



From The Commanders Desk

Dear Members:

As we approach the New Year, I am excited about this opportunity I have to lead the Sun City Veterans Association. I am fortunate to have a very committed executive team and three excellent trustees. My team includes Vice Commander Larry Bonner, Treasurer Alex Barber and Executive Officer Tom Grady. They bring a wealth of experience to the table and clearly enjoy being part of a team. Our trustees also bring many years of experience – Ed Grieve, Roger Sandler and Mike Brown – and I will rely heavily on them.

We are committed to continuing the association goals of supporting active duty military, veterans and their surviving spouses and promoting patriotism. In addition to planning and executing our major events, Memorial, Veterans and Flag Days, I hope to focus on serving our members with veterans' benefits seminars, military base outings and other social activities.

Volunteering is critical to our success. Folks like Jack Schuhl, Bob Wampler, Brian Cripps, Helen Sullivan and the Surviving Spouses, Ralph James, Rich North, Roger Ramm, Dallas Brown, Bob Schmidt, Bob Mirenda, Jim Kyle, Larry Della Vecchia, Stu Blickstein, Joe Fragale, Lenora Small, Joan Freeman, Doug Heins, Scott Whitcher, Bill Gardiner, Tom Schneck, Bob DeValentino, Claire Young, Arnold Rosen, Bill Griffin...and many others who contribute a few hours or many hours of their time to make SCVA an association we all can be proud of. We are going to be calling for help from time to time mostly for a few hours of your time. It might be to help with an event as an usher or to help a fellow veteran in need or to just come out and support a program.



Please renew your membership for 2010 and encourage others to enroll in Sun City Veterans Assn. Your dues go to support the troops. We recently delivered \$2,500 to each of the chaplains funds at Fort Stewart and Marine Corps Depot, Parris Island. The Army chaplain said many enlistees join with a family and struggle on a junior enlisted member's pay. The Marine Corps chaplain said one third of their food coupon funds come from money donated by SCVA.

This year, we also spent \$7,214.77 on postage to ship the care packages brought to SCVA by Sun City residents. We are planning a very active year this year and in the past, your dues have helped to underwrite our special and social events. We are planning military base trips for members only. Don't miss out on 2010 activities

Current members only have to write out check SCVA for \$10 with your community association number on the note line. Membership for the second member of a household is only \$5. That is \$15!! Drop off your check to Bob Schmidt, 310 Hampton Place. Encourage your friends to join. New member application is available at suncityhhvets.com/index.html

Just click here <http://www.suncityhhvets.com/pdf/form-4.pdf>

I wish you and your loved ones, a happy and fruitful 2010.

I look forward to meeting you at our meetings and events. I want to know what you think. Contact me at jquirk@sc.rr.com.

Jim Quirk

Commander

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Date