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President's Comments:

Over the Years...

...I have had many a comical moment either in airplanes or associated with airplanes.

When I was in pilot training, one dark West Texas night, I had the (otherwise boring) duty of sitting in the Runway Supervisory Unit (RSU) during our class's initial T-37 night solo flights to help monitor the traffic pattern activities and radio transmissions of my classmates. One classmate requested and received approval for a closed pattern (a tight climbing turn to an inside downwind from which the turn to final and landing begin). About half way through this climbing turn, he keyed the mike and broadcast, "Oh my God, where am I?"



The RSU Supervisor, an Instructor Pilot, quickly picked up his mike and said, "Calling the RSU, say again with call sign." To which, my classmate replied, "I may be lost, but I am not stupid enough to say my call sign."

Then, there was the time over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos when my replacement checked in and asked where I was. As the scheduler for all OV-10 sorties at Pleiku, I knew all the call signs and knew that my replacement was a new guy on his second sortie in the front seat with an instructor in the backseat. Thinking that the new guy would not know the landmarks very well, I responded using the instructor's call sign and asked where he was. The instructor replied that he was at D-39, to which the student (in the front seat of the same aircraft, remember) said, "I'm at D-39!" Sensing that I might be able to have some fun, I asked what altitude the instructor was at. With his reply came a frantic response from the student, "I'm at that same altitude!"

By now, I am sure the instructor knew what was going on and decided to go along for the ride.

So, after a while of the student frantically trying to find the other (instructor's) plane, I finally decided to end the fun and

See President's, Pg 6

Our July Speaker:

Back by Popular Demand....

Jayne Blacklin, LCSW

OEF/OIF Program Manager

Since we ran out of time at the June luncheon and did not get to hear from her, we have invited her back.



Mrs. Jayne Blacklin, a licensed clinical social worker, has worked at Bay Pines for over 15 years. She received her Masters degree from the Florida State University. Prior to her role as an OEF/OIF Program Manager, she was the supervisor for Social Workers in the Medical and Surgical areas. As Program Manager, she oversees services and outreach efforts directed toward OEF/OIF veterans.

NEW MOAA LIFE MEMBERS IN 2008

- COL Ron Merritt, USA (Ret), pg 33*
- COL Charles Kottich, USA (Ret), pg 31*
- CAPT Richard Shutt, USN (Ret), pg 41*
- Maj Bob Sims, USMC (Ret), pg 62*
- Capt Dick Hoover, USAF (Fmr), pg 28*

*Located in 2008 Directory

Please see or call Don Freese or Janice Mogan if you are thinking of converting to a MOAA Life Membership or have questions about Life Membership.



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- Total Membership - 323
 Regular Members - 236
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 Inactive Members - (4)

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| Army - 83 | USMC -13 |
| USAF - 78 | USCG - 8 |
| Navy - 53 | NOAA - 1 |

6/20/2008

The Buzz

Chapter Happenings and Items of Interest

Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)

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■ **Did You Know:** Retired military are entitled to one free pair of eye glasses each calendar year. To take advantage of this entitlement, take your eye glass prescription to the Optometry Clinic at the MacDill Base Hospital. The Clinic is open Monday thru Friday. Clinic hours are 0800 to 1630. For additional information call 813-827-9132.

■ **PLEASE NOTE:** The PharmaCare Center at MacDill AFB will undergo renovations beginning 5 June 2008. The center will be closed every Friday beginning 6 June 2008 until the renovations are completed. Hours of operation for PharmaCare Center during renovations period will be...MON-THURS from 0830 hrs. to 1500 hrs. There have been some new drugs added to the Patients Formulary, please ask for new Formulary on your next visit to MacDill.

■ On the 16th of June, **Margaret and Earl Peck** attended the promotion ceremony and change of command ceremony for their son, **Lt Gen Allen G. Peck, USAF**, the new commander of Air University at Maxwell AFB, AL. Congratulations to all the Pecks. As a side note, Lt Gen Peck will be the speaker at the All Hands Breakfast at the 2009 FCOC Convention hosted by our Chapter, 5-7 June, 2009.

■ **Retired Reserve/Guard TRICARE Bill:** Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) introduced H.R. 6185, the TRICARE Continuity of Coverage for National Guard and Reserve Families Act of 2008. H.R. 6185 would enable retired members of National Guard and reserve units with 20 or more years of faithful and honorable service to purchase health care that was available to them during their time in active service or after they reach 60 years of age. Currently, members who have retired but are not yet 60 years of age are not eligible for TRICARE, and are referred to as being in the "gray area." There are currently approximately 220,000 retirees that fall within in the "gray area."

■ **Know of a good speaker?** Ed Lillich, our Program Chair, is always looking for names of good speakers. Contact Ed with your suggestions.



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2009 Convention Update:

To keep everyone informed on the events leading up to the Florida Council of Chapters annual Convention, which the St Petersburg Area Chapter is hosting, we are publishing the minutes of each planning meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend each planning meeting and share in the planning for the greatest convention to date. Here are the minutes:

FCOC 2009 CONVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING #1, JUNE 9, 2008

Convention Chairman, Don Freese, called the first meeting of the 2009 convention planning committee to order at 1:00 p.m. Those present were Basil Burrell, Fred and Pauline Edwards, Betty and Paul Finley, Larry Fernald, Anita Harrow, Don Freese, Ed and Chris Lillich, Janice Mogan, Al Neville, Earl Peck, and Violet Smith. Don welcomed and thanked everyone for volunteering. He thanked Larry Fernald and Al Neville for all the work they have done so far in laying the ground work.

Larry gave the PowerPoint presentation showing the committee what had been shown at the 2008 Convention which resulted in us being awarded the 2009 Convention. The convention will be at the Sirata Beach Resort, St. Petersburg Beach, from 5-7 June 2009.

The Sirata will charge 2007 prices for the food. The rooms for 2 nights will cost \$29.26 more than what was charged at Cocoa Beach but the Registration Fee has been reduced by \$10.00 per person so that a cost for a couple will be only \$9.26 more than 2008.

Don Freese said this is a wonderful opportunity to promote the MOAA convention for 2009 because it is the 80th year of MOAA, 65th anniversary of D-Day, 65th anniversary of the liberation of Rome, 67th anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Don said that the groundwork has been done for the convention but if anyone sees anything that needs to be changed let him know. He has obtained a lot of support from Ron Buchert, Florida Chapter's convention coordinator and from Troy Scott, the president.

Larry reported on the budget. To date we have \$1,800 left in the account and he does not foresee any immediate large expenses. We won't see any reservation income until October at the earliest. Most people will opt to be billed in February.

This year, a new plan for registrations and advertisements has been implemented. Reservations should be sent in now and we should begin getting advertisers lined up now, but instead of requiring payment up front, advertisers will be billed and able to make payment in February. Reservation payment will also be deferred until February, if desired.

Don presented the job assignments: Larry Fernald, Vice Chair and Treasurer; Secretary, Chris Lillich; Publicity, Janice Mogan; Database, D. Kay Benson; Master of Ceremonies, Earl Peck; Protocol, Fred Edwards; FCOC Advisor, Ron Buchert, photographer and reporter, Basil Burrell; shirts and caps, Pauline

Edwards; decorations, silent auction & door prizes, Betty Finley; speaker acquisition and VIP invitations, Earl Peck; seminar presenter acquisition, Larry Fernald; souvenir book editor, Al Neville; advertisement chair, Janice Mogan; Color Guard acquisition, Ed Lillich.

Under events Violet Smith volunteered for welcome chair, Janice Mogan is in charge of All Hands Breakfast, Ed Lillich and George Brown, Memorial Service; Violet Smith and Anita Harrow, spouse and auxiliary seminar; Don Freese, FCOC annual meeting, Sherry Freese, John's Pass excursion; Larry Fernald, afternoon seminars; Janice Mogan and Don Freese, vendor tables. Volunteers are still needed for registration and Military Ball.

Suggestions for activities prior to or after the convention were a Ray's game on Sunday afternoon and a golf tournament on Friday or Sunday. Don Freese is looking into the golf tournament.

Discussion followed on the souvenir book. In order to make the most profit we need to have more ads in the book. The cost of printing 250 copies is around \$1,800. Everyone can help obtain ads. Target Marketing will put an ad in the book and will be one of the vendors. It was noted that the ads in 2006 brought in \$7,000.

Pauline Edwards showed two shirts that could be used as the official convention shirt. She also presented the logo that would be used for the shirts. The consensus of the planning committee was that a white shirt would be the best color choice and wanted a quality shirt. The logo was approved by the committee. Pauline will present another shirt sample at the next meeting.

Tote bags were discussed and it was decided to ask the Retired Officers Wives Club if they would donate some items for the bags. Each person who registers will receive a tote bag.

Betty Finley said Sherry Freese will be helping her with decorations, and Chris Lillich also volunteered to help. Decorations will be needed for the breakfast.

The decorations from our chapter 2008 installation may be used for the Military Ball.

Betty asked everyone to help her with obtaining donations for the silent auction. Items suggested are pictures, memorabilia, baskets, etc.

Earl Peck suggested that we invite representatives from each of the commands at MacDill. Ed Lillich will have the Veterans' Liaison Honor Guard present the Colors for the All Hands Breakfast.

Larry Fernald is trying to get someone from MacDill to speak at the seminar on National Security. He will be getting (hopefully) Bud Schneeweis to be seminar moderator from 2:00 to 2:45 and Lee Lange for the 2:45 to 3:30 slot.

There will be a hospitality suite. There are two suites reserved for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. The chapter convention fund will pay for one night and the other two nights are complimentary for one suite and the chapter convention fund

See Convention, Pg 6





Luncheon Meeting; 20 June 2008

Reported by **Basil Burrell**

Attended – 71: (68 reservations), 36 Members, 10 Auxiliaries, 16 Spouses, 5 Member Guests, 2 Chapter Guests
[3 Walk-ins, 1 No-shows, (0) Cancellations]

Our President Larry Fernald got this affair started by asking Ed Lillich our First Vice President to give the Invocation in the absence of our Chaplain. Larry then led us in the pledge of allegiance to our Flag and Country. Larry then introduced the head table including our speaker Mr. Wallace, Hopkins Director of Bay Pines VAHCS, and his colleague Ms. Jayne Blacklin LCSW who is OEF/OIF Program Manager at Bay Pines VA Hospital. A few more words about current events in the Chapter and Larry introduced Don Freese, our immediate Past President, who has taken on the considerable task of directing the efforts to host the 2009 Florida Council of Chapters here at the Sirata Beach Resort at St. Pete Beach. A reminder to all that this is an unusual event in that we are hosting the Convention here after having only a two year break. We hosted the Convention in 2006. The Convention is to begin on 6 June 2009. As most of you remember, even if you were not there, Operation Overlord began on that date in 1944 when the allies invaded Normandy. That date is of historical interest for at least two other events: Rome was liberated on 6 June 1944 and the pivotal Naval battle of WWII, the Battle of Midway, was in progress. Midway decimated the Japanese fleets Air Craft Carriers. It just happens that we had here today one of the liberators of Rome, COL Anse "Ed" Speairs USA (Ret). Ed was here with his son 2LT Tom Speairs and Tom's wife Lauri. All are Chapter members. Tom told me that his father Ed is prominently mentioned in the book "The Rock of Anzio" available from Amazon.com. I have ordered the book. Now back to the Convention: Don encourages us to sign up right away and reserve our rooms at the Sirata Beach Resort. I know that Earl Peck and Violet Smith have already done so. I am something of a laggard and have not signed up yet. The Peck family will be in force at the Convention as Don has LtGen Allen Peck, Earl and Margaret's son, scheduled to be one of the major speakers. Something was said about saluting but I didn't catch all the remarks on that. (Editors Note: The saluting comment was that Earl Peck did not have to salute his son, to which Larry replied that he may not have to, but would be proud and honored to do so.) Don has the workers for the Convention all lined up. There has been a lot of work done to prepare for a great Convention.

Larry encourages those of us who have internet access to sign up on the Military Message Center and to sign up for Of-



ficers Call internet delivery in lieu of regular mail so we can save mailing and printing costs. The Door Prize and Equity Distribution numbers were called and some folks left today richer than they were on arrival. Larry introduced Ms Anita Harrow who has volunteered to coordinate the HOT program. Anita needs help with this and she has some volunteers signed up already. The HOT program has been idle for a while and Anita has her work cut out for her to get it rolling again. She reports that a friend has offered a storage space where goodies and boxes can be kept until ready for shipment. Larry reported that we are going to set up another designated Scholarship program as we have filled the requirements for our first program. Al Neville announced that we have a new color nametag that can be had for a mere \$5.00 each. Just see Al to obtain one.

After a break for lunch Ed Lillich introduced our speaker Mr Wallace Hopkins the Director of Bay Pines VA Hospital. Mr Hopkins is a Viet Nam veteran and flew reconnaissance missions out of Udorn in Thailand. His father-in-law is a Korean veteran and his son just returned from a tour with the Marine Corp in Iraq. So Mr Hopkins knows something about being a veteran. He remembers the days when a veteran was almost always a man but now there are many women veterans and the VA has changed with the times to accommodate the new veteran population. The Veterans Administration has greatly improved in the past few years to stay abreast of the terrible wounds being suffered in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is a need for volunteers at Bay Pines. There seems to be no problem keeping the nursing staff filled but Physicians can be a problem. Apparently nurses like the work at Bay Pines VA Hospital. I can verify that it is a pleasant facility with helpful staff. We ran short of time and Ms Jayne Blacklin did not get a chance to speak, but we are inviting her back next month. After taking some questions Mr. Hopkins turned the meeting back to Larry. Larry asked Ed Lillich for the Benediction and adjourned the luncheon meeting.



Bill and Penny Eisenhart





LEFT: Our speakers,
Jayne Blacklin and
Wally Hopkins



RIGHT: Jeanne Alvarez



Bob and Maggie Eynatten



Marge Christy and Donald Horsman



Janice Mogan and Hazel McGrath



Tom and Lauri Spears



LEFT: Betty Finley and
Doug Kirkland



Chris Lillich and Lynn Bolin





President's, from Pg 1

radioed for the student to turn around and shake hands with the instructor.

Then there was the time when the base commander at Pleiku.....no, that one is best left alone.

A few years later, I was sitting nuclear alert in B-52's at Ellsworth AFB, SD. One night, about 9 PM, the klaxon went off, and we all headed to the plane, not knowing if it was an exercise or the real thing. My entire crew, except for my copilot, made it to the plane about the same time, and we all started boarding. When I realized that my copilot was not behind us, I stopped downstairs with the Navigator and Radar Navigator to wait for the copilot.

At that time, we did not know that the copilot was in the shower when the klaxon went off. As he told it, when the klaxon went off, he grabbed a towel and his flight suit and boots and headed to the plane. Note I said "grabbed" and not "put on."

As I was beginning to wonder where my copilot was, up through the entry hatch popped a wet head full of shampoo, followed by the missing copilot with a towel draped over his shoulder, and lugging a set of boots and a flight suit.

Needless to say, I was not about to follow him up the ladder. So, up I went to my seat to begin the start procedure, followed by my naked copilot, leaving a laughing Navigator and Radar Navigator behind.

The next day, when the Deputy Commander for Operations came out to the Alert Facility for lunch, we all got a stern lecture on "not running across the ramp naked." (Side Note: if Al Gore can claim to have invented the internet, then I suppose I can claim to have invented the term "streaker.")

After I retired from the Air Force, and was working for an airline, there was a flight attendant who was, shall we say, "difficult to get along with." Remember how during the safety announcements prior to leaving the ground, the flight attendants hold up the evacuation diagram cards and remind one to review them? Well, between the rest of the crew members, we got a sheet of paper and a black marker and wrote, "I NEED A DATE DESPERATELY!" and taped it to the inside of

the evacuation diagram. When she opened the card and held it up, the folks in the immediate area roared with laughter.

She was much easier to get along with after that. And, I think she did get a date.

Who said that aviation was a serious business?

By now, you are wondering just what all this has to do with MOAA and the St Petersburg Area Chapter in particular. So, I'll tell you—absolutely nothing.

But, it does go to show that one can have fun while doing serious work. And, that is what we are doing in the Chapter.

We have fun socially at our luncheons and other events that we attend, yet we are serious about things like the Designated Scholarship Program, which we completed 6 months ahead of schedule. And we are serious about our Help Our Troops Program, which Anita Harrow is working to gin back up so that we can continue to support our troops in material ways along with the moral support that we give them.

This is getting to be too long. So, to end it, I'll just say, "Thanks for being a great Chapter. See you at the July meeting, and bring along a prospective member or two to share in the fun."

Convention, from Pg 3.

will share the cost with the Tampa Chapter (after netting out the cost against the income for the hospitality suite) on the second suite. We will be able to provide the food and the beverages from outside sources.

It was suggested that the prayer President Roosevelt gave on D-Day be used at the Memorial Service.

The next meeting of the convention committee will be at the Sirata Resort and Hotel at 10:30 on Monday, August 11. We will tour the resort and have lunch.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Lillich,

Secretary



Ed Spears and Don Freese

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by Don Freese from MOAA and other sources

House Passes Historic Post 9/11 GI Bill.

The House of Representatives approved a major GI Bill upgrade for men and women who have defended the nation since September 11, 2001. MOAA, The Military Coalition, and many other veterans' and higher education associations are pleased to have played a role in winning this historic victory. But it didn't come easy.

The new GI Bill will reimburse veterans' tuition for schooling up to the highest state college cost, pay a housing allowance based on the location of the school, and provide up to \$1,000 annually for books. Under certain conditions, it would provide extra money toward attending a private university. Veterans will have up to 15 years after separation to use the benefits.

Service members who have completed six years of service and agree to serve an additional four years will be able to transfer part or all of the benefits to their spouses immediately. Once they complete 10 years service they can transfer them to children.

No one already retired qualifies for the transferability option.

MOAA is especially pleased that the new GI Bill includes a MOAA-suggested provision extending the new benefits to service academy and ROTC scholarship graduates if they agree to

serve an additional three years beyond their initial service commitment.

Activated National Guard and Reserve troops will be able to earn GI Bill benefits for each tour of 90 days or more they serve up to full benefits for 36 months of aggregate active service.

“Mandatory” Rules Apply...Until They Don't

Any parent or grandparent knows all about the “do as I say, not as I do” rule — and its pitfalls.

So it is with Congress's “mandatory spending” rules, which apply only when congressional leaders want them to.

This has proven a real problem for those seeking fixes for such things as concurrent receipt, survivor annuities, and the GI Bill. That's because the Armed Services committees that oversee those programs understandably are reluctant to pay for them by cutting other retirement, survivor, or health benefits.

This year, Hill leaders waived the rule to fund a major upgrade to the GI Bill, another mandatory spending program.

MOAA has been fighting for years to plus up military education benefits and has run into the mandatory spending rule every year, so we're elated that Congress now thinks it's so important it deserves a rule waiver.

The lesson: If you can generate enough political interest in an issue, the normal rules simply don't apply. Winning on Capitol Hill is all about exerting political pressure. MOAA and other Military Coalition Members exert the political pressure.

Judge Orders Payment to SBP-DIC Widows

Congress changed the law several years ago to restore VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments to previously eligible widows who remarried after age 57. Several widows who were also eligible for Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities sued to claim that the law required continuation of their SBP in addition to the DIC, without the normal dollar-for-dollar offset.

On June 12, the judge made a summary judgment directing DOD to restore the widows' SBP annuities. DOD is expected to appeal the decision. DOD won't have to restore the SBP annuities until the appeal is heard by a higher court.

MOAA Spouse Symposium a Hit

Legislative action was one of the key issues discussed at MOAA's second annual Spouse Symposium in Virginia Beach. Attendees learned methods that are most (and least) effective in legislative advocacy. They also received up-to-the-minute status information on the GI bill, education and employment initiatives, a proposed spouse and family monument, in-state tuition eligibility, the military children's educational compact, and a variety of other personnel and benefits initiatives.

Other topics covered at the well-received symposium included building a better military marriage, financial management options, and family support and employment.

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Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 9 June 2008

Reported by Chris Lillich, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald at 11:30 a.m. The invocation was given by First Vice President Ed Lillich. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry.

There were twenty (20) present, including members and guests: Terry Carr, George Brown, Basil Burrell, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Pauline Edwards, Bill Eisenhart, Larry Fernald, Paul Finley, Betty Finley, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Ed Lillich, Chris Lillich, H. B. Love, Hazel McGrath, Janice Mogan, Al Neville, Earl Peck and Violet Smith. Seven (7) members were absent.

A motion was made by Earl Peck and seconded by Anita Harrow that the minutes of the May 5, 2008 meeting be approved as printed in the May Officers Call. Motion carried. The treasurer presented the report for May 2008. After discussion and a correction to reflect the balance in the Officer's Call Boosters account to be \$1281.97 a motion was made by Earl Peck and seconded by Anita Harrow that the treasurer's report be accepted as corrected. Motion carried.

President Larry introduced Chris Lillich who would be acting secretary during D. Kay Benson's absence.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Ed Lillich reported that Wally Hopkins, Bay Pines VA Hospital Administrator will be the speaker for the June 20, 2008 meeting. Admiral Eric T. Olson, Commander of USSOCOM, is unable to be the speaker for July 18. Ed is in the process of getting another Admiral or General from SOCOM and it looks good at this time. He does have a "hip pocket" speaker available, if necessary. It was the consensus of the board to cancel the Elvis program for December and replace it with a musical program. After discussion a motion was made by Violet Smith and seconded by Anita Harrow that the December meeting be changed from the 19th to the 12th. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE: Don Freese reported that everything is in place to send out the first mailing which will be to the 130 chapter members who are not MOAA life members. Recently MOAA National sent letters to all members who were not life members, which was very similar to the letter being sent out by the Chapter. There was also some confusion in the MOAA letter as to the cost of the life membership, and in order to clarify some of the points covered in the MOAA letter, Don will make the appropriate changes to his current letter. The database the Chapter received from MOAA is not up to date. Don was authorized to spend up to \$75.00 to update the database. President Larry complimented and thanked Al Neville and Don Freese on the tremendous job they have been doing on this project. Don reported that we have one new member and that the chapter is making very good progress in obtaining new members.

OFFICERS CALL: President Larry reported that the Officers Call is laid out for the next issue and he would like all articles by

July 18 at the latest. Earl Peck received several favorable comments on the previous Officers Call.

HOT (Help Our Troops) chairman, Anita Harrow, reported that Carolyn Shields was very helpful in giving her all the information she needed to keep the HOT program a successful and viable project. One of the residents at the Paradise Island Towers has donated an empty locker for storage of our inventory. Anita hopes to begin mailing boxes in early July. Don Freese sent LTC Greg Stankewitz an e-mail which Larry followed up with another e-mail more specifically indicating our intent.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Stu Palmer reported to President Larry by e-mail that we were \$2,024.59 away from fully funding our \$25,000 designated scholarship. We have \$2,031.00 on hand. Stu suggested we send that in now and start a second scholarship effective 1 July 2008 running through June 30, 2013. It was the consensus of the board to pay off the first scholarship. Al Neville made a motion to start a second designated scholarship, Violet Smith seconded; the motion carried.

JROTC: Ed Lillich reported that the final two awards ceremonies at Gibbs and Admiral Farragut Academy went well. All schools are now closed for the summer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fred Edwards presented a change in the Policy Manual, Section 27, Chapter Property, to update the list of property owned by the Chapter to include all new acquisitions and in whose name the care of property is entrusted. The Chapter no longer has the phone answering machine and it will be removed from the list leaving the following items: portable tape recorder, Chapter flag, American flag and stands, PA sound system, glassware MOAA/Chapter inscription, Epson PowerLite S5, LCD projector, Targus wireless presenter with cursor control and Elite 85" portable tripod projection screen. Motion to accept the change was approved.

Hazel McGrath reported that Cecil Keene is in Carrington Nursing Home. Dot Plummer is home from the hospital and is very appreciative of all calls and cards.

Violet Smith handed out new formularies from MacDill.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry thinks the best transportation to the port at Fort Lauderdale would be through Cruise Connection, but he is still working on this. Don has found that ATA and Delta offer one way fares from San Diego to Tampa for \$156 - \$159, with a change of planes in Atlanta. Southwest offers one stop in Phoenix.

Don Freese displayed the signature form he will use for the convention booklet. Each signature is \$10.00.

A framed certificate for the 45th anniversary of the St Petersburg Chapter was presented to Paul Finley, who was president in 2005.

There being no further business, Chaplain Brown said the invocation and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.





Thurm Dwyer,
Charlie Parsons,
and Bonnie
Rohrbaur

July Birthdays (37 to 94 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
27	Billington, Norton		LTC	USA (Ret)
20	Bryan, Hardy		LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Burdette, Katherine		Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
07	Burke, Betty		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
22	Cormier, Emery		Maj	USAF (Ret)
08	Freese, Donald		CAPT	USN (Ret)
14	Frost, Murl		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
06	Heilman, John		COL	USA (Ret)
17	Hoodecheck, Vernice		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
03	Johnson, Frank		LCDR	USN (Ret)
18	Kersey, John		CDR	USN (Ret)
03	Kline, Allen		2d Lt	USAAF
02	Lofgren, William		Col	USAF (Ret)
24	McCormick, William		CDR	USN (Ret)
29	McGillicuddy, Terry		CAPT	USN (Ret)
02	McGrath, Hazel		LCDR	USNR (Ret)
12	Middlemas, John		MAJ	USA (Ret)
26	Montrem, Helen		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
19	Murphy, Hazel		1LT	USANC (Frm)
04	Nelson, Landy		COL	USA (Ret)
21	Oliver, Richard		LT	USN (Ret)
16	Poage, William		LCDR	USN (Res)
02	Poteat, Genevieve		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
20	Rembert, Ernestine		LTC	USA (Ret)
21	Rozecki, Louise		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
05	Sanders, Charlene		Capt	USAF (Ret)
14	Shivers, Frances		Capt	USAFR (Fmr)
16	Silva, Terry		LT	USN (Fmr)
04	Talbitzer, John		LT	USN (Ret)
07	Travis, D. Timothy		LCDR	USN (Ret)
21	Vision, Michael		CDR	USN (Ret)
03	Ward, Wayne		CPT	USA (Ret)
20	Willis, Martha		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

Financial Report for the Month of May 2008

Officers Call Boosters

Balance, Beginning of Month.....	\$1,509.48
Donations.....	\$ 50.00
Advertising Income.....	\$ 360.00
Printing Expenses.....	\$ 000.00
Postage Expenses.....	\$ 277.46
Balance, End of Month.....	\$1,281.97

HOT Fund

Balance, Beginning of Month.....	\$3,267.30
Donations.....	\$ 88.00
50/50 Income.....	\$ 42.00
Balance, End of Month.....	\$3,397.30

Scholarship Fund

Balance, Beginning of Month.....	\$1,846.00
Donations.....	\$ 185.00
Memorial Donations.....	\$ 00.00
Balance, End of Month.....	\$2,031.00

Operating Account

Balance, Beginning of Month.....	\$2,426.99
Monthly Luncheon.....	\$ 693.00
Dues/Give Me 10.....	\$ 00.00
Miscellaneous Income.....	\$ 20.00
Luncheon Expense.....	\$ 680.00
Supplies Expense.....	\$ 11.56
Postage Expense.....	\$ 000.00
Printing Expense.....	\$ 826.45
Memorials Expense.....	\$ 00.00
Other Organizations Expenses.....	\$ 424.74
Balance, End of Month.....	\$ 1,197.24

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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- * **LTC Richard H. Natzke**, USA (Ret)
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- * **Col Rod Bricker**, USAF (Ret)
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- * **Madeline I. Secor**, AuxMbr-AF
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Violet M. Smith, Co-Chair
MOAAAuxiliary Member Advisory Committee

The members of the MOAAAuxiliary Member Advisory Committee are most excited about a new website for surviving spouses. This is a brand new concept and we are undergoing some growing pains, but look forward to having all surviving spouses participate by sending us articles, information, etc. Please send that information to auxcomm@moaa.org.

To view the new web page, please go to www.moaa.org, then click on the "Family/Survivor" link, followed by the "Surv/Aux Information" link.

Our "tag line" is "The Heart Behind One Powerful Voice: The Surviving Spouses of MOAA."

Our hope is to update the website information monthly.

Surviving spouses are vital members of all our local chapters and we look forward to hearing more and more from them.



Cal Imoboden and
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Gudmundson, Brent LTC
Harrow, Anita Mrs.
Lorence, Maria LTC
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Smith, Violet Mrs.

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••BRONZE –

Edwards, Fred LtCol
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Weatherby, Shirley Lt Col

••SILVER –

Baney, Eleanor Mrs.
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Total \$1,470 as of 6/20/2008

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Each reservation \$11:

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**For late reservations &/or a RIDE,
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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer
11:00 - 11:45 luncheon; program 11:45 - 13:15;
BanquetMasters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk.

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.

CALENDAR

July 18th, Friday, 11:00 Ms Jayne Blacklin, OEF/OIF
Program Manager, Bay Pines VA

August 15th, Friday, 11:00 USSOCOM Speaker

September 19th, Friday, 11:00 TBA

October 17th, Friday, 11:00 Prof Charles Rose, Legal
Aspects of War of Terror

November 21st, Friday, 11:00 TBA

December 12th, Friday(Second Friday), 11:00 Toys
for Tots

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

Call: CAPT Bob Eynatten 360-4637

July 7th Monday

August 4th Monday

September 8th (Second Monday)

October 6th Monday

November 3rd Monday

December 1st Monday

ROWC

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

Bridge – (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM
Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.
• Reservations: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272, or
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