Help Inspire and Retrain our Exceptional (HIRE) Veterans Act of 2011. Rep. Brian Bilbray's (R, 50th, San Diego) bill will authorize grants to be awarded by the Department of Commerce to local Chambers of Commerce to create job training, apprenticeship and internship programs for local veterans. The bill has four cosponsors, including Rep. Bob Filner (D, 51st, Chula Vista). HVAC's subcommittee on Economic Opportunity has this bill for action now.

H.R. 2985: Veterans ID Card. Would create a nationwide ID card for all veterans, similar to the VA ID card issued to veterans enrolled in the VA healthcare system. The bill has 55 cosponsors including Rep. Susan Davis (D, 53rd, San Diego). HVAC's subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations has it for action now.

California State Bills:

Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher's (R, 75th, San Diego) **AB-1088** from 2010 established the **California Veterans Home Fund**. During 2011, California taxpayers donated over \$211, 000 from their state income tax refunds to help residents at our six California Veterans Homes. We must hit a threshold of \$250,000 in tax year 2012 in order for this fund to remain on next year's state income tax forms.

AB-1904: Professions and Vocations: Military Spouses: Temporary Licenses. Assemblyman Marty Block (D, 78th, Chula Vista) introduced this bill to allow military spouses to obtain temporary professional licenses, if licensed in another state.

Welcome New Members

1stLt PATRICK GALLAGHER USMC
CPT CLIFFORD & EMMA LOPEZ USA

May Anniversaries

LT JOSHUA & ANGEL FREEZE
COL WILLIAM & KATHRYN GANG
CAPT ROBERT & LYNN GLYNN
CAPT WILLARD & CHARLOTTE JAMES
COL GERALD & CAROLE JEROME

Col KENNETH & LEE ANN JORDAN
Capt MATTHEW & SUSAN SHILLINGBURG
COL ALLEN & CHRISTA WISSINGER
Lt Col LAWRENCE & JOYCE WURM

May Birthdays

CDR BRUCE ACTON
MRS BOBBETTE ACTON
Maj WILLIAM C BONNER
BG EDMUND J BURKE
Capt SANDY R CHAMPLIN
MRS ISOBEL CHISUM
LCDR GEORGE E DENN
MRS NATALIE DIAMOND
CDR CURTIS R DICKERSON
LT JESSIE D DYE
LCDR JOHN F FEE
CDR FRANCIS P FOLEY
LT JOSHUA J FREEZE
MRS LYNN GLYNN
MRS MARGE GORDON
MRS BONNIE GORMAN
MRS LANA HAMMONS

MRS CLAUDIA HORAK
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MRS KATHLEEN SEVERSON
MRS PATRICIA WILKEY
Col MARVIN J WOODRING

Here is a picture of our very own Lt Adam Brown, soon to be a platoon leader in the 2nd Headquarters' Company of the 508th **Red Devils** in Afghanistan. The picture is of him going through Army Ranger School before joining the 508th.



Here are three soldiers of the 2nd Company of the 508th celebrating Easter.



The **508th Parachute Infantry Regiment** has a long and revered history in Army Airborne Operations. The **Red Devils** participated in Operation Overlord, jumping in the cold night over Normandy to capture the strategic cross roads City Sainte-Mere-Eglise. Following that brutal battle, the Red Devils participated in Operation Market Garden and was the unit that prevented the destruction of the Waal River Bridge at Nijmegen. They also participated in the Battle of the Bulge. Our **Red Devils** are now participating in Operation Enduring Freedom and like most Army and Marine units are involved in just the latest of their many deployments during this conflict. Keep Adam and all his great soldiers in your prayers. Our **Red Devils** lost a great soldier on April 3rd in the Maiwand district of Kandahar Province. **See following page for Adam's recent email.**

Hey Bud,

First off, thank you all for your service and leadership during a time when programs like this (Care Packages etc) were not in place to support you and your men. Beyond that your service built upon a foundation of service by selflessly taking the call when others were not. Thank you. I am currently the commander of my battalion commander's personal security detail. I have eleven men under my command. My position and command serves my command in two areas. The first and obvious is that my team and I provide my BC with close protection during his battlefield circulations in our AO (Area of Operations); second it vets me prior to my platoon leader time, ensuring that I am in fact a leader worth trusting in combat with one of our company's platoons. Not all PLs (Platoon Leaders) have gone through this as most of them trained with the unit prior to getting in country. My predecessor and I did not have the luxury of prior unit train up as we met the Battalion once they were already here. For my team's part we are made up of a mix of MOSs (Military Occupation Specialties) with varying degrees of professionalism, some picked this job, others were told. In spite of all of this, my strong, competent soldiers are squaring my other guys away. My PSG (Platoon Sergeant), though disliked by almost all of my team is the yin to my yang. He is a competent and trusted NCO in the unit and my men have failed to see the method to his madness. So far our morale is relatively high, although the battalion has taken some heroes (KIA) in the month or two we have been here. The last two hit hard as some of my infantry guys came from the some company as our most recent fallen. Ways that you could support include, but obviously are not limited to familiar snack foods, maybe some DVDs (movies), seeds...definitely a lot of my guys are trying to quit chewing. Magazines (sports, news, whatever) and other reading material are generally welcome as well. I'll ask my commo guys about how to add photos and will get those to you ASAP. Thank you guys so much for your support.

2LT Adam Brown

Other Care Package Stuff;

Baby Wipes

Beef Jerkey

Underwear – medium and large

Blank Writable CD's

Phone Cards

Send Care Packages to;

Lt Adam Brown USA

HHC, 2-508 PIR4BCT, 82nd Airborne

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MOAA Miramar Chapter
Reservations for Thursday, May 3, 2012
 Cash Bar Opens at 6:30 P.M.

Please print **Cost per person is \$20.00**

Name of Member: _____ \$ _____

Name of Spouse: _____ \$ _____

Guests: How many? _____ \$ _____

Guest Name (s): _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: Miramar Chapter, MOAA TOTAL: \$ _____

Menu Choices: Roast Pork Loin (How many?) _____, Chicken Pecan (How many?) _____,
 Vegetarian/Gluten Free Meal (How many?) _____

No refunds unless unusual circumstances are reported to the Treasurer before day of event.

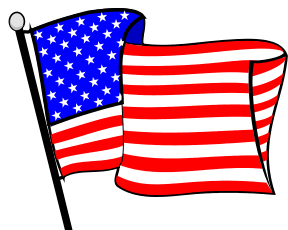
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BIRTHDATE: _____ ANNIVERSARY MONTH: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTH MONTH: _____

Today's DATE: _____

NATIONAL MOAA NUMBER: _____ LIFE MEMBER MOAA (YES/NO)

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