



SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMAC)

2009 ADVISORY BOARD

Rear Admiral Bruce Boland, USN (Ret.) retired from the Navy after a 34-year career. During his early career, he was a naval aviator. During the Vietnam War, he commanded Fighter Squadron 24 (flying F8 Crusaders) and was deployed three times to Vietnam. RADM Boland commanded two major Navy ships as part of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Forces. He also served on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR) in Belgium as a Special Assistant to the SACEUR. Additionally, he served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Director of Operations for U.S. Naval Forces Europe headquartered in London. RADM Boland commanded Amphibious Group Three in San Diego, and was responsible for overall amphibious readiness and training in the U.S. Pacific Fleet. In 1985, he was appointed as Commander Naval Base, San Diego (now Navy Region Southwest) and San Francisco. After leaving the Navy, RADM Boland became the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the County of San Diego, and later became the Director of Public Works. In 1993, he was appointed the President and CEO of the United Way of San Diego County until 1999. RADM Boland currently serves on the Board of Governors of Alvarado Hospital in San Diego, and the Advisory Board of the USO of San Diego. In 2006, he was appointed to the Board of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority.

Admiral Leon (Bud) Edney, USN (Ret.) experienced a military career spanning over 38 years. His career included flying the A4E with VA-164 during the Vietnam War. ADM Edney commanded Attack Squadron -27, Carrier Air Wing Two -2, USS Pontchatoula (AO-148) and USS Constellation (CVA-64). He was Commander Carrier Group One aboard the USS Constellation in 1984. Significant shore assignments included: Commandant of Midshipmen, Director Aviation Plans and Policy, Director Office of Program Appraisal, Chief of Naval Personnel, and Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Admiral Edney also served as Commander United States Atlantic Command and NATO Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic before retiring in 1992. Since retirement, Admiral Edney has served as Vice President Naval Systems, Loral Corporation, Senior Fellow at the Center for Naval Analysis, Senior Fellow National Defense University CAPSTONE Course, Distinguished Leadership Chair, US. Naval Academy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Retired Officers Association, and Chairman of the Board, the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation. He currently serves on the Boards of a variety of corporate and non-profit organizations.

Major General Dennis Kenneally, US Army (Ret.) was the former Commanding General of the California Army National Guard. He also served as the Assistant Adjutant General and as its Director of the Office of Homeland Security. MajGen Kenneally served in two Presidential administrations. He was the Associate Administrator of the Veterans Administration and later appointed as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Reserve Affairs. MajGen Kenneally served as San Diego County's Manager for Economic Policy and was the Manager for the Regional Office of Drug Policy, Administration and Coordination. He became the Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Department and later the Assistant Sheriff. MajGen Kenneally served in Governor Schwarzenegger's administration as the Assistant Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair and the Executive Director of the Board of Parole Hearings. He has served as Chairman of the Board of the NDIA of San Diego. He currently serves as a member of the Governor's State Terrorism and Threat Advisory Group of the Office of Homeland Security, and is an adjunct professor for graduate studies in Homeland Security and Emergency Management at San Diego State University. MajGen Kenneally also presently serves on the Boards of Maytag Aircraft Corporation of the Mercury Air Group, Inc., and the La Jolla Executive Round Table and on the Advisory Board of KZG Golf. He is a principal in Business Associates International, LLC.

Stephen P. Cushman, a fourth generation San Diegan, has been actively involved with over 60 Boards and Commissions. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners, as well as the Chairman of the College of Business Administration Board at San Diego State University and President of the San Diego Food Bank, among others. Mr. Cushman began his career in publishing and then progressed into the travel industry for 25 years. During that time, he established his automotive dealerships, The Cush Automotive Group, and was a recognized leader in the automotive sales industry before its sale in 2006. In 2001, he received the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau for Extraordinary Leadership and Support of the Tourism Industry in San Diego.

