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Excellent Chapter Award
1988, 1995

Outstanding Chapter Award
1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999

Chapter of the Year Award
2000, 2001

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2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010,
2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,
2020, 2021, 2022

Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award
(4-Star Award) 2015, 2016, 2017
(5-Star Award) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
(5-Star Award Website) 2020, 2022
(4-Star Award Website) 2021

Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award, 2012 (Legislative Coverage/Print Newsletter)

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Miramar Chapter: moaa-miramarchapter.weebly.com.

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Notes from the President's Desk

Happy New Year! May 2024 bring health, happiness and prosperity to all our chapter members. The new year means a final push for membership renewal. John Gorman has contacted everyone whose chapter membership expired in 2023 (multiple times). If you are one who hasn't renewed yet, please do that as soon as you can. We all know that membership is the lifeblood our chapter!

Our bylaws revision was adopted on 31 Dec 2023. This first update in 11 years was badly needed, so thanks to all who participated in the vote (**ByLaws copies available from President and Secretary**). One significant change adopted is **the provision that any board member or officer, except the chapter president, can be appointed, rather than elected. Several positions are open**, so if you're willing to take a leadership position for 2024, it is easier than ever; simply let me know. On the topic of new board members, welcome and **thank you to Desirae Smidt** for taking on our **Director of Personal Services** position! Thanks also to outgoing director **Donna Henson** for her many years of devoted service in that role

This new year is a great time to refocus on MOAA legislative advocacy efforts. **MOAA's Legislative Action Center** (<https://moaa.quorum.us/>) provides concise summary of key legislative efforts, and short cut buttons for pre-filled letters to Senators and Congressman. **Sign up/receive legislative alerts and the monthly newsletter.**

Based on the great turnout at our December luncheon, Miramar and San Diego chapter will hold joint bi-monthly luncheons in 2024, starting with February. The luncheon is **Thursday, Feb 1st at 11:30 at Admiral Baker Golf Course**. Our guest speaker, **Dr. Jeffrey McIllwain**, is a Professor of Criminal Justice and Public Administration at SDSU, and a fellow of the Irregular Warfare Program at **Joint Special Operations University (JSOU)**. **He'll speak about JSOU and about his grandfather's work with the OSS setting up the Mexican Air Force in WWII**. Will be a great presentation, so I please you join us.

Col Darryle J. Grimes, USAF (Ret), Miramar Chapter President (619)-639-7217/grimesdj@gmail.com.

Next Meeting: Luncheon, Thursday, Feb 1st @ 11:30am
Speaker: Prof Jeffrey McIllwain, San Diego State University

Location: Adm Baker Golf Course

CHAPTER AFFAIRS**CHAPTER AFFAIRS****MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

As of January 7, 2024

Regular	114
Surviving Spouse	17
Associate	2
Honorary	1
Total	135
103 Members have renewed.	

JROTC Donations to JROTC Fund were:

Mark Brouker, Genaro Garcia, Wes Schermann,
Spencer Schoen, Tom Splitgerber, David & Francine
Yorck.

OVERVIEW of the January 4 BOD Meeting

Discussed that the San Diego Chapter will be joining us for the Luncheons. Will approve the 2024 Budget in the February Meeting (Budget will be available from Treasurer after approval). Our chapter membership renewal kicked off and it has been mentioned that members may take advantage of the 3-year renewal dues discount! Also note that that Life and Premium Memberships provide many important benefits and that a 10% discount is available, using a code provided by Fred Green. Desirae Smidt has accepted the position of Director of Personal Services. Donna Henson will continue as Surviving Spouse Liaison.

**VETERAN AFFAIRS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR February 2024**

"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 (858) 577-8990**. **CALLS MUST BE NO LATER THAN "ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE"**.

Thursday, February 1: MOAA Miramar Chapter Lunch (11:30 AM Social Time/ 12:00 PM Lunch) at Admiral Baker Golf Club Restaurant.

Thursday, February 1: National Freedom Day.

Friday, February 2: Groundhog Day.

Saturday, February 3: Four Chaplains Day.

February 8, 1910: Boy Scouts of America founded.

Saturday, February 10: Lunar New Year.

Monday, February 12: President Lincoln's Birthday.

Wednesday February 14: Valentines Day.

Wednesday February 14: Ash Wednesday.

Monday February 19: Presidents Day, President Washington's Birthday Observed.

Thursday February 22: President Washington Birthday.

February 23, 1795; Supply Corps Established.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES and MEMBER NOTES OF INTEREST

ACTION NOTE)

(TIME TO STEP UP for LEADERSHIP POSITIONS on Board of Directors/Officers/Service Representatives)!!!!

ATTENTION all MEMBERS!!!!!!!!!!!!, especially new members in the Chapter!!!! FEBRUARY 2024 is here, and we are requesting Chapter Members to join our board of directors, and fill our vacancies. Please contact President Darryle Grimes to be considered for a leadership role for the coming year. All positions are available for individuals interested in being active representatives and leaders to serve your members of this Miramar Chapter. (Surviving Spouses are also eligible for all positions of Leadership including President). Contact our Chapter President (Darryle Grimes) for information on what each position requirements/responsibilities are and application procedures. Being a member of the BOARD Of Directors/Leadership is a very rewarding experience. The position of Service Representative for U.S. Public Health Service has been combined with Coast Guard Service, until a Representative is identified, the Navy Representative has been empty for a considerable period of time, and the Service Representative for the Air Force has moved out of state. WE NEED someone to step up as Membership Chair. PLEASE come forward. Contact Darryle Grimes (Chapter President) grimesdj@gmail.com, or Fred Green (1st Vice President) fred.green@icloud.com.

Fellow Chapter Members; If you are looking for employment, or know of a veteran who needs help with finding a job, or know of a job/position at your place of business that needs filled, contact <https://www.moaa.org> and follow the menu for Transition Assistance, Placement, Job Board, or Advocacy.

NAVNET Resources Management is now a **resource available** to members. **NAVNET Resources Management** are all former senior military leaders who have transitioned to highly successful civilian careers and therefore have a clear **understanding** of both **employer needs** and **job candidate search processes**. **NAVNET members** have extensive technical and managerial expertise across the full spectrum of experience levels from journeyman to executive. **NAVNET meets together for breakfast on the 3rd Friday of each month at Admiral Baker Clubhouse located at 2400 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego, CA, 92120 (Starts at 0700 and usually ends by 0815 or so).** The **current Coordinator (Tom Hammond)** for NAVNET is a **member of the MOAA Miramar Chapter (TOPS Liaison) and (CALMOAA NAVNET Representative),** and **may be reached for information on current job openings,** at his email: tom@navnetresources.com or on the website: www.navnetresources.com.

WEBSITE/EMAIL TELEPHONE INFORMATION

MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends (Private Group) – Facebook Link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/581427115240904/?multi_permaLinks=3829526447097605%2C382506392087719%2C3824863560897227%2C2821842571199326%2C3815695241814059¬if_id=1609513928974893¬if_t=group_activity&ref=notif

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) – Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/28446275521/posts/10159082027055522/?d=n>

California State Issues: www.leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/.

Surviving Spouse Email: sscomm@moaa.org.

DIC Surviving Spouses/DIC Increase Advocacy: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610245403387077>.

Veterans Pension eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility>.

CALVET, California Department of Veterans Affairs: vetservices@calvet.ca.gov. 1-800-741-8532 (Toll Free).

Passport Renewal: <https://www.defense.gov/News/News-Stories/Article/Article/2880945/dod-personnel-families-can-renew-passports-online/>

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255.

PACT Act Overview: [https://www.va.gov/files/2023-](https://www.va.gov/files/2023-07/PACT%20Act%20Overview%2010%20101%20V7.12.23%200845hrs.pdf)

[07/PACT%20Act%20Overview%2010%20101%20V7.12.23%200845hrs.pdf](https://www.va.gov/files/2023-07/PACT%20Act%20Overview%2010%20101%20V7.12.23%200845hrs.pdf)

Have you heard? The USS Midway Museum is always looking for Volunteers! Do you enjoy learning about and talking about military history? Do you have any military experience? Do you like meeting new people from all over the world? Do you have a language skill? Would you enjoy acting as a guest services “Ambassador”? Do you like telling or relating “sea stories”? Learning something new? Having a good time? Making new friends? Are you interested in or have experience in restoring aircraft? Have ship maintenance experience with corrosion control or painting? – Metal work? Welding? Do you remember the Marlinespike Steamship fancy knot work you once could do? Could you contribute 20 – Hours a month? The Midway Museum needs volunteers in all areas from Administrative Support, Safety, Docents, Aircraft Restoration, Ship Corrosion and Painting.

The museum has a fit for your interests and a need for your skills. Join the Midway Volunteers – which already includes a few chapter members from MOAA Chapters, including the MOAA Miramar Chapter at U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, MOAA Chapter San Diego, and MOAA Chapter Silver Strand, who come from diverse backgrounds. Midway’s volunteers include civilians with no military experience, and men and women veterans with enlisted and officer backgrounds, from all branches of the U.S. armed forces. Regardless of your physical limitations, if you have a talent and the motivation, Midway will work to accommodate you. Where can you act as if you were 26 – years old and get away with it? Sound interesting? Can you think of someone else who would be an easy fit? Want to learn more? Spread the word!!! Email Volunteer Office USS Midway Museum at volunteering@midway.org or Website: www.midway.org/volunteers or Call: (619) 398-8289. (NOTE: Miramar Chapter Members, Vice President, Editor, and other Members are volunteers on Midway, and may be contacted if need of some questions/answers about USS Midway Museum. Contact info is available from Editor or under CONTACT US on the Miramar Chapter website: moaa-miramarchapter.weebly.com). For Midway information go to Midway website: www.midway.org/contact or Tel: 619-544-9600.

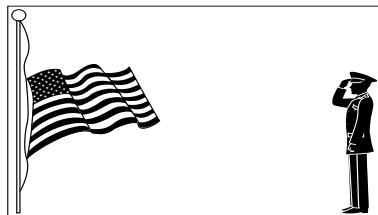
Did you know you can also reserve overnight visits on USS Midway Museum?? Please see email below with link to reserve/schedule an overnight on board.
<https://www.midway.org/education/snooze-crewz-overnight-adventure/#programs>

A view of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War is available on the following site.
<https://www.midway.org/exhibits-activities/special-days/50th-anniversary-of-the-end-of-vietnam-war/>

NOTE from STEVE DONLON: The Committee on the Commissioning of the USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB-6) is accepting DONATIONS and requests for TICKETS. The committee will acknowledge all donors on the commissioning program insert and recognize those contributing \$500 or more with designated seating at the ceremony. The Website is now accepting requests for tickets: <https://johnicanley.com>.

TAPS

We have not received notice of any member passing away December or January prior to publication of this newsletter.



Please remember all our families, and all those who are serving their country, and their families 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 include all articles submitted (as space will allow). Fax/Tel: (858) 672-3731 or email: bmarstall@san.rr.com. The newsletter is uploaded to our Chapter Website. Website is updated periodically, (Current information covered from newsletter, articles/photos of interest to our members). Newsletter is continued to be mailed to members (those not having computer access), as preferred method of delivery. **Complete PDF version is posted on Website as Newsletter and may be downloaded**, and is also maintained in Editor files and available to members. **Editor:** Contact information may be obtained from President, Vice-President, or Editor, and online on the Chapter Website. **Editor** bmarstall@san.rr.com

**Surviving Spouse/Military Spouse Corner:**

Every month there are considerable articles keeping Active Duty and Retired informed of what is happening. [Those surviving spouses that do not have access to website, please have a member of your family or friend access it during the month, for important links to information and assistance \(Editor\)](#). Donna Henson is the Surviving Spouse Liaison. [She may be contacted at dmh3678@gmail.com](#).

“This last year was eventful for Surviving Spouses with the SBP/DIC offset ending and several new bills being presented that will increase all DIC benefits. The link to support various bills is the MOAA’s Legislative Action Center. We must work harder to gain sponsorship in 2024 for inclusion in the 2025 budget. If you have any questions about survivor issues, please let me know. Ladies, There will be a reserved table for Surviving Spouses and guests at the February 2024 luncheon. Hope to see you there. Donna Henson.

This article is from the January 2, 2024 MOAA Council and Chapter News. (Edited to fit).

Surviving Spouse Corner: Protect and Save Your Vital Information, by Renee Brunelle Matthews, MOAA’s Surviving Spouse Advisory Council Member.

When is it ever the right time to get your important documents and information in order? Most of us think about it after someone we care for has had an incident and/or passed away. Additionally, events such as hurricanes, fires, floods, tornadoes, and even burglary can make the actual paperwork unusable. But through MOAA partner **Everplans**, members have access to a platform allowing cloud-based storage of important documents and information. With controlled access to each area, we are able to share details- at a

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minimum, to begin the discussion about what we prefer for our health care and our final arrangements. Personally, I have signed up for Everplans Premium, which offers nine categories of information:

Personal Info and IDs: This where copies of identification-including driver's license, Social Security card, passport, military IDs-can go. It also offers a space for vital documents, such as a marriage license.

Digital: This is quite an extensive category. It includes password management, devices, travel and transportation, ticketing, email, social media, and shopping, to name a few. Here, you can also add your username or password to any of your accounts, and note whether the account has a fee and is on auto pay..

Home and Property: You can add information about your primary and secondary residences, RV, boat, etc.

Financial: This is another extensive area for accountant information, banking accounts, investments, loans, tax returns, and insurance information for both life and disability. This would be the best place for VA benefits, as well.

Legal: Here, you will find spaces to enter attorney contact information. You can scan and upload your will, power of attorney, health care surrogate, and other advance directives. When away from home, this could be one of the most useful features to be able to easily access the digital version of these documents.

Health: Enter information about your primary and specialty doctors, allergies, vaccination records, medication list, medical devices, even a listing of medical conditions.

Family and Loved Ones: You are able to list the contact information for important people in your life, and especially important pet information. (For example, I have a credit card on file at my veterinarian's office in case I am out of town and there is an emergency, so this is a great place to make note of something like that as well include other vital information.)

Aging: One of the wonderful subcategories is "eldercare living preferences" where you can specify whether you are OK in a shared (roommate) space, your care providers, your eldercare finances, and your long-term care insurance details.

After I'm Gone: You can write a letter to a loved one, state your preferences for final arrangements (cremation versus burial, for example), provide notes for your obituary, and save family recipes, family photos, and more. There is even a tab to discuss the genealogy of your family.

It is never too late to start sharing important information with trusted loved ones. All MOAA members can save on Everplans Premium, with discounts based on membership level and beginning at 30% off the annual fee for Basic members. Visit [MOAA.org/Everplans](https://www.moaa.org/everplans) to find out more.

Legislative Update from the Legislative Chair**NATIONAL & CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS****Major “MOAA National issues” (website):****<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Top-Issues.aspx>****Continue to CHECK this NEWSLETTER, the CHAPTER WEBSITE, and MOAA WEBSITE for UPDATES on NATIONAL, CALIFORNIA, and LOCAL ISSUES****MOAA****For Ready Reference Contact Information, LINKS, Record Retrieval/Replacement, Service Retiree Publications, TRICARE, VA Organizations, Fact Sheets, Benefit Forms, U.S. Senate Directory, Representatives Directory, Committees, Military Lodge Information, Military Base Information, Crisis Lines, Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Information.. [Website is listed on Page 1.](#)****CONTINUING NOTE: MOAA continues sponsoring AB46 as submitted by Assembly Member James Ramos to exempt Military Retirement Pay from California Tax. Link is https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20232024oAB46. Act is to add/repeal Sections 17132.9 & 17132.10 of Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation. Bill, for taxable years beginning on/after January 1, 2024/before January 1, 2034, to exclude from gross income retirement pay received by taxpayer from federal government for service performed in uniformed services, as defined during the taxable year. Bill would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, to United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during taxable year. The bill would make related findings and declarations. **MOAA requests members, contact appropriate California Representatives ([Email List below](#)) to support bill, due to California needs to join other states providing tax relief for veterans. Copy of Draft Email, and [Sample Letter](#) to Governor Newsom may also be obtained from Editor or Chapter President (AB46 is among current bills in Suspense, but recommend that members keep contacting their representatives to get this bill passed!!!). Sign up on the MOAA Legislative Action site******Senator.Portantino@senate.ca.gov****Senator.jones@senate.ca.gov****Senator.atkins@senate.ca.gov****Tara.McFee@sen.ca.gov****Janelle.miyashiro@sen.ca.gov****Robert.ingenito@sen.ca.gov****GovPressOffice@gov.ca.gov****Eleni.kounalakis@ltg.ca.gov****Deedee.myers@gobiz.ca.gov****Chair of Appropriations****Vice-Chair of Appropriations****Senate President pro Tempore****Senator Portantino Staff Member****Appropriations Committee Staff Member****Appropriations Committee Staff Member****Governor Press Office****Lt Governor****Governor’s Economic Advisor****Other acts under consideration that members should be contacting their Representatives about!!:*****H.R. 1282/SB.344 The Major Richard Star Act******H.R. 1413 Arlington National Cemetery (ANC)******H.R. 2537/SB. 1823 BAH Restoration Act******H.R. 3232/SB.1588 Respect for Grieving Military Families Act***

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[AB-1350 Veterans Memorials](#)
[AB 1361 California 100% rated Veterans Real Estate Exemption Act](#)
[SB 73 Employment Policy: Voluntary Veteran’s preference](#)
[SB-82 Property taxes: Disabled Veteran’s exemption; eligibility letters](#)
[AB 718 VALVET Study of Mental Health among Women Veteran](#)
[AB 883 Expedite Application in Department of Defense Skill Bridge program](#)
[Go to MOAA, VFW, DAV, and other Veterans Organization Legislative Sites and remain up-to-date on these and other bills, and contact your Representatives for support.](#)

[AB 988 Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act](#)
[SB-726 Property taxation: exemption: disabled homeowners, SB-811 Teacher Credentialing: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact](#)
[SB-871 Property taxation: homeowners/veterans/disabled veterans’ exemptions,](#)
[SCA-6 Property taxation: veterans exemption.](#)
[SJR-4 Veterans Health Care](#)
[H.R. 1277/SB. 596 Military Spouse Hiring Act](#)
[H.R. 1045/SB.956 TRICARE Young Adult](#)

[SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL \(SDMAC\) at \[admin@sdmac.org\]\(mailto:admin@sdmac.org\).](#)

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SDMAC worked to support several bills. [For additional information on current action on bills go to SDMAC website.](#)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

[In San Diego County](#), veterans are encouraged to visit the [VA Regional Office \(8810 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego\)](#) to complete their application and speak directly with representatives.

[If a Veteran needs a ride to their appointment](#), call 10 days, before their appointment to make an appointment with VA Transportation Department, [\(858\) 552-7506](tel:8585527506) to get the ride. Remember VA requires everyone to wear a mask.

[CALVET, Veteran Services: \[vetservices@calvet.ca.gov\]\(mailto:vetservices@calvet.ca.gov\)](#)

[CALVET Veterans Services. For those not receiving information from this organization, please go to their site, stay up to date on services provided. Major information is provided in their newsletters. Check Community Activity/Involvement Page 3 & 3A for additional websites and telephone numbers.](#) CALVET will continue to assist veterans in transition to next stage in lives through education/training opportunities. [Veterans Services Division](#) is hosting a **Correction Services JOB FAIR** at caltap@calvet.ca.gov, Post-9/11 GI Bill, Veterans Readiness & Employment, and CalVet Tuition Fee Waiver. Check CalTAP webpage for training opportunities, previously recorded webinars, and additional information.

“Moment that Matters Section

Service & Separation

Getting a Solid Start
 Apply for a Disability Rating
 Enrollment in VA Healthcare
 Legislative Actions

Post-Military Life

State & Federal Benefits
 Education
 Financial Literacy
 Home Loans

Retirement & aging

Health & Well Being
 Planning for Retirement
 Aging & End of Life Care
 Veterans’ Spouses & Their Families

February Anniversaries

Col DAN & SARA BURNETT
CDR DENNIS & AUDREY BETH DILUCENTE
LCDR ELMER & TERI GREEN

LCDR JOHN & MYRA HELTSLEY
LtCol WILLIAM & PATRICIA WALKER

February Birthdays

MR ROGER ANG
LCDR MICHAEL R BROWN
CAPT WILLIAM R CHISUM
MRS MICHELE COAST
MRS MARY DOYLE
MRS CAROL ERAZO
MRS CHRISTINE EZZARD
CDR JANET A GALLAGHER
MRS ROSEMARY GENGLER
MRS DIANA HILL

MRS JERI LYNN HOLM
MRS CAROL LINKE
MRS SIMMA NEMETH
MRS MARTHA RYAN
CPT DESIRAE STOREY-SMIDT
LCDR SAMUEL O STRONG
CAPT SHAUN SWARTZ
Maj FRANCIS M WIFLER
MRS REMY WIFLER



Dr. Jeffrey McIllwain

**Associate Professor Criminal Justice and Public Administration
School of Public Affairs, San Diego State University (SDSU)**

Dr. McIllwain is also a faculty fellow in the Weber Honors College at SDSU. Joined SDSU's School of Public Affairs in 2000, served as co-founder and former co-director of the Graduate Program in Homeland Security and former director of undergraduate International Security and Conflict Resolution Program. Also serves as fellow and adjunct faculty member in Irregular Warfare Program at Joint Special Operations University (JSOU), the war college for U.S. Special Operations Command, and as a violence and religion, organized crime and dark networks and history of crime, and contemporary history subject matter expert for the U.S. Marines. A historian and social scientist, his research focuses on theory of organized crime/dark networks/history of crime, criminal justice policy, and international/homeland security. His most recent book "Deconstructing Organized Crime: An Historical and Theoretical Study (with Joseph Albini)", was a 2014 nominee for outstanding book award by the American Society of Criminology. He is currently researching role and function of organized crime in war/intelligence operations, global history of organized crime and organizing crime as means to survive/evade/resist/escape totalitarian regimes. Winner of many teaching awards, currently teaches courses on warfare/military history/intelligence operations/organized crime/drug trafficking/policing transnational threats/dark networks/ and emergency management. He brings his whole-of-government/interdisciplinary approach to research projects related to border security, transnational crime, counterterrorism, humanitarian assistance, and disaster response with partners on public/private/ NGO sectors on the local, national, and global levels. He teaches summer study programs on WWI/WWII/Holocaust/Cold War in England, France, Belgium, and Poland. Previously taught study programs throughout Mexico on border security/ counternarcotics. Earned Ph.D. (Administration of Justice) from Pennsylvania State University, M.A. (Diplomatic History) from The Contemporary History Institute at Ohio University, M.A. (Biblical/Theological Studies) from Dallas Theological Seminary, B.A. (International Relations/Social Sciences/History) from University of Southern California. Completed graduate certificate study (policing/counterterrorism) at An Garda Siochana College in Republic of Ireland, and undergraduate certificate study (Roman History) from University of Cambridge England.

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2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade/Rank)/Name/Service</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>E-Mail Address</u>
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MOAA Miramar Chapter: The January 4 Meeting is a BOD. Reservations for Lunch February 1, (11:30 AM Social Time/12:00 PM Meal), at Admiral Baker Golf Club.

Please print Cost per person is \$25.00

Name of Member: _____ \$ _____

Name of Spouse: _____ \$ _____

Guests: How many? _____ \$ _____

Guest Name (s): _____

Donation to the eight High School JROTC Programs we support are always welcome. \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: (Miramar Chapter, MOAA) (See Zelle option below) TOTAL: \$ _____

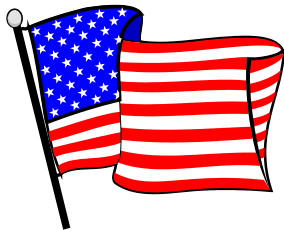
Tentative Menu: Chef Holiday Buffet Lunch with Dessert.
Vegetarian Meal optional: (How Many? ; _____)

<p>No refunds unless unusual circumstances are reported to Wes Schermann before day of event.</p>	<p>To RSVP if paying by Zelle, use "Note" feature. For questions concerning lunch reservations, contact Wes Schermann:</p> <p>E-mail: wscher73@aol.com Tel: (619) 672-8404.</p>	<p>Mail this form and check <u>(Miramar Chapter, MOAA)</u> for TOTAL amount to:</p> <p>Wes Schermann 11519 Fury Lane #73 El Cajon, CA 92019</p> <p>If you prefer to pay via the Zelle Banking App, send payment to miramarchapter@gmail.com.</p>
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If using the Zelle Banking App, use Note feature, specify payment for Lunch, JROTC, Donation, Dues, etc.
Reservations must be received by the Director of House and Reception (Wes Schermann), no later than Monday January 29, for February 1 Luncheon.

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MIRAMAR CHAPTER, THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA), RENEWAL/
APPLICATION FOR REGULAR, SURVIVING SPOUSE, ASSOCIATE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.
FOR RENEWAL PURPOSES ENTER ONLY THE INFO THAT HAS CHANGED.

NAME: _____ RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____ ANNIVERSARY MONTH: _____

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

Today's DATE: _____

ARE YOU NOW A NATIONAL MEMBER? YES ___ NO ___

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

ACTIVE DUTY/RETIRED/RESERVE/REGULAR/FORMER OFFICER (circle applicable)

CURRENT OCCUPATION & EMPLOYER: _____

Recruiting Sources: (TOPS; SETAP; Mail; Telephone; Chapter Member; Other)

*NAME OF CHAPTER MEMBER/RECRUITER: _____

Membership dues are; \$20 annual, \$35 two years and \$45 for three years (REGULAR)/\$12 annual, \$22 for two years, and \$30 for three years (SURVIVING SPOUSE/ASSOCIATE/HONORARY). Make check payable to: Miramar Chapter, MOAA. Mail application and check to: Miramar Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 45216, San Diego, CA 92145-0216.



The RENEWAL process is in action. MOAA's chapters over the years have provided critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Our benefits are under attack, and MOAA is fighting to preserve them, and **MOAA has made great progress this last year.** Chapter members let legislators know what is on their mind, open doors for MOAA legislative team in Washington D.C. MOAA members need to stick together, and chapters are the best way we know of. **MOAA chapters unite** active duty/former/retired officers from every branch (National Guard/Reserve/ Surviving Spouses included). This camaraderie allows connection with members of similar background and develop close and lasting friendships. Chapter Membership is critical to attaining that goal. If you have not renewed yet, and we have an email address on file for you, John Gorman has emailed you a reminder that your membership is up for renewal.

If you receive the Newsletter through regular mail, the mailing label displays the date the membership is expiring.

(Example)

Rank, Name, Service Exp: Month Year
Street
City, State, Zip

A renewal form/application is located on the last page of the Newsletter, on the website or may be received by contacting John Gorman, the Newsletter Editor, or President. You only need to fill in any info that has changed and mail it the PO Box listed on the form.

Everyone may also renew/apply online (as well as make a tax-deductible donation to our JROTC fund).

Please go to <https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx> and then:

1. Select; Renewal, California, and then Miramar Chapter and hit NEXT.
2. Then follow the instructions and fill out the data asked for. Have your Credit Card ready.

If you have a Zelle account, you can pay your dues via Zelle. Our Zelle email address is miramarchapter@gmail.com.

If you or a potential qualified individual have any questions concerning your membership, please contact John Gorman at jgorman1@san.rr.com.

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