



# OFFICERS CALL

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## President's Comments:

**FLASH:** *The St. Petersburg Area Chapter has been awarded the 2010 5 Star Award for Levels of Excellence. This makes nine consecutive years that we have earned this award.*



We are members of MOAA, the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. MOAA is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

With about 370,000 members from every branch of service – including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families – it is a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

MOAA's highest priority is providing first-class service to its members. MOAA is the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community. It provides expert advice and guidance to all members.

While the association does advocate a strong national defense, it does not, as an association, become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services. The association's board of directors has long believed that such decisions can be made only by those who

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## Help Our Troops Project

By Anita Harrow, HOT Chairman

Special thanks to Brandy Alvis who donated eight well organized, labeled, large boxes filled with new toiletries for the troops. The boxes included bandages, hand sanitizers, dental floss, tooth brushes and toothpaste. Brandy's hard work gathering and organizing the items is greatly appreciated.

Twenty six (26) boxes were mailed in June from the HOT project, to six units in Afghanistan and Iraq. Three of the units are new to our mailing list. Two of the Marine units serving at forward operating bases are local men recommended by Sherry Freese and Violet Smith. Though all troops are important, I think where possible our HOT project should give priority to military men and women from our local area. The chapter received a thank you letter from Chaplain Egert stationed in Iraq, who received two of the boxes that were mailed to the Office of Command Chaplain for distribution to troops at FOBs in need of moral support. Chaplain Egert is now on our HOT mailing list and will receive boxes periodically.



Asa Myers, Bobbie Walters, Peggy Cowardin and Joan Landers packing items to be sent to our troops.



Sherry Freese and Anita Harrow with donated helmet liners to be packed up and sent to the troops.



# Officers Call

Print Media Winner- 2006

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**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

August 19<sup>th</sup> LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret)

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

October 21<sup>st</sup>

November 11<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* 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.

August 1<sup>st</sup> Monday

September 6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday

## ROWC

### Luncheons:

- Next Luncheon will be October 11

### Luncheon Reservations:

Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272 or  
 Maureen Conners, 347-7976

### Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2464

### 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

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 297  
 Regular Members - 198  
 Auxiliary Members - 99  
 Inactive Members - 5

### Military Services:

Army - 66                      USMC - 15  
 USAF - 65                      USCG - 8  
 Navy - 44                      NOAA - 0

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## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

### Monthly Luncheon; 15 July 2011

**Attended – 68:** (69 reservations), 5 Member Guests, 3 Chapter Guests, 6 Walk in, 5 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The meeting was called to order at 1145 hours by President Ed Lillich, the invocation was given by Chaplain George Brown and Ed led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed then introduced the head table which included; First Vice President Terry Carr, Chaplain Brown, Stephen “Skip” Hartnett, Maj USMC (Ret), the FCOC MOAA West Central Area



Vice President and our speaker Bryan MacNeel. Ed then introduced “first-timers” Hugh and Flo Bell and Brian and Michele Belson. Meredith Crook introduced her guests, Frank Johnson introduced his guests, Frank, Stanley and Michelle Johnson. Betty and Paul Finley had as their guests Paul’s son and daughter-in-law, Marc and Lynn Finley. Ed also acknowledged Kyle Woeffel who assisted Bryan MacNeel.

John Talbitzer and Penny Eisenhart shared the 50/50 drawing, Michael Day won the free lunch (he won the free lunch last month also), and Betty Finley won a box of candy. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Anita Harrow, the HOT lady, gave her report and read a letter of thanks from Master Sgt Glover who is stationed in Afghanistan. Although we do not expect the troops to take the time out of their busy and dangerously filled scheduled, it is always pleasant to hear from them as they always sound up-beat and proud. Anita said that Dottie Plummer just recently celebrated a birthday and when anyone asked what she would like for her birthday she said “Just give a donation to HOT in my honor.” In lieu of a gift Dottie was given \$50 which she turned over to HOT. Thank you Dottie.

Skip Hartnett presented 2010 Communication Awards as follows: 1st Runner Up for the Officers’ Call to Jim Patton and the Award for Unique Communications for our Military Message Center to Larry Fernald. Congratulations to both Jim and Larry for jobs well done. Following the awards presentation, lunch was served.

The guest speaker, Brian MacNeel, was introduced by Terry Carr. Bryan entered the US Army and completed basic and advanced individual training as well as airborne and ranger training and became a medic in the 2nd/75th Ranger Battalion Recon Platoon. Later he became an instructor in Ranger School and served as a combat medic and body guard for the Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division. After a serious parachute accident, he was medically retired and attended the University of Florida, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. He became a Crime Prevention Practitioner after attending the Florida Crime Prevention Training In-

stitute, which is under the auspices of the Office of the Florida Attorney General. Brian had many interesting stories to tell of his experiences with police work and crime prevention. He gave us suggestions on how to avoid identity theft, ways to secure the house while on the premises or away, how to protect oneself while out shopping and hints about what to do and what not to do on the computer. He brought and showed us many items we can use to secure our premises, all of which can be purchased for a reasonable amount of money at Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, K-Mart, and Target and he also showed us how to secure sliding glass doors so they cannot be taken out of the track. If you were not at the meeting and would like information, especially a booklet called “Head’s Up”, go to [www.bulkorder.ftc.gov](http://www.bulkorder.ftc.gov). To learn more about ID theft and how to deter, detect and defend against it, visit [www.ftc.gov/idtheft](http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft). Brian suggests that you check your credit ratings once a year to make sure there is not something on there that you didn’t know about, and if you pay bills on-line you should regularly check your accounts to be sure no unauthorized charges have been made. The same thing applies to your checking accounts and other banking accounts. You should always shred financial documents and paperwork with personal information, protect your social security number by not carrying it in your wallet or having it printed on your checks, don’t give out personal information on the phone or over the internet unless you know who you are dealing with, never click on links sent in unsolicited emails, don’t use obvious passwords like birth date, last four digits of your social and keep your personal information in a secure place at home. You are entitled by law to get a free copy of your credit report every 12 months if you ask for it. The major nationwide credit reporting companies are Equifax, Experian and TransUnion and you can request reports by visiting [www.AnnualCreditReport.com](http://www.AnnualCreditReport.com) or write to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Bryan invited anyone with questions to remain after closing.

The benediction was given by Chaplain Brown and the meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting 5 July 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by President Ed Lillich. Ed gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Sixteen members were present, including Carol Barnes, Bill Bolin, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Jean Jessup, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Johnnie Neville, Jim Patton and Violet Smith.

**Minutes of June 2011 Executive Committee Meeting:** Motion was made by Fred Edwards, seconded by Larry Fernald to approve minutes as published in the July O.C. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Larry Fernald reported a balance of \$8,046.37 in the operating account. There is a deficit of

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have all of the facts available to them: today's actively serving military leadership.

The association plays an active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA's overarching goals are captured in its resolutions, which reflect the view of the entire membership. The membership provides input and votes on resolutions every two years (on even years).

While MOAA is permitted to lobby – and does so actively – its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Stated briefly, the association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties.

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\$947.77 in the Officer's Call account and there was only one donation to this account since the last accounting. Bill Lofgren made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Basil Burrell. Motion passed.

**First Vice President's Report:** Terry Carr said the POW-MIA program will be in September. He tentatively has speakers for October, November and December, and is waiting for final confirmation. Terry is also working on the logistics for the installation of officers in January, 2012. Don Freese said that the Chairman of the Board of MOAA, Admiral Abbott, will be in the area in January and it might be possible to invite him to be the speaker if the dates coincide.

**MacDill Liaison:** Violet Smith said the July meeting at MacDill was canceled and the next meeting is scheduled for 23 August. Violet also reported that the sale of MOAA pins is going very well at the luncheons and announced that Hazel McGrath is now home from rehab.

**HOT:** Anita Harrow said she was getting short on supplies and asked Bill Lofgren and Bill Bolin to make a trip to Wesley Chapel to pick up some more before she packs the July boxes. Sherry and Don Freese are members of a local bridge club which held a 4th of July Bridge Party and fundraiser that netted \$300 for the HOT program, in addition to donations of supplies.

**Membership:** Bill Lee, Membership Chairman, said that everyone in the Chapter has renewed for the current year. Bill and his wife, Jane, visited several facilities to see which would be appropriate for the officers' call planned in the fall to recruit new members for our Chapter. It has, at this point, been narrowed down to the VFW at John's Pass. The VFW has been renovated and has a non-smoking dining area. The cost for the hall is a \$100 cleaning charge in addition to the cost of the food and drinks for the guests. Current members would pay for

their own beverages. All current members will be urged to attend to help make potential members feel welcome.

**OLD BUSINESS:** At the June meeting General Peck reported on the Awards Committee meeting and submitted the following: To be granted Distinguished Member status for long and faithful service: CWO4 Basil V. Burrell, USCG (Ret) and to be granted Life Member Emeritus status for having met or exceeded the high standards established as Chapter Policy: CAPT Donald R. Freeze, USN (Ret). A motion was made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Violet Smith that the recommendations be accepted. Motion carried.

Proposed Certificates of Appreciation to the dentists who have donated dental hygiene products to the HOT program were approved and it was decided to have one dentist a month as our luncheon guest to award the certificate along with our grateful thanks.

There being no other business to come before the Executive Committee at this time, Ed Lillich gave the benediction and adjourned the meeting at 1230 hours. The next E.C. meeting will be Monday, August 1, 2011.

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### Auxiliary Report

by Anita Harrow, Auxiliary Chairman

The 2011 spring coffee held on Wednesday, May 18, was a great success with fifteen Auxiliary members (widows and spouses) in attendance. While socializing and enjoying refreshments the women helped pack seventy five toiletry bags for the HOT project.

Sherry Freese and Violet Smith shared their success with the knitting project. Not only are our members involved but also friends of theirs are happy to knit helmet liners for our troops. To date we have well over 100 helmet liners (*See photo Page 1*) that will be mailed with the HOT boxes in the fall.

Pauline Edwards and Asa Myers have volunteered to seek information regarding other organizations, such as All Children's Hospital Guild and American Legion, who currently are collecting cell phones to see if we can partner with them rather than take on this project alone. More will be discussed about the cell phone project at the Fall coffee.

The group discussed the POW Table and agreed that a two member team will assume responsibility for the table and will serve for one year beginning with the installation banquet. Thank you to Penny Eisenhart and Joan Landers who have volunteered to take over the POW Table for the year 2012. In addition they will be responsible for the table at the POW-MIA luncheon in September of this year.

Bobbie Walters and Sherry Freese have assumed responsibility for the table flags at each SPAMOAA luncheon meeting.

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### Florida Council of Chapters Convention 2012

It's not too early to start making your plans:

Host: Palm Beach-Martin Counties Chapter

Where: West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel

Dates 18 May - 20 May 2012



## MOAA Legislative Update

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

### MOAA Cautions White House on Retirement Changes

MOAA Government Relations Director Col Steve Strobbridge was among several association leaders invited to a White House briefing on the status of ongoing negotiations on options to address the deficit and the debt ceiling.



Little was discussed at the briefing that hasn't been addressed widely in the news media. Administration officials reiterated that there are multiple options and fallback plans to prevent a federal debt default, but declined to specify what those are.

During the question and answer period, Strobbridge raised MOAA's concerns that, while all of the various groups have understandable concerns about finding their constituents "alone under the bus," one of the real risks is that cobbling together a mass of major program cuts in a last-minute legislative package raises the likelihood of "doing something dumb."

In particular, he highlighted reports that significant changes in the military retirement and health care package are among the options for Pentagon spending cuts.

"One of the top priorities expressed today was national security," he said. "In the end, national security boils down to men and women in uniform. Everyone in America empathizes with the sacrifices of troops and families over the last decade. We obviously don't think those extraordinary sacrifices should be compounded by major new financial penalties."

"But there's a broader national security issue here, and that's the country's ability to sustain a strong career force. We already know the military retirement cutbacks Congress passed in the 1980s had to be repealed later after they crashed retention. And those changes were much more modest than the ones reportedly on the table now.

"That's what we mean about the risk of just looking at such things as line items on a budget list and throwing them into a last-minute, must-pass legislative package. Those ideas have been around a long time, and there are good reasons why they haven't been pursued."

### Hearings Emphasize Gaps in Care

The House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Health met recently to hear testimony on VA's caregiver assistance program, implemented in May of this year and mandated by Congress last year in the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act.

Many of the concerns highlighted at the hearing were issues MOAA addressed recently in a letter to the VA. Witnesses talked of their concerns about VA's eligibility criteria, transparency

and consistency in program implementation, communications with wounded warriors and caregivers and their families, and the process for appealing VA decisions.

The Senate Veterans Affairs Committee also held a hearing to determine how best to close gaps in mental health care for veterans.

Chair Patty Murray (D-WA) opened the hearing with 3 sobering points:

- One-third of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who have enrolled in VA care have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- On average, 18 veterans kill themselves every day. One-third of veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan who have enrolled in VA care have post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- "The difficult truth is that somewhere in this country, while we hold this hearing, it is likely that a veteran will take his or her own life."

Murray said the Pentagon must do a better job of identifying and treating servicemembers before they leave the military. She stressed that both DoD and VA must include family members who are exposed to the mental health issues experienced by the veteran.

The stories from wounded warriors emphasized what we hear across the country from servicemembers - that beneficiaries too often find themselves having to fight the very systems that are supposed to be caring for and supporting them.

"I feel I'm [forced to be] the captain of the team," said Andrea Sawyer, spouse-caregiver of Army Sergeant Loyd Sawyer, who was diagnosed with severe PTSD as a result of his mortuary affairs duties. "I have to constantly ask VA providers to review Loyd's record [i.e., to understand what he's been through and his treatments to date] and make sure they confer with his counselor. It's a 24-hour job, but that's how I keep him alive."

MOAA agrees with the Committee that we can't treat these problems as a hidden issue any longer. We must bring them to light, hold VA and DoD accountable, and ensure the country does right by our military, veterans and their families.

### Defense Spending Bill Clears House

On July 8th, the House approved the FY 2012 defense appropriations bill (HR 2219) by a vote 336 to 87. Its \$530.5 billion price tag is an increase of \$17 billion over last year's level, but \$8.5 billion less than the Pentagon requested.

The bill would fund a 1.6 percent military pay raise for military personnel and \$32.2 billion for the Defense Health Program, some \$118M less than requested.

It would fund active military forces of 1,408,000, a reduction of 2400 from FY2011.

- Army 547,400
- Navy 325,700 (-3,000 )
- Marine Corps 202,100
- Air Force 332,800 (+ 600)



MOAA Area VP Skip Hartnet presenting Jim Patton 2010 Communications Award for our newsletter



Brian MacNeel, guest speaker



Ed Lillich thanking Brian MacNeel



Basil Burrell and Jim Patton



MOAA Area VP Skip Hartnet presented Larry Fernald and Ed Lillich the 2010 Communications Award for Unique Communications



Terry and Paulette Carr



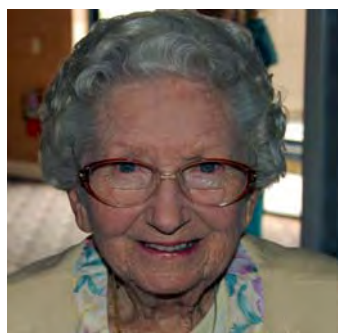
Right, Norm Belson on the right with L to R daughter-in-law Michelle, son Brian and wife Jane



Left, Johnnie Neville and Don Freese



Hugh and Flo Bell



Hazel McGrath



Bill and Jane Lee

R, Frank Johnson second from left with grandchildren L - R Frank Jr., Stanley and Michelle



L, Rose Munchbach and Barbara Stakk





Paulene and Fred Edwards



Marie Coates



Mike and Julie Day



Bobbie Walters



Van and Carol Barnes



Bill and Lynn Bolin



George Brown



John Penny



Meredith Crook



Gary Gilchrist



C. J. Baruner



Betty and Paul Finley on the right with son Marc and daughter-in-law Lynn



Anita Harrow and Pete Dawson



Photos by Bill Lofgren

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please notify Larry Fernald of your correct email address at the following email address: LarryFem246@tampabay.rr.com



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.



## Turning 65: Understanding TRICARE, Medicare

By Sharon Foster, TRICARE Management Activity

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFRNS) — A 64-year-old beneficiary is currently receiving TRICARE benefits. When he turns 65, does he need Medicare if he already has TRICARE? Will he personally have to sign-up for Medicare or will TRICARE do this for him? Questions like these are normal for some beneficiaries not sure of their options when turning 65.

TRICARE and Medicare are separate programs. Medicare is health insurance for people age 65 or older, as well as for people under age 65 who have qualified for Social Security disability insurance.

TRICARE For Life is TRICARE's Medicare-wraparound coverage available to all Medicare-eligible TRICARE beneficiaries, regardless of age or place of residence, provided they have Medicare Parts A and B. There is no paperwork associated with TFL. Beneficiaries automatically gain coverage when they meet the requirements.

Beneficiaries must sign up for Medicare as soon as they become eligible to ensure that they continue to get benefits under TRICARE. Beneficiaries turning 65 receive reminder letters from the Defense Manpower Data Center. For more information regarding Medicare sign-up, beneficiaries can call at 800-633-4227 or go to [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).

Beneficiaries are ineligible for TRICARE benefits for any period of time that they have Medicare Part A but not Part B, with several exceptions. For information on these exceptions, beneficiaries can go to [www.tricare.mil/factsheets/Medicare](http://www.tricare.mil/factsheets/Medicare) or talk with their regional health care contractor.

While Medicare is the primary insurance when a beneficiary turns 65, TRICARE acts as the secondary insurance, minimizing out-of-pocket expenses. TRICARE covers Medicare's co-insurance and deductible. After Medicare pays its part of the claim, TRICARE pays the remaining amount for any TRICARE covered services and the beneficiary pays nothing. As the primary payer, Medicare approves health care services for payment.

If a beneficiary has other health insurance, Medicare forwards their claim to that company. The beneficiary must then file a paper claim with their TRICARE contractor. If the beneficiary has employer group health plan coverage based on current employment, the employer group pays first, Medicare pays second and TRICARE pays last.

Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States and U.S. territories (American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands). TRICARE is the primary payer for health care received overseas (except U.S. territories), unless the beneficiary has other health insurance. Overseas, TFL provides the same coverage as TRICARE Standard and has the same cost-shares and deductibles. When seeking care from a host-nation provider, beneficiaries should be prepared to pay up front for services and submit a claim to the overseas claims processor.

Beneficiaries who have further questions about TRICARE and Medicare coverage can go to [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil), or call Wisconsin Physicians Service at 866-773-0404.

### Financial Report Summary for the Month of June 2011

#### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ (629.58)
..... Donations .....	\$ 60.00
..... Ad Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (378.19)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (947.77)

#### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1,570.08
..... Donations .....	\$ 413.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 29.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 90.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (638.58)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,463.50

#### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,137.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 60.00
..... 50/50 Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,197.00

#### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 8,065.84
..... Monthly Luncheon .....	\$ 786.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.46
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (670.00)
..... Honoraria/Donations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ (132.00)
..... Printing .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ (23.47)
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 90.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 8,047.83



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## Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!



## TAPS

Thankfully, none!

## 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)
- ◆ Mrs. Clarada Pribble, AuxMbr-MC
- ◆ Lt Col Sky Crowell, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ LTC Marie Lorence, USA (Ret)



## Address Changes:

- ◆ Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret), 2751  
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- ◆ Mrs. Margaret Peck, AuxMbr-Spouse, 2751  
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## August Birthdays (58 to 93 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
17	Augustine	John	Col	USAF (Ret)
22	Borrowes	Marja	Mrs.	AuxMbr-CG
21	Brown	Gary	B Gen	USMC (Ret)
06	Christie	Robert	LtCol	USMC (Ret)
25	Dawson	Peter	Maj	USAF (Ret)
13	Fleming	William	LT	USN (Ret)
15	Freese	Sherry	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
19	Gioe	Shirley	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
08	Hetherington	Charles	Col	USAF (Ret)
23	Hunt	Hattie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
08	Lawson	George	Col	USAF (Ret)
05	Parsons	Charles	Col	USAF (Ret)
27	Peck	Earl	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
01	Seara	Oscar	Maj	USAF (Ret)
04	Secor	Madeline	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
26	Shutt	Richard	CAPT	USN (Ret)
21	Sims	Robert	Maj	USMC (Ret)
19	Speairs	Thomas	2LT	USA (Ret)
03	Taylor	Joanne	MAJ	USA (Ret)
12	Terry	Frederick	COL	USA (Ret)
03	White	James	COL	USA (Ret)
23	White	Neal	LTC	USA (Ret)
12	Wood	Victor	CDR	USN (Ret)

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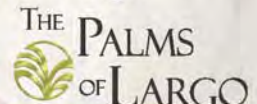
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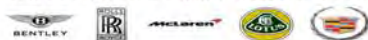
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## Monthly Luncheon

**Friday**  
**19 August 2011**

**Banquet Masters**  
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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:**  
**LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret)**

**Chamber of Hope**

Hardy Bryan was born in St. Petersburg a little over 4 months before Pearl Harbor was attacked, he attended local schools and then Florida State University. Being the oldest of three sons, and knowing his future included military service, he enrolled and graduated from advanced ROTC. As the Distinguished Military graduate for the year, he was commissioned directly into the Regular Army, served a two-year branch detail with Armor, and then



became a Quartermaster, specializing in petroleum supply. He commanded a Petroleum Depot Company in Vietnam. Retired from active duty in 1983, he entered real estate for a 26-year career, ending with retirement in June 2009. In 2003, he became interested in a special project operated by his Masonic group, which provided mild hyperbaric therapy to children with medical issues that went unresolved. Starting with one chamber that was taken from home to home to treat children, when he presided over this group in 2006, four more chambers were added and were centralized in one facility. In May 2011, the Center opened in the Coquina Key Plaza in St. Petersburg. Since the early days to present, nearly 2000 damaged children with issues such as autism, cerebral palsy, shaken baby syndrome, near drowning, stroke, Crohn's and Lyme diseases, and a host of other neurological and physical disorders have been successfully treated. His "retirement" is now working nearly full time at the Center.

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- 8: US Dollar created 1786
- 12: Hawaii Annexed 1898
- 19: National Aviation Day
- 26: Woman's Equality Day



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