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President's Comments:

With the approval of the Executive Committee, this edition of the award-winning Officers Call is being sent to the 274 Chapter members who requested a paper/mailed copy, as well as 284 potential chapter members (members of MOAA who are in the local area, but not yet members of our great chapter).



On the 23rd of October, Barb and I traveled to San Diego to accept, on your behalf, MOAA's highest award given to a chapter—the 5-Star Award. Our chapter was one of 73, out of more than 400 chapters across America, to be honored with this award. And, the fact that this chapter has won that award every year since 2002 is not to be ignored.

This is a GREAT chapter! Every member should be deeply proud of that fact. And, each and every one of you had a hand in winning that 5-Star Award.

So, why would a potential member want to join this great chapter?

First, and foremost, for the fellowship and the chance to make a difference. You will be among friends who have shared in the same life-altering experiences defending our Country. And, you will be supporting those brave young men and women who are carrying the fight to the terrorists who would kill us all in a heartbeat if given the chance.

Second, and equally important, is the influence that your membership in a local chapter will have on the political decisions being made daily in Washington.

MOAA, with 370,000 members, exerts a tremendous influence on the direction that Congress heads in military matters, and specifically, personnel and retiree matters. And, when the staffer or particular elected official hears just how many voters in his/her district are actively involved through local chapters, he/she listens.

The chapter is where the rubber meets the road. That is where all the action is. That is where MOAA derives its real influence.

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Our December Speaker: Capt Patricia "Trish" Hayden

Captain Patricia A. Hayden, RN, BSN is a Critical Care Air Transport Team (CCATT) Nurse with the 920th Rescue Wing, Patrick AFB, FL. A CCATT consists of a critical care doctor, a critical care/trauma nurse and a respiratory therapist.



Their peace time mission is to provide support for remote CONUS and near off-shore beneficiaries and to provide support for patients needing highly specialized care; as well as practice and maintain their critical care skills and participate in sustainment training exercises. CCATT's war time mission is to support full spectrum military operations and transport the critically wounded soldiers to the next level of care.

Captain Hayden was commissioned on 31 March 2003 as a First Lieutenant with the United States Air Force Reserves. As a CCATT Nurse she has flown over 100 hours and transported 58 critically wounded patients while deployed to Iraq in 2007 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Captain Hayden is a full time Registered Nurse/Field Clinical Representative with Boston Scientific Cardiac Rhythm Management. Her education, training and taking care of critical care/trauma patients is what she has a great passion for and has dedicated her life as a civilian Registered Nurse, a CCATT Nurse and as an Air Force member.

**Why join the St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA?
Please read on....**

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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 312
 Regular Members - 224
 Auxiliary Members - 88
 Inactive Members - (6)

Military Services:

Army - 70	USMC - 16
USAF - 77	USCG - 8
Navy - 53	NOAA - 0

11/16/2009

Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;
 BanquetMasters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk.

CALENDAR

December 18th, Friday. Capt. Patricia A. Hayden USAFR

January 16th, Saturday. Installation Dinner, RADM Tom Hall
 USN (Ret)

February 19th, Friday. BGen Gary E. Brown USMC (Ret)

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?**

**Call: Lt Col Larry Fernald, 522-6237
 or CAPT Don Freese, 360-3102**

Business Meetings are on the 1st Monday of the
 month 11:30-12:30 at Perkins Restaurant on the NE
 corner of Starkey Rd. & Park Blvd., Seminole.

December 7th Monday

January 4th Monday

February 1st Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- 14 December--11:30, Isla del Sol, 6000 Sun Blvd
 - January thru May--Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd
- Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

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Visit our Chapter Web Site =>





The Buzz

Chapter Happenings and Items of Interest

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Chapter Dues Renewal Letters

Early in October each member should have received his/her annual Chapter dues renewal letter (not to be confused with MOAA national dues, which are paid separately). This communication serves a number of functions, as follows:

- States your annual chapter dues amount (or may say ‘Paid’ if you’ve already paid this years dues);
- Reminds you of your MOAA (national) Annual dues renewal date (or your ‘Life-MOAA’ status);
- Indicates your 2009 donations to date, and;
- Shows, on the second page, the data in your database record for your approval or correction.
- Please remember that donations received will be credited to the 2009 year. If you wish to have your donation credited to 2010, please mail it in after the first of the year. Please make your check out to SPAMOAA.

2010 Dues Renewal Status

Total Members, 11/16/2009:	312
Renewed as of 11/16/2009:	228
Requested to be Dropped:	3
NOT YET RENEWED:	81

Second notice letters will be going out the first of December. Please save the Chapter some money by renewing now. Thank you.

Interest Free College Loans

Let MOAA help fund the education of your child, or the child of a relative or friend. The MOAA Scholarship Fund provides interest free loans and grants to students for up to five years of undergraduate study at an accredited 2 or 4 year college or university of their choice. Students who are children of former, active or retired officers or active or retired enlisted personnel, are eligible to apply. Qualified students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher are selected on the basis of their scholastic ability, activities and financial need.

Applications for the 2010 – 2011 school year are now being accepted and are available on line at www.moaa.org/education. Completed applications must be received by Noon, 1 March 2010.

THE HOT PROJECT HELPING OUR TROOPS

Reported by Anita J. Harrow, Chairperson

After a two month delay due to our troops returning home, the *HOT Box Packing Team Is Back In The Game!*. With several new addresses for troop units deployed in Afghanistan, we once again are packing and shipping boxes.



Every day our young military men and women deployed in Afghanistan willingly go into harms way in a gallant effort to ensure the freedom enjoyed by Americans here at home.

From what I have seen on television documentaries, the challenges and hardships our troops have faced in both Iraq and Afghanistan are unimaginable to those who have never served their country during war time. I am so proud, as are you, of our American heroes and pleased that our Chapter sponsors the Help Our Troops (HOT) project in an effort to bring small pleasures into the lives of our dedicated military men and women. Within each box I include a special note of thanks and a copy of the Officers’ Call so our troops recognize there are many people back home who appreciate their efforts and pray for their safe return.

As I have said before, the more we talk about our project, the more support we receive not only from our membership, but from our friends and neighbors in the community. Once again, local dentists have generously contributed toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss and mouthwash for our boxes. Among our generous friends are Dr. Michael J. Reynolds, D.M.D. (Charles Kottich), Dr. Robert P. Keenan, D.D.S., Dr. T. Flaherty, Rowland Family Dentistry , Dr. T Flaherty, D.D.S., and Dr. David A Zabrocki who is a repeat donor (Wm Bolin). Wm Bolin contacted Bob Williams from the Support Our Troops Inc., at Wesley Chapel who contributed some of his surplus...cookies, cigars, peanuts, etc. to our project, and Terry Measel , my neighbor at the P.I.T. contributed over fifty new paperback books for out HOT boxes.

Once again, a heartfelt special thanks to our members and our friends who have become partners in our H.O.T. project.

During this holiday season let’s all remember the sacrifices made by our military men and women by keeping the money and donations flowing to HOT as an expression of our love and appreciation for our American Heroes!

Toys For Tots

Remember to bring an unwrapped toy to the December luncheon for the annual Toys for Tots drive.





Executive Committee Meeting

St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA;

2 November 2009

Reported by **Chris Lillich, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President, Larry Fernald. First Vice President Ed Lillich gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Fernald. Seventeen were present including Bill Bolin, Ed Conners, Maureen Conners, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Paul Finley, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Marie Lorence Bill, Lofgren, Stew Palmer, Jim Patton, Violet Smith and guest, Betty Finley.



Minutes of Previous Meeting: Don Freese amended the minutes to read that the Personal Affairs Chairperson can be either an auxiliary member *or spouse*. A motion was made by Pete Dawson, seconded by Paul Finley that minutes be approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported the balance in the operating account is \$10,433.14. Dues and donations are coming in very well. Paul Finley made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by Anita Harrow.

First Vice President Report: Ed Lillich made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Soldier's Angels Foundation project VALOUR-IT. This is a program that provides laptops with voice activated software to be given to wounded service members. The motion was seconded by Ed Conners and after considerable discussion the motion passed with 10 in favor and 6 opposed. A motion was made by Ed Lillich, seconded by Violet Smith that \$40.00 be sent to TSgt Linton the NCOIC in charge of the open house of the new hospital for paying out of pocket lunch for all of the SPAMOAA volunteers. Motion carried. Ed Lillich said the 50th Anniversary would be in 2010. Plans were formulated to hold a celebration and invite VADM Norb Ryan to be the keynote speaker. Preference dates to be given to VADM

Ryan are March 19, April 16 and February 19 depending on his availability. Should he not be available any of these dates we will hold the celebration on March 19. Location to be decided at a future time.

H.O.T. We are back on track with sending boxes and Anita has received two new contacts and is expecting another one and is preparing the Christmas boxes. She hopes to send 20 to 25 boxes at the end of November and wants to include cards signed by all the Chapter members. In addition letters are being written by an elementary school class and the swim team of Seminole High. Christmas ornaments will be sent also. If any member has someone in Afghanistan, friend or relative, please let Anita know and she will send an individual box to that person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Violet Smith thanked all the volunteers who helped at the open house for the new medical facility at MacDill. Colonel Beatty, the Hospital Commander, was very pleased with the number of volunteers and the professional job done.

Don Freese announced that the South Community Band is having a free concert on November 12 at Boca Ciega High School and suggested that we might want to use them as part of a program for a luncheon meeting. Navy League is having a dinner at Cove Cay on December 7 to honor Pearl Harbor survivors. Don also mentioned that many of the Chapters have a chevron on the name badges denoting Life MOAA members and suggested that our Chapter may want to do this. Anyone interested in converting to Life Member is asked to talk with Don. Don is still interested in forming a YAHOO (Young At Heart Officers' Organization) after the holidays.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry Fernald reported that 96 members have yet to renew their memberships. Seventy Eight percent have renewed. Larry will send out second notices to those who have not renewed by the end of the month. Of the 496 letters sent out to join our Chapter, three responses were received; one was not eligible, one was a lapsed MOAA member and one joined the Chapter. Larry suggested that we send postcards to those who are MOAA members but not Chapter members inviting them to the November and December luncheons. It was the consensus of the board that we do this. Installation banquet is being advertised in the O.C. The gift certificate for the rooms at the Hilton will be used by Admiral Hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fred Edwards brought up the fact that each year it is difficult for the nominating committee to fill vacant spots and we overlook the obvious in that we have many spouses of chapter members who would be willing to take a more active part in the Chapter. He suggests that the spouses be made auxiliary members if they wish to join. If spouses joined they would be eligible to hold office and vote. The dues would be \$15.00 per year. The proposal in principle is to change the by-laws as follows:

Section 1. Subject to the provisions hereof, membership shall be composed of:

add **(b) spouses of individuals who are chapter members.**

Section 2. Membership shall be of the following classes: Change (b) Auxiliary Members to read: Those eligible for membership as prescribed in Section 1 (b) **and 1 (c)** of this Article.

After discussion a motion was made by Fred Edwards, seconded by Ed Lillich to pursue the principles as outlined above. Motion carried.

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Stop 21% Medicare/TRICARE Payment Cut

On Nov. 19 the House of Representatives passed legislation to reverse the 21% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors that will take place in January 2010 under current law.

This legislation is essential to fix a flawed statutory payment formula that otherwise will cause many doctors to stop seeing Medicare and TRICARE patients.

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Please contact Senators Nelson and LeMieux and urge them to secure immediate passage of HR. 3961, the Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act of 2009.

HR. 3961 would repeal this flawed formula and replace it with one that puts an emphasis on primary and preventative care services.

Without this fix, large numbers of doctor will stop seeing elderly and military patients.

Protect Military/VA Beneficiaries Under Health Reform

The Senate is expected to consider a major health care reform bill shortly.

While our Hill sources have explained that the current Senate bill, as written, will not affect military and VA beneficiaries or subject their benefits to taxation, the legislative language that provides the protections is complex.

Please contact Senators Nelson and LeMieux and urge them to ensure that any version of national health reform legislation that may be considered by the Senate explicitly protects TRICARE, TRICARE For Life, and VA beneficiaries from any adverse effects.

Any such legislation should guarantee that none of its provisions shall affect any aspects of the health benefits governed by the Defense Department and the VA, and ensures that benefits governed by those departments shall not be subject to taxation.

Implement FSAs for Servicemenbers

Senators Boxer and Bond are urging other senators to sign on to a letter to President Obama encouraging him to work with the Secretary of Defense to ensure the implementation of flexible spending accounts for members of the uniformed services. DOD already has the authority to create FSAs for servicemembers, but has declined to do so.

Please contact Senators Nelson and LeMieux and urge them to call Senator Boxer or Bond and add their signatures to their letter urging the President to extend uniformed servicemembers the same eligibility for flexible spending accounts (FSAs) enjoyed by all other federal employees.

Virtually all large American employers offers FSAs, which allow employees to use pre-tax dollars to cover out-of-pocket expenses for dependent care and health care.

Current law authorizes this benefit for all federal and service beneficiaries, but the Department of Defense has not implemented FSAs for members and families in uniform. This could mean thousand of dollars for some service members.

Act Now

There are two ways that you can contact Senators Nelson and Lemieux to express your concerns on these issues.

- First is to use MOAA to send a letter or email. You can use the internet by logging on to <http://moaa.org> and selecting the Legislative tab. This will bring you to a drop down that includes "Action Alerts" this will allow you to have MOAA prepare an email or letter to be sent to the Senators. You can either use their wording or provide your own thoughts.

- Second option for those who do not have internet access is to call the Senators offices:

Senator Bill Nelson (202) 224-5274

Senator George LeMieux (202) 224-3041

Congress Approves MOAA Federal Charter

On Oct. 27, the U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation granting a federal charter to MOAA. The Senate passed an identical bill on September 24th. The bill will now go to the president for signature.

The Charter provides federal recognition of MOAA's service mission and ensures that MOAA leaders in all states can serve on state-level veterans' advisory panels.

Do you know how to get a copy of your DD-214 ?

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online.

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his/her DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new on-line military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the on-line website. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.





Monthly Luncheon; 20 November 2009

Reported by **Basil Burrell**

Attended – 70: (65 reservations), 0 Member Guest,
1 Chapter Guest
[4 Walk-in, 1 No-show]

Our President Larry Fernald told us to remain standing because we would just have to stand up again while he asked Chaplain George Brown to deliver the Invocation. George did his duty and then Larry led us in the pledge to our Flag and Country.



Larry introduced the head table: LtCol Thomas Hagman, Swedish Army who represents Sweden at CENTCOM; COL George Brown our Chaplain and MAJ Ed Lillich our First VP. Of course Lt Col Larry Fernald our President was in there somewhere. Larry welcomed first-time attendees and members who haven't been here in a while. Mike and Kay McDonough and Dick Corbett were singled out for mention. Dick Corbett will be picking up the Legislative liaison article in our newsletter Officers Call. Larry welcomed new member Victor Wood formerly of the Clearwater Chapter. Victor is an author and he has a new book coming out. He joins our other authors Fred Edwards and John Jessup in that distinguished group. Unfortunately John Jessup passed away last year. He also commented on the presence today of three Marines and welcomed them. The Marine Corp birthday was celebrated the 14th of this month. Larry then welcomed new member LTC Cindy Veters USA(Ret). Another new member CDR Ollie Donlon USN(Ret) was also mentioned. He wasn't here today.

Violet Smith has MOAA pins at a bargain price of only \$5.00, two for \$9.00. They were 2 for \$12.00 so this is a real bargain if you buy 2 pins. The recruiting and membership renewal drive is proceeding well. Over 66% of our members have renewed. We hope to have all our members renewed by the end of December 2009. That would save the chapter much pleading for renewals. We have several Life Member conversions. Don Freese has information on converting to Life Membership. Don Freese announced that the Clearwater Chapter and the Navy League are sponsoring a Pearl Harbor remembrance day on 7 December 2009 at Club Cay. Our own Carroll Andrews, Ed Caton and Johnnie Neville have been invited. Johnnie is the widow of Al Neville who was in the middle of the mess that day of infamy. Don has brochures or the celebration that day. Don says that the Calusa Chapter of MOAA is working very hard to break our convention record of last June. Their members are actually traveling to all 40 Chapters in Florida to drum up support and attendance for the Convention in Ft. Myers from 21 May to 23 May 2010. Hotel rates are

only \$90.00 per night and no tax. See Don for more information and application forms. Don stressed the importance of the next two meetings. Our 18 December meeting guest speaker will be Capt Patricia Hayden Air Force Reserve. She is on active duty and is a Critical Care Nurse on C-17's flying wounded warriors from the battlefield back to Germany or the United States for medical treatment. Don guarantees that her presentation will make you proud and will probably bring tears to many of us. This meeting should be especially interesting for nurses or former nurses. Our Installation dinner speaker is to be RADM Tom Hall USN(Ret). RADM Hall was Don's classmate at Annapolis and will probably have some good dirt on Don.

Larry announced the door prize drawing and the equity distribution drawings. And once again I didn't win anything.

Larry introduced Anita Harrow who told us that she mailed out 26 boxes to our troops in the sandbox.

You may have noticed the ladies with the red Christmas hats who were collecting signatures on Christmas cards to send to the troops. The contents of the boxes Anita sent included Christmas decorations in response to the troop's requests. Anita said that another item requested was batteries which was something of a surprise. Does that have something to do with the gifts they receive at Christmas? Anita says she has a list of new contacts and she has selected four of them to receive boxes from us. Anita received a letter of thanks from her contact who will be returning home soon. Anita expects to send more than 30 boxes in December. She is out of storage space and requests that we not bring more items to the December meeting except for small "filler" items such as tooth brushes. She says she will always take money, you know "filthy lucre." Her friends, Kay and Mike McDonough from Bahia Del Mar Circle, P Building, went out of their way to tell their friends about HOT and have collected over \$350.00 for HOT. Kay and Mike were here today and were recognized for their efforts. Anita thanked her Christmas card volunteers for their work today.

Larry introduced Stew Palmer who spoke about our Scholarship Fund. You can send your donation to either our Chapter or to MOAA national. We will receive credit either way, but indicate on your check that you are a member of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter.

After a break for lunch Larry asked Ed Lillich to introduce our guest speaker, LtCol Thomas Hagman of the Swedish Army. LtCol Hagman came here in June with his wife and two teenage sons. One comment that LtCol Hagman made was how they were impressed with the size of the United States in comparison to Sweden. Sweden has a population of 9 million people which is about the same as New York City. A look at a good map of Sweden shows how many rivers and lakes are scattered throughout the country. Sweden is a manufacturer of high quality machinery such as Volvo cars and medical equipment. Their health care system is one of the best in the

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Larry Fernald presenting LtCol Hagman with MOAA glasses



LtCol Thomas Hagman Swedish Armed Forces, Guest Speaker



Chaplain George Brown



Cindy Vitters, New Member



Santa's Helpers

Johnnie Neville and Hattie Hunt



George Stenehjelm

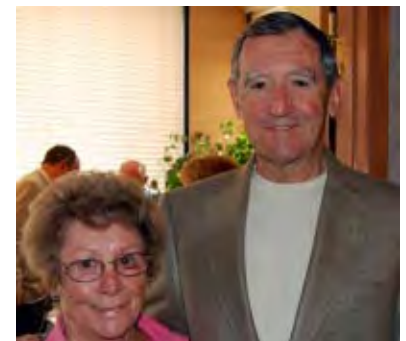
Luncheon Continued

world and the most innovative. When I worked for Siemens we got a lot of our equipment from Swedish manufacturers. LtCol Hagman says he has learned to memorize maps and doesn't need oral directions on how to find a location; just memorize a map. The army did this so that they wouldn't have marked maps that might fall into the hands of an enemy. The army has about 6,000 troops, including female troops. They even have female sailors on their submarines. I don't know how this would work on our nuclear subs that pull long patrols. LtCol Hagman was born and grew up in Goteburg north of Stockholm. He has a younger sister and an older brother who also joined the army as an infantry man. LtCol Hagman started in the infantry and later joined an airborne unit. The airborne consists of one company of soldiers. He asked what we thought of when Sweden was mentioned. The first reply was Ikea. If you have never been to the Ikea store in Tampa you are missing something in your life. Of course Volvo was also mentioned. He said he had not heard the reply he was listening for, blonde girls. He congratulated the ladies for having their husbands under control. LtCol Hagman discussed the reasons for Sweden's neutrality and they were legitimate when you consider Sweden's position in Europe. He told us many things about Sweden and living in Sweden. He even admitted it is cold there: nothing like Florida.

After much more information he asked for questions from the audience and there were several. Larry then asked Chaplain George Brown to give the benediction and adjourned the luncheon.



Carl Bowley



Kay and Mike McDonough

Photos by Bill Lofgren



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VOLUNTEERS

Col Beatty, Commanding Officer of the 6th Medical Group at MacDill Air Force, requested volunteers to act as escorts during the open house for the new outpatient clinic at the base. On October 17th, Violet Smith recruited the following members and spouses to join her: Larry Fernald, Chris and Ed Lillich, Anita Harrow, Bill Bolin, Janice Mogan, Joan Landers, Maureen Connors, Pat and Stew Palmer, Johnnie Neville, Natalie and Richard Oliver, Linda and Pete Dawson, Kathi and Jim Patton and Cathy Jabonsky, who was a representative from the Society of Military Widows, Clearwater Chapter. Each chapter escort accompanied an Air Force enlisted person, who was assigned to the clinic and approximately 10 visitors as they toured the clinic and received a short intro on each specialty area within the clinic. Every chapter member escorted at least three groups around the clinic, and by the end of the day was well versed in the operation and layout of the clinic. Anita's pedometer recorded over 40,000 foot steps in three trips around the clinic. Col Beatty thanked the group and was pleased with what had transpired. T/Sgt Linton, who had organized all this with the airmen and women, forwarded his thanks.



TAPS

- **Bennett, Willard, COL, USA (Ret), 20**
October 2009

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Presidents, from Pg 1

In today's world, where decisions are made all too frequently along party lines, it is vitally important that we have a voice in that decision making process.

And, in today's world of tight budgets where politicians frequently make it a choice between hardware, manpower, or benefits, benefits will almost always come up short. We need a competent, respected, and loud voice to maintain our hard earned benefits.

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For you 284 potential members of the St Petersburg Area Chapter, here is what I propose:

- Join us for the December luncheon or the January installation banquet--or both.

- Meet some new friends (our members include authors, cover-girls, and every specialty that the Services offer)

- Then, decide if you want to join. Membership in our Chapter is only \$25 the first year (\$5 of which goes toward a name tag for you) and \$20/year thereafter. If you are an Auxiliary Member, the cost is only \$20 the first year and \$15/year thereafter (you get a name tag, too).

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Please see Page 2 for times and locations for our meetings. And, there is a reservation form on the last page. Please use it.

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EC Meeting, from Pg 4

Convention 2010: Larry Fernald proposed that we put a color, full page Chapter ad and a full page, color H.O.T. ad in the convention souvenir book. Ed Lillich made a motion, seconded by Bill Lofgren to approval the proposal. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There being no further business the benediction was given by Ed Lillich and the meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be 7 December 2009.

December Birthdays

(48 to 89 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
18	Adams	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
29	Baney	Eleanor	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
28	Bonnet	Franklyn	LTC	USA (Ret)
28	Brown	Michael	LTC	USA (Ret)
19	Buenzli	Robert	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
07	Butler	Jerome	COL	USA (Ret)
28	Butler	Mildred (Gene)	Col	USAF (Ret)
21	Butterfield	Larry	LTJG	USN (Frm)
05	Corbett	Richard	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Cormier	Martha	LCDR	USN (Ret)
11	Drake	William	COL	USA (Ret)
05	Edwards	Richard	CAPT	USN (Ret)
21	Harrow	Anita	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
21	Holzward	Raymond	Maj	USMC (Ret)
29	Klein	William	MG	USA (Ret)
05	Lillich	Edward	MAJ	USA (Ret)
13	Mahan	Allan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
21	Merritt	Ronald	COL	USA (Ret)
31	Nichols	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
10	Osborn	Duane	LTC	USAR (Ret)
18	Petkiewicz	Joseph	LCDR	USN (Ret)
09	Reed	Robert	CDR	USN (Ret)
30	Schlager	Fred	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
09	Slicker	Elsie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
19	Starwyck	Stephen	CAPT	USN (Ret)

INSTALLATION BANQUET

5:45 PM - 10:00 PM, January 16th 2010

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..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (935.37)
..... Donations	\$ 270.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (346.48)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$(1,011.85)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,758.05
..... Donations	\$ 851.00
..... Expenses	\$ (298.56)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,310.49

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,174.41
..... Donations	\$ 915.00
..... Memorials	\$ 0.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 21.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 6,110.41

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 8,849.54
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 757.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 2,025.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 16.81
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (640.00)
..... Supplies & Non-recurring	\$ (217.26)
..... Postage	\$ (44.00)
..... Printing Expense	\$ (313.95)
..... Memorials Expense	\$ (0.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
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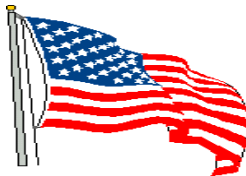
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Program begins at 11:45**

SPEAKER: **Capt Patricia
A. Hayden, USAFR**



December Events:

7th: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

11th: Hanukkah Begins

17th: Wright Brothers First Flight

21th: First Day of Winter

25th: Christmas Day

Election of 2010 Officers

The election of officers for the year 2010 will be held at the luncheon on December 18th. Please complete the ballot below and bring to Dec. 18th luncheon meeting, or mail to the Chapter P. O. Box prior to that date.

LUNCHEON MEETING

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, December 18th

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• **Reservations by Wednesday Dec 16th**

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DEC 18,
2009**

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Secretary: Mrs. Chris Lillich, Spouse

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I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED

Signature: _____

I accept the slate **except** as indicated

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