President’s Message

I hope all of you had a joyous holiday season. The year 2015 was a productive year for the Department. From a financial standpoint, your Department is in great shape, despite receiving no rebates from National for several years. We’ve been able to reduce our expenditures for the most part so that they do not exceed our income. Thanks to the overwhelming response from our members who elected to receive the Sentinel digitally, we’ve been able to significantly reduce the costs of distributing the Sentinel. And by utilizing a new vendor, we were able to reduce production costs also. As production and distribution of the Sentinel is our greatest expense these changes have enabled us to keep costs within our income flow. Wise investment by our Treasurer, Colonel Richard H. Keagy, has made it possible for the Department to have a positive cash flow despite the lack of rebates. LCDR Art Curtis is working on getting us a faster and more efficient email system. We’re also in the process of developing our Department web site. 

While on vacation in Hawaii, I met with the officers of the ROA Department of Hawaii. We discussed numerous ROA issues as well as issues common to both our Departments. I provided them information about the Department of the Golden West (DoGW) and asked them to consider merging with us. They will consider the proposition.

The Department Fall Council was attended by 9 members, barely providing a quorum. Discussion was had as to whether the location was an issue in the lack of attendance. We discussed whether in the future meetings should be held in local hotels in more
populous locations (San Diego, Sacramento, Las Vegas, Fresno, L.A. etc.); on military bases (Vandenberg, March ARB, Lemoore NAS, Camp San Louis Obispo, etc.); some combination thereof; and conducting perhaps only one meeting, the Convention, a year. Although the meetings are to conduct the business of the Department, they are also an opportunity to network, socialize with old friends, make new friends and see other areas of our 2 states with a tax break. LTC Robinson puts in an inordinate amount of time and energy in setting up our meetings to have only 9 members (which include your DoGW officers) show up for the meeting. Please, give us your thoughts. It is, after all, your Department. We want your active participation.

Our Department Convention is 22-24 April 2016 in San Diego, CA at the Holiday Inn Bayside. This will be an excellent opportunity to bring the family and spend a few extra days in “America’s Finest City”. San Diego has much to offer any tourist with a world class zoo and Safari Park, Balboa Park, the USS Midway, Horton Plaza, PETCO Park and much more. This will also be an outstanding opportunity to meet with and welcome our incoming Department President, CAPT Rafael Ortiz, USCGR (Ret.), who commences his 2-year term at the conclusion of the Convention. Make your plans to attend now. I look forward to seeing you!

Message From The Department Past President And Meetings Chair
LTC Ken Robinson, US Army (Ret.)
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Happy New Year! What a great pre-Christmas I experienced. I was invited to the 79th Sustainment Support Command Dining Out, Friday, 04 December, as well as the Change of Command the following day! What an honor! We (ROA) were the only military service organization invited. I was able to get COL Rick Garza added to the invitation list. Traditionally, no one outside of the command is invited to the dining outs. I believe we were invited because ROA has made great strides with this command and the support we have provided to it. I was also able to attend Chapter 53’s Christmas Party, Saturday, 05 December. On Sunday, 06 December, I experienced WWII re-enactors at Ft Rosecrans (Cabrillo National Monument), San Diego. Monday, 07 December, before departing back to Tucson, I attended the Pearl Harbor Ceremony on the USS Midway Museum. We (ROA) receive invitations from various organizations for events because some of us are (or get) involved.

What will it take for you to get involved? When was the last time you contacted your local chapter president or other chapter members. Do you have recommendations for locations for our Department Conventions or Fall Council Meetings? Let me know. What other ideas do you have to make chapter or department meetings interesting enough to encourage you to attend? You are truly missing out meeting fellow members, networking, fun, as well volunteer opportunities that might include mentoring a young officer or learning how to resolve a legislative issue.

I have scheduled the Spring Convention and Joint Officer Professional Development Seminar (JOPDS) Program for 22-24 April 2016 at the San Diego Holiday Inn Bayside.
Details are included in this Sentinel. Further, we are going back to Nellis AFB, NV, 21-23 October 2016. We will conduct a JOPDS Program as well as a Fall Council Meeting that weekend. Please get the word out to junior officers for these fine teaching and learning events (JOPDS). Place these dates on your schedules to attend!!

Will you volunteer to represent our vital organization and market us at various reserve / guard centers?? Contact me!!

TWO YEARS LATER
March Air Reserve Base Medical Reservists
Still Seek Inactive Duty Training Site

By Captain Jerry E. Kromrey, USAFR (Ret)
Department Public Affairs Officer
and Membership Coordinator

Camp San Luis Obispo, California -- 9 November 2013 – According to Captain Yolanda Garcia, an Air Force Reserve Nurse at March Air Reserve Base (ARB), California, there was not in 2013 . . . [and is not today two (2) years later] . . . an accessible medical facility for March ARB reserve medical professionals to perform monthly inactive duty for training (IDT). The only light at the end of the tunnel was and is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Facility in nearby Loma Linda, California.

This issue surfaced during the 9 November 2013 Department Fall Council Air Section meeting at Camp San Luis Obispo, California. So the "Mission Impossible" was and is, “How to make the Loma Linda VA Medical Facility an authorized IDT site for March ARB medical professionals?”

Impact of no action: Non-participating -- displaced -- Air Force Reserve health care professionals -- unable to access authorized medical “drill sites” risk -- (a) premature transfer to the Air Force Reserve’s Non-Affiliated Reserve Section (NARS) and/or the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) -- (b) subsequent transfer to the Inactive Status List Reserve Section (ISLRS) and -- (c) ultimate discharge from the uniformed services for non-participation -- prior to attaining retirement eligibility . . . [Reserve Life]. In theory, the loss of otherwise qualified medical professionals – under these circumstances – could also degrade unit effectiveness and readiness . . . [Reserve Strength].

Unique Situation: March ARB -- as a reserve base -- has no base housing – therefore has no resident on-base “patient population” -- and therefore has no military medical treatment facility as you would expect to find at a major active duty installation. The reported 5,000 plus base population commutes from the local area.

So that returns us to the three (3) March Air Reserve Base Air Force Reserve Medical Squadrons with no place to drill -- when not deployed -- and no on-base patient population requiring their services.

Subsequent to the 2013 Department Fall Council it was learned that (a) Statutory authority existed -- 38 United States Code (USC) Section 8111 -- Sharing of Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense health care resources – and (b) Guidance for a Joint Agreement between the 452nd Medical Group (USAFR) and the VA Loma Linda Health Care System also existed.

Therefore, a legal framework potentially existed for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between March ARB and the Loma Linda VA -- that would authorize the Loma Linda VA to function as an IDT facility -- and solve the problem – without the need for an ROA Resolution or Congressional input.
Status as of 29 November 2015 -- A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the March ARB Medical Units and the Loma Linda VA has been drafted and is in coordination and review.

Estimated Completion Date (ECD): An ECD has not been announced.

Why should ROA care? As the Reserve Component’s Advocate, ROA’s two-fold mission is:
- Preserve Reserve Strength by keeping the March ARB Medical Response Force intact
- Enhance Reserve Life by creating new outside-the-box medical career opportunities

THE ROA DEPARTMENT OF THE GOLDEN WEST
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We appreciate any comments concerning our coverage.

CALIFORNIA STATE COMMANDERS VETERANS COUNCIL REPORT

LCDR Art Curtis, USCGR (Ret.) - Council Legislative Officer awcurtis@comcast.net

The council had another very busy and successful legislative year in Sacramento. We actively evaluated over 90 different California State Senate and Assembly bills relating to Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard members and issues.

Of those bills, Governor Jerry Brown signed virtually all of them that came to his desk into law. The majority of other bills still residing in either body of the legislature are considered as two-year bills and may be taken up during the 2nd session of the current legislature year just begun.

LTC Bev Houghton, USA (Ret.) and I will continue to represent ROA on the council in 2016.

We are now developing a council website. Check it out at: www.cscvc.org
SOME PICTURES FROM OUR SUCCESSFUL 2015 
LEMOORE NAS, LEMOORE, CA FALL COUNCIL

All Photos by Jerry Kromrey, Department PAO

(L to R) MS REAM-ROBINSON – CAPT ORTIZ – LT GARCIA (Our NAS Lemoore Tour Guide)
LTC ROBINSON & COL KEAGY POSE IN “KEAGY’S CORNER”

(L to R)
LCDR CURTIS
Col SANTEE
COL KEAGY
AT THE COUNCIL HEAD TABLE

"KLOSEUPS BY KROMREY" = COL DIAZ – LTC ROBINSON – CAPT ORTIZ
MORE LEMOORE NAS FALL COUNCIL PICTURES

(L to R) MS REAM-ROBINSON – LTC & MRS RYAN – LTC DOLGIN

(L to R) Capt KROMREY – COL GARZA – COL DIAZ
MORE "KLOSEUPS BY KROMREY"

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
LCDR CURTIS (R)
"BUCK-A-YEAR" SENTINEL FUND DONORS
SINCE THE JANUARY 2015 SENTINEL

Many, many thanks to the following ROA Golden West members for their recent generous donations to the “SENTINEL” fund. Though many of you now take the SENTINEL digitally, as you might imagine, we are still sending our department newsletter to many members of the department.

It is still the biggest item in our yearly budget.

Your support is most appreciated!! BRAVO ZULU!!

1. ROA NOCAL USCG Chapter 034 $6,369.08
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4. ROAL Golden West $ 500.00
5. Col Carl Obenland $ 500.00
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14. CDR John Crawford $ 44.00
15. Capt Robert Penhart $ 25.00
16. LTC Paul Eldering $ 20.00

Donations should be sent to the Department TREASURER at his address listed on the bottom of the mailing page. Make your check payable to ROA and annotate it for the SENTINEL Fund.

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ROAL REPORT

Deena Ream-Robinson, President - ROAL Dept of The Golden West

Happy New Year Everyone!!

I hope the holidays found you with family and friends. As you make your New Year resolutions, please add: Attend the ROA/ROAL Department Meetings. LTC Robinson has planned two outstanding meetings for 2016. We’ll assemble in San Diego in April (22-24) and Las Vegas in October (21-23). Please make plans to join us! Both meetings will include a JOPDS. It’s energizing to meet these young officers. And I KNOW there will be interesting speakers. The Lemoore NAS meeting was very small in numbers, but a great time was had by those who attended. We toured the flight line, learned how ejection seats are rigged, and were allowed up in the control tower. The views of the flight line and countryside were amazing!

Stay healthy & happy and do good deeds. Linda Veres & I will see you in San Diego.

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ROA'S ROTC & JROTC MEDAL and CERTIFICATES PROGRAM

COL Richard H. Keagy, USA (Ret.)

ROTC & Service Academies Committee Chair
rhkeagydvm@verizon.net

Members and chapters are encouraged to make ROTC/JROTC medal presentations at local Colleges and High Schools. Any chapter which is already providing the ROA’s ROTC or JROTC awards (ribbon, medal and certificate) need to send a list of the schools being supported and, in the case of ROTC units, the branch of service. Only one JROTC award is authorized to each school annually and there has been abuse by some schools asking for medals from more than one source. In order to prevent this, the Department chairman, Colonel Richard Keagy, will need a list of the schools by name and zip code that you are supporting so a consolidated roster can be maintained as to schools supported within the Department of the Golden West. All chapters are able to acquire the awards, at department expense, from Col. Keagy by making a request AS SOON AS POSSIBLE for the schools you served last year, as well as new schools you will serve in the current year. This request for awards must be accompanied by the list of schools to which they will be presented.

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H= 310-474-3383 - E mail: rhkeagydvm@verizon.net
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!
ROA GOLDEN WEST 2016 FALL COUNCIL IN LAS VEGAS!

We’ll stay and meet at Nellis AFB, home of the Air Force Thunderbirds, and about 30 minutes from the famous Las Vegas Strip! Council Meeting date will be on Saturday, 22 October with a Fun Event on Friday afternoon, the 21st. Please Join Us!! Details in the June 2016 Sentinel.
THE LEMOORE NAS 2015 FALL COUNCIL

The 2015 recruiting materials for Yellow Ribbon event of the Chattanooga recruiting office shootings.

MOTION made & seconded that unless a member wants their money back, the registration fee will procure both authorization and multiple nothing.

The following chapters were represented:

1. The 2015 Fall Council adjourned at 1127.

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** The council was called to order by President, Col Dale W. Santee, USAF (Ret.), at 0912, who reported that we are working on getting the website authorized at the 2015 convention up and running. We’ll assign a webmaster but will also need volunteers to do a blog, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Each chapter will have their own capabilities also. There is no email capability with it but we have been using Google mail, though it limits the number of emails which can be sent, so it takes about a week to email the entire email membership. Google has an enhanced program for about $160/year that allows us to write emails from the President’s email. We’ll assign a webmaster but will also need volunteers to do a blog, Facebook, Twitter, etc. Each chapter will have their own capabilities also. There is no email capability with it but we have been using Google mail, though it limits the number of emails which can be sent, so it takes about a week to email the entire email membership. Google has an enhanced program for about $160/year that allows us to write emails from the President’s email.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT:** LCDR Art Curtis, USCGR (Ret.) noted that the Jan 2016 SENTINEL deadline is 01 December. He then took the roll, noting that we have 11 chapters with 203 votes available. The following chapters were represented: 011-043-053-057-063-092, an authorized quorum of 6. CAPT Ortiz questioned using At Large Chapter 000 as part of the quorum since they basically don’t participate. It does not appear that it meets the actual requirements for a chapter (i.e.: No Officers). After discussion agreed that President Santee will review the C & BL and make a recommendation for decision and possible C & BL changes by the 2016 convention.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** COL Richard H. Keagy, USA (Ret.), provided several documents showing all of our accounts. All of our investments are with Morgan-Stanley, from which all the interest derived goes into our trust funds. Our USAA checking account we use to pay bills. He holds money for several of our chapters, trust fund interest and principal accounts, and earnings which he distributes every 6 months. We need to get some of the chapters with money that is not being used to contribute some of it to our trust funds, in particular the SENTINEL fund. He’s concerned that we are not spending the interest of the funds for their stated purposes. The chaplain’s fund has enough to provide flowers or donations for all members who pass away – if we know about it. Chapters should contact the chaplain and request money from the fund when a member dies. We are spending our own money, as you’ll see in the Restricted Funds, which has gone from $90K to $78K. Our total investment fund accounts total $474,566.21 as of 8-31-15. It was suggested that we send 5 or more hard copies of the SENTINEL to each chapter President if they want them. (Chapter Presidents please let the Executive Secretary know how many you would like.) Finally, moved and seconded to write-off the $18.09 from old Pentagon Federal C.U. that we cannot get from them. Also moved and seconded to authorize up to $250.00 for an expanded email service. Both motions passed unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT MEETINGS:** LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.), confirmed our 2016 Convention in San Diego, 22-24 April. He’s still procuring speakers. He’s been asked about regionalizing our events. Having a council & JOPDS at Nellis AFB in Las Vegas might attract more JO’s and potential ROA members. CAPT Ortiz noted that certain National Military Associations (NMA), including ROA, are authorized by DoD to be supported by base commands. COL Keagy noted that we have about $14K in JO Fund interest to support JOPDS. Agreed to try and hold the 2016 Fall Council/JOPDS at Nellis, AFB. After extended discussion, agreed to look at Vandenberg AFB for Convention 2017. COL Keagy noted that expenses for today’s meeting were virtually nothing. Motion made & seconded that unless a member wants their money back, the registration fee will become a donation to the SENTINEL Fund. Passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Brief discussion was had regarding the bargain it was for us to provide $500 to the multiple-states hospitality suite at the ROA National Convention in August as opposed to operating our own suite as done many times in the past. Also discussed was the resolution passed to encourage DoD to procure both authorization and new appropriations to increase security at all recruiting stations in the wake of the Chattanooga recruiting office shootings. President Santee also mentioned our efforts to procure ROA recruiting materials for Yellow Ribbon events.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No new business was put forth by the members.

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LCDR Art Curtis, USCGR (Ret.) – Executive Secretary
A LITTLE INTERESTING DEPARTMENT HISTORY

We all know that ROA as a whole has gone from 120,000 members in the 1970’s and 80’s to about 50,000 in 2016. But we are certainly not alone in fighting the membership battle for military organization membership. But looking back to those halcyon days, I thought I would paint a picture of the then Department of California in 1979, when the old “COURIER” newsletter for the leadership cadre was first published. This picture is simply a listing in the COURIER of the chapters which were extant in the department in September 1979. Pretty amazing actually and a number of distinctive chapter names also! Today, of course, we are down to 10 chapters!

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Chapter 003 Berkeley RONS - Chapter 044 Lake County
Chapter 013 San Fernando Valley - Chapter 045 Placer County
Chapter 020 818th Transportation - Chapter 046 Sphinx Cal
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Chapter 031 Santa Cruz - Chapter 054 Wolfhound
Chapter 036 3rd Battle Group/15th Infantry - Chapter 067 George Air Force Base
Chapter 038 West San Fernando Valley - Chapter 081 Santa Monica USAR School
Chapter 038 West San Fernando Valley - Chapter 082 Polar Bears

52 chapters from border to border in 1979!

But you may wonder where all the missing numbers in the above sequence are. My records from Executive Secretary Ceil Peterson, who I relieved in 1999, go all the way back to 1949! So here are some chapters that existed prior to 1979 and which had been disestablished.

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And finally, a few chapters whose numbers were later assigned to other chapters, as indicated above by the asterisks:

* Chapter 006 Centinela Valley
* Chapter 014 63rd Aviation
* Chapter 015 Hollywood

* Chapter 024 Bay Area Aviation
* Chapter 030 Mid-Coast Counties
ATTENTION CHAPTER LEADERS AND ROA MEMBERS!!

The Annual Convention is YOUR forum to bring forward issues regarding YOUR chapter, how the Department can assist you, and discussion of how we, at the grassroots level of the ROA, can impact the national organization in accomplishing ROA’s mission of ensuring an adequate national security.

Please make every effort to attend the 2016 Annual Convention. Officers and Members of each Chapter are needed to present and discuss your thoughts and concerns with us!!

THE TENTATIVE AGENDAS
FOR OUR 2016 SAN DIEGO
ANNUAL CONVENTION
AND JOINT OFFICER
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR (JOPDS)

THE TENTATIVE ROA-ROAL AGENDA
ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE IN THE HOLIDAY INN GATEWAY

FRIDAY: 22 APRIL 2016

1300-1430    ROA/ROAL Registration
1430-1630    ROA EXCOM Meeting
1700-1830    Happy Hour – Hospitality Suite – Light Hors d’oeuvres
1830-2030    ROA/ROAL/JOPDS Mixer, with Chefs Carving Station & Heavy Hors d’oeuvres
2030         Free Time – Hospitality Suite open.

SATURDAY: 23 APRIL 2016

0700-0800    ROA/ROAL Registration & Continental Breakfast
0800-0815    Opening Remarks – Col Dale Santee, USAF (Ret.), DoGW President

See all necessary information & registration forms in THIS edition of the “SENTINEL” newsletter.
0815-1000 General Business Session w/Keynote Speaker:
   Invisible Scars - LTC Bart Billings, USAR (Ret.)
1000-1015 Break
1015-1100 Committee Meetings / ROAL Meeting
1100-1130 Service Section Meetings
1130-1300 Joint ROA/ROAL/JOPDS Luncheon. Guest Speaker:
   Congressman Duncan D. Hunter – CA 52nd District
1315-1630 General Session Resumes
1730-1830 ROA / ROAL / JOPDS Banquet; Awards; 2016-2018 ROA/ROAL Officers Installation
   Flag or General Officer Guest Speaker - TBA
   (Mess Dress, Service Dress or Civilian Formal Attire)
2030-2300 Hospitality Suite open

**SUNDAY:**
24 APRIL 2016
0700-0800 Continental Breakfast
0810-0845 Memorial Service for ROA & ROAL Members Deceased Since Our Last Convention
   Chaplain (COL) Donald R. Forden, USA (Ret.)
0900-1030 General Session Resumes
1030-1045 Closing Remarks – Col Dale Santee, USAF (Ret.) – DoGW President

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY**
**IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CAST IMPORTANT VOTES FOR YOUR CHAPTER!!**

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**ROA DEPARTMENT OF**
**THE GOLDEN WEST**
**2016 JOPDS**
**22-23-34 April 2016**
**Holiday Inn Bayside, San Diego, CA**
**JOPDS Syllabus**

1. **Officer Development** – roles and responsibilities of professional military officers. Students have
   heard this before but honestly, where do you fit in?

2. **Prepare for Command and Mentorship** – ability to inspire, develop and take care of diverse
   groups of individuals while leading them to mission success.

3. **Considering Cultures** – builds understanding of regional factors that affect national
   foreign policy and explores global, regional, and cultural issues associated with participating in joint
   and coalition operations. It stresses the importance of cultural awareness and intercultural
   competence when dealing with the peoples of regions likely to require US military assistance.


5. **Working in the “Inter-Realm”** - joint interagency, intergovernmental and multinational
   environments.

6. **Go Up that Hill or Follow Me Up that Hill** – lead from the front and by example

7. **Interacting with Senior NCOs & Senior Officers** – open forum panel.

8. **Air-Sea Battle Concept** – It’s an operational concept, a tactical battle plan.

9. **Professional Networking** – participation in organizations such as ROA, CIOR, UPORFA, AFA, AUSA,
   NGAUS, AUSN, MOWW, NGAUS.

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THE TENTATIVE JOPDS AGENDA
All Events are in the Holiday Inn Bayside

FRIDAY – 22 April 2016
1200-1500  In-Process and Final Registration – LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.)
1500-1515  Welcome & JOPDS Overview, Introductions of Facilitator/Instructors
          LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.) & LtCol David Worley, USAF (Ret.)
1515-1530  Exercise & Breakout of Teams – LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.)
1530-1630  Officer Development – Col Ken Hasegawa, USAF
1630-1700  JOPDS Bingo - LtCol Jim McMichael, USAF (Ret.)
1700-1830  Hospitality Suite – Happy Hour & Light Hors d'Oeuvres
1830-2030  Mixer with Chef's Carving Station and Heavy Hors d'Oeuvres
2030      Free Time – Hospitality Suite open

SATURDAY – 23 April 2016
0700-0800  Continental Breakfast
0800-0815  Opening Remarks - LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.)
0815-0900  Considering Cultures – Chaplain (COL) Donald R. Forden, USA (Ret.)
0900-0945  Team Tabletop Exercise (Considering Cultures)
0945-1000  Break
1000-1045  Prepare for Command – LtCol David J. Worley, USAF (Ret.)
1045-1130  Team Tabletop Exercise (Prepare for Command)
1130-1230  Lunch – Guest Speaker – Congressman Duncan D. Hunter – CA 52nd District
1230-1330  Organizational Leadership – LtCol David J. Worley, USAF (Ret.)
1330-1430  Team Tabletop Exercise (Organizational Leadership)
1430–1530  Air-Sea Battle Concept – LtCol Jim McMichael, USAF (Ret.)
1530-1545  Break
1545-1700  Panel, Interacting with Senior NCOs & Senior Officers – CAPT Rafael Ortiz, USCGR (ret.); BMCS William Edson, USCGR; COL Anthony Francia, USA; CSM Peter O’Reilly;
1730-1830  Social – Hospitality Suite
1830-1930  Banquet – Awards – Installation of ROA/ROAL 2016-2018 Officers
1930-2030  Flag or General Officer Guest Speaker – TBA
2030-2300  Free Time - Hospitality Suite open

SUNDAY – 24 April 2016
0700-0800  Continental Breakfast
0800-0845  Working in the "Inter-Realm" - CAPT Stephen R. Hales, USN (Ret.)
0845-0930  Team Tabletop Exercise (Working in the Inter-Realm)
0930-1015  Go Up That Hill or Follow Me Up That Hill – COL Craig Candelore, USA (Ret.)
1015-1100  Team Tabletop Exercise (Go Up That Hill)
1100-1130  Professional Responsibilities and Networking
          COL Richard Keagy, USA (Ret.) and COL Alfred M. Diaz, USA (Ret.)
1130-1145  Closing Remarks - LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.)
1145-1200  Out-process LTC Ken Robinson, USA (Ret.)
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**PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!!**

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