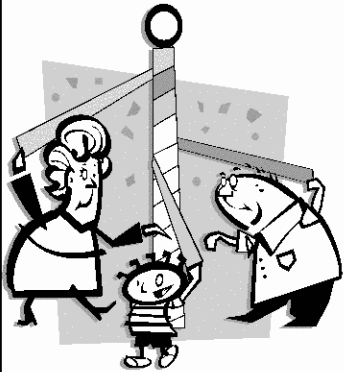


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## Presidential Candidate Duncan Hunter Speaks From Washington, D.C.

Congressman Duncan Hunter represents California's 52nd Congressional District consisting of eastern and northern San Diego County. He is a Vietnam veteran who served in the 173rd Airborne and 75th Army Rangers.

After attending law school he opened a law office in Barrio Logan San Diego, and assisted many in the Hispanic community free of charge and without government compensation. In 1980, he was asked to run against Congressman Lionel Van Deerlin, an 18-year-incumbent, where, in a 2-to-1 Democrat district, Hunter won the Congressional seat.

Hunter served as Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee until the Democrats gained control of the House in 2006. He is now the Committee's ranking minority member. He has also served as Chairman of the House Military Research & Development Committee, as well as Chairman of the House

Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Procurement.



Presidential Candidate  
Duncan Hunter

Having a District located in the California-Mexico border region, Hunter has made border enforcement a major priority. In 1988, Hunter authored legislation making the military the lead agency in illegal drug interdiction and building roads and fencing along the US border with Mexico. In 1995, Hunter authored legislation to authorize an additional 5,000 Border Patrol agents in response to the Clinton administration's budget, which attempted to cut agency resources.

Hunter remains com-

mitted to sealing the US border to illegal aliens and drug trafficking.

Hunter's other legislative priorities include fulfilling promises to our nation's veterans and providing tax relief to America's working families.

Congressman Hunter, and his wife Lynne, live in Alpine, California. They have two sons and three grandchildren.

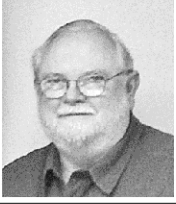
Club plans had been for Duncan D. Hunter, one of the Congressman's sons, to address the club in person on May 9 and talk with the Congressman by live interactive TV. The son, who has served two combat tours in Iraq, was just recalled to active duty and is now in Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, training for deployment to Afghanistan.

At press time, a replacement for the younger Duncan Hunter is being sought.

**A dinner reservation form is included in this Journal and must be turned in by noon, Friday, May 4.**

## Republican Candidates Debate

On Thursday, May 3 the Republican candidates for President of the United States will engage in a televised debate. The broadcast will take place on MSNBC, Comcast Channel 60 at 5 p.m.



## Message from the President

**Tom Fryer**

**R**ichard Lowry is the Editor of the **National Review**, arguably the leading conservative publication in America. Founded by William F. Buckley, Jr., the magazine still carries his name on the masthead. Lowry is a handsome young man, intelligently conservative, and while I learned at Berkeley in the 60s never to trust anyone under 40 (and even then at Berkeley you couldn't be sure) in Lowry's case I'm willing to waive the rule. (I'm guessing he's 38 or 39.)

In the April 2 issue of **National Review** Lowry writes a piece called "A Question of Competence: George W. Bush has failed in some basics." I voted for President Bush in 2000 and again in 2004. If the choice were between him and Hillary, I'd vote for him again in a heartbeat. Seldom a day passes that I don't thank God Al Gore was not President on September 11, 2001.

Nevertheless, Lowry's piece

lays out a litany of the President's failures of management style, including a) his excessive loyalty to people based too much on their loyalty to him or b) his character judgments based on paper thin personal evidence. For example, of Vladimir Putin, "I've gotten a sense of his soul and find him straightforward and trustworthy."

So there you have it. President Bush is not a perfect person. He has flaws that even the conservative Washington bloodhounds sniff out and put down in writing for all to tut-tut about. But there's more to our problem than an imperfect President.. Sadly, not all the Republican candidates for President are perfect either. Actually, few of them are. So the likelihood is that we will have to choose among imperfect people to be our standard bearer in 2008.

My suggestion is that we focus upon issues that hold within them the future of our

nation. Let me suggest that how many times a person has been married is not one of these, nor is the candidate's church affiliation. These matters can round out an evaluation of a candidate, but to rank them with the candidates' beliefs about terrorism, or national defense, or immigration, or social security, or health care is not sensible in my opinion.

The responsibilities of citizenship are heavier than we sometimes realize. And we must look to the future of the United States to discharge them properly. These responsibilities call us to our best, to our most mature judgments. We must look to the longer-term future with the lives of our grandchildren and their children in mind. For as most of us in this community know, even fifty years is a very short time indeed.

## RCR Board Adopts New Policies

On April 16 the Club's Board of Directors adopted policies designed to support Republican candidates for office in a fair and equitable manner. These policies govern the Club's endorsement of candidates and their distribution of campaign materials at Club meetings. For a copy of the full document please call Tom Fryer at 947-5878.

## On the Record

**J**ust before last year's elections, Congress acknowledged the overwhelming public support for strong border security when it passed the Secure Fence Act, which authorized the construction of a 700-mile double-layered fence at the southern border to be completed by the end of 2008 . . . but Congress appropri-

ated only enough funds to build about half of the fence; skeptics wondered whether the popular measure represented mere "border dressing" in an election year.

The skeptics were right. The administration's current plan calls for only a 370-mile fence and another 500 miles of either

vehicle barriers or electronic monitoring to cover about half of the almost 2,000-mile border with Mexico. Last year's exercise in "border dressing" is illustrative of politicians' repeated willingness to vote for tough immigration measures they have no intention of seeing enforced.

-Kate O'Beirne

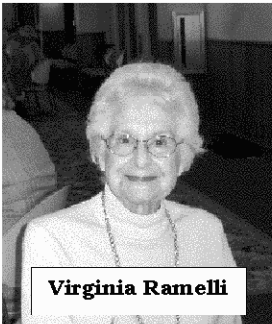
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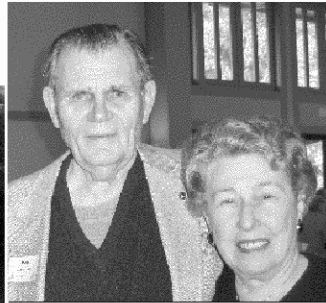
**Jim Suter and Theresa Burton**



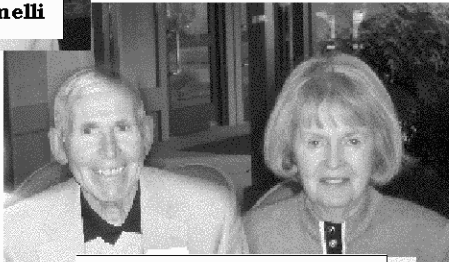
**Virginia Ramelli**



**Marian Lemke with Bonnie and Don Joost**



**Bob and Lola Caracristi**

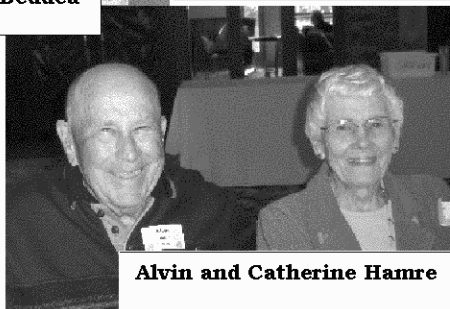


**Paul and Shirley Beddea**



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**Alvin and Catherine Hamre**

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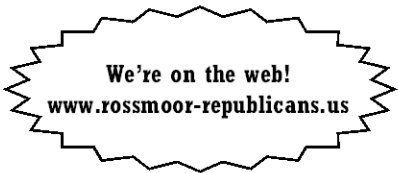
## Club News

The Republican Book Club is changing hats to become the Republican Discussion Group. Instead of discussing a different book every month, the group will be talking about current events, particularly *political* current events.

The group will continue to meet as before in the Garden Room at Dollar Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. This month the meeting will be on May 15 at 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come join in and enjoy a lively discussion. For information, call Barbara Wyant at 934-9749 or simply come to the meeting.

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF ROSSMOOR**

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**Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2007, Fireside Room, Gateway**

**5:15 pm Social Hour (B.Y.O.B.) , 6:00 pm Dinner**

**Menu**

Caesar Salad

Sirloin Tips of Beef

Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Parsley Cooked Baby Carrots

(Optional Vegetarian Canelloni)

Rolls and Butter

Decaf coffee or hot tea

Ice Cream Sundae

**Reservation deadline: Noon, Friday, May 4 (Form Enclosed)**

**Reservation questions: Call Carol Worthington 256-1313**