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**Orange County MOAA Chapter Meeting**  
**will NOT be held until**  
**Sunday, May 13, 2012**



Since so many of us will be spending time with our families and Mothers, there will be no luncheon meeting this month.

Be sure to check your June MOAA Newsletter for the *June's Luncheon* information.



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**BOARD MEETING CHANGES DATES!**



**O**ur next Board meeting will be on Monday 7 May at 6:30 pm.

**A**n agenda item for our May Board meeting is "how best to achieve goals" we have adopted. Elements of Community Blueprint warrant consideration.

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**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**Four Star Chapter Winner 2007**



**NEW DATE!**  
**Board Meeting: 1830, 7 May, 2012**  
**Dress Code: Coat and Tie for Men**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**A** Board meeting was held on 9 April. The meeting's primary objective was defining the purpose and goals of our Chapter. The adjoining article by LTC Paul Jones outlines the results of our discussions and the goals of our Chapter for the year ahead. The Board realizes these goals can only be achieved with active support of the members.

**O**ur next challenge is to establish a "roadmap" to achieve these goals. Your ideas are important since your support is essential to an effective program and success of the Chapter. Your interest, talent and skills are needed. My e-mail address is [rwcowles@att.net](mailto:rwcowles@att.net). It would be great to have my mailbox flooded with your ideas.

**R**alph Watterhahn brought to our attention a couple of great happenings in Long Beach – cruises on the *S.S. Lane Victory*, a restored 1940's victory ship and the meeting of the battleship *U.S.S. Iowa* on/or about 23 May. [See *Community Corner* Page 5]

**R**egrettably I must inform you that due to scheduling complications, we had to cancel the Chapter luncheon for May. We had an excellent program which would have been very entertaining and provided a tribute to Mothers and families. Fortunately CDR Felton has been able to reschedule the guitarist and vocalist Mark Bouras for our meeting on 10 June. Next month we also have the opportunity to renew our memories of Johnny Cash. Hope to see you all at our luncheon on the 10th of June.

Sincerely,

*Richard C. Cowles*

LTC USA (Ret)

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## Auxiliary Corner

By Jo Darrow



**O**ur chapter's surviving spouses are reminded that we have a dedicated web site at:

[www.moaa.org/survivors](http://www.moaa.org/survivors)

There you will find many articles, stories and testimonials, plus helpful links to other sites, a list of books for surviving family members, and of course, the many publications and services offered by MOAA for the surviving families of our military.

**Y**ou are encouraged to contribute articles, stories and testimonials to the MOAA surviving spouses' website.

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## HOW TO JOIN THIS CHAPTER

By LtCol Paul Jones (Ret)



### Who is eligible for membership?

Active duty, guard, reserve, retirees and former officers of the five uniformed services are eligible for chapter and national membership.

### How do I join?

Contact LtCol Vanda Bresnan USMC (Ret) at [vanda@cox.net](mailto:vanda@cox.net) or (949) 581-6287 and provide her with the following:

- Name, Branch, Status:  
(Active, Retired, Guard, Reserve, Former or Surviving Spouse)
- Mailing address
- Email address
- Telephone number

**Join the Orange County Chapter of MOAA today!**

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## FIVE GOOD REASONS TO JOIN MOAA TODAY

### National MOAA Recruiting

*Are you or were you an officer in the military?*

Whether active duty, Guard, Reserve, former, retired or a surviving spouse, here are five good reasons to join MOAA today:

#### 1. THERE'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

When you join MOAA, you're adding your voice to the largest and most effective officers' association in the country. We're officers just like you. We understand the challenges you face and share your concerns about the future.

#### 2. MEET MOAA MEMBERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

With more than 400 chapters across the country and abroad, MOAA provides plenty of opportunities for local activities, networking, and camaraderie. And even if you don't have time to get actively involved now, it's good to know MOAA is fighting for you every day in Washington and in our state capitals.

#### 3. ENJOY BENEFITS DESIGNED FOR OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

There are a lot of organizations you can join, but only MOAA offers benefits tailored to your needs; free military benefits counseling, second-career guidance and planning, scholarships for the children of service-

members attending college, and a supplemental TRICARE health plan.

#### 4. MAKE YOURSELF HEARD

Whether you're out there fighting for your country, or have completed your service, MOAA is fighting for you in Washington. As a member, you can join thousands of other members who speak up on issues that affect you directly, from pay to benefits to the hardships of constant deployment.

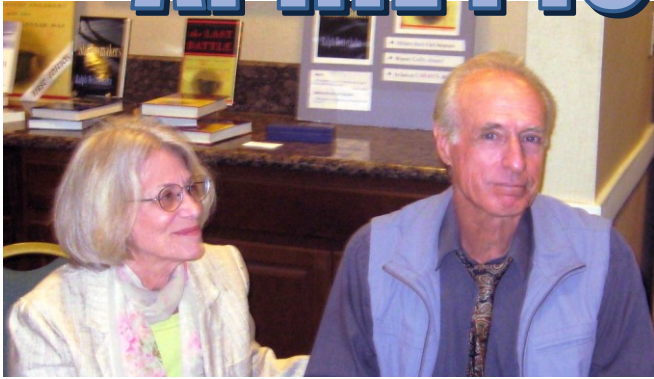
#### 5. MEMBERSHIP IS A BARGAIN

You'll have access to a whole range of benefits from financial education to discounts on travel, computers, and more. Add to that our monthly magazine, the *Military Officer*, and you have a membership that more than pays for itself. Complimentary one-year membership for currently serving officers  
Only \$30 for retired and former officers and surviving spouses (two-year membership)

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# APRIL PICS AND PANS



**RALPH WATTERHAHN**

Our April Chapter meeting guest speaker provided us with a meaningful history reflection on times past as revealed by his discoveries.

**CDR** Ken Felton, thank you for the opportunity to hear from author Ralph Watterhahn. Ralph recounted his on the ground research and investigations into two MIA events of WW II and Vietnam. Each was important to our understanding of moments in military history and the continuing effort in the search for those that are still MIA. As said by Adrienne, "EXCELLENT." Ralph has authored two books that tell the stories.

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**CAPT & MRS. SIEKIERSKI**



*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*



**MRS. JEANI FRASER**



**MRS. IDA JACKMAN**



**OUR TICKET SELLER,  
LTCOL JOANNE BARTON**



**MRS. IDA JACKMAN, JR.**



**LTCOL & MRS. LLOYD HESS**



**MRS. JACKIE JACOBSON & MRS. WATTERHAHN**



# COMMUNITY CORNER

## IN THE KNOW

### “VICTORY AT SEA” SUMMER CRUISES



Steam back to the 1940's aboard the last fully restored and operational Victory Ship, the *S.S. Lane Victory*.

Enjoy a day's-long adventure and breath-taking views as we sail toward Catalina Island. Dance on the deck to the sounds of the Yellow Hound Dawg Band. Help the crew hunt down an escaped German spy and re-live the hair-raising drama as the ship's gunners ward off a Luftwaffe air attack!

Take time to explore the ship and it's museums on your own, or as part of one of the many guided tours. Its a perfect way for ship aficionados, history buffs, and families alike to spend the day! Reserve your passage **NOW!** Got to: <http://www.lanevictory.org>

**2012 Cruise dates:** July 28, Aug. 25, Sept. 22, Oct. 20

**Cost:** \$130 per adult, \$80 for children age 15 or younger; Special Group rates are available. *\*\*Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate wheelchairs or strollers*

**Ship Tours Open Daily:** 9 AM - 3 PM  
**Admission:** \$5.00 per adult; \$2.00 per child  
**Location:** Berth 46  
P.O. Box 629  
San Pedro, CA 90733-0629  
Phone (310) 519-9545

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### Members' Birthday Corner

*Happy May Birthday!*

- 6 - Gordon Palmer, COL USAF (Ret)
- 16 - Winton A. Scott, LtCol USAF (Ret)
- 20 - Charles S. DeVore, LTC USA NG
- 25 - Glenn W. Bradley, LTC USA (Ret)
- 26 - Kenneth D. Felton, CDR USN (Ret)
- 26 - Mrs. Bonnie L. Rausch, AUX
- 29 - Carleton F. Saunders, Jr. MAJ USMC (Ret)
- 31 - Ms. Dee Mc Innes, AUX

*NOTE: If you did not see your name this year, contact Vanda Bresnan and give her your birthday. We would love to wish you a Happy Birthday too!*

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

(Circle items that apply):

New Member      Renewal for 201\_\_      Change of mailing address, etc.      Annual Dues (Reg\$25/Aux\$15)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZipCode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Natl. MOAA ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Orange County Chapter MOAA



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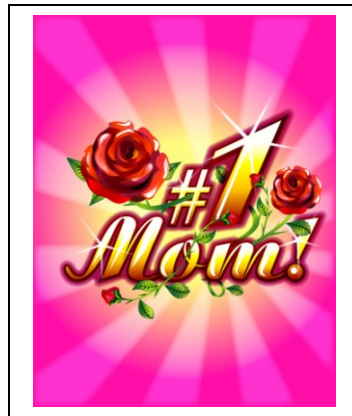
**Anniversary M/D/Y** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birthday-Male M/D** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Birthday-Female M/D** \_\_\_\_\_

Current, retired and former officers and warrant officers of the seven (7) uniformed services, including Guard and Reserve, are eligible for membership. Widows, widowers, and former spouses holding DOD dependent ID cards are eligible for Auxiliary Membership. Chapter dues are separate from National dues and are used to support Chapter activities.



**NO RESERVATIONS FOR NEXT MEETING –  
NO MEETING FOR MAY!**

**Be sure to watch for JUNE  
MEETING information in  
this space next month**



Have a fantastic month of May and Mother's Day!



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