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Installation of Officers

5:30-9 pm, Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008,
Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club

Reservations are required by
Monday, January 14, 2008!!



Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret), will preside as Master of Ceremonies of this gala evening with MOAA National Board Member, COL Jerry Bowen, USA (Ret), installing Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) as Chapter President relieving CAPT Donald Freese, USN (Ret) – President 2006 & 2007.

Also to be installed are 1st VPMAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret), 2nd VPLTC Janice Mogan, USA (Ret), Treasurer Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret), Secretary Mrs. D. Kay Benson, AuxMbr-USA, and three new Advisory Board Members: COL Ron Merritt, USA (Ret), LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret), & Mrs. Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-Navy.

- Military Dinner Dress, Appropriate Military Uniform or Civilian Attire.

Dr. Lynda Davis, Dep. Assist. Sec. of the Navy (DASN), (Military Personnel Policy)



Secretary Davis' responsibilities address policy and oversight related to personnel matters affecting Navy and Marine Corps active duty service members and their families. In May 2007 she was designated the DOD lead for the reform of case/care management for all wounded, ill, and injured service members and their families.

She works jointly with the VA to enhance all services from in-patient recovery to community based reintegration. She also serves as the DOD lead for Case Management Reform under the DOD/VA Support and Care for the Wounded Senior Oversight Committee.

- • Make your reservations as soon as possible! Don't miss this gala event!

INSTALLATION DINNER

5:30 - 9:00 PM, Saturday January 19th
Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club,
400 Treasure Island Parkway, TI, FL 33706

(Free valet parking)

Reservations by Monday, January 14th

For late reservations &/or a ride, call:

CAPT Bob Eynatten, 360-4637, or
CAPT Don Freese, 360-3102

Your name: _____.

- Chicken Cordon Bleu-\$32: _____.
- Baked Salmon-\$32: _____.
- Prime Rib-\$36: _____.

*** Clip & Mail to: (check made to SPAMOOA)

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

Total Membership - 339
Regular Members - 247
Auxillary Members - 92

Military Services:

Army - 87	USMC -14
USAF - 81	USCG - 8
Navy - 56	NOAA - 1

12/28/2007

The Buzz

Chapter Happenings

Col Al Neville

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• **Dues Renewal drive:-** As of 23 December 2007, 307 members have renewed for Chapter year 2008. Fifteen have moved from the area, resigned or are too infirmed to continue active membership. For the later members, we are establishing an "Inactive Member" category. These are regular and auxiliary members who have served their country long and well and have been active during retirement in support of the active, retired members of the uniformed services. The Chapter will stay in touch with our Inactive Members and ensure that they are appropriately recognized.

• **Installation January 19, 2008, Saturday evening!**—There is plenty of room at the new Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club (TIT&YC) for the Saturday evening January 19 Gala for the 2008 Installation of Officers. Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (DASN) for Manpower Lynda Davis will speak and MOAA National Board member COL Jerry Bowen, USA (Ret) will install President Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret).

Colonel Jerry W. Bowen, US Army (Ret.): Our Installation Officer this evening served 26 years active duty as an Army Infantry Officer during which he served three combat tours:

First, in The Dominican Republic in 1965 while assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division.

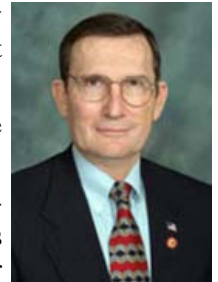
Then two tours in Vietnam, 1967-68 and again 1970-71. After military retirement, Colonel Bowen served as "Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs" and Director of the VA's National Cemetery System from 1993 to 1998.

He has been a MOAA member since 1988 and has served as: President, Northeast Arkansas MOAA Chapter, 2001- 02. President, Arkansas MOAA Council of Chapters, 2003 - 04. MOAA National Board of Directors 2004 – 2010 where he serves on the Council and Chapter Affairs Committee.

• **Fred Edwards undergoes radiation:-** As you may recall, Fred was not able to have his knee replaced November 29 as bone cancer was discovered in the femur of his other leg. Since then he has had a rod inserted in that bone and is receiving radiation of the area. He will undergo additional treatment if and when other sites are discovered. Fred and Pauline were at the December luncheon – photo on page 7.

• **George Brown home:-** George is now home with his new knee undergoing physical therapy three times a week. Understandably, after the loss of blood he experienced during and after surgery, his recovery has been delayed. As of December 23, he is getting around on a walker and plans to move to a cane shortly.

• **Who said that MOAA is not getting younger?**—1LT Michael D. Wetter ANG and SPEC Joshua Tackett, USA, both in their 20's, attended the December 14 "Frankly Sinatra" meeting. Josh was a guest of Ray Fontana and is home on two weeks leave from the 2nd Engineering Battal-



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PRESIDENT: Lt Col Larry N. Fernald, USAF (Ret)

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

Larry is a native Floridian, who returned to St. Petersburg after his military retirement. He received a BS degree from Troy State University (now Troy University) and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Additionally, he graduated from Squadron Officers School, Air Command and Staff College, National Security Management course, and Air War College.



After commissioning in September 1969, Larry attended Undergraduate Pilot Training at Webb AFB, Big Spring, Texas, graduating in Sept 1970. From there, he attended Forward Air Controller training, qualifying in the OV-10 Bronco, and was assigned to Pleiku, AB, RVN, in March of 1971. A year later, he was transferred to Ellsworth AFB, SD, to fly the B-52G, where he served as a copilot, aircraft commander, instructor pilot, and standardization/evaluation pilot.

In April of 1976, Larry was transferred to Plattsburgh AFB, NY, to begin training as an FB-111 pilot. Following that training, he served with the 529th Bomb Squadron at Plattsburgh AFB as a pilot and instructor pilot. After 4 years in the 529th, Larry was transferred to the 4007th Combat Crew Training Squadron where he worked as a flight and simulator instructor as well as an academic instructor for the FB-111. He later became Chief of Standardization for the 4007th.

In May of 1983, Larry was transferred to Strategic Air Command Headquarters where he became Chief of the Simulator Branch and headed the B-1B Air Crew Simulator Acquisition program.

In May of 1986, Larry was transferred to Edwards AFB to become the B-1B Operational Test Director, working for the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center. While at Edwards, he resumed flying the F-111, flying three different models, as well as flying test and evaluation missions in the B-1B. He was the senior flight examiner in the F-111 and was an instructor in both the F-111 and the B-1B.

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

Today, not willing to fully retire, he is working for Fernald Construction as a project manager.

Larry and Barbara have been married for over 37 years and have a son and a daughter as well as two grandchildren (a boy and a girl), with a third due in February (another boy).

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

Vice-President: Ed Lillich, Major USA (Ret). Edward R. Lillich was born and raised in Toledo, Ohio. Ed graduated from the University of Toledo with a BE degree and was commissioned in the Regular Army Infantry. Upon completion of basic he completed Ranger School after which he was assigned as a platoon leader of the tank company of the 18th Infantry Regiment at Ft. Riley, Kansas.



After a tour in Korea as a company commander and a tour at Ft. Lewis, Washington he returned to Ft. Benning, GA for the advanced class and Airborne School. Upon graduation from Airborne, Ed was assigned Cadre duty with the Army ROTC Detachment at Purdue University and from there to serve as A Company Commander with 1st Battalion 509th Airborne Mechanized Brigade in Mainz, Germany. His tour in Germany was cut short due to the escalation of activities in Vietnam where he served with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. After Vietnam it was to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina where Ed was an instructor at the JFK Center for Military Assistance. That tour lasted for two years before he was again sent to Vietnam as a District Senior Advisor in the Mekong Delta. Following Vietnam he rotated back to Fort Bragg and was accepted into the Special Forces program. Upon completion of the course he served as Company Commander of B Company, 1st Bn of 5th Special Forces for 18 months until orders came forth to go to Germany where he commanded HQs Company of the 59th Ordnance Group. While there he obtained a Master of Science degree in Counseling and Guidance from Troy State University (now Troy University).

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

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

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

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

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

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ion Baghdad, Iraq. Mike lives and drills in Bradenton but works in Pinellas County. Mike, along with three others, picked up Chapter and MOAA National applications.

• **100th Anniversary of the "Great White Fleet" – *USS Kansas* sails ahead of the *USS Vermont* as the fleet leaves Hampton Roads, Virginia on December 16, 1907.**

The **Great White Fleet** was a United States Navy force that completed a 43,000 mile circumnavigation of the world from December 16, 1907, to February 22, 1909 by order of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt. The Fleet consisted of 16 new Battleships painted white and their escorts.

Roosevelt demonstrated to the World America's growing military power and blue-water navy capability. In addition the Great White Fleet sent a message to Japan (who had won the Sino-Japanese War of 1894-95 and destroyed two Russian fleets during the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05) that America could and would defend her Pacific overseas territories won in the Spanish-American War.



• **"Frankly Sinatra" and "Toys for Tots" sets an attendance record!**—You missed a great meeting December 14 if you did not attend. Happily 139 did attend and broke the meeting record of 117 for this January's Installation Gala and 93 for this February's "Bruce Nye, the Elvis Guy." Frankly Sinatra was great and Captain Seth Lynn, USMC was over loaded with Toys for Tots that surrounded a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree. Seth needed help from several members to carry the toys to his "sleigh" car.

• **Charlotte Young:** Charlotte is the daughter of Chuck Hundley and the wife of Dean Young. Dean is the son of Chick Young, the creator of the comic strip "Blondie."



Non line of sight cannon (NLOS-C)

155mm, hybrid-electric, 6 rnds/minute.
range-30 kilometers, 2 man crew, 90 k/hr



Thank You
*for your commitment
and dedicated service
to your country.*





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2ND VICE PTESIDENT: LTC Janice L. Mogan, USA (Ret)

Born Janice Vuillemot in Syracuse, NY, she left for nursing school in Amsterdam, NY at age 17. On the day of graduation, she was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the Army Nurse Corps and went off to Basic Training at Fort Sam Houston, TX.



She was stationed at Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA. Then the Army sent her to Denver, CO to earn an Intensive Care Specialty. Her last year of active duty in 1974 was at Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

While in her first year of reserves, she attained the rank of CPT while living in VT to use the GI Bill to get a Bachelor's Degree. Janice lived in VA for a few years then moved to FL to be near her parents who had relocated to Ocala.

Janice married Timothy Mogan, a Viet Nam Veteran, in 1980, and they were married for 17 years until he left to ride his motorcycle. They each served 21 years in the reserves.

Janice has worked at Bay Pines VA since 1978 and has a wonderful daughter Mollie and a sweet granddaughter Destiny age 6 here in town.

As a Major, she completed a Masters Degree in Nursing from USF in 1990.

She earned a 30 year service award in Aug 2006. The last 10 years were in Home Care.

Volunteering is a way of life for many people. The Girl Scouts fostered this interest at a young age. Janice has devoted time to the American Red Cross, her Church, the American Heart Association and various other organizations.

This brings her to MOAA and collaboration with other patriotic members of Joint Military Services.

SECRETARY: Mrs. D. Kay Benson, Auxiliary Member-AF

D. Kay Benson Auxiliary Member-AF- I was born Dorothy Kathryn Marie Lawrence Lockwood in Salisbury, Maryland, nicknamed Dotti-Kay quickly shortened to D.Kay. When I was nine, my family moved to Annapolis, Md. I graduated from Annapolis High School and George Washington University. My first "real" job after college was teaching Physical Education. Teaching Physical Education to High School girls was not my bag, so I decided to attend Baltimore Institute of Law and began searching property titles in the Anne Arundel County Courthouse for Baltimore Title and Guarantee Company.



I meet my future husband, Edward H. Benson, while performing in an Annapolis dinner theater in "Dracula". My husband had to slew Dracula for my hand. He was a physical therapist who was re-called into active duty in the U.S. Air Force. We lived in Abilene, Texas, Anchorage, Alaska, St Petersburg, FL, San Antonio, Texas and retired back to St Petersburg.

My career was checkerboard – Aside from wife of a military officer and mother of two children, I became very interested in Interior Decorating and pursued several courses until I was hired as an Interior Decorator for J.C. Penney's. From there I became a buyer for Dillard's Interior Design Studio – with 17 stores in the Texas, New Mexico division. I then became the Corporate Trainer for J.C. Penney's Custom Decorating Department. I trained all the decorators and studio coordinators for the Southeast region. Last stop was Sales Manager responsible for 21 stores, 100 decorators, 25 Coordinators and 50 installers in the state of Florida. I retired March 1995.

My children grew up, graduated from Dixie Hollins High School, one graduated from FSU, the other graduated from University of South Carolina, each married and each have two darling boys.

Today I find myself widowed after being married for 40 years to the most wonderful of husbands – If there had been any but he, there would be a dozen dozen in his place. I am a member of Pasadena Presbyterian Church where I sing in the choir. I am a resting Elder and Stephen Minister. I serve Meals on Wheels, enjoy all the concerts of the Florida Orchestra and the performances of American Stage and St Petersburg Little Theater. I am treasurer of my PEO, Publicity Chairman of my Garden Club and a member of the Board of Directors for Pinellas Point Civil Association. Life has been very good!

TREASURER: Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)

Pete joined TROA in 1976 while still on active duty. He joined the St Pete Chapter in 1979. In 1983 he served as Special Project Officer. Served as Treasurer in 1984 and reconstructed 5 past years of financial statements to help successfully apply for tax exempt status from IRS and State of Florida.



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

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

Enthusiastic but skill challenged golfer.





Luncheon Meeting; 14 December 2007

Reported by Basil Burrell

Attended – 122: Members– 49, AuxMbrs-19; Wives– 34, Guests– 17 , Walk ins-3; NoShows-(14)

Don Juceam, who performs as “Frankly Sinatra,” brought out the largest crowd for our luncheon in recent memory. According to Bob and Maggie Eynatten we had 139 members and guests at our meeting today. I don’t believe anyone was disappointed with the possible exception of someone from Chicago who wanted to hear Old Blue Eyes’ version of the popular song “Chicago.” Of course, Frank Sinatra had so many hits that Don Juceam couldn’t possibly have done them all in only an hour.

Now to get to the business part of our President Don Freese’s presentation. President Don opened the meeting by giving the Invocation himself because our Chaplain is recovering from knee surgery. Hopefully Chaplain George Brown will be up and about and able to jump out of perfectly good airplanes by our next meeting. President Don then led us in the Pledge to our Flag. A very important part of today’s luncheon meeting was the election of our slate of Officers for calendar year 2008. Don presented the slate of nominees from our Nominating Committee and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none. Maj Gen Earl Peck arose and asked that the slate of Officers be approved by acclamation. This suggestion was heartily approved by all present and the slate of Officers for 2008 was elected. The names of the new Officers are elsewhere in this newsletter.

As is our custom we use our December meeting to make collection of toys for the U. S. Marine Corps “ Toys For Tots” program. We were honored to have Capt. Seth Lynn, USMC representing the Marine Corps with us for this wonderful program. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and the toys displayed around it made it even more beautiful. Speaking of Marines, LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC(Ret) was with us today. It is possible that some may not know that Fred recently found that he had bone cancer and had an operation to place a rod in his left femur. He is undergoing radiation therapy at present. He will soon be going to Jacksonville for more treatment. We all pray that Fred , who is a valued and hard working member of our Chapter and a member of the board of MOAA, will make a rapid and complete recovery.



We had many visitors and guests today, too many to list by name. But we must mention a young Army officer, 1LT Michael Wetters, USANG. Also representing the Army was Spec Tackett USA. Oh yes, I have to mention, Janice Mogen’s daughter, Mollie Reed. Janice is not easy to forget! And, the group that she was with really made up a cheering section for Franky (Don Juceam) after every song he sang.

President Don reminded us of our Installation Banquet beginning at 1730 hours, that is 5:30 PM for those who have forgotten military time, on **Saturday**, 19 January 2008 at the Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club. Free valet parking is included in the price. For those who need a ride, contact CAPT Bob Eynatten (360-4637) or CAPT Don Freese (360-3102).

After Frankie’s last number, President Don closed the meeting by giving the Benediction.

Basil



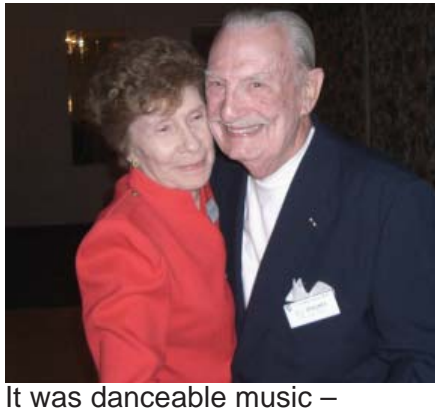
We had a large, happy crowd!



Above: Capt Seth Lynn, USMCR, Toys for Tots.

Left: "Franky" Impersonator, Don Juceam, with some of our presents for "Toys for Tots"





It was danceable music –

CJ & Dottie Brauner, Janice Mogan & Brent Gudmundson



Johnnie & Al Neville



Eleanor Baney



Janice Mogan & daughter Mollie Reed



1LT Mike Wetters, USANG
(potential new member)



Diana & Hal DeArment



Glenn & Della Reinke



Jim & Jinx Travis



De & Fred Olson





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Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 3 December 2007

Reported by **D. Kay Benson, Secretary**

The meeting was called to order by President Don Freese, at 11:30. Janice said the Invocation and Don led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fourteen (14) members were in attendance: D.Kay Benson, Basil Burrell, Pete Dawson, Bob Eynatten, Larry Fernald, Paul Finley, Don Freese, Brent Gudmundson, H.B. Love, Hazel McGrath, Janice Mogan, Al Neville, Stew Palmer and Earl Peck. Minutes of November 5, 2007 were approved as printed in the Officers' Call.

President Report: Al and Basil will be the Balloting committee to count the votes. Ballots are being received. Two members have requested to go inactive stating aging concerns as the reason. Larry moved that we honor their request but keep in touch by sending them the O.C. Janice seconded and the motion passed. Discussion: surviving spouse members and one LME who are not National MOAA members. MOAA National meeting in Tampa was attended by many members and was successful as well as enjoyable. Next National meeting will be held in Virginia. December 14th meeting will be mainly a social event with "Frank Sinatra" - cost is \$14. Bring an unwrapped new toy for Toys for TOTS. . Installation dinner will be January 19, 2008. Cost \$32 each for fish and chicken and \$36 for Prime Rib. Cost includes valet parking. Donor Acknowledgement letters will be sent by MOAA National. They need a list of names and dollar amount donated. We have exceeded our 2007 Scholarship commitment. We have received a "thank you" from the Clearwater chapter for participating in their ROTC Golf Tournament. They raised \$4,000. We received a request from the Clearwater Navy League for a donation of \$100 to help with the cost of renting Ruth Eckerd Hall for the Coast Guard Band concert. Earl made the motion, Al seconded. Motion Passed. Don is working on those members who have not paid their dues. He passed around a list and asked if you knew anyone to please call them and remind them of the renewal. Request from the Cape Canaveral Chapter for a full page ad in the 2008 Convention Souvenir Booklet. Motion made by Earl, seconded by Larry, passed. MOAA Vacation has found a better cruise. It is a 14 night Westbound Panama Canal aboard the Celebrity Infinity leaving Ft Lauderdale, Fl on October 19, 2008. The cost is about \$1,000 less and it is not over the Thanksgiving holiday. MOAA Vacation will discuss in detail this cruise at the February Business meeting. There is a Southwest flight from San Diego, CA with one stop in Houston for \$99 one way.

Larry has re-designed our website and gave an overview of it. He asked each member to submit an e-mail address to him, suggesting home e-mail address, creating a second home address or using one on the website. Larry asked Basil to take photos of the officers during installation and he will post them on the website.

Hot Report was given by Larry in Carolyn's absence: Three 16 inch Christmas Trees with decorations, 800 Candy Canes and 30 Holiday boxes were mailed to our adopted unit in Afghanistan. Two boxes each were sent to our Chapter members serving in the Mid East. Boxes to LCRD Matt Poage USN and to Maj. Marc Freese, USMC contained small Christmas trees, cards signed by Chapter members who attended the November luncheon and assorted goodies.

Janice reported that Sears has demonstrated its support for the military in a variety of ways, including a \$2 million donation made earlier this year to the National Military Family Association. And she has one new member.

Treasurer's Report was tabled until January Board meeting. Al reported on the renewals received and all the work Don has done to help with those who have not renewed. Al suggested that next year the renewal notices be mailed first class instead of bulk. Al needs to stop being the Editor of the O.C. There was a round of applause for all the time and effort Al has put into the O.C.

JROTC certificates and medals have been received. Hazel gave the sick list report and asked that Mike Tomasulo be placed on the sick list as he is back in the hospital. Hazel made a motion that we donate \$100 to the VA Voluntary Service. Larry seconded the motion and it passed. Don moved that we give Hazel a roll of stamps. Larry seconded and the motion passed.

Larry asked Stew to e-mail him what he wanted on the website Scholarship page. Larry discussed several ways to make the website secure to prevent others from downloading information and photos from it. One possibility was using members' last name as the log in and first name as the password.

At 1:30 Don said the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Sick List

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

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LtCol **Russell E. Blagg**, USMC(Ret) 12/17/07
 Life Member Emeritus
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Welcome our new members!

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December 2007

(as of 12/20/2007)

Income:	
Dues	\$650.00
Boosters	\$135.00
Luncheon	\$1,658.00
Ads	\$0.00
Misc income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total income:	\$2,443.00
Expenses:	
Banquet Masters	\$1,440.00
Newsletter printing	\$285.00
Supplies	\$111.01
Post Office	\$108.60
VA/JROTC	\$100.00
Other organizations	\$100.00
Nonrecurring	\$250.00 entertainer
Memorials to Sch Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total expenses:	\$2,394.61
Operations cash flow:	\$48.39
Scholarship Fund	
Sent to MOAA	\$6,045.00
Balance Dec 31	\$0.00
HOT	
Dec 1 balance	\$2,568.80
Donations	\$430.00
50/50	\$0.00
Expended	<u>\$779.50</u>
Dec 31 balance	\$2,217.30
Operating funds balance	\$5,433.98

Pete Dawson, Major (Retired) USAF
 Treasurer

2007 Scholarship Fund Donors (Includes donations to National MOAA)

Gold (\$100 & more); **Silver** (\$50-99); **Bronze** (\$1-49)

••GOLD – \$4,550
 Arnim, Rosemary Mrs.
 Barnes, Carol COL
 Barton, Ann Mrs.
 Benson, D. Kay Mrs.
 Borrowes, Marja Mrs.
 Bowley, Carl Col
 Caton, Ed Col
 Diedo, Ed LTC
 Edwards, Fred LtCol
 Eynatten, Bob CAPT
 Fernald, Larry Lt Col
 Freese, Don CAPT
 Gudmundson, Brent LTC
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HOT – Help Our Troops

Mrs. Carolyn Shields, HOT Committee Chair

The following note is a sentiment felt by so many of us who support our troops. It will be placed in a box going to our adopted unit in Afghanistan. It is one of many written by The Military Widows Society of Clearwater, Chapter 27 and Anita Harrow's "HOTTIES".

To a Very Special Person:

A short note to tell you how much we appreciate everything you are doing for us and our country. We are very proud of you.

Thanks to you and yours!

My best,

Pat Hughes,

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Thanks to all Chapter members for their generous support of our HOT program during 2007.

Carolyn and Roger Shields

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Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Lynda Davis

February 15th, Friday, 11:00 Professor Charles Rose
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March 14th, 2nd Friday, 11:00 Derenda Summerlin, VA
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January Birthdays

(60 to 88 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
15	Barnes, Carol		COL	USA (Ret)
08	Cease, F. William		1LT	USA (Fmr)
31	Clark, Anna		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
17	Conforti, Thomas		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
06	Cravens, Martha		Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
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05	Hunter, Suzanne		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
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28	Kottich, Charles		COL	USA (Ret)
14	Lakey, Pearl		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
30	Martin, Barbara		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
12	Niblack, Sarah		LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Palmer, Samuel		Col	USAF (Ret)
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18	Ponder, Elza		CPT	USA (Ret)
06	Reinke, Leonard		Maj	USAF (Ret)
26	Rimby, William		LCDR	USN (Ret)
21	Smith, Margaret		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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09	Wetherby, Shirley		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
01	Zurbrick, William		Capt	USAF (Ret)



President's Message CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)

It was hard to believe that my two years as your chapter President are almost over until I saw that my President's Message was moved from page 1 to page 12? I guess the Editor is moving me closer to the door? Off course I am just kidding but it is true that my tenure will end January 19, 2008 when I will be relieved by Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret). Larry is a fine Officer and I am sure that he will do a great job!



"They Answered the Call" is a book about Military Nurses from WW II through the Gulf War. Our own Hazel Murphy is one of the Nurses featured in the book and a picture of her tending to the wounded on a Beach in New Guinea in 1943 is the "Cover Girl" of the book.

Just like Hazel Murphy and the Nurses who answered the call, all of you have answered the call in service to your country and to your chapter. Your service helped the chapter, and MOAA National, reverse the downward trend in membership and despite the deaths of 25 members in 2006 and 2007 grew the chapter from a low of 308 members to 336 as of December 24, 2007. Unfortunately, as I write this message in Texas on Christmas Eve morning, 15 of our members have resigned and 18 have not yet renewed. Our Chapter By Laws were re-

vised in February 2007 requiring us to transfer to the Inactive List anyone who has not renewed by December 31, 2007. Please renew now if you are one of the 18 that have not yet done so. We need you to continue to grow and increase MOAA's "One Powerful Voice" for all our military men and women and their families.

Your participation can also be seen in other increases starting with increased monthly meeting attendance from an average of 58 in 2005 to 71 for 2006 & 2007 with 139 attending Franky Sinatra December 14, 2007. Giving more than doubled in 2007 from 2005 with over \$13,000 given to our designated Scholarship, HOT and OC Booster Funds.

With your help your chapter also won the prestigious 5 Star Chapter Award for the 5th Straight year and 6th time in 2006. Officers Call, your newsletter, won the "best in class" in 2006. We hope to win both again in 2007 and beyond!

You truly are a great group! It has been a pleasure and honor to be your President. I've enjoyed it so much that I threw my hat in the ring to be the Vice President of the Florida Council. Just like you I enjoy serving and hope to for many years to come!

I would especially like to thank Fred Edwards for nominating me in 2005 and to outgoing Officers Call Editor Al Neville and out going Advisory Board Members Dick Koch, Gary Gilchrist and Bob Eynatten as all Committee Members and our scribe and photographer Basil Burrell who made our success happen!

Thank you for "Answering the Call!"

Don Freese

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