

SOUTH WEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY



MOAA



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“This Newsletter is read by MOAA’s Finest; that’s you!”

Dues are now only \$25.00

With interest rates going down for mortgages and attendance at our meetings declining (5 members in September), although the last one was healthy enough, with nearly 20 in attendance. A motion was made, seconded and voted on by the membership present to lower our annual dues to \$25.00. If you have already paid \$35.00, you may request a refund. If you do not request a refund, we will be happy to accept your donation toward the publication and postage of the newsletter. Use the application below and send them in.

SWRC MOAA CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & 2011 DUES PAYMENT

NAME: _____ RETIRED ___ ACTIVE DUTY ___ RANK _____
SERVICE _____ NATIONAL MOAA# _____ DOB _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ STATE: ___ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
REGULAR DUES \$25 ___ AUXILLIARY DUES \$6 _____
SPOUSE NAME: _____ DOB _____

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CAL-MOAA **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Legislative Report - Col Lorna Griess

Posted by griessl on 02 Feb 2011 | Tagged as:
General, California Legislative Matters

Watch for 2011 to be a turbulent year. Get out your pens and paper and heat up your computers because money is tight and our national and state political climates have been indulging in "squeaky wheel or tantrum" politics for a long time. The group that yells the loudest and longest gets the most. Military people have never formed vocal groups, the unions have. Military people have had a tradition of honoring our country and expecting our country to honor it's committment to them. Guess what, there are fewer and fewer people in Congress who have served in the military or even understand it, but members of Congress are increasingly sensitive to letters from the folks back home. Effective lobbying plus letters from home work the best. MOAA members have an effective lobby in Washington DC and now have an effective lobbyist here in California. Help them out with letters. Look in the most recent issue of Military officer, sign and mail in the letters provided.

Tricare Young Adult Program is a reality. Unmarried dependents up to age 26 can purchase Tricare coverage on a month to month basis as long as they are not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health coverage. After age 26 a premium based program offering transitional health coverage is available for 18 - 36 months but must be purchased within 60 days of loss of Tricare eligibility. For more information <http://www.Tricare.mil/>.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates is proposing cuts in the size of the Army and Marine Corps. He is finding more money by reducing contractor hiring, freezing personnel rolls, reducing the number of generals and admirals nad closing or consolidating headquarters. Sec. Gates is also aiming at Tricare. Fees have not been raised since 1995. He announced that he would seek to recoup billions of dollars by increasing fees paid by retired, working-age veterans under 65. More to come on Tricare. Fee hikes are still on the table.

Job killer for the retired military. The President's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform want to make civilian employers reimburse the Pentagon for health care costs incurredby their retired military employees who use Tricare.

Tricare Dental program has some changes. The contract was won by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. Go to www.moaa.org for more information

OLD CELL PHONES DO NOT HAVE TO GO TO "ASSISTED LIVING"

1 February 2011

In keeping with MOAA's tradition of supporting our troops, AMAC (Auxiliary MemberAdvisory Committee) is launching a national project to turn our old cell phones into phonecards to help our troops call home. Cell Phones for Soldiers is a national non-profit charitythat recycles old cell phones and in return, provides our fighting forces with pre-paidphone cards to call home.

MOAA Can Help Our Troops Call Home: It's easy. And there's no cost. AMAC asks everyMOAA chapter and council to collect old cell phones and send them, postage-paid, to the Cell Phones for Soldiers recycling center, or drop them off at a local collection point.

Calling home: Each old cell phone turned in translates into about 60 minutes of free talktime for our troops and their loved ones on the homefront. Since 2004, Cell Phones forSoldiers has sent over 60 million minutes of free talk time to our troops!

"If just 2% of Americans donate their old phones, "we could supply every soldier with a free call home."

~Robbie Bergquist, Co-founder, CPFS

JUST LET ME KNOW THE NEXT TIME YOU SEE ME..

"ARE YOU A TURTLE?"
"Mose Cozzins definitely says
that he is a Turtle."

SOUTH WEST RIVERSIDE COUNTY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Next Meeting will be on 15 March 2011. Our meetings are at 11:30 (Libations & Lively Conversation) at 11:30, 12:00 for luncheon, on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month (Except July & August). We meet at **Journey's End at the end of Casino Way at Pechanga Golf Club house.** Lunch is ordered off the menu - Plan to get there a few minutes EARLY to make sure that your order is in. **Please confirm your attendance so the restaurant can be prepared.** Call in your confirmation to: **951-587-8469** or e-mail it to **SWRCMOAA@YAHOO.COM.**

CAL MOAA WEBSITE

Check it out!

<http://www.cal-moaa.org/>

Invite a friend to our next meeting..

We are losing members faster than we are bringing them in..

Remember those old gentle words of wisdom;

NO MEMBERS NO MEETINGS!

WHO WHERE IS THE JOURNALIST AMONG US?

"We're DOUBLING the pay!"

Do not be bashful, just step up (quietly if necessary) and I can get your literary career up and running in short order.

We really need a "Newsletter" Editor. The pay is lousy,, but your hours are your own and all of the details have been arranged to make it as easy as possible.

I need to let my ego suffer, if needed, and let one of the younger, more talented Editors take over the reins of this literary giant. How about one of our extremely attractive Ladies.

The feminine touch is always a good thing and my feminine side is barely discernible, even on a day when I have a fresh haircut.

Need a volunteer to help us keep on doing what we love to do.

LADIES OF MOAA

The next "**Ladies of MOAA**" Luncheon will be **March 17 at 11:30 at Chili's on 27645 Ynez Road** The food is delicious and the company is always fun, hope to see everyone for our New Years lunch! Jeannine, the lunch lady. "Bon Appetite!" Call **Jeannine Lushbaugh** (the Lunch Lady) at **676-0275** for more informatrion.

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What Is an Auxiliary Member?

Auxiliary Members are surviving spouses of MOAA members. Their Chapter dues are \$6 per year to cover the cost of the Newsletter.

Spouses of current MOAA Chapter members are cordially invited and most welcome to participate in Auxiliary activities. Many are very active in the Auxiliary group. Spouses of current Chapter members are exempt from Auxiliary dues.

DUES CURRENT?

if you are receiving your "**Officer's Call**" by Snail Mail you will find a year date (2010 or 2011) behind your name on the address label. That number indicates the year in which you are current in your Chapter dues.. This will be the last issue for 2010 .

REACHING THE GOLDEN AGE OF 90 MAKES YOU A PAID UP 4 LIFE CHAPTER MEMBER

We want to know you!

Please send your correct phone numbers (home, work, and cell) and E-mail address to the Membership Chairman to verify your correct contact information. We would also like to have your (and your spouse's) Date of Birth (month and day only, if you are shy about your honorable age)

By E-Mail please Send it to:

SWRCMOAA@vahoo.com.

or by snail mail to

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DUES TIME IS HERE AGAIN: We would appreciate payment of your 2011 dues at this time so we can continue to send your newsletter. Form is on back page. New lower price "ONLY \$25.00" Thank you!

SPECIAL NOTE:

If you have ascended to the golden age of 90 years upon this earth, you are a **LIFE MEMBER** of the Chapter. Your Chapter Dues are paid in full forever!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

it is to be noted that we only have birthdates for 42 of our Regular members and 25 of their lovely ladies. We are still short 9 of our members and maybe 26 of their ladies. We are also missing some names of spouses. What's this all about?

MARCH Birthdays

**Come to the meeting and
we will sing to you.
Happy Birthday to all of us!**

Board Meetings

**French Valley Airport Cafe
Date & Time TBA or by E-Mail**

WRITE TO YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

You can make a difference!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Contacting your representatives at their local offices is faster than sending correspondence to Washington D.C.

All Washington mail is irradiated, and vacuum scanned for security reasons and can delay your mail by days or even weeks.

Check their websites (listed above) and you can access all of their information (even get on their mailing lists - expect re-election donation requests for doing so.)

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See our Chapter Web Page at:

www.moaa.org/chapter/southwestriversidecounty

MARCH CALENDAR

SWRC NEW YEARS MEETING

Tuesday 15 March 11:30 Pechanga Golf Course Club house See you there. Please call or e-mail your intentions to **587-8469** or E-Mail to **SWRCMOAA@yahoo.com**.

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WILL YOU HELP?

All it takes is a couple hours a week calling MOAA members here in our area. MOAA is in need of having more members belong to the Chapters. Currently only 1 in 5 MOAA members are Chapter members and there is so much more that we can accomplish by strengthening our Chapter system.

Ask me for a list of potential members and I will see that you have something to do when you are not out on your motorcycle or drag racing in the streets of Wildomar or Sun City.

Call Mike Nichols at 818-326-0668- Let's talk !

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR

Keep in mind that no matter how much you may disagree with a political representataive it pays to be courteous and kind when they visit our Chapter as they may be the one who signs the deciding vote on the bill you want passed.. And if they are not on your side, you have probably convinced them to recruit others to their cause..

March 2011



“OFFICER’S CALL”

Southwest Riverside County Chapter
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



Happy St Patrick’s Day !

NIGHT ORDERS



T Michael Bircumshaw
CWO-2 USN Ret

Fellow Warriors & Ladies,

There is good news and sort of bad news.. The good news is that **Bill Chapman** has stepped up to become our new Treasurer. Thank you Bill
The bad news is that we only

have 25 paid members and 3 paid Auxilliary Ladies, which in turn may be good news for the Treasurer as he has less of us to be concerned with. I will be dropping all unpaid members as of the 31st of March and we will move on.

Thanks to Jimmy Moore, I appear to have snagged a position teaching for Cal State University Extended Learning Center. I am booked for a couple of lectures, one in June on “Cultural Differences” and one in October on the “World of Drugs”. Once I have muddled my way through those and figured out some way to overcome my naatural shyness and timidity, the Learning Center



Ryan Peters,
Veteran’s Affairs

At our February meeting we were honored to have Ryan Peters, Veteran’s Affairs Representative from Congressman Darrell Issa’s office, join us for lunch and be subjected to a friendly inquisition about various items of concern to our members present.

Ryan honorably served in the USMC and was a most welcome guest at our gathering.

Thanks to Ryan and the Congressman who continues to represent us since 2001 now serving as a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, where he serves as the Chairman. Congressman Issa also served in the Armed forces as a Captain in the US Army.

BOB JOHNSON,
TEMECULA ASSISTANT CITY MAN-
AGER, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER ON
THE 15TH.
COME ON OUT AND GIVE HIM A
GOOD LISTENING TO !

NEW LOCATION

DATE: 15 MARCH
DAY: TUESDAY
TIME: 1130 BEVERAGES & CHAT
LUNCH: 12:00 ORDER OFF MENU
PLACE: Journey’s End. At the end of Casino Way (center entrance to Pechanga) at the Golf Clubhouse. Simply take Pechanga Parkway to the center entrance and folow it to the end-- The club house will be right in front of you..

MARCH PROGRAM

Pechanga is the place; Journey’s End at the Golf Club.

Come on down.

I believe we will have a speaker and he will be interesting, or else.

Call or E-Mail your intention to attend to SWRCMOAA@yahoo.com