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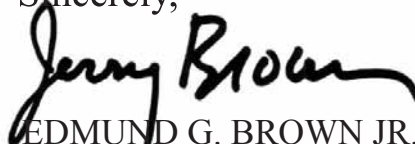
The entrepreneurial spirit drives the economy of our Golden State. Over half of our private-sector workforce is employed by small business and regionally owned businesses.

My office reaffirms our commitment to helping California's businesses thrive and prosper. The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development, along with key agencies of state government, works to facilitate economic growth through collaboration with regional businesses. Supporting small-scale private-sector job creators is among our most promising strategies to enhance California's human capital, expand job opportunities and increase our competitive advantage in the global marketplace.

I want to thank the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce who is presenting this important event.

On behalf of the state of California, I send my best wishes for a memorable event and every future success.

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Pledge of Allegiance: Janis Bottorff, Chair, Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

National Anthem: Brenda Thomas

Invocation: Rev. Eddie Thomas

PROGRAM

VIDEO GREETINGS FROM FEDERAL AND STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Greetings and Message: Supervisor Mick Gleason, Kern County 1st District

Greetings and Message: Mayor Peggy Breeden, City of Ridgecrest

Presentation: Jim Suver, CEO, Ridgecrest Regional Hospital
“Growth of RRH and Role in the Community”

Presentation: Clint Freeman, Realtor
“Real Estate Developments and Trends in the Indian Wells Valley”

NETWORKING BREAK

FEATURED SPEAKER

RDML BRIAN COREY,
COMMANDER,
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FEATURED SPEAKER

JOAN JOHNSON,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

SCOTT O'NEIL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE CHINA LAKE ALLIANCE

CLOSING REMARKS

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PEGGY BREEDEN

Ridgecrest Mayor Peggy Breeden has been a resident in the Indian Wells Valley since 1982. She is owner of The Swap Sheet, an advertising paper, in the Valley for over 35 years. Peggy has almost 50 years of business experience. Breeden is serving her second term as Mayor having been recently re-elected.

She has been elected to serve on: The Indian Wells Valley Airport District, The Indian Wells Valley Water District and is past president of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.

Peggy also serves or has served on various boards and committees including: Cerro Coso Community College Foundation Board, Kern Council of Governments, Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District, League of California Cities, Navy Community Council, Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Management Group, Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corp., Disaster Council Ridgecrest, East Kern Economic Alliance, Desert Valley Federal Credit Union, Senior Services of IWW, China Lake Museum Foundation, and IWW Well Owners Association.

MICK GLEASON

Supervisor Mick Gleason was elected to serve the 1st District of Kern County on November 8, 2012 and took office on January, 7, 2013.

A former Navy Captain and base commander, CAPT Michael (Mick) Gleason (USN, ret) has lived in Kern County's 1st District since 2004 after being selected as Commanding Officer of China Lake NAWS. He is dedicated to agriculture, energy and military issues confronting the 1st District and has pledged to foster a job-creating economy in Kern County. Supervisor Mick Gleason was born in Nyack, New York and moved to Haverhill, Massachusetts. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

As a Captain in the US Navy, his final assignment was as the Commanding Officer of Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake in 2008. Mick and Robynn have three sons, Wes, Paddy, and Jeff. After retiring from active duty after 27 years, Mr. Gleason accepted a job as a senior program manager with General Dynamics and has also helped launch the China Lake Alliance, a community advocacy group, designed to support the US Navy at China Lake.



Supervisor Gleason graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA in 1999 where he earned his Master's Degree in Astronautical Engineering. He loves spending time with his family and kids.

PRESENTERS



JIM SUVER

Jim Suver is the CEO of Ridgecrest Regional Hospital. Prior to that he served as Administrator/Vice-President of Operations for Petaluma Valley Hospital, a ministry of the St. Joseph's Health System and before that as administrator/CEO at Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital. He is a 1983 Chico State Business Administration Graduate. Mr. Suver also has a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Southern California.

He taught in USC's Health Administration program for ten years. He is an instructor in the Chico State Health Administration major including healthcare finance, healthcare operations management and healthcare administration capstone. His work history includes Sutter Health and Catholic Healthcare West in addition to nine years at Fremont-Rideout Health Group in various positions.

CLINT FREEMAN

Clint Freeman continually remains a top producing agent at Coldwell Banker Best Realty. Throughout his 13 ½ year career he has received Top Company Sales Producing, Top Listing, and Top Selling awards. He presently serves as treasurer of the Ridgecrest Area Association of Realtors. Clint regularly studies housing market data, and sums up the statistics in a monthly news column for the News Review. Many readers rely on his column to keep them up-to-date with the pace of the local real estate market.

Clint grew up in Ridgecrest and knows first-hand the history of the community, and how each unique area of Ridgecrest has developed and expanded over the years. He previously lived in Tokyo, Japan for 18 years. There he earned two bachelor degrees: one in Human Behavior from Newport University Tokyo, and another from Nichiei Japanese Language School. Freeman also holds a Master of Ministry degree from Simpson University in Redding, California.

"On time and on top of it!" sums up the passion Clint displays daily in his walk and talk for real estate.



RDML BRIAN K. COREY

*Rear Admiral Brian K. Corey
Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division
Assistant Commander for Test and Evaluation, Naval Air Systems Command*

Rear Adm. Corey is a native of Granite City, Ill. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering and a commission as an ensign from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Illinois. He is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and holds a Master of Arts degree in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College.

Corey served operationally as an F/A-18 pilot in Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 86 deployed in USS America (CV66), VFA-146 deployed in USS Nimitz (CVN 68), and command of VFA-192 forward deployed in USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) to Japan. During these tours he participated in operations Desert Storm, Southern Watch, Provide Hope, Deny Flight, Operation Iraqi Freedom and several Western Pacific deployments.

His shore tours include service as a selectively retained graduate (SERGRAD) flight instructor with Training Air Wing Two and the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) staff where he served as the F/A-18 requirements officer and as the deputy for Strike Aircraft Plans and Requirements.

Corey has served in numerous acquisition tours beginning with the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School where he was selected to fly the MiG-29 aircraft in Russia. His test experience includes two tours at Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake, Calif., where he worked on improvements to weapons, sensors and software upgrades for F/A-18 A-F models. His program management experience includes leading the Core Avionics Integrated



Brian K. Corey

Product Team and serving as the deputy program manager for Systems and Advanced Development in the F/A-18 and EA-18G Program (PMA-265). He also commanded the Direct and Time Sensitive Weapons Program (PMA-242). Corey served as the Naval Air Systems Command Vice Commander until October 2015. On Oct. 29, 2015 Corey assumed his current position as the Commander, Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, and Assistant Commander for Test and Evaluation, Naval Air Systems Command.

Corey has more than 3,800 flight hours and 660 carrier arrested landings, mostly in the F/A-18 Hornet. He has logged hours in more than 20 aircraft, including the F/A-18 A-F, MiG-29, AV-8B, F-15, and F-16.

JOAN JOHNSON

*Executive Director Joan Johnson
Director for Research and Engineering
Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, Naval Air Systems Command*

Ms. Joan Johnson currently serves as the Executive Director and Director for Research and Engineering at the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD). With two primary sites at Point Mugu and China Lake, Calif., the center is responsible for research, development, acquisition support, test, evaluation, and in-service engineering for the total weapon system. Ms. Johnson directs a civilian workforce of more than 4,600 professionals.

With more than 30 years of experience in both the private sector and as a civilian with the Department of Defense, Ms. Johnson began her career in industry as an engineer in Electronic Warfare Research and Development. She continued to work as both a software engineer and a systems engineer, developing and integrating software and systems solutions for airborne avionics and Electronic Warfare systems. Ms. Johnson also served as Engineering Program Manager and Software Engineering Department Manager for teams developing Electronic Warfare suites for the U.S. Navy, Army and Air Force.

Ms. Johnson was hired into the government in February 2000 at NAWCWD China Lake. She worked for the Systems Engineering Department, leading independent program assessments of NAVAIR software-intensive acquisition programs. In September 2001, Ms. Johnson was promoted to the position of Weapon System Support Activity Lead for the AH-1 Super Cobra attack helicopter program, where she was responsible for execution of full lifecycle support for the AH-1 Super Cobra mission systems and weapon systems. In December 2003, Ms. Johnson was selected as the Head of the Systems Engineering Management Division, providing supervision and leadership to product team leads, chief



Joan Johnson

engineers, and senior engineers supporting weapon systems acquisition, development, and sustainment for Naval Aviation.

Ms. Johnson entered the Senior Executive Service in August 2008, as Director of Software Engineering for the Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) and Head of the Systems Engineering Department at NAWCWD. In 2013, she was appointed Director of the Weapons and Energetics Department for NAVAIR and served in that position until January 2016, when she was appointed to her current position.

Ms. Johnson earned her bachelor of science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Virginia. She was a recipient of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Michelson Laboratory Award in 2007 for significant contributions to Naval and Marine Aviation. She received the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2011 and the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division Dr. L.T.E. Thompson Award in 2013. Ms. Johnson has been a member of the Acquisition Professional Community since 2002.

SCOTT O'NEIL

*Executive Director, The Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corporation
and the China Lake Alliance.*

Mr. Scott O'Neil is currently the Executive Director of the Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corporation and the China Lake Alliance. He retired from U.S. Government civilian service January 2016 after working for the Navy for 43.5 years. For the decade prior to his retirement Mr. O'Neil served as Executive Director and Director for Research and Engineering of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division (NAWCWD) at China Lake, California. The Center is responsible for research, development, acquisition support, test, evaluation, and in-service engineering for naval weapon systems. As Executive Director, Mr. O'Neil directed a highly technical civilian workforce of 5190 employees.

Mr. O'Neil was appointed to the Senior Executive Service in November 1998 as the head of NAWCWD Weapons and Targets Department. In April 2002 he was assigned Director of Atlantic Ranges and Facilities of Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division, at Patuxent River, Maryland. From May through December 2010 he was assigned acting Deputy Commander Naval Air Systems Command.

Prior to moving into general management, Mr. O'Neil worked for 15 year in the solid propulsion field and thrust vector control systems. He was program manager for Vertical Launch ASROC (VLA), an in-house government advanced development program. VLA was made Fleet operational 1993. He was Deputy Program Manager for Tomahawk Cruise Missile rocket motors and he led the development of the MK 111 Improved Rocket Motor and the WDU36 lightweight warhead system for Tomahawk.

Mr. O'Neil received his Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering (BME) from Seattle



Scott O'Neil

University in 1972 and received his Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1977. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) selected Mr. O'Neil as an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow and he received his Masters in Management from MIT in 1992. He is the recipient of numerous Command awards for engineering and management excellence. He has received the Naval Meritorious and Superior Civilian Service Awards. Mr. O'Neil received the Meritorious SES Presidential Rank Award from President Bush in 2007. In January 2016 he received the Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award, the highest honorary award the Secretary of the Navy can confer on a Department of the Navy civilian employee. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi engineering honors society and is a registered Professional Mechanical Engineer in California..



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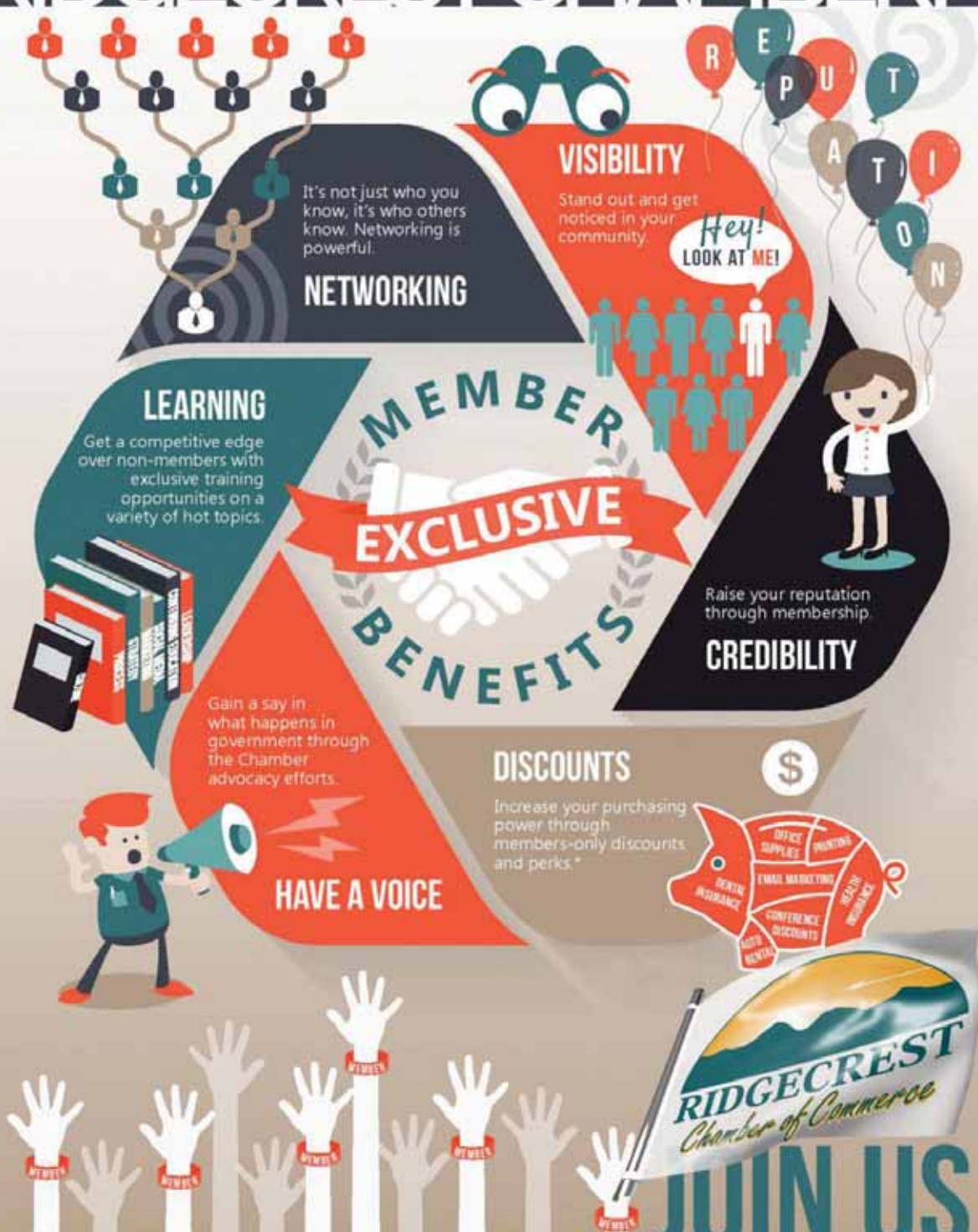


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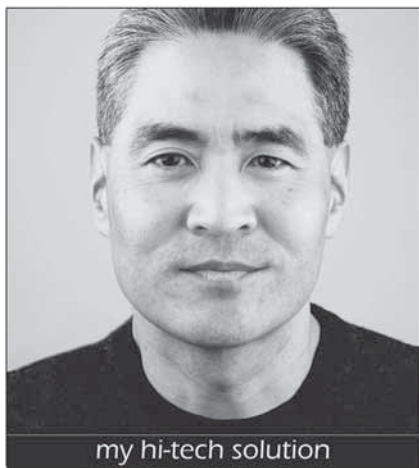


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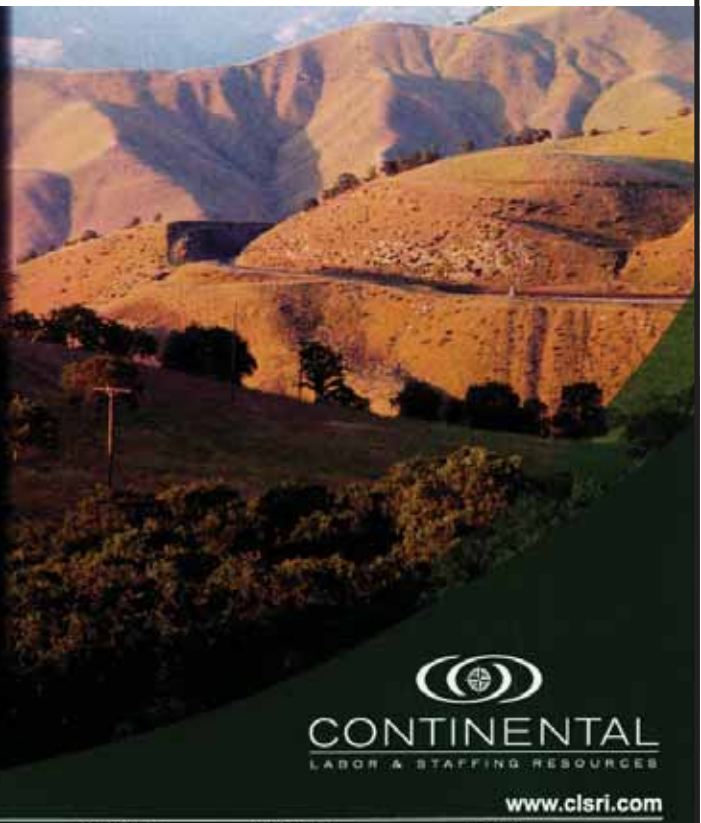
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