

Today, our sophisticated multi-service military observes many customs, traditions, and procedures traceable to the earliest of warriors. The Dining Out as a military tradition has its roots in the shadow of antiquity. It is a military tradition that is well established yet shows wide variations between the different organizations that participate in them. It is meant to be a time when members of the organization can get together for a formal dinner with our colleagues and enjoy all the ties that make us part of a special community. The USSA is a unique organization in that we are called from all branches of the Armed Services as well as the Uniformed Corps of the Public Health Service and some very dedicated civilians whose sole purpose is to provide excellent anesthesia care for those who have chosen to put themselves in harm's way as well as their loved ones. Let us remember them as we gather for this event but take the

time to recognize all the things that make us a unique entity and enjoy the fellowship, camaraderie, and fun that this event offers.

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*5th Annual Dining Out*

*October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*Marriott San Diego Hotel and Marina*

*San Diego, CA*



## *Schedule of Events*

1800-1900: Social Hour

1830-1905: Bugle Call Movement to Dining Area, Patriotic Opener, Service Specific & "Fanfare" played

1905-1915: Posting of Colors and "National Anthem"

1915-1930: MIA Remembrance and Toasts "Taps" played

1930-1945: Medical Punch Ceremony

1945-2100: Invocation & Dinner

2100-2145: Presentation of Awards and Guest Speakers: Ronald D. Miller, MD

2145-2150: Retiring of the Colors



### **Toasts:      Officiated By Mr. Vice:**

"To Our Country and the Flag that represents it" Members respond, "To the Colors."

"To the President of the United States of America!" Members respond, "To the Commander in Chief."

The response to all other toasts is a simple. "Hear, hear!"

"To the United States Army"

"To the United States Marine Corps"

"To the United States Navy"

"To the United States Air Force"

"To the United States Coast Guard"

"To the U.S. Public Health Service"

"To the USSA"

"To Our Honored Guests"

Other toasts from members of the mess

### **"Please Be Seated"**

#### ***Rules of the Mess:***

The Rules of the Mess are designed to conform to the traditions of a command or organization. Rules of the mess are not always the same (they differ by service, command and organization), so they are listed here so all may be duly warned to heed them. Violators of these rules are subject to punishment as seen fit by Mr. Vice and all punishment will be carried out before the membership.

1 - Members must arrive in a timely manner, prior to the appointed hour.

2 - Members shall not smoke prior to the lighting of the smoking lamp.

3 - Members shall move to the mess when asked and remain standing until seated by the President of the Mess.

4 - Members shall not bring cocktails or lighted smoking material into the mess.

5 - Members will not depart the mess once it is convened. Military Protocol Overrides all calls of nature, unless permission is received from the President of the Mess through Mr. Vice.

6 - Members shall wear their uniform correctly at all times, to include not inverting the cummerbund. Emesis is not an acceptable addition to the uniform.

7 - Members will ensure their glass is charged when toasting (no empty glasses).

8 - Members will ask to address the President or members of the mess through Mr. Vice, including making toasts.

9 - Members will keep all toasts and comments within the realm of good taste and mutual respect. Family members and guests of mess members are off limits for harassment.

10 - Members will not partake in foul language.

11 - Members will not discuss work.

12 - Members will show approval by tapping their spoon on the table -- clapping of hands will not be tolerated.

13 - Members will not question the decisions of the President.

14 - Members must enjoy themselves to the fullest.

15 - When the mess adjourns, thou shalt rise and wait for the President and head table quests to leave.

*GROG Protocol: When called to GROG do an about face and salute the President, Turn to Bowl fill cup, Do another about face toast mess, Drain contents of cup, place inverted cup over head signifying it is empty.*