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President's Letter

Happy Valentine's Day! Yes, it's that time of year when we remind others how much we appreciate having them in our lives. Whether we are reminding our spouse, children, grandchildren, family member, significant other, neighbor, coworker or anyone else in our lives, sharing the positive emotions of love, friendship and understanding are the cornerstones of "Serving Others". Since MOAA's mission of "Continuing to Serve" dictates that we assume the mantel of serving others, we can start by letting them know of their importance within our lives. As was pointed out in last month's Coastal Clarion, the Central California Coast Chapter of MOAA will continue to focus on specific steps that we can take to engage the following generations of our military . . . by letting **them** know that we care. Consider giving a Veteran a Valentine . . . a small personal act that could have a big impact on a Veteran in need.

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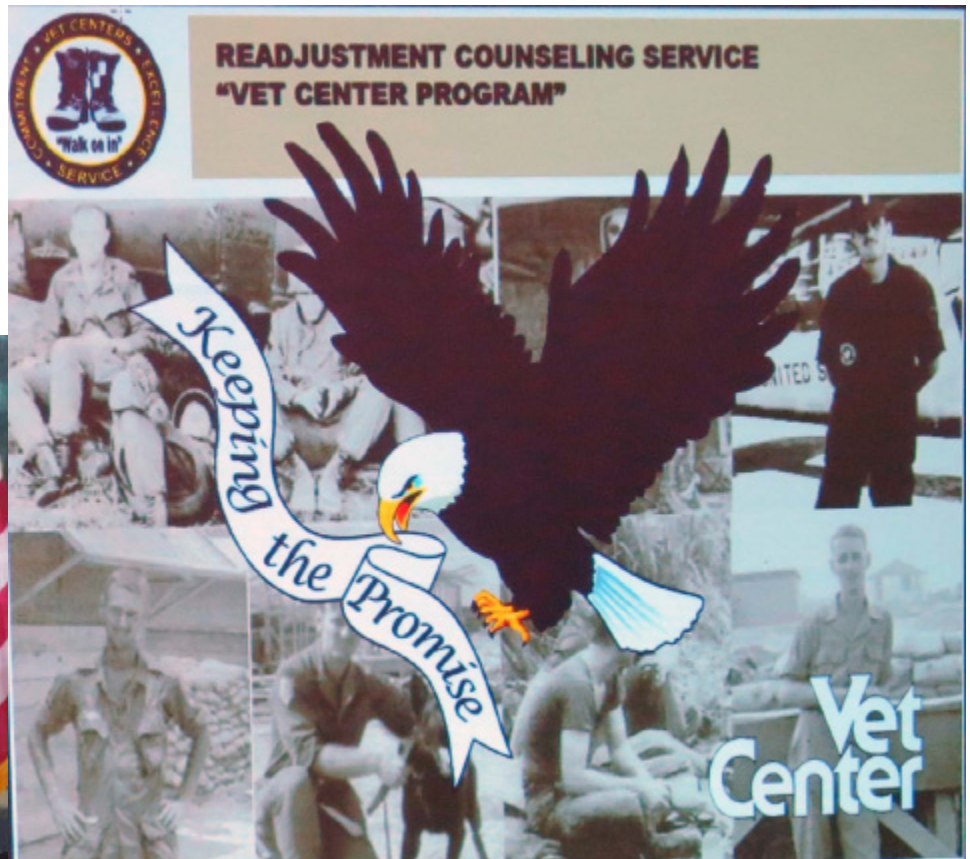
Last month's luncheon speaker, Mike Young, Director of the San Luis Obispo Vet Center, and a former Marine, was very well received. Not only was Mike's presentation professional, truly engaging and informative, but the Q & A session that followed provided specific answers and follow-up steps to several important questions from our Chapter's members. More info about the Vet Center enclosed in this newsletter.

Last year Dottie and I attended a Mighty Oaks Graduation Ceremony here in SLO County, and to put it mildly, we were both positively impacted by the success of this *Faith Based* approach of dealing with the demons of war that can live within us. Be prepared to become engaged at a level that may rekindle thoughts of your prior Military experiences and the emotions that can be evoked. There are ample opportunities to find additional ways for each of us to effectively, "Continue to Serve".

February's luncheon will be a presentation by Maj. Jamie Warner, USMC (Fmr.) from the Mighty Oaks Warrior Program. While on Active Duty Jamie served as a CH-53 Pilot, and he now lives in Atascadero and works with Mighty Oaks in reminding active duty, reserve and former service members that, "No Warrior Fights Alone".

Sincerely, Capt. Dave

P.S. Later in this issue please note the updated process for making your luncheon reservations.



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RADM Allen Williams, CAPT. Milton Batsor,
LTC Vernon Black, LCDR Don Shields,
BG Larry Della Bitta, RADM James Gleim*

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*Nancy & Gerritt Vanderziel,
Stella & Gordon Domingues,
Clarice & Wayne Handshy,
Mary Jane & Edward Caustin,
Lee & Walter Schob*

Note new payment options

FRIDAY, February 10TH, 2017 - LUNCHEON

Where: Madonna Inn, San Luis Obispo, CA
Time: 11:30 Social 12:00 Lunch & Program

Name: _____

____ # for Lunch (Chef's Choice) ____ or (Veggie Plate) _____

Please make your reservations by calling Richard Ennes (805) 227-7138. OR Ken Chapman 805-489-8214. Or make reservations via our Chapter website www.calcoastmoaa.org

Luncheon \$25 per person _____
Member Chapter Dues \$25 _____
AUX Member \$15 _____
ROTC Awards Fund \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "CCCC MOAA"

Wearing your uniform is encouraged.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EXCOM Mtg. Jan 31st @ 9:00 am

Luncheon Feb.10th, 11:30 am

All regular meetings and luncheons
are held at the Madonna Inn
in San Luis Obispo

**CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA • PREAMBLE**

The membership of the Central California Coast Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, in order:

- To inculcate and stimulate love of our Country and our Flag;
- To defend the honor, integrity and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States;
- To advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country and to oppose any influence (whatsoever) calculated to weaken the National Security;
- To foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are drawn;
- To cooperate fully with the various active services in the dissemination of information to the public;
- To aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which our members are drawn, their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner;
- To establish these, as the bylaws of the chapter.



Vet Center

The Vet Center is a part of the Veterans Administration but an autonomous entity that is capable of maintaining very strict confidentiality for the veterans being supported. The Vet Center is a readjustment counseling service dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol & drug assessment, and suicide prevention.

Veterans that served on active duty in a war zone against a hostile force are eligible for the services of the Vet Center, as well as their family members. Service members that provided medical care to the casualties of war are also eligible for services at a Vet Center. Any veteran seeking help for military sexual trauma is automatically eligible for care. Members of the family of a veteran who died on active duty are eligible for bereavement counseling.

The San Luis Obispo office is located at 1070 Southwood Drive (805.782.9101). Their hours can be flexible depending on the need.