



# Sergeants Major Association Newsletter

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## President's Corner:

It seems like summer came and went far too quickly. On August 4th I had the pleasure to attend A Senior Leaders Workshop at the JFTB Veterans Center. **CSM (Ret) Bob Delaney**, **CSM (Ret) Gary White** and **CSM (Ret) Stu Fuller** reviewed the Four

Cs (Courage, Commitment, Candor and Competence). A big "thank you" goes to these retired CSMs who shared their many years of soldier experiences with our future leaders.

Our 45th Annual Conference (24-26 August) in Long Beach is a distant memory. Although we "tagged on" to the EANGUS 41st National Conference, we maintained our own identity. **1SG (Ret) Ken Wahl** organized another successful "Swing for the Chaplain's Fund Golf Tournament" on Friday morning. Through **SGM (Ret) Andy Strauss'** "Hollywood Connections, we had the use of commercial refrigeration, bar "furniture," vans and a superb sound system. **Thank you, Andy.** I wish to express my sincere appreciation to **CSM Ron Cabrera**, Southern Chapter Vice President, for organizing the Hospitality Room at the Hilton Hotel. He "rounded up" the helpers who "manned" the refreshment stations. A special "thank

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## President's Coin is Passed

**1SG Reggie Jones** received his Past President's Coin from **MSG (Ret) Lorie Clayton** at the 45th Annual SMA Conference in Long Beach. We welcome Reggie back from his recent deployment and look forward to his contributions a Junior SMA Trustee.

Sergeants Major Association  
**Mid-Year Meeting**  
 15-17 February 2013  
 Camp Roberts  
 Make your room reservations!  
 805-238-8312

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you” goes to **Ms. Cindy Osgood** who was the driving force in keeping the refreshment area stocked. She and her assistants, **CSM (Ret) Gerald Luncford**, and **CSM Vickie Dunlap-Jones** kept the troops well sated. Our Friday evening “Fiesta Night” (hosted by the Southern Chapter) was appreciated by all who attended. I also thank **Linda Cabrera** for helping with the set-up and clean-up of the event. The Hilton Hotel provided a bountiful Continental breakfast on Saturday morning as well as the Italian and Asian food stations on Saturday evening. The desserts were scrumptious.

On 4 October, I had the privilege of attending the Women’s Leadership Conference in Sacramento at the DoubleTree Hotel. This event was hosted and organized by the California Department of Veterans Affairs under the direction of **Ms. Lindsey Sin**. Panelists and presenters ranged from an Academy graduate, attorneys, a mayor, clergy and many combat veterans who shared their experiences with the attendees.

As the Holiday Season approaches and the year 2012 comes to an end, I wish all a Healthy and Happy 2013. I look forward to seeing you at **Camp Roberts 15-17 February for our Mid-Year Meeting**.

**MSG (Ret) Lorie Clayton**  
President

## Vice President’s Corner

Planning for the Mid-Year Meeting is well underway and we’re looking forward to seeing everyone next year at Camp Roberts on the weekend of 15-17 February 2013. Mark your calendars!

This is what we have going so far. We have arranged for our members to stay

## In Memoriam

**CSM Andrew Tyra Jr.**

April 8, 1929 - June 10, 2012

Charter Member

His memory lives on in this Association in which he served for so many years. His loss will be felt not only by his peers and friends but also by the many who never knew him, yet were still influenced to be better Soldiers and leaders because of his leadership, wisdom, and devotion to duty.

on post in billeting or at the RV Park. Please contact Cathie at 805-238-8312 for reservations.

15 February will be the kickoff for Registration around 1700hrs that evening. Registration is scheduled to be at BLDG 805. The structure is currently being renovated but the DPW is working to ensure it will be finished by the Mid-Year. If for some reason work isn’t complete by then, we will be able to utilize the Gym or another building as a backup plan.

We will conduct the first session in the RTSM Classroom, BLDG #6428, from 0800hrs until approximately 1500hrs. We have invited MG Haskins to be our guest speaker.

I have reserved a conference room for the SMA Auxiliary to conduct its meeting. As usual, a continental breakfast with coffee, tea and water will be available for both groups. We will have lunch at the new dining facility along Arizona Blvd.

In the afternoon portion of the session, I have made arrangements for us to visit the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF) project site out near Bee Rock and Canyon Road.

After the first session we will enjoy our Saturday evening with a Western Style BBQ at BLDG # 805 or the Patio of

the new DFAC. On Sunday the 17th, we have arranged for breakfast at the dining facility. I look forward to this event and it will be great to see the progress of demolition of the World War II Barracks along Montana Blvd...

Did I mention marking your calendars for the weekend of February 15 – 17th?

I hope you have a joyous Holiday Season!

**CSM Adam B. Walker, SMA VP**  
ESSAYONS!

### *Need to apply for a new Military ID card or update your DEERS Enrollment?*

There’s a new form to use

The DD Form 1172, (Sep 2005) “Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card DEERS Enrollment” was officially decommissioned October 16, 2012. The updated DD Form 1172-2 (Apr 2012), “Application for Identification Card/DEERS Enrollment,” now serves as the application for DEERS enrollment, eligibility update, and ID card issuance.

The form is available online at [www.dtic.mil/dtic/](http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/). Type the address into your web browser address bar, and search for DD form 1172-2 in the search bar at the top of the page.

## Northern Chapter Corner

The Army as a Profession: As some of you may or may not know the Army is looking at how we as Soldiers can validate what it means to be a Professional. The following are excerpts from Center for the Army Profession and Ethic (CAPE) Combined Arms Center (CAC) and Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC)

“The Army Profession is a Vocation”

A vocation is a calling to undertake a specific kind of work. Army Soldiers have answered the call of the people of the United States and their leaders. The Army establishes a professional culture and identity. This culture cultivates altruism, selfless service to the Nation, and ethos toward the Army and its mission. It sponsors continuous self-assessment, learning, and development that together enable the Army to be an adaptive, learning profession. Within that culture, members of the profession create an identity with a sense of calling and ownership over the advancement of the profession and the exemplary performance of its members, and serve in a brotherhood/sisterhood of fellow professionals with a shared sense of calling. The vocation requires a balance where effectiveness prevails over efficiency and places primary importance on maintaining the profession through investing in the development of its members.

“The Army profession campaign is as much about dialog and reflection as it is about research and analysis. But most importantly, this campaign is about the actions we will take to improve our profession. Therefore, the end of year report to senior leaders will ultimately change doctrine, leader development, training, education, evaluation, selection, and promotion. As we move forward, I ask each and every Soldier and all

Army civilians to take ownership of our profession and think deeply about how you want to improve our Army. Then, I invite you to join the conversation as we build the strongest, most capable, and adaptable force ever imagined.”

Robert W. Cone  
General, U.S. Army  
Commanding General  
U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

What a great opportunity to help to define what the Army profession means and how we as individual Soldiers contribute to our society. I encourage you to visit CAPE’s website [cape.army.mil](http://cape.army.mil)

Stay Safe  
Happy Holidays

Andres Roman  
40TH Infantry Division  
Command Sergeant Major

## Central Chapter Corner

Happy Holidays to Central Chapter members. It’s that time of year for families and friends to come together in love and friendship to give thanks for the wonderful blessing that we share. What a great time we had at the EANGUS conference for those who attended. I had the opportunity to reach every area’s hospitality room and talk with soldiers from all over the U.S. These soldiers are totally committed to enhancing the soldiers/airmen/marines/seamen and NCOs of their respective services. As a fly on the wall, I picked up great Intel for my soldiers and big Army. I personally wish to thank all of those who made this event possible from California’s president to the soldiers in ranks who, without their support, this wouldn’t have been possible.

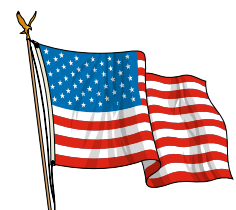
It is with extreme sadness that I announce the death of two soldiers under my command within five days of each

other. One soldier, age 22, committed suicide on the 19th of September and the other, age 29, on the 23rd of September. My fellow soldiers in arms, it is imperative for us to engage with our soldiers to ensure they are aware of our empathy for them and their needs. There is no room for suicide on the lips of any soldier, let alone a citizen of this great nation of ours. I pray that I have the wisdom to say the right things at the right time; that I may help an individual in his/her time of need. Let’s work together to ensure our soldiers, families and friends know they have someone to talk to when they are feeling especially down at times. May the Lord work through us to help His children in their times of stress and confusion.

Next year’s SMA conference is on us, the Central Chapter. Since I found out that I will not deploy in 2013, I can devote my total attention to this end. I did a recon at one hotel that is right on the beach in Monterey. I will continue to research a few others before the end of the month to tie down a venue. Central Chapter members, I will call on you in the near future to help with the decision to host the event and to ensure an awesome product next year.

Once again, let us cherish this coming season with family and friends, giving thanks and hugs to all of us who can use one and let’s not forget those who are alone or find themselves in unusual circumstances in our relationships and our elderly parents, uncles and aunts. May God Bless you and your family.

**SGM Carlos Fernandez,**  
Central Chapter Vice President



## Southern Chapter Corner:

Greetings All

As the 2012 Calendar year comes to a close, the SMA Southern Chapter broke ground by hosting two leadership events that impacted soldiers. Retired Command Sergeants Major Terry Williams, Gerald Lunceford, Gary White, Robert Delaney and Stu Fuller bestowed years of experience with lectures on NCO Corps values and other significant information. The attendees were pleased by showing the potential this partnership has. Just think about what can be done by uniting past and present NCOs. Such an event is easily duplicated and the SMA can lend a hand. Thank you to MSG Mark Kellam for hosting the August 4th session.

I want to express my sincere thanks to our President, Lorie Clayton, Treasurer Chuck Massicotte, and Secretary Linda Korbel, as well as to

key volunteers CSM Refugio Rosas, CSM Robert Crebbs and 1SG (Ret.) Bill Doss for helping execute our Aug 24-25 Long Beach SMA annual conference. Behind the scenes, our former president Andy Strauss coordinated resources and worked tirelessly to the very end. Our conference hospitality room was festive with CSM (Ret.) Gerald Lunceford and Ms. Cindy Osgood keeping the customers served. We were impressed that CSM (Ret.) Mark Weaver and his wife Judy attended as he was presented his gold card membership. The food was exceptional and well appreciated by the soldiers supporting the EANGUS conference. The back-to-back SMA and EANGUS conference made a point of the importance of professional associations. Each in its uniqueness serves a purpose to our quality of life and professional development. Our growth is contingent upon our membership and involvement. Moreover, the synergy of our members is virtually untapped as to how we can take the SMA even

further toward the betterment of the National Guard NCO Corps. Your ideas and input count and are always welcome. Feel free to contact me at 714-319-3923 or [ronald.d.cabrera@us.army.mil](mailto:ronald.d.cabrera@us.army.mil).

Each newsletter edition brings information to share. This one is dedicated to our Wounded Warriors. Please get the word out about those needing aesthetic facial restoration. I had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Susan Church who volunteered time and resources free of charge to help our Armed Services. Her work is incredible. She can be reached at 949-548-6447, [susanchurcheducation@yahoo.com](mailto:susanchurcheducation@yahoo.com). Place of business: 350 East 17th St. Suite 110, Costa Mesa, CA 92627.

The best to you during the holidays. If you know of a Veteran alone during the holiday season, consider inviting them to join your dinner table.

**Ron Cabrera**

Vice President, Southern Chapter

## Chaplain's Fund Report

1 January through 15 November 2012

Through November 15th this year, we have approved 61 Chaplains fund requests, making 94 separate payments for a total of \$53,723.00 in payouts.

The payments were used help with rent, mortgage payments, medical, dental and auto insurance premium payments, auto and medical insurance deductibles, and utilities.

## Chaplain's Fund Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1 Jan 2012.....	83,712.00
Donations.....	15,075.00
Repayments.....	2,172.00
Golf Tourney Receipts.....	4,830.00
Golf Tourney Expense.....	2,873.00
Payouts.....	53,723.00
Balance as of 15 Nov 2012.....	49,193.00

**Chuck Massicotte**, Treasurer



**CSM (Ret) Robert Delaney**, Senior SMA Trustee presented the SMA Membership Certificate and SMA Belt Buckle to **MSG (P) Lionel M. Kellam**, HHC, 1/140th AHB on 4 August 2012 at the JFTB Veterans Center.

## SMA Charter Member Receives “Legion d’honneur”



**CSM (Ret) Daniel R. Soria**, one of our Association’s **Charter Members**, was honored on 20 November 2011 when the **Consul General of France, Romain Sermon** personally presented the “Legion d’honneur” or Legion of Honor to him. The “Legion” is France’s highest order (decoration) that recognizes military and civilians alike for their bravery or honorable service to the country. CSM Soria earned that distinction at 12:01 am on 6 June 1944 (D-Day) by jumping into the Normandy darkness as a member of the 101st Airborne Division while encountering much anti-aircraft fire. He was 21 kilometers from his drop zone which was near St. Mere Eglise. Since he and his fellow parachutists could not locate their howitzer guns, they became Infantry. CSM Soria was in several different POW camps in France. He “slipped” out to Germany in box cars for four days -sometimes being strafed and bombed by “friendly forces.” He spent the remainder of his capture at various Stalags. He escaped 15 May 1945 and came home on 3 June 1945. CSM Soria accepted the “Legion” on behalf of 97 of his buddies who did not come back. It is an honor to have CSM Dan Soria as a **Charter Member of this Association**. Thank you for your service.

## New Members

We wish a warm welcome to the following new members who joined us since the publication of our last newsletter.

### Annual Members

NAME	UNITS	SPONSOR	DATE
SGM Nelson Reyes	185th MP Bn	CSM Coltrell	25 Aug 2012
CMSGT Cindy L. Downing	JFHQ	CSM Clark	25 Aug 2012
SFC Frank Rocha	HHC MTC Cp Roberts	1SG Black	18 Aug 2012
SFC Kristy Livingston	746th CSSB	CSM Rosas	7 Aug 2012
SFC Eva Rodriguez	Co B 640th ASB	1SG Ousley	30 June 2012
MSG Lionel M. Kellum	HHC 1/140TH AHB	CSM Eck	21 June 2012
1SG Fernando Magallanes	140th MAC 578 EN BN	CSM Whittle	15 June 2012

## Thank You!

It is most appropriate that this month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving that we give thank those who have so very generously donated to the Chaplain’s Fund. Many more individuals and families have contributed than we can show here. Listed below are those individuals and organizations that have contributed \$100.00 or more. Many of them made multiple donations.

**Aleea Brewer**  
**James Delk**  
**Jan Dietz**  
**Patricia Dougherty**  
**Clark D. Haas**  
**Roger Hendrickson**

**Dan Keller**  
**Mary J. Kight**  
**Chuck Massicotte**  
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**R.C. Standing**  
**Mark Weaver**

**Frank A. Wolf**  
**Carol Ann Young**  
**Military Department Employee Council**  
**National Guard Association of California**  
**Southern California Advisory Council**  
**Los Alamitos AFRC Protestant Chapel**

And a very special thanks to our members, who have so far this year donated over \$3,720.00 by adding a little extra to their dues payments.

Individuals and organizations who donated during the “Swing for the Chaplain’s Fund” Golf Tournament are acknowledged in the “Swing for the Chaplain’s Fund” Article found elsewhere in the newsletter.

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\* Denotes Change

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## DD 214s Available On Line

It's official – DD 214s are now available on line. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD214s on line at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. Type this address into your web browser address bar to get to the VA website to request your 214s online.

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of their DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new on-line military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the on-line website. Because the requestor will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center mailroom and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.



## Swing For the Chaplain Fund

The Sergeants Major Association Annual Swing for the Chaplain's Fund Golf Tournament was held at the Recreation Park 18 Golf Course in Long Beach on August 24, 2012. This year's event was in conjunction with the 2012 EANGUS National Conference hosted by the California Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. Several participants from the National Conference showed up early in Southern California to participate. Numerous corporate sponsors donated some nice gifts. Consequently, no one went home disappointed. This annual event earned nearly \$3,000 for the SMA Chaplain's Fund. Even the first place team donated their winnings back to the Fund. A slight scoring error was reviewed, and in the end, the team of Walker, London, Roman and Eckert were declared the first place winners by less than one stroke (Ken's modified handicapping system). The Sergeants Major Association would like to thank the following individuals, groups and businesses for support of our event.

James Delk

Bill Selling

John DeCastro – Tee Sponsor

Keith Jones – 40th ID and Camp Roberts

Mike Brown – Thin Air Inc.

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John Jackson – Closest to Pin Sponsor

Mark Sharon – 149th Armor Regiment

Dave Eckert, Hal London, Joe Menard, Andy Roman, & Adam Walker  
– Longest Drive Sponsors.

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“We, the Sergeants Major of the California National Guard, being desirous of improving the status and image of the National Guard and promoting the well-being, welfare and qualifications of the enlisted members of the National Guard, dedicate ourselves to maintaining the professionalism required of us and pledge ourselves to the creed.”

# Join the SMA

Application For Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member Name/Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Basic Pay Entry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Military Status:  M-Day  Tech  AGR  Retired

Branch of Service:  Army  Air Force Other \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Beneficiary: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enter dates in this format: DD/MMM/YYYY**

**Regular Members** fill out this application and enclose it with a payment of \$50.00 to cover initiation fee and one year's dues.

**Associate Members** Please complete the application and enclose payment of one year's dues as follows:

Enlisted members not eligible for regular membership - \$25.00.

All others - \$100.00

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Individual and group donations to the Chaplain's Fund are greatly appreciated.

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