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Installation of Officers

17 January 2009, Saturday

5:45 PM - 10:00 PM

Hilton St Petersburg Bayfront

Reservations are required by Monday, 12 January



Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret), will preside as Master of Ceremonies for this gala evening with former MOAA National Board Member, LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC (Ret), installing Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) as Chapter President for his second term.

Also to be installed are 1st VP MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret); 2nd VP LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret); Treasurer Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret); Secretary Mrs. Chris Lillich and four new Advisory Board Members: CDR Maureen Connors, USN (Ret) (Term expires 12/31/09); CDR Bill Bolin, USN (Ret); LT Ed Connors, USN (Ret); and Mrs. Barbara Walters, AuxMbr-Army (Term expires 12/31/10).

- Military Dinner Dress, Appropriate Military Uniform or Civilian Attire.
- If you need a ride to this event, please call either CAPT Bob Eynatten or Lt Col Larry Fernald and we will arrange a ride for you.

INSTALLATION DINNER

5:45 - 10:00 PM, Saturday January 17th
Hilton, St Petersburg Bayfront
333 1st Street South

Reservations by Monday, January 12th

For late reservations &/or a ride, call:

CAPT Bob Eynatten, 360-4637, or
Lt Col Larry Fernald, 522-6237

Your name: _____.

- Prime Rib-\$30: _____.
- Chicken Piccata-\$28: _____.
- Salmon Teriyaki-\$29: _____.

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to=> CAPT Bob Eynatten, USN (Ret)
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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 335
 Regular Members - 244
 Auxillary Members - 91
 Inactive Members - (5)

Military Services:

Army - 83 USMC - 16
 USAF - 80 USCG - 10
 Navy - 56 NOAA - 1

12/23/2008

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

CALENDAR

January 17th, Saturday, 5:45 PM: Installation Banquet at the
St Petersburg Downtown Hilton

February 20th, Friday

March 20th, Friday

April 17th, Friday

May 15th, Friday

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

Call: CAPT Bob Eynatten 360-4637
or Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237

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.

January 5th Monday

February 2nd Monday

March 2nd Monday

April 6th Monday

May 4th Monday

ROWC

- **Luncheon** – (2nd Tuesday) 11:30, lunch 12:30
 Reservations: LTC Rose Munchbach, 397-4146, or Bobby
 Walters, 595-4619 (luncheons resume in October)
- **Membership:** Martha Willis 579-4116.

Bridge – (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM
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PRESIDENT: Lt Col Larry N. Fernald, USAF (Ret)

Lt Col Fernald retired from active duty on 1 December, 1989, after more than 20 years of service.

Larry is a native Floridian, who returned to St. Petersburg after his military retirement. He received a BS degree from Troy State University (now Troy University) and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

After commissioning in September 1969, Larry attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas, graduating in Sept 1970.



Larry's assignments include Pleiku AB, Vietnam, where he was a Forward Air Controller flying the OV-10 aircraft, South Dakota, where he flew the B-52G as a copilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and standardization/evaluation pilot; and New York, where he flew the FB-111 as a pilot, instructor pilot, and standardization/evaluation pilot.

After 14 years in the cockpit, Larry was transferred to Strategic Air Command Headquarters where he became Chief of the Simulator Branch and headed the B-1B Air Crew Simulator Acquisition program.

Following the HQ SAC assignment, he was transferred to Edwards AFB to become the B-1B Operational Test Director, working for the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center. While at Edwards, he resumed flying the F-111, flying three different models, as well as flying test and evaluation missions in the B-1B. He was the senior flight examiner in the F-111 and an instructor in both the F-111 and the B-1B.

While on terminal leave in 1989, Larry began working for Northwest Airlines as an airline pilot. During his nearly 17 years with Northwest, he flew the Boeing 727 and the Douglas DC-9, retiring as a DC-9 Captain on 31 January, 2006.

Larry is the West Central Area Vice President for the Florida Council of Chapters, MOAA.

Additionally, Larry is active in the Civil Air Patrol serving with the Clearwater Composite Squadron and is again flying. And, though the planes are smaller and much slower, it is still fun.

Larry and Barbara have been married for over 38 years and have a son and a daughter as well as three grandchildren (two boys and a girl).

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: MAJ Edward R. Lillich, USA (Ret)

Edward R. Lillich was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Ed graduated from the University of Toledo with a BE degree and was commissioned in the Regular Army Infantry. Upon completion of basic he completed Ranger School after which he was assigned as a platoon leader of the tank company of the 18th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Riley, Kansas. After a tour in Korea as a company commander and a tour at Ft. Lewis, Washington he returned to Ft. Benning, GA for the advanced class and Airborne School. Upon graduation from Airborne, Ed was as-

signed Cadre duty with the Army ROTC Detachment at Purdue University and from there to serve as A Company Commander with 1st Battalion 509th Airborne Mechanized Brigade in Mainz, Germany. His tour in Germany was cut short due to the escalation of activities in Vietnam where he served with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. After Vietnam it was to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina where Ed was



an instructor at the JFK Center for Military Assistance. That tour lasted for two years before he was again sent to Vietnam as a District Senior Advisor in the Mekong Delta. Following Vietnam he rotated back to Fort Bragg and was accepted into the Special Forces program. Upon completion of the course he served as Company Commander of B Company, 1st Bn of 5th Special Forces for 18 months until orders came to go to Germany where he commanded HQs Company of the 59th Ordnance Group. While there he obtained a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Guidance from Troy State University (now Troy University).

Ed retired from the Army in December of 1977 and moved to Florida to begin his second career - Business Manager of Admiral Farragut Academy. After 22 years at Farragut he semi-retired, but continues to substitute teach as much as possible.

Civic wise, Ed joined Kiwanis International in 1978 and has been active and served as secretary, vice-president and president in local clubs and also was Lt. Governor for the Florida District of Kiwanis three different years in addition to serving on and chairing various committees in the District. He is a member of Garden of Peace Lutheran Church and is active with the singing choir and handbell choir.

Prior to joining SPMOAA Ed was a member of the TROA Tampa Chapter.

Ed is Commander of the Veterans' Liaison Council of Pinellas County Honor Guard which performs at many city events, but most importantly sees to the last honors for veterans at the Bay Pines Cemetery and other local cemeteries.

Ed is married to Chris and they have two children, 6 grandchildren, one great granddaughter and another great granddaughter expected in February.

The Buzz

Chapter Happenings and Items of Interest

Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)

522-6237 or Larry246MOAA@sprynet.com

■ **Found after the Christmas program on the 12th of December:** woman's (in this day and age, I suppose it could even be a man's) earring. Call Larry to claim.





2ND VICE PRESIDENT: LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret)

LTC Terry R. Carr retired from active duty in the USA on 31 October 1991, after close to 23 years of service.

Terry was born and raised in Bynum, Alabama. He was awarded a ROTC scholarship at Jacksonville State University, Alabama, and was commissioned into the Regular Army in February, 1969. Following basic Officers training, and airborne school, his first assignment was to the 3d Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, NC. His overseas assignments included Vietnam, Italy, and Egypt, where he was recognized as the expert on cooperative development programs in the Middle East. Following an assignment at the Pentagon, he retired to Florida, and he started a second career in financial services. He currently owns a Branch of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. in Largo.



Terry joined Kiwanis International in 1993 and has been active in the Kiwanis Club of Seminole ever since. He has served as club President twice, a club Director, a Foundation Director, and club treasurer for a number of years. He was a Lt. Governor for the Florida District of Kiwanis last fiscal year, and currently chairs the investment committee for the Florida District.

Terry is married to Paulette and they have five children, seven grandchildren, and another grandchild expected in May.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Chris Lillich

Chris is originally from a little farming community in Curtice, Ohio but moved to Toledo, Ohio, in the 6th grade. She and Ed met in high school, where, according to Chris, she “picked him up.” They dated for 5 years and have been married for 54. Chris is the mother of two, grandmother of seven and great grandmother of 2.



“I have lived in Florida since 1978, and have lived in the same house since – longest ever in one place. I enjoy my association with the R.O.W.C. and MOAA. It is so great to be associated with two wonderful organizations and I am looking forward to being secretary of MOAA and thank you for your confidence in me.”

Chris’ past experience includes working as a legal secretary; civil servant (Combat Developments, Ft. Benning, Ga); Gateway to Germany teacher to military; typing teacher in the Army Education Center; Army Community Service volunteer with over 4500 hours; President of Protestant Women of Chapel;

Chapel Choir Director; American Red Cross volunteer; realtor; head bookkeeper, Admiral Farragut Academy; and recording secretary for AFA board of directors.

In the present, Chris is the wife of Army Major (ret) Ed Lillich; president elect Sunshine City Kiwanis; president of Paradise Lutheran Church and council; past president of Retired Officers’ Wives Club; acting secretary SPAMOAA for past six months. Chris reports that she has “no time for hobbies but I like to read when I have a few spare moments and once in a while get out on the golf course.”

TREASURER: Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)

Pete joined TROA in 1976 while still on active duty. He joined the St Pete Chapter in 1979.

In 1983 he served as Special Project Officer. Served as Treasurer in 1984 and reconstructed 5 past years of financial statements to help successfully apply for tax exempt status from IRS and State of Florida.



In 1985 elected to 2nd VP and Program Chairman. In 1986 elected to 1st VP and served as Membership Chairman. Elected President in 1987 and 1988. In 1990 appointed 1st VP in July when elected VP moved from area. Finished term as Acting President when President became incapacitated due to illness.

Elected President in 1994 & 1995 and 2nd VP in 1996. Elected Treasurer for 2003, 2004 and 2005. Convention Treasurer for 1999 and 2006. Has been selected as a Distinguished Member and Life Member Emeritus.

Enthusiastic but skill challenged golfer.

“Thank You” to all the out-going board members and to all the members of the Chapter for making the St Petersburg Area Chapter one of the best Chapters in Florida and MOAA, as evidenced by us receiving another 5 Star award.

Let's make 2009 even better.

We can do that with your help.



Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 1 December 2008 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald at 12:00 noon. The invocation was given by Chaplain George Brown and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Fernald.

Seventeen members were present including George Brown, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Pauline Edwards, Bill Eisenhart, Bob Eynatten, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Ed Lillich, Chris Lillich, Ron Merritt, Janice Mogan, Al Neville, and Violet Smith.



Approval of minutes of the previous meeting was deferred to the January meeting. Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

First Vice President, Ed Lillich, reported that the speaker still hasn't been nailed down for the installation banquet but there definitely will be a speaker.

Officers' Call: Larry has four months worth of material available. Due to some technical problems the December O.C. was delayed but O.C. should be in the hands of all members in the next two days. There are some changes in postal regulations and all bulk mail must be addressed to person's name or current occupant. We won't be getting undelivered back and we won't know if someone has a change of address so all members are asked to advise the Chapter of any change in address.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Shirt Sales: Pauline Edwards reported that she is still selling shirts.

H.O.T.: Anita said we are now serving approximately 100 troops consisting of two Air Force units in Afghanistan, one Marine unit and one Army unit in Iraq. Colonel Robert Walters, son of R.O.W.C. member Bobbi Walters, commands the Army unit. The twenty boxes that were sent contained Christmas goodies, paper back books, beanie babies and other essential items for a total cost of \$627.58. COL Walters is a MOAA member and will be joining our Chapter when he returns. Anita included a note from MOAA, a Merry Christmas wish from our group and a Christmas Poem written last year by a Navy Lieutenant.

Bill Eisenhart reported that Landy Nelson's daughter, Sandy has been in Afghanistan and suggested that once she returns to the States we invite Sandy to speak at one of our meetings and tell of her experiences in Afghanistan. Larry put Sandy's name on the list of possible future speakers and asked Bill to remind him when she returns.

Membership: Al Neville reported there are still 70 members who have not renewed. These people will be contacted to find out if they wish to renew or are no longer in the area. Several volunteered to call these members. Don Freese reminded everyone that there are two memberships, the Chapter and the National. In order to be a five star award winner 98% or more of the Chapter members must be National members. Currently there are thirteen Chapter members who are not National members. Six of those indicate they will not join National. Don will be calling these members in the next week. Fred Edwards said that the Chapter By-laws say that in order to be a Chapter member one must be a National member. Discussion ensued and Don Freese made a motion to call those people who are not National members to inform them if they have paid their Chapter dues and do not wish to join National that the Chapter will return their check and they will be dropped from the Chapter rolls.

Motion was seconded by Fred Edwards and motion passed. There are approximately 14 life conversions and 12 new members have been received from the mailings to MOAA members who were not Chapter members. Final mailings will go out after the first of the new year. Carolyn and Roger Shields are moving to Branson, Missouri and will be leaving on or about the 9th of January.

CONVENTION REPORT:

Janice Mogan is still working on ads for the souvenir booklet and she is hoping the money will begin to come in on those that have been committed to date.

Forty convention reservations have been received and 34 room nights have been reserved.

Don is planning to send a letter out to all the Chapter presidents this week to encourage their members to sign up for the convention.

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2009 Florida Council winter meeting is Friday, January 23 at the Sirata.

Violet will be visiting the Sun City Chapter this month and will remind the member of the convention. Larry is going to the Suncoast Chapter to conduct an installation of officers, and Don will be going to Gulf Coast for an installation.

The reservation form for the installation dinner at the Hilton on January 17 can be found in the O.C. Cocktails will be at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 6:30.

The Suncoast Chapter is sponsoring a four night Western Caribbean cruise on the Carnival 14 May, 2009. Larry has fliers for anyone interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

The budget for 2009 was presented and after discussion will be reviewed and presented at the January meeting for approval.

There being no further business Ed Lillich made a motion, seconded by Ron Merritt that the meeting be adjourned. The benediction was given by Chaplain Brown.





Luncheon Meeting; 12 December 2008

Reported by Basil Burrell

Attended – 100: (103 reservations), 37 Members, 16 Auxiliaries, 21 spouses, 12 Member Guests, 14 Chapter Guests
[1 Walk-in, 1 No-show, 0 Cancellations]

Editors Note: Basil and Eleanor took a much deserved vacation; In his absence, I shall report the events of the day.

The December meeting was called to order on time at 1145. Chaplain Brown lead us in the invocation and Larry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests and new members were recognized, and we had several of each. Also, we were fortunate to have two members who have not been able to attend in a long time, Meredith Crook and Jacqueline D'Louhy.

I had the pleasure of chatting with Meredith, who is almost certainly our oldest member at 99 years young, and probably one of the longest standing members of the Chapter. I can only hope that I am half as sharp as she is when I reach 99.

I, for one, certainly hope that Meredith and Jacqueline join us more often at our luncheons.



Meredith Crook

Larry noted the 2009 Florida Council of Chapters annual convention which this Chapter is hosting. That convention is to be held 5-7 June, 2009, at the Sirata Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach. Reservation forms and information are available on the Chapter website (address at the bottom of this page). See Don Freese if

you would like to help with the convention.

Violet Smith still has MOAA lapel pins available for sale. They go for \$5 each, or two for \$9.

Larry announced the date and time for the Installation Banquet as being the 17th of January, 2009, at 5:45 PM to 10:00 PM at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront. This is a formal event. And, it is being held on a Saturday. Due to our committment to the hotel, reservations must be in not later than Monday, the 12th of January.

Don Freese made a pitch for the last of the good deals with MOAA--convert to Life Membership and receive a discount of 10% off the normal cost. This offer is only good until the end of the year, unless MOAA extends it, so if you are considering converting, please do it soon.

Janice Mogan read a poem by a Navy officer, whose name I did not get, that nearly brought tears to her eyes and to the eyes of others in the room.

Next on the agenda was the drawings for the door prize and the 50/50 drawings, neither of which I won. But, congratulations



Louise Menyhert, John Holland, and Janice Mogan

to those who did win.



Margaret and Earl Peck

Violet Smith gave a HOT report stating that we had sent the Christmas boxes to two units in Afghanistan and two in Iraq. Violet also praised Hattie Hunt, who was in attendance, for her testimonial in the November edition of *Military Officer* magazine.

Stew Palmer updated us on the Designated Scholarship program. If you know a dependant of military folks who qualifies, now is the time to submit an application to the program.

Al Neville updated the membership renewal efforts. To date, we still have nearly 60 members who have not renewed. As of 31 December, those who have not renewed will be dropped from membership. And, after 31 January, if they still have not renewed, they will have to re-apply to join. So, if you are one of the approximately 60 folks, please renew before 31 December.

Then the big highlight of the meeting--election of officers to serve the Chapter for 2009. Earl Peck moved and Paul Finley seconded that the nominated slate of officers be elected by acclaim. With no dissention, that motion passed. Those elected as officers are profiled in this edition of *Officers Call*.

After lunch, Marine Sgt Josh Rodriquez told us about Toys for Toys. Sgt Rodriquez was very informative and entertaining...just as one would expect for a Marine, right Fred? On behalf of the Marine Reserves, who run the program, Sgt Rodriquez expressed his appreciation for all the donated toys.



Faith Presbyterian Choral Goup

Next, the Faith Presbyterian Church Choral group entertained us with Christmas carols, which, by

the expressions and participation of the crowd, was a big hit.

Larry then thanked the outgoing board members and officers for their support and help, reminded us of the Installation Banquet, and called upon Chaplain Brown to give the benediction.





In Basil's absence, photos by Don Freese.



Barb Fernald and Hattie Hunt, who was featured in the Nov edition of *Military Officer* magazine



Bill and Penny Eisenhart



Fred and Pauline Edwards and their guests, Jerry and Yo from Long Island



New Members: Peer and Sigrid Lovfald

The tree (right) was not bare. There just was not room for all the presents for Toys for Tots. Thus, they were stacked on the table (far right). "Thank you" to all the folks who brightened the lives on some children by bringing a gift for Toys for Tots.



Caroline Shields, Hazel McGrath, and Roger Shields. The Shields are moving to Missouri in January



SSgt Sadi Workman, Jack Shine, and Sgt Josh Rodriguez



Dot Plummer and Jacqueline D'Louhy



Thank You, Don!



Anne Isley and Marie Lorence



Don and Sherry Freese



Johnnie and Al Neville



Guests: Marlene Jones, Stephanie Hastings, and Jean Orton along with member Martha Sumpter





Crosshairs - Military Matters in Review Nov. 28, 2008 Top Eight Groups Most Deserving of a Government Bail-out

.....by Fred Edwards

Nov. 28, 2008 -- This week the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) published the legislative update that follows. If the U.S. federal government can afford to throw out a few hundred billion dollars here and another few hundred billion there, it certainly can afford to fix the long-standing inequities for our service members, their families and survivors that MOAA has listed.

“MOAA’s Top 8 Groups Most Deserving of a Government Bail-out

If our country can afford almost \$1 trillion in bailouts for firms whose financial troubles were caused by their own mismanagement or recklessness, what about those in the uniformed services community suffering grievous circumstances imposed on them by the government through no fault of their own? Here are MOAA’s nominees for those most deserving a government bailout.

8. Currently serving uniformed services families – the only large group of employees denied use of Flexible Spending Accounts to deduct out-of-pocket health and dependent costs from income and payroll taxes. Who needs a child care tax break more than a family whose sponsor has been deployed?

7. Employers of Guard/Reserve personnel -- who deserve tax breaks to help ease the burden of hiring temporary replacements for ever-more-frequently deployed staff members. The government that imposes these requirements on them, and expects them to keep hiring Guard/Reserve members, needs to do more to assist them.

6. Guard-Reserve members deployed since 9/11 – whom the government has acknowledged deserve a reduced retirement age in return for frequent active duty callups, but has denied credit for those called up (for multiple combat tours in hundreds of thousands of cases) between 2001 and 2008.

5. Military families (again) – who’ve suffered terrible family separations because of past government resistance to manpower increases, despite predictions of a long war. Now, some congressional leaders have proposed cutting back on manpower increases, when the only possibility for relief is to accelerate them.

4. Severely disabled retirees with less than 20 years of service – who forfeit most or all of their military retired pay to fund their own VA disability compensation. Congress passed legislation to assist the combat-disabled, but a glitch in the law stymied relief for many. And a 100% non-combat disabled retiree has no relief.

3. Military widows whose sponsors died of service-related causes – thousands of whom must live on an annuity of \$13,000 a year because their VA survivor benefits are deducted from their Survivor Benefit Plan annuities. Congress’ “first-step” relief action provided a mere \$50 extra per month.

2. Separated wounded warriors – Thousands of wounded or potential PTSD/TBI victims were separated with low-balled disability determinations, “personality disorder” or disciplinary dis-

See Top 8, Pg 11

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Augustine, John Col
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Borrowes, Marja Mrs
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Eynatten, Bob CAPT
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Green, Richard CWO4
Harrow, Anita Mrs.
Heilman, John COL
Hunt, Hattie Mrs.
Lanier, Laurie Maj

Lillich, Ed MAJ
Martin, Barbara Mrs.
Munchbach, Rose LTC
Poteat, Genevieve Mrs.
Smith, Paul BG
Williams, Frances Mrs.

••Bronze –

Andrews, Carrol, Lt Col
Bax, Giles COL
Bennett, Will COL
Bonnet, Franklyn LTC
Brown, Gary B Gen
Brown, George L. COL
Butler, Gene Col
Christie, Robert LtCo.
Christy, Marge Mrs.
Cormier, Emery Maj
Cornelius, Bernard CW4
Cowardin, Margaret Mrs.
DeArment, Harold G. COL
D'Louhy, Jacqueline Mrs
Edwards, Fred LtCol
Hansen, George CPT
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Johnson, Frank LCDR
Kelly, Jacob LT
Kersey, Kerry CDR
Landers, Joan Mrs.
March, Larry Col
McGrath, Hazel LCDR
Merritt, Ron COL
Middlemas, John MAJ
Miller, Katherine Mrs.
Olson, N. Fred COL
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Shepard, Walter COL
Shields, Roger COL
Shivers, Frances Capt
Spencer, Denzel MAJ
Tondreau, Herbert CWO4
Varn, Fred LTC
Wetherby, Shirley Lt Col
Wildes, Ron Lt Col

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January Birthdays

(39 to 93 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
01	Zurbrick	William	Capt	USAF (Ret)
06	Reinke	Leonard	Maj	USAF (Ret)
06	Cravens	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
06	Settle	Ralph	CW2	USAF (Ret)
07	Patton	Charles	LTC	USA (Ret)
08	Cease	F. William	1LT	USA (Fmr)
09	Wetherby	Shirley	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
10	Kirkland	Douglas	CDR	USN (Ret)
12	Niblack	Sarah	LTC	USA (Ret)
14	Lakey	Pearl	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
15	Barnes	Carol	COL	USA (Ret)
16	Palmer	Samuel	Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Conforti	Thomas	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
18	Ponder	Elza	CPT	USA (Ret)
19	Jeffords	Joseph	CWO4	USNR (Ret)
20	Dileanis	Betty	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
21	Smith	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
25	Eisenhart	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
26	Rimby	William	LCDR	USN (Ret)
26	Porter	Kathleen	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
28	Kottich	Charles	COL	USA (Ret)
30	Varn	Fred	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Martin	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
31	Harrison	Christa	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
31	Clark	Anna	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF

Sick List

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

- * **CWO4 Robert E. Hodgen**, USAF (Ret)
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- * **LTC Richard H. Natzke**, USA (Ret)
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- * **Col Rod Bricker**, USAF (Ret)
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- * **Louann Andrews**, Spouse
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- * **Katherine M. Miller**, AuxMbr-A
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- * **CDR Ed McCormick**, USN (Ret)
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- **Sherman, Kathryn, Maj, USAF (Ret); 2312 Woodlawn Circle E, St Petersburg, 33704; 727-553-9153; ksherman2@tampabay.rr.com**

Financial Report Summary for the Month of November 2008

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 525.89
..... Donations	\$ 165.00
..... Printing Expenses	\$ 324.03
..... Postage Expenses	\$ 200.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 166.86

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 4,868.99
..... Donations	\$ 255.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$
..... Expenses	\$ 132.59
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,991.40

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,267.41
..... Donations and 50/50	\$ 300.00
..... Memorials	\$ 60.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 38.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,665.41

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,057.62
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 693.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 550.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ 610.00
..... Supplies & Non-recurring	\$ 600.00
..... Postage Expense	\$ 20.00
..... Printing Expense	\$
..... Memorials Expense	\$ 60.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,010.62



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charges that limited or denied benefits. Programs are changing now, but those already separated since 9/11 deserve reconsideration.

1. Caregivers for wounded warriors – hundreds of mothers, fathers, siblings, spouses, and other loved ones have had to quit their jobs, sell homes, and cash in retirement funds – to provide full-time care to severely wounded servicemembers. The government owes training, respite, and compensation to those who never dreamed that a loved one’s wounding could put their own livelihood at such risk.”

The preceding eight initiatives show that the Military Officers Association of America cares deeply about active duty troops, veterans, military retirees, and their families and survivors, regardless of rank. Members of Congress, do you? The ball is in your court.

**VA to Provide Payments to Eligible Surviving Spouses
Quick Action Taken to Resolve Problem Identified by
Senate Chairman**

WASHINGTON (Dec. 18, 2008) - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced immediate actions to quickly identify and pay surviving spouses who are eligible to receive a one-time compensation or pension payment for the month of the veteran's death.

Surviving spouses most likely to be affected by this processing



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- **Warner, Nita Bob, Lt Col, USMC (Ret)**, 4 Dec 2008, Pg 45, 2008 Directory

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends.

problem are those who never applied to VA for survivors' benefits following the death of a veteran.

Because there are deceased veterans for whom VA does not have marital status information, a special Survivors' Call Center has been established for spouses who believe they may be entitled to this retroactive month-of-death benefit.

Surviving spouses are encouraged to contact the Survivors' Call Center at the toll-free telephone number, 1-800-749-8387. Call center agents will assist surviving spouses in providing VA with the information needed to determine their eligibility.

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