



# OFFICERS CALL

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Military Officers Association of America  
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Winner Print Media 2006; 1st Runnerup 2010; Winner 2010 Communications Award**

### President's Comments:

Our "Levels of Excellence Award" Application, for the year 2010, has been submitted. This year, a record number of chapters will submit packages for the Levels of Excellence Awards. A total of 100 chapters were recognized for their outstanding performance in 2009, with 76 chapters, of which we were one, receiving five-star awards and 24 chapters receiving four-star awards. We were a MOAA five-star Chapter in 2000 and again from 2002-2009.



Award levels are based on the total number of points a chapter earns out of a maximum of 240 points. Chapters that accumulate 220 points, from the maximum of 240 points, receive five-star awards, while chapters with 200 to 219 points receive four-star awards.

A chapter's entry must include enough details so the judges can get a clear overview of the programs and activities undertaken by the chapter.

Section II of the Levels of Excellence Award Scoring, Subjective Scoring, question 2, under criteria, asked: Was an active chapter recruiting and retention program conducted during the year of competition?

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### 2010 MOAA Communications Awards



Our *Officers Call* won the 1st Runner-Up Award for Print Newsletters for Chapters in Category III which includes all chapters with 200 - 299 members.

In addition, we won the award for Unique Communications for our Military Message Center (MMC), set up as a Google Group, to alert members to important events of interest to members of the military community.

### We Need Your Help

We are looking for volunteers to help at our monthly luncheons. We need help checking in attendees and giving out the menu selection cards and the door prize tickets. This position is an excellent opportunity to meet and greet Chapter members as they arrive. Bill Bolin will continue to take the reservations and provide a list of attendees. He will also provide instructions on what needs to be done. Our goal is to have volunteers do this job three times, then pass it off to other volunteers. If interested, please give Bill Bolin a call (727-584-1595) and he can elaborate on this volunteer position.

### FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Do you have any old tattered flags that need to be disposed of in a proper manner?

The City of Indian Rocks Beach will be hosting the 10th Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 – Noon at Chic-A-Si Park (203 4th Avenue), Indian Rocks Beach.

CAPT Don Freese will be the speaker.



# Officers Call



Print Media Winner- 2006

Print Media 1st Runner-Up - 2008 & 2010

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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 Auxiliary Liaison ..Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N ..... 367-9050  
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 Visitation ..... LCDR Hazel McGrath, USN ..... 545-3884

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 290  
 Regular Members - 194  
 Auxiliary Members - 96  
 Inactive Members - 5

### Military Services:

Army - 64                      USMC - 15  
 USAF - 66                     USCG - 6  
 Navy - 44                      NOAA - 0

5/21/2011

**Luncheon Meetings** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday — mixer  
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;  
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk.

## CALENDAR

June 17<sup>th</sup>                      CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)

July 15<sup>th</sup>                      Mr. Bryan MacNeill, FCPTI

August 19<sup>th</sup>

September 16<sup>th</sup>              POW/MIA

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

**Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or  
 MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246**

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

June 6<sup>th</sup>                      Monday

July 5<sup>th</sup>                      Monday

August 1<sup>st</sup>                    Monday

## ROWC

### Luncheons:

- January thru May--Second Tuesday (except May 3)  
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd  
 Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or  
 Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272

**NOTE:** ROWC luncheons are in a Summer hiatus mode, and will resume in October. Please watch this space for future luncheon information.

**Bridge:** (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272  
 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

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## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**  
**Monthly Luncheon; 20 May 2011**

**Attended – 76:** (78 reservations), 10 Member Guests, 2 Chapter Guests, 5 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 7 No Shows

The luncheon meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge was led by Ed Lillich, followed by introductions of the head table which included First Vice President Terry Carr, Second Vice President Bill Lee, Chaplain Brown and our guest speaker CAPT Sheryl Dickinson.



New members, John Penney and Van Barnes were welcomed into the Chapter. Special guests included Georgia French, Claudie Hintze, Linda May, Rick May, Charlotte Smyth, Dorothy Dudley, Jewel Mckeon, Sidney Vaughn, Bea Horne, Fred Chase, Bill Alhizer, Bill Beal, and Kathryn Roy. Also with us was Tiffany Johnson, granddaughter of Frank Johnson and Mike Rotunda, a recent graduate of Admiral Farragut Academy and guest of Larry Butterfield. We are also happy to see our “oldest” member, Meredith Crook and her caretaker.

The drawing for a free lunch for wearing a MOAA pin was won by Linda May. HOT made \$115 from the sale of the candy donated by Bill Lofgren.

Dick Koch thanked Ed Lillich for having the honor guard participate in the welcoming home ceremony of the Honor Flight of World War II vets who visited Washington, D.C. on a day trip. He also thanked each and every one of those from the Chapter that were at the airport to greet them.

The Memorial Service for those members and spouses who passed away during the past year was held and the bell tolled twenty six times. The Chapter Honor Guard stood at attention while the names were read and LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC (Ret) rang the bell. COL George Brown, USA (Ret) was the Master of Ceremonies and the names were read by MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret). The final salute was rendered by the Honor Guard while 1stSGT David Mallory, USA(Ret) played Taps.

Following the Memorial Service the lunch was served.

First Vice President Terry Carr introduced our speaker, CAPT Sheryl Dickinson, USCG, Commander of Sector St. Petersburg. CAPT Dickinson presented a great power point presentation showing the overview of duties and activities of our very active St. Petersburg based Coast Guard. There are currently 552 active duty, 233 reserve, 26 civilians and 1,687 auxiliary on board. In FY10 the Sector saved 208 lives and property valued at over \$5.3 million, and assisted 1,265 citizens who were in peril. The Coast Guard does carry weapons and they work closely with other Federal, state and local public safety partners to meet homeland security mission demands.

They patrol manatee zones and enforce fishery regulations, conduct multi-mission operations targeting illegal drug and migrant smuggling, are responsible for constructing and servicing almost 2,000 fixed and floating navigational aids, ensure compliance with Federal pollution regulations to protect sensitive coastal habitat throughout the west coast of Florida, and develops, maintains and evaluates all plans for readiness, emergency preparedness, domestic emergencies and regional contingencies. The St Petersburg Sector coordinated the location and rescue of an abducted child, provided support to Sail Tampa Bay 2010 and responded to the Haiti Earthquake, as well as many other accomplishments. CAPT Dickinson assured us that the Coast Guard is doing everything it can to be environmentally clean. She is currently involved with planning for the Republican Convention in Tampa, the Gasparilla festivities, also in Tampa and most importantly to us in the immediate future, preparing for the hurricane season of 2011. Thank you CAPT Dickinson for a very informative presentation.

Following questions and answers President Ed presented CAPT Dickinson with the traditional drink glasses.

CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret), President of the Florida Council of Chapters, will be the speaker at the June 17 luncheon. Don will speak on his recent trip to Washington, D.C. and his first experience with “Storming the Hill”. Don gave a brief overview at the May Executive Committee meeting and you will not want to miss what he has to say. Please make your reservations for the June luncheon and bring a friend and possible new member.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the luncheon meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting 2 May 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 11:30. Chaplain Charlene Sanders gave the invocation and Ed led the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty members were present including: Carol Barnes, Bill Bolin, George Brown, Ed Conners, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Jean Jessup, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Johnnie Neville, Charlie Parsons, Jim Patton, Earl Peck, Charlene Sanders and John Schoeppner.

Larry Fernald made a motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting as written in the O.C., seconded by Anita Harrow. Treasurer’s report shows a balance of \$8,599.68 in the operating account. Earl Peck made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by John Schoeppner. Both motions passed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**TOPS:** Carol Barnes will submit an article for the O.C. in regard to the progress of the TOPS program.

**Auxiliary:** Anita announced that there will be a full agenda

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## Minutes from Pg 3

at the spring coffee on May 18.

**HOT:** To date \$150.00 has been given to the HOT program from the sale of the candy made and donated by Bill Lofgren. Anita sent a letter of thank you to the class that provided stuffed animals for the troops.

**Awards:** The Awards committee will meet following the E.C. meeting today.

**Reservations:** Bill Bolin said he would like to have help at the reservation table and after discussion it was decided to ask for someone to help man the table quarterly. This would be an excellent way to get to know the members. Anyone interested should talk with Ed Lillich or Bill Bolin. Bill Lee has offered to assist but we still would like to have additional help.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Storming the Hill:** Don Freese reported on his experience with “Storming the Hill” and mentioned how inspiring it was. He visited 10 offices and every one of the representatives treated him well and listened to what he had to say. One remarked to Don that “we listen to MOAA because when they speak they have a solution.” Don will give a full report at a luncheon meeting in June. There were 100 “stormers” making up 67 teams which gave MOAA one powerful voice.

**Membership:** Bill Lee will be receiving lists quarterly of MOAA members who are moving into the area. He has names of 17 who have recently moved into the area and an attempt will be made to contact them. An invitation will be sent by mail to all those in the area who are not current Chapter members to attend an officers call which is being scheduled for early fall. More information will be forthcoming as the time approaches for the event.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** George Brown announced that there are flights out of MacDill weekly to Charleston and back. Most planes are KC10. Call 813-828-2310 to check on availability and times. George also said that the officers club members will be using the All Ranks Club, formerly the E-1 Club, beginning in October of this year.

John and Martha Schoepner have volunteered to work with Dick Koch on the Honor Flight program.

There being no further business, Chaplain George Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

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## Golden Age Games

The largest sports and recreation event for military veterans age 55 and older, the 25th National Veterans Golden Age Games takes place May 26-31 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Nine hundred athletes from across the nation are expected to compete.

## President from Pg 1

Our response was: “During 2010, using MOAA-provided mailing lists, our Chapter mailed over 300 personal letters to MOAA members (but not chapter members) in the local area. Additionally, we mailed to prospective members as well as lapsed MOAA members. We provided feedback to Council and Chapters on those addresses in the MOAA database that were incorrect, providing an updated address if it was available. We were told that this “closing of the loop” was a first for MOAA and much appreciated. Additionally, we conducted an intense effort to recruit Life Members to MOAA. Today, and as a result of our efforts to expand Life Membership, 70% of our regular and auxiliary members (not counting Auxiliary Member-Spouse), are MOAA life members.”

Section II, question 3 asked: Does the chapter have an established personal affairs program? Briefly describe the program.

Our response was: “Mrs. Violet Smith is our Personal Affairs Chairperson. She has established procedures which trigger an immediate reaction when a member’s or spouse of a member’s death is known. Her first action is to telephone the surviving spouse or family to express condolences and to ascertain the wishes of the surviving family members. She offers to furnish the services of the Honor Guard, a uniformed group of members who are available to render honors, present the colors to the widow, and offer assistance in sorting out actions needed to obtain benefits. When Mrs. Smith feels the time is right, the Chapter President sends a condolence letter to the surviving spouse or family offering continuing assistance and informing the surviving spouse that the Executive Committee has extended the surviving spouse’s Chapter membership until 31 December of the coming year. The Chapter lost 18 members and 2 spouses in 2010. In each of these cases, Mrs. Smith was there to help, and the feedback received from the survivor verified that the assistance and guidance provided lessened the load during this sad time.”

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## Audit: Disability Claims Wrongly Denied

In a recent audit of the VA Disability Compensation System at 16 Regional Offices, the VA Office of the Inspector General estimates that the rating staff incorrectly processed 23 percent of the 45,000 claims inspected. Of the 16 Regional Offices, Baltimore, MD, and Anchorage, AK, scored the lowest in compliance with VA standards. Both failed to meet 14 of the 15 process requirements. Extended management vacancies were cited as one of the linking factors between all poorly performing Regional Offices. Because of the vacancies, these offices lacked continuity and proper oversight. As a result, procedures were not developed or implemented to correct previously identified problems.



# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**  
From MOAA and other sources

## DoD-VA Spending Bill

The House Military Construction and VA Appropriations Subcommittee approved funding legislation for the FY2012 military construction and VA programs.



Highlights include:

- *Military Construction.* The bill provides \$14 billion for military construction projects and fully funds the administration's request for Military Family Housing construction at \$376 million. The housing money will provide 48 new family housing construction projects, 80 replacement projects, and upgrade 216 family housing units. The bill reduces the overall spending package by \$2.6 billion compared to FY11 through lower than expected construction costs and savings realized from the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, which wraps up this September.
- *Veterans Affairs.* The legislation includes a total of \$127.8 billion for veterans' health care funding and VA compensation and benefits programs, including disability compensation, pension, survivor benefits, vocational rehabilitation and GI Bill education and mortgage programs. But it would cut \$476 million from VA administration, information technology and construction accounts.
- *VA Advance Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2013.* The bill includes \$52 billion to pre-fund veterans' health care for the next fiscal year, FY13, in compliance with a law-change championed by MOAA and major veterans groups to ensure continuity of health care operations from one year to the next, since Congress rarely approves appropriations bills before the Oct 1 start of the new fiscal year.
- *Arlington National Cemetery (ANC).* The legislation includes \$45.8 million for ANC, an increase of \$700,000 over 2011 for additional personnel to meet the needs of the cemetery and maintain operations, and help fix problems with mismanaged gravesites and botched records.

## Worry About the Flood, Not the "Camel's Nose."

Some rail against the proposed \$5 per month TRICARE Prime enrollment fee increase as the "camel's nose under the tent." They seem to think that by opposing any increase we can actually "control the camels." In that context, there's a

whole herd of camels coming, whether we like it or not. But MOAA thinks that's the wrong metaphor.

The more relevant comparison is to the Mississippi flood. It's not a matter of negotiating to stop the flood...or to stop the first inch of the flood to prevent the rest from coming.

It's a matter of building a defense to try to limit the damage when the truly big water comes.

Once the heavy rains hit the Midwest (i.e., now that we've built up such a horrendous national debt and the country and the Congress are showing an ever-intensifying budget-cutting mood), the flood is coming to the lower river valley and delta whether we like it or not. You can rail against it all you want, but that's not going to stop the rising river.

What MOAA is trying hard to do is build at least some kind of levee where none now exists, and recognize that we're going to have to accept a little spillage in trying to provide the best protection we can to the most people.

From that perspective, there's absolutely nothing in current law to provide any limiting guidelines at all on adjusting TRICARE fees. That leaves us at the mercy of budget pressures every year, and those pressures are building to levels that simply will not be resistible without some additional lifeline. So we must – must – get something in law we can point to as a reason to recognize that military health care is a special case.

That's why we believe it's so important to support the House Armed Services Committee's proposal to recognize - in law - that career military people already pay very large, up-front premiums for their health care in retirement through decades of arduous service and sacrifice, and that this must be considered in assessing their cash fees. Based on that premise, the Committee would impose a statutory limit that TRICARE fees can't rise in any future year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage growth in military retired pay.

If we're successful in getting those provisions in law, can that guarantee we won't get swamped by further changes a few years downstream when the whole country is facing draconian cuts across the board? No.

But it has a whole lot better chance of having a positive effect than just hollering "we oppose any rise in the water" or "we have to oppose the first inch in the rise or it will just keep going up." To us, such a stance ignores the reality of the current situation and fails to recognize how much worse the budget situation is going to get — very soon.

MOAA is about taking constructive action to build a levee against the coming flood, not just hollering against the rising river.

Doing nothing for another year only puts the military community at ever-greater risk.

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Q: What marked the first time since the Revolution that the U.S. accepted direct financial aid to fight a war?

A: The Persian Gulf War.



Left  
CAPT Sheryl Dickinson, USCG,  
guest speaker



Right  
Ed Lillich presenting CAPT  
Dickinson with Chapter Glasses

### Memorial Ceremony



Honor Guard; Maj Gen Earl Peck USAF, LTC Terry Carr USA, Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF, CAPT Don Freese USN, CWO4 Jim Patton USCG



LtCol Fred Edwards USMC, tolls the bell, Master of Ceremonies Chaplain COL George Brown USA, Maj Ed Lillich USA reads the names of the deceased



Taps played by First Sergeant David Mallory



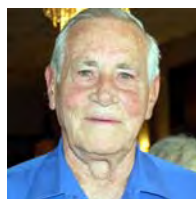
Larry Butterfield with Cadet Lt Michael Rotundo, a recent Admiral Farragut Academy graduate



Guest Bill Alhizer



Jeanne Alvarez and Visitor Georgia French



Visitor Bill Beal



Visitor Fred Chase



Visitor Dorothy Dudley



Claudie Hintze, Rose Munchbach & Bobbie Walters



New Member Bea Horne



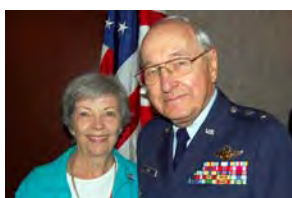
New Member Linda May and son, Rick May



Visitor Jewel McKeon



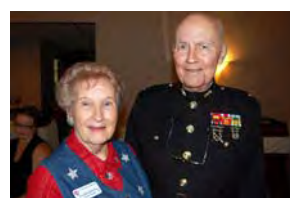
Visitor Kathryn Roy



Margaret and Earl Peck



Paulette and Terry Carr



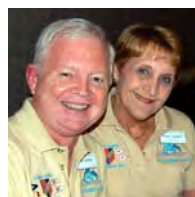
Pauline and Fred Edwards



Don and Sherry Freese



Barb and Larry Fernald



Van (new member) and Carol Barnes



Sid Vaughn



Anita Harrow and George Brown





Joan Landers and Dot Plummer



Giles Bax



Pete Dawson



Fran Shivers and Genevieve Poteat



H. B. Love and Faye Love



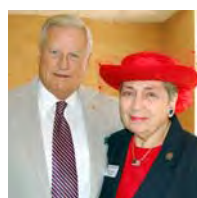
Frank Johnson and grand-daughter Tiffany



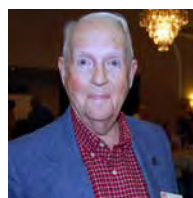
Maureen and John Tablitzer



Charlie Parsons



Paul and Betty Finley



Hank Marois



Bob Murphy



Ted Wall



David Mallory



Hazel Murphy



John Schoeppner



New Member, John Penny



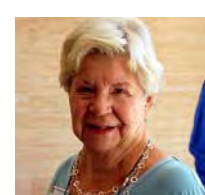
Penny and Bill Eisenhart



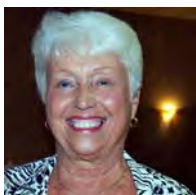
Gary Gilchrist



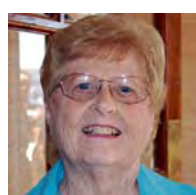
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Hattie Hunt



Yvonne Hughes



Virginia Balke



Charlene Sanders



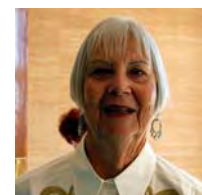
Dick Koch



Nicole Benjamin (Care-giver to Meredith Crook) & Meredith Crook



Our photographer Bill Lofgren



Dot Plummer

Photos by Bill Lofgren



## Financial Report Summary for the Month of April 2011

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$	(82.34)
..... Donations .....	\$	50.00
..... Ad Income .....	\$	0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$	(375.08)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$	(407.42)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$	1,247.42
..... Donations .....	\$	120.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$	0.00
..... Memorials .....	\$	0.00
..... Expenses .....	\$	0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$	1,367.42

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$	1,512.00
..... Donations .....	\$	100.00
..... 50/50 Income .....	\$	0.00
..... Expended .....	\$	0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$	1,612.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$	8,621.73
..... Monthly Luncheon .....	\$	606.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$	35.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$	120.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$	1.45
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$	(530.00)
..... Honoraria/Donations .....	\$	0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$	(5.50)
..... Printing .....	\$	0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$	0.00
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$	0.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$	0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$	(10.00)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$	8,599.68

## The Officer Placement Service (TOPS)

The Military Officers Association of America has excellent resources for the transitioning officer. You can visit the MOAA Career website at [www.moaa.org/career](http://www.moaa.org/career). Here you will find an array of information on MOAA's career fairs, articles on transition, assistance with resume writing, over 1,000 job listings, and you can even post your resume.

The heart of MOAA's Career Resources is The Officer Placement Service (TOPS). MOAA has established TOPS in every state with a State Coordinator to organize the chapter TOPS liaisons. The liaisons are networkers who have volunteered to assist individuals who are transitioning from the military. Our chapter TOPS liaison is COL Carol Barnes.

The chapter TOPS liaison can provide information about area employers, share tips on how to land a job and put members in touch with other job-networking contacts throughout the state. The liaison receives messages from the State Coordinator about job opportunities in Florida. If you know of any job opportunities or learn of any transitioning officers who would like assistance please contact Carol Barnes.



Please join the Republican Party Of Florida and Honor Flight as we honor WWII Vets in Tampa on Saturday, June 18, 2011. If you know of someone who served during World War II and would like them to be honored in Tampa, please enter their information below. Registration is required for event attendance. Also, be sure to check the website often for updated news and information.

**Date:** Saturday, June 18th, 2011

**Time:** Doors open at 1 PM, event starts at 2 PM

**Location:**

Blaise Alfano Center  
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- ◆ **LCDR John Penny, USNR (Ret)**, 11730 Shipwatch Dr, #608, Largo, FL 33774 727-595-9291
- ◆ **1LT Van Barnes, USA (Fmr)**, 1101 79th St So., St Petersburg, FL 33707 727-381-2334
- ◆ **Col Robert “Stormy” Summers, USAF (Ret) (Linda)** 3001 W. Bayview Ave, Tampa, FL 33611, 813-417-4564



## TAPS

- ◆ **Ditchett, Paul H., Capt, AAF (Fmr)**, 17 May 2011
- ◆ **Wisner, Charles L., Rev, LCDR, USN (Ret)**, 24 April 2011
- ◆ **Wolfe, John C., CAPT, USNR (Ret)**, 11 April 2011

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

## Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.

- ◆ **COL Roger Shields, USA (Ret)**
- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**
- ◆ **CAPT Stephen Starwyck, USN (Ret)**
- ◆ **CDR Alda Haley, USN (Ret)**
- ◆ **LTC Rose Munchbach, USA (Ret)**
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- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG**
- ◆ **LTC Marie Lorence, USA (Ret)**

## June Birthdays (51 to 95 years)

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
01	Binzer	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Fine	A. Kenneth	MAJ	AUS (Ret)
19	Fontana	Raymond	LT	USN (Ret)
29	Harren	Robert	MAJ	USA (Ret)
04	Hoddinott	June	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
03	Jessup	Jean	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
01	Kaniss	Margery	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
09	Palsha	Robert	LTC	USA (Ret)
04	Stafford	Margaret	COL	USA (Ret)
24	Stakk	Barbara	CPT	USA (Fmr)
22	Wadham	Peggy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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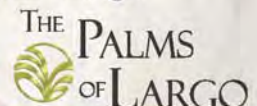
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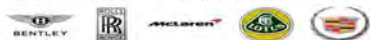
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## Monthly Luncheon

**Friday**  
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**Banquet Masters**  
**8100 Park Blvd**  
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**11:45 AM to 1:15 PM**  
**Social Hour from 11:00 to 11:45**  
**Program Begins at 11:45 AM**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)**  
**MOAA Florida Council of Chapters**  
**President**

After graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1963 Don served four years active duty, primarily aboard the Destroyer USS New (DD 818) and 26 years active reserve duty with nine reserve unit commands, retiring as a Captain in 1993.



He worked twenty four years in the corporate world, starting as a Software Engineer for General Electric and advancing to Vice President Engineering for Universal Instruments Corporation. He attended post graduate school at night to obtain MS and MBA Degrees from Binghamton University in 1970 and 1976.

Don left the corporate world in 1991 to attend Law School graduating from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1994. He is licensed to practice Law in Ohio and Kentucky.

He married Sherry in 1964. They have two children, Lt Col Marc Freese, USMCR and Michelle Star. They have three grandsons and one granddaughter ages 3 to 9.

Don is President of the Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) and a MOAA Life Member. He is a Past President of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter as well as Convention Chair of the 2006 and 2009 FCOC Conventions. He previously served the FCOC as Treasurer and Vice President.



Do you have a MOAA pin? If so, wear it to the monthly luncheon for a chance to win a free lunch at the next monthly meeting. If you need one see Violet Smith or Jim Patton at the door to purchase one.

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- 14:  Flag Day, Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 14: U.S Army established 1775
- 19: Father's Day
- 21: First Day of Summer

