YOUR 2009 DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter and if an 08 appears beside your name, your chapter membership will expire on January 1, 2009. (Chapter dues are separate from National MOAA dues.)

Your membership in our chapter is very important to us, to our community and to the legislative agenda of National MOAA. Let me explain:

- Your membership is important to the chapter because it provides resources to assist our support of two Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) units -- one in Coronado and the other in Imperial Beach, and a Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
- Your membership is important to the community because it provides us the human resources to remain viable and continue our support of several initiatives – key among them the Memorial Day Service.
- Your membership is also critical to the legislative agenda of our national organization. All politics is local and legislators respond to the number of voters supporting a particular position. They know that we vote and that we influence the vote of family, friends and neighbors.

The legislative agenda will be particularly important over the next few years. Pressure on the budget is sure to create calls to reduce or eliminate hard earned benefits for retired military personnel (it's already happening) and the bow wave that's been caused by delaying the purchase of needed new equipment will create pressure to cap personnel costs for our active duty and reserve members. Again, numbers count – and we vote.

All in all, chapter membership is a real bargain at $10.00 for regular membership and $5 for auxiliary (surviving spouse) membership, or you can pay for four years dues and get the fifth year free (see below). You may use the form on page seven of "SOUNDINGS" to pay your 2008 dues or use the form below. We thank you!

2009 Dues ($10 for members, $5 for Auxiliary) $_____
($40 for 5 years) ($20for 5 years)

Donation to NJROTC (Coronado and Mar Vista High Schools) $_____

Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Coronado Battalion $_____

MOAA Scholarship Fund $_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: $_____

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