



# OFFICERS CALL

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### 2008: The Year of the Chapter— Us—YOU!



Gen Michael P. C. Carns, USAF (Ret), Chairman of the Board of Directors of MOAA, has declared 2008 to be the Year of the Chapter.

The basis for this proclamation is, as CAPT Bill Monk, USN (Ret), said in the March 2008 issue of *Council Communiqué*, "...that only through a vibrant and vital Chapter and Council system can MOAA exert the grassroots influence to support our legislative agenda at both the State and National level."

With over 367,000 MOAA national members, only approximately 19% are chapter members—less than one in five MOAA members are affiliated with a local chapter, "...the pivotal outreach component of our association," according to Gen Carns.

I am sure that we can all agree that less than one in five is a pretty grim statistic. I, for one, certainly would not want those odds as my probability for success....less than one in five of my flights would land successfully? Less than one in five of my recon missions would return to base? Pretty poor odds, in my book.

In an attempt to strengthen the chapter, MOAA's staff is working on initiatives which will make the chapter more attractive to MOAA members not yet affiliated with a local chapter.

In the meantime, though, what can we do as a "local chapter" to bring in members?

Did you know that there are nearly a thousand potential members in the St. Petersburg area? I recently received a spreadsheet from MOAA listing potential

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## THE ROAD TO CHINA

**Starring:**

**Earl Peck as "Bing"**

**Margaret Peck as "Dorothy"**

**And a cast of millions**

**Narrated by Earl Peck**

**World Premier: 18 April 2008 at Banquet Masters**



Panama Canal



**Chapter Panama Canal Cruise, October 19 - November 3, 2008:-** Please contact either Don Freese or Larry Fernald for information on the cruise. Or, better yet, contact MOAA Travel, Kay Judge, at 800-211-5107, Ext 450. Book early for the best cabins and rates.



## Officers Call



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## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 321  
 Regular Members - 235  
 Auxillary Members - 86  
 Inactive Members - (4)

### Military Services:

Army - 84                      USMC -13  
 USAF - 77                     USCG - 8  
 Navy - 52                      NOAA - 1

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## The Buzz

### Chapter Happenings and Items of Interest

Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)

522-6237 or Larry246MOAA@sprynet.com

■ **Earl and Margaret Peck** proudly announce that their son, Maj Gen Allen G. Peck, USAF, has been selected for promotion to Lieutenant General and has been selected to assume command of Air University at Maxwell AFB, Alabama, in June 2008.

■ **MOAA recently announced** increases in the interest-free Student Loan program. With the 2008-2009 school year, those selected will receive an interest free loan of \$5,500. Designated Scholars, which this Chapter funds, will receive a \$500 grant along with an interest free loan of \$5,000. For more information, please visit [www.MOAA.org/education](http://www.MOAA.org/education).

■ **OFFICERS CALL:** If you are going to be gone from your residence for an extended period of time, please consider contacting one of us to have your *Officers Call* mail delivery temporarily stopped. This will save us over a dollar in returned mail fees.

■ **MOAA Lapel Pins:** How many of you have and wear MOAA lapel pins? Violet Smith has MOAA lapel pins available for the small sum of \$5.00 each, or we'll make you a great deal and sell you two pins for \$9.00. The pin does attract attention, and has lead to new members for MOAA.

■ **2008 Directory--The Pink Book:** The 2008 Chapter directories were mailed on Friday, the 7th of March. If, for some reason, you have not received the directory, please call Col Al Neville and let him know. Also, please review the entries to make sure that they are correct. If you find an error in your entry, please call Al so it can be corrected.

■ **Starting/Stopping or Changing Mailing Address?:** Please contact Al Neville and let him know so that your correct address is in the system.

■ **Bay Pines Volunteer Phone Number:** The Volunteer office of Ms Derenda McCook can be reached at 727-398-9394. Please call; there is a volunteer opportunity and position for everyone.

■ **Larry and Barb Fernald** proudly announce the birth of their third grandchild, David Fernald, born on 9 Feb 2008.

■ **George Brown** is recovering from knee replacement and tendon replacement (two operations on the same knee within a month) and was at the Executive Committee and March Luncheon meetings. Great to have you back, George, and continue the great progress you are making.

■ **NEWS FLASH!** *Officers Call* wins Second Runnerup in the Print Newsletter category for the 2007 MOAA competition. Congratulations to Col Al Neville (and Johnnie) for all the hard work that you have done to make and keep *Officers Call* a premier newsletter.





## Military Message Center—MMC



### (NEWS FLASH: MMC wins MOAA 2007 "Unique Communications" Award)

Your Chapter uses a no-cost system, which we call the MMC, to inform members of news and events of importance to military members and retirees. We also use the system to inform members when the latest edition of the *Officers Call* is posted on the Chapter website.

This system is hosted by Google Groups. As such, your email address is not broadcast over the internet, thus preserving your privacy.

The bad news is that out of 318 Chapter members, there are only 107 signed up for this free service.

So, how do you sign up for the service?

That is the easy part. All you have to do is notify me by phone or email at [Larry246MOAA@sprynet.com](mailto:Larry246MOAA@sprynet.com) or Al Neville at [nevil45@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:nevil45@tampabay.rr.com) and we'll do the rest. Just give us your name and email address, then sit back and relax. All you may have to do is reply to an invitation to join.

We are encouraging all Chapter members with an email address to join this free service. It is an easy way to "get the word out" quickly.

PLEASE JOIN THE MMC.

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**From the Air Force Retiree News Service  
Release No. 03-03-08  
March 12, 2008**

### 'IRS Free File' available for non-filers receiving stimulus payment

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) – Individuals who normally do not file a tax return, but must do so this year in order to receive their 2008 economic stimulus payment, can use a free filing tool. IRS officials announced these individuals can use the IRS Free File program to help them file returns for 2007.

The IRS and several of its partners in the Free File Alliance can now accept returns submitted by people who have no legal requirement to file other than to receive their payments. People in this category should take care to use only those companies listed on the Free File section for the payments under "Online Tools" at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

"If you are only filing a return to receive your economic stimulus payment, Free File is a great option for you," said Linda E. Stiff, acting IRS commissioner. "All you need to do is follow the simple instructions provided by the software. It's easy, and it's free."

Individuals and families must have at least \$3,000 of income from any combination of earned income, Social Security retirement or disability benefits, certain Railroad retirement ben-

efits, or disability compensation, disability pension, or survivor benefits paid by Veterans Affairs. The minimum economic stimulus payment is \$300 for individuals and \$600 for married couples.

To obtain a payment, all people who are eligible for payments of up to \$600 for individuals (\$1,200 for married couples) must file a tax return in order for the IRS to know their name, address and eligibility. Parents also may qualify for a \$300 payment for each eligible child younger than 17. Valid Social Security numbers are required.

Taxpayers who normally file a tax return and want to use Free File should simply go to the main Free File page on the Web and click "Start Now" to see a list of the 19 companies offering free preparation and electronic filing to the IRS. Free File is available to 97 million taxpayers who earn \$54,000 or less.

There is no charge for using IRS Free File. With just a few answers, people can complete a simple form and use IRS e-file. IRS officials also urges all filers to use direct deposit, if they have a checking or savings account, because it is the fastest way to receive an economic stimulus payment.

Once people file a tax return, they do not need to do anything more. The IRS will do the rest and begin issuing payments in May. (Courtesy of the IRS)

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## MOAA Legislative Update

Edited from [www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org) by  
Don Freese, CAPT, USNR (Ret)

### Study Says Military People Well-Paid?

The 10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC) issued their first report this week, asserting that military members are well-paid versus their civilian counterparts and proposing a new measure to compare military and civilian compensation.



The report says that the traditional version of comparing military vs. civilian pay is outdated. The currently used "Regular Military Compensation" (RMC) standard is an effort to construct a civilian-equivalent "salary" for the military. It includes basic pay, the national average housing and subsistence allowances for the applicable grade, and also includes the "tax advantage" realized because housing and subsistence allowances aren't subject to federal income taxes.

The QRMC report recommends adopting a new "Military Annual Compensation" (MAC) standard that also would include state income tax and Social Security/Medicare tax savings on the tax-free allowances, plus the added value due to military health care and retirement benefits.

The MAC concept has been proposed many other times and has never gained any real traction — for good reason. The bottom line is that military health and retirement benefits are

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## Luncheon Meeting; 14 March 2008

Reported by **Basil Burrell**

**Attended – 63:** (57 reservations), 32 Members, 9 Auxiliaries, 14 Spouses, 8 Guests [(6) Walk-ins, (0) No-shows, (0) Cancellations]

President Larry Fernald opened the meeting at 1145 and asked Chaplain George Brown to give the Invocation. George is doing better after his knee surgery and did his usual fine prayer for us and our nation. Larry then led us in the Pledge to our Flag and Country.

Larry made some announcements and asked visitors and new members to be introduced. Guests of Ray Fontana were BG John Reppert and Pat Reppert, and Bob Rose was the guest of George Steinhilber. I may have missed some for which I apologize. Larry thanked the members whose work make the luncheon meetings possible. I won't name any of them for fear of leaving out someone, but you know who you are. MOAA is calling this year the "Year of The Chapter." The reason for this is because the Chapters make possible the good work that MOAA does for our Country and the military services.

Marge Christy spoke and gave us an anecdotal story of her late husband and a friend who were veterans of the Battle of the Bulge in WWII.

Larry asked that anyone moving north for the summer please tell him or Al Neville the dates you anticipate leaving and returning. We need this information to assure that you will continue to receive our newsletter Officers Call. Larry announced that MOAA/Flag lapel pins are available from Violet Smith for \$5.00 each or at the cut-rate price of 2 for \$9.00.

Once again I did not win either the door prize or the equity distribution drawing. Some lucky folks did win which proves that some people are lucky and others are not lucky!

Larry announced that we still need someone to volunteer to run the HOT program. Or maybe two or three volunteers since it is a demanding job. Larry reminded us that the Florida Council of Chapters Convention will take place soon and anyone who plans to attend should make hotel reservation soon. This is only a two day convention so it will not require as much time as in the past. The convention dates are 2 and 3 May 2008 in Cocoa Beach Florida. We have nine members from our Chapter signed up already and would like to have more. The speakers will be VADM Norb Ryan and Assistant Secretary of Defense John Grimes as the keynote speaker.

The Chapter sponsored Cruise through the Panama Canal has ten people signed up and we can use more. We will get a



donation from the Cruise line for the Chapter scholarship fund depending on the number of people who sign up for the cruise.

After lunch Larry introduced our guest speaker Ms Derenda McCook from Bay Pines Veterans Administration Hospital. She has responsibility for volunteers from Ft. Myers all the way up to the National Cemetery in Bushnell. She is a native of Arkansas and she is a graduate of the University of Arkansas in Little Rock. She has taken many courses provided by the VA. Ms McCook complimented our own Hazel McGrath for her years and many hours of volunteer work at Bay Pines VA Hospital. Ms McCook is responsible for the volunteers and she says that she can always use more volunteers. Volunteers can ask to be assigned to jobs they might like or are most suited to do. There are 343,000 veterans in our catchment area. That is a bunch of veterans! Last year Bay Pines had over a million patients treated. Last year volunteers gave over 190,000 hours of service to our VA.

After taking some questions Ms McCook turned the mike back to Larry. Larry asked George Brown to give the benediction and ended the meeting.

Basil



Violet Smith and Anne Isley



Pauline Edwards, Earl Peck, and Fred Edwards





Louisa Menyhert



BGEN John Reppert, Pat Reppert, and Ray Fontana



Fran Shivers



Martha Sumpter



Hazel McGrath



Dorothy Brown



Marge Christy

Ed Lillich and Derenda McCook





## SPECIAL APPRECIATION DAY

Written by

Anita J. Harrow, Auxiliary Member  
St. Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA

At the March luncheon meeting of St. Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA, auxiliary members and spouses who are such an important part of the Chapter were honored with a Special Appreciation Day. Each auxiliary member and spouse received two free tickets for a special drawing; it was the Chapter's way of letting these special people know their presence at the monthly meetings is appreciated and their contributions to the chapter are valued.

Mrs. Hattie Hunt, auxiliary member, was thrilled to be the winner of the special drawing. Hattie says though it is often difficult to make all the SPAMOAA meetings, she looks forward to those meetings she can attend. Hattie's late husband, Maj. William Patrick Hunt, USA was a graduate of West Point.

Another auxiliary member, Mrs. Marge Christy, shared with the membership a phone call she received from a gentleman who knew her husband years ago and wanted her to know what an honor it was to serve with him. Of course, this call meant a great deal to Marge. Marge's late husband, LtCol James V. Christy, was a June 1943 graduate of West Point; after spending time in Germany, he returned to West Point to teach German.

Both Hattie and Marge are good friends and staunch supporters of the chapter.

SPAMOAA wants all the auxiliary members and spouses who continue to bring special talents, great memories and friendship to the luncheon meetings to know how much they are appreciated.

**Lose your Name Tag Magnet?** Al Neville has extra magnets should anyone need one. Please contact him to get one.

### From Hollywood Squares:

Q. Jackie Gleason once revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?

A. Charley Weaver: His feet.

## Florida Council of Chapters

Annual Convention

When: 2-4 May 2008

Where: Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront

For registration forms, see the Chapter website

or

Call Larry at 522-6237



## President's, from Pg 1

chapter members in our area. That list of 1,006 included 37 folks residing in Tampa, leaving 969 potential new chapter members. And, in fairness, there were 33 listed in Safety Harbor, which might be a bit too far away.

Thus, discounting the Tampa and Safety Harbor folks, there are 936 prospective members in our area. And, the surprising part is that they are our neighbors (there are 15 in my neighborhood alone, one of whom I have been "working on" to join for a while now). And, I know the MOAA list is not complete, since my uncle, a retired Air Force Lt Col, is not listed. So, there are others out there waiting to be asked to join.

Just how do we approach these prospective members? One approach is to take a copy of the *Officers Call* and go knock on the door, introduce yourself as a fellow retired warrior or auxiliary member, give that person the *Officers Call*, and invite them to the next luncheon.

At the April luncheon, I will have copies of prospective members, broken out by zip code, for you to look at and take with you for reference. I will also have additional copies of *Officers Call* for you to take and pass out.

Let's make it our goal to invite these folks to a chapter luncheon. Every member bring a (potential) member.

**Different subject, but just as important:** We still need a Help Our Troops (HOT) Committee chair. This program has been well received by the troops we support in Afghanistan and it would be a crying shame to let it slip into the sunset. We have folks willing to help, just no one willing to take on the responsibility of heading up the effort. Please seriously consider taking on this important task.

See you at the April 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon, where our own Maj Gen Peck will tell us about the trip he and Margaret took to China.





## Legislative Update, from Pg 3

provided mainly as an offset to the unique and arduous conditions inherent in a military career. As any service member deploying today or in the past can confirm, counting only the value of the benefits without subtracting a value for the sacrifices they're provided to offset is a one-sided exercise. MOAA's view is that such measures amount to little more than efforts to inflate military compensation values. Compensation, after all, is value received divided by service and sacrifice rendered.

### COLA Watch

The Consumer Price Index for the month of February jumped 0.3 percentage points over January's value. That puts cumulative inflation at 1.8% for the first five months of the fiscal year. At this time in 2007, cumulative inflation for the year was still negative.

### House, Senate Approve Budget Resolutions

The FY2009 Budget Resolution squeaked through the House and Senate March 13. This is an important Resolution since anyone including the President, a congressional leader, or an association like MOAA is looking for any big legislative initiative, the required budget amount needs to be accounted for within the budget resolution ceiling. Exceptions can be authorized, but it takes a 60% vote, and that can be very hard to come by in a sharply divided Congress, especially in an election year.

The separate House and Senate versions of the new budget resolution included many things of critical interest to the military and veterans' community, including:

- Language expressing support for further progress in easing financial penalties imposed on disabled retirees and military widows
- Significant budget increases for VA health care
- Language rejecting Administration-proposed increases in health care fees for TRICARE beneficiaries and certain non-disabled veterans seeking VA care
- Language rejecting major cuts in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors
- Language supporting improvements in GI Bill benefits

These are very positive developments, but it doesn't mean we're out of the woods on all of these issues. Several of them, including TRICARE fee, concurrent receipt, and SBP fixes, are addressed in "deficit neutral trust fund" provisions. That's congressional-speak for, "We're laying down a marker that we want to make these fixes, but we haven't identified ways to pay for them yet."

MOAA members and others will need to keep the pressure on as the year progresses to ensure those intentions are backed up with funding and action.

### Key Panel: No Health Fee Increases

On Wednesday March 12, the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel met to discuss the future of

military health care. Chairwoman Susan Davis (D-CA) expressed concern that TRICARE fee increases would cause beneficiaries to forego necessary treatment, worsening underlying conditions or making them untreatable.

Davis said, "Now is not the time to exacerbate existing long-term problems or create new ones with programs that provide only short-term relief." She was equally concerned with DoD's actions that have cut funding and staffing at the military treatment facilities (MTFs).

Ranking Member John McHugh (R-NY) said he was disappointed with DoD's budget request that included these fee hikes. He voiced his intention to oppose them. McHugh stated, "I must say that I am surprised that the task force not only recommended similar fee increases but added an enrollment fee of \$120 for TRICARE For Life beneficiaries."

He went on to say that he was particularly concerned, especially during a time of war, that the place to start fixing the cost problems is not on the backs of the beneficiaries.

Dr. S. Ward Casscells, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, agreed that the goal should not be focused on beneficiaries leaving the TRICARE system because of fee hikes. He also felt it was important to maintain a healthy patient volume in the MTFs to ensure a high level of provider competence. When asked how he would build the military health system if he could start fresh, Dr. Casscells said that a new DoD healthcare group will focus specifically on that question.

MOAA will continue to push to have beneficiary groups involved in the discussions.

### Veterans Panel Gets Earful from Families of Wounded

MOAA was present at Senate Veterans Affairs Committee hearing, Tuesday March 11, in which family members of wounded personnel testified about inefficiencies and inadequate communications, and an overall lack of coordination and assistance between DoD and VA.

"I am educated, resourceful and tenacious, but I was totally lost," said North Carolina National Guard spouse Jackie McMichael, who has a masters degree in counseling. McMichael says her husband's physical and psychological injuries resulted in breakdowns, job losses, financial hardships, and family estrangement.

Spouses and parents need to know who to call and what signs to look for that might indicate problems in the post-deployment months, she said. "You cannot take one player off the team and train them and expect to win the championship," said McMichael. "You must train the entire team."

Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) agreed that problems still exist with inadequate services, deficiencies in coordination, and lack of early intervention.

"The VA doesn't see the human face behind the patients they are treating," said Senator Burr.





## Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 6 March 2008 Reported by D. Kay Benson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald at 11:30. George Brown gave the Invocation. Larry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Twelve (12) members were in attendance: D.Kay Benson, George Brown, Basil Burrell, Bob Eynatten, Larry Fernald, Paul Finley, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Ed Lillich, Marie Lorence, Hazel McGrath, and Vi Smith. Minutes of February 2, 2008 meeting were approved as printed in the Officers Call. Larry gave the Treasurer's report in Pete's absence. Discussion as to what will happen to the monies donated to HOT if it doesn't continue. The monies will be given to a Military Charity. Ed moved to change the Booster Fund to include all printing expenses for the OC. Anita seconded, passed. Paul moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. Don seconded and it was approved.

Ed discussed several options for HOT chairman replacement. The need/request for a HOT chairman volunteer will be announced at the March luncheon. Only if no one steps forward from our chapter will we look at going outside the chapter. Discussion on the policy of asking speakers/booking programs. Ed thanked the board for all of their suggestions for speakers.

Janice has been busy getting ads for the OC. Don reported two new member making our total 320 members. We received \$320 for the Give Me Ten program.

In Don's absence Larry will substitute as the OC editor. Please give any suggestions for Feature articles to him. Discussion re: Is the scholarship fund an interest free loan or a grant and what is the amount? We will question MOAA National to find the answers. (Editors Note: See page 2, The Buzz, for the answer)

Via e-mail, Fred reported that the 2007 Communication Award will be announced next month. JROTC will hand out awards and medals in May.

Anita requested 30 copies of the Auxiliary Corner to be on the tables during the March Luncheon. She moved that Auxiliary members receive "free" 50/50 tickets at the March luncheon as a way of recognizing and thanking them for their support. She will man the table for this event. Ed seconded and it was passed. Anita also moved that flowers/carnations be given to all Auxiliary members during the Memorial service. Vi seconded and it passed. Anita is planning a full year schedule to recognize our Auxiliary members. Currently she is working on a Fall social/coffee and requested a "Save the Date" notices in the OC.

Vi expressed how pleased she is with the job Anita is doing. This is the "Year of the Chapter" with a focus on getting the



Auxiliary members involved. She has 8 pins left which she sells for \$5 a piece. She gives the Auxiliary pins to Auxiliary members. Larry will include an article about the pins in the OC and talk it up at the March Luncheon to determine if we want any more pins. Ed suggested that we all wear our pins on our left collars every where we go. It is a great way to promote membership.

Don reported 15 deaths in the chapter last year. He also reported that Matt Poage will be home for two weeks.

### Old Business:

Cruise discount rate has been extended until March 22nd. Call Kay Judge or e-mail her at [kay@MOAA.org](mailto:kay@MOAA.org). Currently 10 have signed up and are thinking about chartering a bus to Ft. Lauderdale.

### New Business:

- Ed will plan and Don will do the book for the May Memorial Service.

- Ed will take over the Guard of Honor.

- MOAA convention May 2nd - 4th at Cocoa Beach. See website for link to application. Our four delegates will be Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Ed Lillich and Janice Mogan.

- Discussion on taking the convention book front cover ad as that is reserved for the host chapter for next year's convention. Discussion followed about our Chapter hosting the 2009 convention. Don will collect information and report back to us.

- Larry read a letter from another chapter requesting recipes to be included in a scholarship fund-raiser book. Also received a letter from the Clearwater Chapter thanking us for our donation to the Coast Guard Concert.

- Vi thanked Larry for helping Mrs. Phillips get a new ID card.

With nothing further, George gave the benediction and Larry adjourned the meeting at 1:00.



Don Freese and Al Neville





# TAPS

Y. Y. Phillips, COL, USA (Ret),  
20 March, Pg 37, 2008 Directory

Our Condolences to Family and Friends



# Welcome New Members!

Maureen A. Conners, CDR, USN (Ret)  
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Edwin J. Conners, LT, USN (Ret)  
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Cecil B. Keene, 2LT, USA (Ret)  
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Bettye Phillips, AuxMember (A)  
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## Financial Report

for the

Month of February 2008

(See page 11 for a correction to Jan Financials)

### Officers Call Boosters

Balance, 1 Feb.....\$1,333.24  
Donations..... \$ 210.00  
Printing Expenses..... \$ 306.01  
Postage Expenses.....\$ 00.00  
Balance, 29 Feb.....\$1,237.23

### HOT Fund

Balance, 1 Feb.....\$2,677.30  
Donations..... \$ 247.00  
Balance, 29 Feb..... \$2,924.30

### Scholarship Fund

Balance, 1 Feb..... \$ 479.00  
Donations..... \$ 800.00  
Balance, 29 Feb..... \$1,279.00

### Operating Account

Balance, 1 Feb..... \$3,935.70  
Feburary Luncheon..... \$1,070.00  
Installation Dinner..... \$ 64.00  
Dues..... \$ 55.00  
Miscellaneous..... \$ 11.00  
Feb Luncheon Expense..... \$1,010.00  
Installation Dinner..... \$ 81.40  
Postage Expense..... \$ 84.60  
VA/JROTC Expenses..... \$ 10.00  
Miscellaneous Expenses..... \$ 00.00  
Balance, 29 Feb.....\$3,969.48

## April Birthdays

(62 to 92 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
05	Alderson, John		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
06	Andrae, William		LTC	USA (Ret)
11	Bax, Giles		COL	USA (Ret)
09	Bowley, Carl		Col	USAF (Ret)
16	Brink, Charles		LCDR	USN (Ret)
20	Christy, Marjorie		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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14	Gudmundson, Brent		LTC	USA (Ret)
21	Hermann, Peter		Col	USAF (Ret)
14	Hofacker, William		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
28	Holecek, John		LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Johnson, Marjorie		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
29	Kelly, Jacob		LT	USNR (Ret)
07	Koch, Richard		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Menyhert, Louisa		LTC	USA (Ret)
17	Nelson, Anthony		LTC	USA (Ret)
18	Newton, Richard		Col	USAF (Ret)
23	Olson, Frederick		COL	USA (Ret)
16	Oster, Evelyn		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
17	Piercy, James		COL	USA (Ret)
04	Probeck, Marion		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
30	Pynn, Frances		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
22	Reed, John		Col	USAF (Ret)
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## Legislative Update, from Pg 7

“Their idea of help was to send me the link to a brain injury website,” said Robert Verbeke whose son Daniel Verbeke is still unable to eat or drink, but now speaks a few words. Verbeke says the system needs to focus more on care than cost.

Change and collaborative efforts are underway, said Dr. Lynda Davis, the Navy’s deputy assistant secretary for military personnel (Editors Note: Dr. Davis was our January 19 Installation Speaker). In addition to improved tracking through treatment, recovery, rehabilitation and community reintegration, a web-based National Resource Directory outlining medical and non-medical services and a joint VA/DoD handbook for families are in the works, as well as a website entitled “My e-Benefits.”

Committee Chairman Daniel Akaka (D-HI) said, “We need to adapt to meet the needs of the newest veterans.”

MOAA agrees. While MOAA applauds the progress made by the VA and DoD, MOAA believes that a permanent agency transition office is essential to true transformation and integration in DoD and VA.

### Correction to January Financials:

The January 31 Ending Balance to the Operating Account was incorrectly reported to be \$3,925.76 when it should have been \$3,935.70

## Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.  
(Contact **LCDR Hazel McGrath**, 545-3884)

- \* **Mrs. June Vernon**, AuxMbr-N  
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- \* **LtCol Fred Edwards**, USMC (Ret)  
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- \* **CWO4 Robert E. Hodgen**, USAF (Ret)  
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## CALENDAR

**April 18th, Friday, 11:00:** "Our Very Own" Maj Gen  
**Earl Peck**

**May 16th, Friday, 11:00:** CDR Todd Prestidge, C.O.  
USCGC Resolute; Memorial Service

**June 20th, Friday, 11:00** TBA

**July 18th, Friday, 11:00** TBA

**August 15th, Friday, 11:00** TBA

**September 19th, Friday, 11:00** TBA

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** Monday

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Monday

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Monday

**July 7<sup>th</sup>** Monday

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** Monday

## ROWC

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- Reservations: LTC Rose Munchbach 397-4146
- Membership: Martha Willis 579-4116.

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