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NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

And pick a main course when making reservations

President's Message:

This Month the San Pedro/South Bay Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) recognizes another significant military event from our Nation's past. 250 years ago, on 10 November 1775, The Continental Congress authorized the raising of two battalions of Marines. Their purpose was "to serve as an infantry unit aboard naval vessels". Marines were responsible for "the security of the ship and its crew by conducting offensive and defensive combat during boarding actions and defending the ship's officers from mutiny. A prominent young gentleman from Philadelphia--Samuel Nicholas--was commissioned a Captain of Marines, and began recruiting from a Tavern--Tun Tavern.



At our November Meeting, I propose that we raise our glasses to salute the brave Americans who served and fought in our proud United States Marine Corps.

Parking will be validated. Be sure to carry your parking ticket with you into the hotel.

Warm regards,
Jack Pharris

Dinner Meetings: Jan. through Nov. our Dinner Meetings start at 6:30pm the third Friday of each month at the restaurant noted in the newsletter. Our December meeting is Brunch usually 11am on the 2nd Sunday. Check newsletter.

Please make reservations:

Procedures: Jan-Nov please make reservations in accordance with the instructions below the menu.

Late reservations and cancellations are acceptable. Contact Sheri at 310-948-2436 or Sherriljean@aol.com.

Donations: If you have new or used clothing or Household Items you would like to donate to a Veteran's Organization please contact, our President, Bob Ettinger at 310-541-8625.

A Charity Donation letter for Income Tax purposes will be provided.

Ride Sharing: If you are a member who would like to attend our dinner meeting, but are unable to drive here, please call a chapter officer who will try to arrange for your dinner meeting transportation with another member.

Change of Status Notification:

If you know of a member who has passed on, please call one of the Chapter officers listed on our letterhead.

Attention:

Please send your email address and cell phone number to our Data Base Manager, Harry Axelrod at hiaxelrod@earthlink.net so it can be included in our Official Use Only database.

Also please note in the email if you would like to receive our Newsletter by mail (i.e. Postal service).

Monthly Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Chapter Board will be at the Restaurant 30 minutes prior to the Attitude Adjustment Period for our dinner meeting. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER 21 DINNER MEETING

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD

We are still attempting to get a speaker for our November dinner.

Dress: Business attire or MOAA shirt & jacket

Location: **Torrance Doubletree Hotel**

21333 Hawthorne Blvd

Torrance, CA 90505

Attitude Adjustment Period: 6:30 p.m.

Announcements: 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:05 p.m.

Menu: Iced tea, hot tea, and coffee, **Appetizer** Caesar Salad

Choice of Entrée **NOTE: All entrees can be prepared Gluten Free (advise Sheri when placing your order please)**

- **8oz Filet, Mashed potatoes seasonal vegetable**
- **Braised Short Rib, Mashed potatoes seasonal vegetable**
- **Roasted Chicken, Fingerling potatoes tossed in Garlic sauce and parmesan cheese**

Dinner Price: \$60. You may pay at the door before 6:50 pm.

Please TEXT or Voice Mail Sheri Thompson at 310 948-2436 with your Reservation (commitment to pay) and menu choice or Cancellation no later than noon the Wednesday before the dinner. Cancellations acknowledged by Sheri will be accepted.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Quilts of Valor

By: Susan R. Collins

Sewing has been a part of my life since I was 10 years old. I have fond memories of the hum of the old Singer treadle machine and the little patterns I cut out and sewed for my Barbie dolls.

Over the ensuing years, sewing clothing, Halloween costumes, and many curtains and drapes and mending clothes for family and friends became a joy and a necessity as our military family moved every few years within the states and Europe.

Then, about 25 years ago, I was given hand-appliquéd fabric squares designed and stitched by my husband's grandmother. The colorful and thought-out squares each depicted a time in her life, culminating to 10 beautiful works of art and fond memories.

I envisioned assembling the squares into a quilt, creating a legacy of wonderful memories, dedication to a life well lived, providing warmth and love. My quilt journey had begun, and it soon introduced me to a wonderful organization called [Quilts of Valor \(QoV\)](#).

The mission of QoV is to cover servicemembers and veterans touched by war with "comforting and healing Quilts of Valor." The organization has chapters throughout the U.S.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

By George and Sheri Thompson



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Happy Veterans Day



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November 2025 Newsletter
Please RSVP for the dinner meeting with your menu choices by Wednesday Noon before the meeting.
Dues, Charity and JROTC donations may also be paid using the form below.

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Moved? Let us know. The Post Office will not forward Newsletters even if you have submitted a "Change of Address" form.



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2026 Membership Application

New Member Renewal* Reinstating

*** If renewing: Please fill in Name and only information that has changed.**

Send this form with a check payable to:

SP/SB MOAA to: SP/SB Chapter MOAA, PO Box 601, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Name _____ Nickname _____ Branch of service _____ Rank _____

Retired Active Reserve National Guard Former Auxiliary (surviving spouse) Associate (spouse)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) (_____) _____ (W) (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Email (please print) _____ Send Newsletter by: email (saves \$\$) mail both

Birth Month _____ Spouse's Name _____ Birth Month _____

Recruited by _____ Current MOAA Member number _____ **TOTAL \$** _____

Annual chapter dues:

Please check one

- Chapter Membership \$ 40/year
- Chapter Surviving Spouse \$ 10/year

I would like to:

- Contribute to chapter JROTC Scholarships Program \$ _____
- Contribute to chapter Veterans Charity Programs \$ _____
- Serve on the Board or help with other projects.