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President's Comments:

My initial comments are taken directly from "The Affiliate" which serves officials of MOAA'S Councils and Chapters. The article is called Cell Phones for Soldiers.



MOAA'S Auxiliary Members Advisory Committee (AMAC) is launching a project to turn old cell phones into phone cards so deployed service members can call home. The AMAC is working with Cell Phones for Soldiers, which recycles old cell phones, and in return provides our fighting forces with prepaid phone cards they can use to call home. Each recycled cell phone translates to about 60 minutes of free talk time.

The AMAC is asking chapter members to help them meet their goal of donating 1 million minutes of prepaid talk time. That means they need to collect about 16,700 old cell phones.

Cell phones for Soldiers has provided more than 60 million minutes of talk time to our troops since it was founded in 2004 by then teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist of Norwell, Mass. A nonprofit organization, Cell Phones for Soldiers holds an impressive four star rating from Charity Navigator.

At the February meeting your Executive Committee voted to support this program. Our Auxiliary members have been asked to lead us in this effort.

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One of our regular members said that he has four or five old cell phones he can give to support this program. Do you fall into the same category? If you were wondering what to do with your old cell phones then this is a good way to help our military men and women overseas take part in their family life which they were asked to leave behind.

Other than sending prepaid phone cards to them through our "Help Our Troops" program this is an excellent way for us to show our support.

NATIONAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT LINE

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is offering assistance to caregivers through a new Caregiver Support Line, opening February 1, 2011. The support line will serve as a primary resource/referral center to assist caregivers, veterans and others seeking caregiver information to help in the care of our nation's veterans. Calls to The National Caregiver Support Line will be answered by VA employees who are licensed clinical social workers.

The Support Line will provide information on VA/community caregiver support resources and "warm" referral to dedicated Caregiver Support Coordinators located in every VA Medical Center; emotional support for the caregiver will be an integral component of this service. The National Caregiver Support Line is also available to respond to inquiries about the caregiver benefits associated with Public Law 111-163, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010.

The National Caregiver Support Line will be open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The National Caregiver Support Line Toll-Free number is 1-855-260-3274.

Due to delays the line was not activated on February 1.

Recruiting

We can all help in the recruiting of new members. If you know a retired or former military officer or surviving spouse who is not a MOAA member, invite them to a monthly meeting.



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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 283
 Regular Members - 192
 Auxiliary Members - 91
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

Army - 65 USMC - 15
 USAF - 65 USCG - 6
 Navy - 41 NOAA - 0

2/19/2011

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

CALENDAR

March 18th Dr Bill Law, SPC President

April 15th

May 20th

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

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

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

March 7th Monday

April 4th Monday

May 2nd 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

Bridge: (1st 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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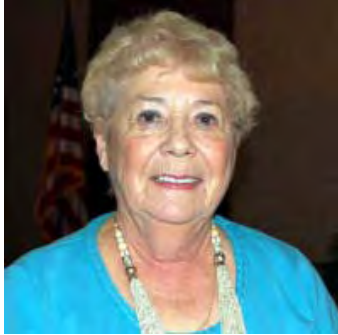
Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Monthly Luncheon; 18 February 2011

Attended – 80: (77 reservations), 4 Member Guests, 5 Chapter Guests, 5 Walk in, 2 Cancel, 1 No Shows

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ed Lillich. Charlene Sanders gave the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance followed. Ed introduced the head table which included our speaker Robert Hoyland, Vice President and General Manager of USAA's Southeast Regional Office in Tampa, Chapter 1st Vice President Terry Carr, 2nd Vice President Bill Lee and Chaplain Sanders. A member at each table introduced those guests present. Richard Arcand and wife Joan were guests. George and Mary Lou Moench, guests of Don and Sherry Freese, Vivian Cunningham, former Navy WAVE, guest of Bill and Lynn Bolin, Fred Olsen, guest of Dick Koch, Steve Hodges, President of Clearwater Chapter of MOAA, Skip Hartnett, West Central Area Vice President, and Claire Sears. Other guests were Michelle Herrero, manager in sales and service at USAA and Darcy Jones, Wealth Management, USAA.



C. J. Brauner won the door prize and Stanley Maratos and Johnnie Neville split the 50/50. Bill Lofgren donated home made candy and the lucky winners were George Stenehjem, Bill Lee and Martha Schoeppner. Congratulations to all. Bill Lofgren is not only a great photographer but also a fantastic candy maker.

We were pleased to have Skip Hartnett as our guest and asked him to say a few words. Steve Hodges told us about the upcoming charity golf tournament being held at Seminole Lakes Country Club on Thursday February 24th and passed out information for those that are interested. The proceeds of the Tournament will go to a scholarship for a student at Clearwater High School.

Charles (Curry) Patton spoke about the MOWW Massing of Colors on 6 March, 2011 at the Pasadena Community Church at 2:00 p.m. The Chapter Honor Guard will participate as well as the Pinellas County Veterans Honor Guard, which is commanded by Ed Lillich. All members of the Chapter are invited and urged to attend.

Don Freese, President of the Florida Council of Chapters, and our Chapter's Past President, congratulated the Chapter for being the number one chapter of any chapter in our category with the most new members in 2010. He urged us to continue getting new members and asked EACH member to bring in a NEW member this year. Don also said he would be "Storming the Hill" in April and he explained the procedures

and said he is looking forward to representing the Council and our chapter.

Following lunch 1st VP Terry Carr introduced our guest speaker, Robert Hoyland. Robert began by thanking all those who have served our country and all those who have supported those who served. He then asked for a show of hands of how many were members of USAA. Almost the whole of our chapter are members of USAA. Robert went on to say that we "owned" the organization and the annual report for 2010 will be out in the near future. USAA is financially strong and stable, has been in existence for 89 years, has 8 million members and \$120 billion in assets. USAA not only covers members for auto insurance but also life insurance, homeowners insurance, financial planning and investments and is a triple A rated organization. *Note: USAA stopped writing homeowners insurance in Florida about 5 years ago, although some members do have their primary homes insured by USAA because they were able to get the insurance prior to that time. Although they no longer carry this service they do work with ASI (American Strategic Insurance) also with Citizens for those who need this coverage. In November of 2009 USAA opened membership to the retired military market and to anyone who had served in the military and was honorably discharged. Families of those so covered are also now eligible. The reason for this is that USAA thought it "was the right thing to do." USAA is proud of the fact that it has face to face communication as well as mail, telephone or e-mail for those who seek help with financial planning and investments. There are five financial wealth managers available in Tampa. If you are unable to go to the office they will arrange to go to your home to consult with you. Michelle Herrero then took the podium and talked more about sales and services and Darcy Jones described the Wealth Management

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CALLING ALL SPAMOOA AUXILIARY MEMBERS

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Wednesday, MAY 18, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

at

10355 Paradise Blvd.

Treasure Island, Fl. 33706

RSVP no later than Thursday, May 12, 2011

Anita Harrow 367-9050

tharrow@tampabay.rr.com

Violet Smith 595-5543

alexgrammie@tampabay.rr.com





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program. Following the talks all three were open for questions. When the members were asked length of membership Charlie Parsons won that distinction with 66 years membership in USAA.

Executive Committee Meeting 7 February 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours. Following the invocation given by Charlene Sanders the Pledge of Allegiance was given. President Ed Lillich welcomed Bill Lee, 2nd Vice President and Jean Jessup, Charlie Parsons and John Schoeppner, Executive Board Members for years 2011 and 2012. Nineteen members were present including the aforementioned four and Bill Bolin, Terry Carr, Ed Conners, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel McGrath, Hazel Murphy, Johnnie Neville, Jim Patton, Earl Peck, Charlene Sanders and Violet Smith.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion made by Earl Peck, Seconded by Larry Fernald to accept minutes as printed in the Officers Call. Motion Passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$9,018.07. It was pointed out that rates have been increased for mailing the O.C. Don Freese asked about considering sending the O.C. electronically to all those who have internet capabilities and it was determined that this might be something to discuss later on. Following further discussion and clarification on the balance in the HOT fund, Larry Fernald made a motion, seconded by Earl Peck to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Treasurer's report was accepted and is found in detail elsewhere in the O.C.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Terry Carr reported that the speaker for February is Robert Hoyland, the USAA southeast region vice president. Dr Bill Law, President of St. Petersburg College will be the March speaker. Terry is in the process of firming up speakers for the April and May meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visitation: Hazel McGrath reported on those who are ill and advised of those she sent cards to and those she was able to speak with on the telephone. It was decided to have cards imprinted with a message instead of hand-written notes and Larry Fernald will take care of having the cards printed and give them to Hazel for future use.

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith said the meeting with Colonel Beatty was postponed until the 22nd of February. Violet reported on her meeting with Lee Lange and 16 surviving spouses in Destin, Florida and said it was a very successful meeting. Ed Lillich commended Violet on the excellent job she did with this program and other things she has accomplished in her positions with the Chapter and Council.

HOT Project: Ed Lillich read the report submitted by Anita Harrow stating that the HOT project reached out to 10 units in Afghanistan and Iraq. Including the contributions from Wesley Chapel, picked up by Bill Bolin and Bill Lofgran, and additional purchased items, fifty boxes were filled with Valentine's Day treats for our troops. Larry Fernald transported the boxes to the post office on January 26 and due to an increase in mailing costs, from \$12.50 to \$12.95, the total mailing was \$686.35. There will be fewer boxes sent in February.

Auxiliary News: The Auxiliary members were proud to have had the responsibility of setting the POW/MIA table for the installation banquet. Anita apologized for a couple glitches due to having two different scripts and has researched various procedures for setting the table which she will present at the May meeting in order to adopt one presentation. The 2011 spring coffee for the Auxiliary members will be Wednesday, May 18th in the social room at Paradise Island Towers. An announcement will appear in both the March and April issues of the O.C. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to become actively involved in chapter activities and are asked to support the spring coffee. A new service project called Cell Phones for Soldiers has been announced. This seems to be an excellent project which would not require too much time or effort. The Executive Board approved Anita pursuing this project at the spring coffee.

2011 Member Directory/OC: Larry Fernald presented a copy of the new directory which was circulated for the members to check personal data and make corrections as needed. He discussed other changes he made in the formatting of the directory and is planning to send it to the printer by the end of the week.

It was decided that in the future there will be two full pages of pictures of members in the O.C. A group picture of the officers and advisory board will be taken at the February meeting as will appear in the March O.C.

Awards: Gen. Peck shared the contents of a letter he received from ADM Ryan, thanking him for the honor bestowed upon him at the installation banquet.

Membership: Don Freese noted that Florida won the GMT contest for the second half of 2010 and he just received a check for \$1,000 from MOAA. That makes a total of \$2,000 for the year. Ed Lillich also received a check for \$1,320. Total new members for 2010 are 48. We need to work on GMT for 2011. Our Chapter did not have success with the mass mailings, but some Chapters did have success by holding innovative get-togethers such as beer and pizza evenings. Don thinks this is something we should consider. He suggests that we use some of the money we have received from MOAA for recruiting purposes. Forms are available on the website and he encourages those who send out these to prospective members to make sure the Chapter members name is on it and the Chapter number, which is FL23. Free membership is given to active duty and reserve and also to third and fourth year R.O.T.C. students and service academy students.

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MOAA Legislative Update

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

FY2012 Budget

The FY2012 defense budget released this week proposes a base budget of \$553 billion for DoD – an increase of \$22 billion above the 2010 appropriation level – and an additional \$117.8 billion to fund overseas operations.



The defense proposal includes:

- A 1.6 percent military pay raise (matching private sector growth)
- \$8.3 billion in support of military family quality of life programs to include greater child care availability and dependent education improvements
- \$52.5 billion for the Military Health System
- 677 million to provide care for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and psychological health
- \$415 million for medical research on wounded, ill, and injured issues
- Proposed increases in TRICARE Prime enrollment fees and adjustments in pharmacy copays intended to incentivize use of the lower-cost mail-order system
- A plan to eliminate 780 positions among TRICARE support contractors
- A plan to transition future enrollees in the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan to Medicare and TFL when they attain age 65

For the VA, the Administration proposes a budget of \$132 billion, including \$62 billion to cover medical care, research, cemetery and general administration, technology and construction, and \$70 billion for disability, survivors and educational claims. That represents a 10.6 percent increase over the FY2010 budget.

Why Did My Tax Withholding Go Up?

Many MOAA members asked why federal income tax withholding on their military retired pay increased this year.

It's not that there was some nefarious new tax hike, or that you fell through some crack in the recent tax cut extension.

It's because the two-year Making Work Pay (MWP) tax relief program enacted in 2009 expired at the end of 2010. MWP cut tax withholding rates from checks in 2009 and 2010. The program wasn't extended to 2011 so the tax tables reverted back to the old higher levels.

The MWP program was designed to act as a special stimulus payment to help kick-start the country out of recession by putting some extra money in citizens' hands right away. Technically, the MWP provision was intended only to apply to qualifying taxpayers still earning wages. However since DFAS uses the same tax tables and pay systems for retired pay as it does for active duty pay, the system didn't discriminate between retired pay and wages.

This doesn't mean that you owe more or are paying higher taxes – it's just that DFAS has returned to withholding the pre-stimulus amount from each deposit. If this results in too much money being withheld, you will receive any overpaid amount via a tax refund.

If the change causes you some problem, you can submit an IRS form W-4 to DFAS or your pay agency to change your withholding amount. Changes can also be made to DFAS using the on-line 'My Pay' system.

Just remember that changing your withholding won't change your actual 2011 tax liability. If you have too little withheld, you'll have to pony up the rest (and any applicable penalty, if you under-withheld too much) when you file your 2011 federal income taxes.

There Will Be a COLA

After more than two years in the hole, the CPI finally crept back above zero in January. Inflation rose 0.5% for the month and now stands at plus 0.3% for the year. Barring another implosion of the economy retirees will see at least a modest COLA increase in 2012.

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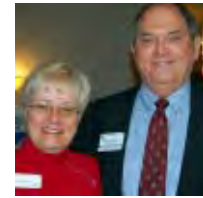
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Jean Jessup, Exec Board



Hazel Murphy, Exec Board



Barb and Larry Fernald



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Margaret and Earl Peck

Right
Skip Hartnett,
Area VP
FCOC



Left
Steve Hodges,
President
Clearwater
Chapter
MOAA

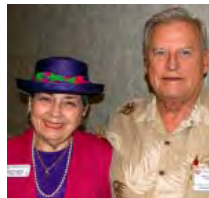
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Sherry and Don
Freese



Bill and Lynn Bolin



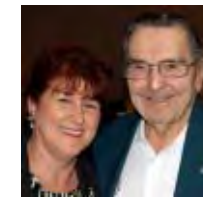
Virginia Cunningham,
Guest of the Bolins



Betty and Paul Finley



Charlene Sanders,
Chaplain



Penny and Bill
Eisenhart



Carroll Andrews



Joan Landers



Dottie and C.J.
Brauner



Trudy and Bernie
Cornelius



George Stenehjelm



Buzz Hanson (R) and son Dick
Hanson



Jack and Kaari Shine



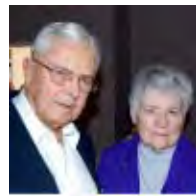
Karen Star and Joanne Taylor



Dot Plummer



New Member, Richard
Arcand and wife Joan



Robert and Jean Reed



Marlene and John Talbitzer





Terry Carr introducing Robert Hoyland



Robert Hoyland, USAA Southeast Region VP



Ed Lillich presenting Robert Hoyland with glasses



Michelle Herrera spoke about USAA Sales and Management



Ed Lillich with the USAA Team, Darcy Jones, Michelle Herrera and Robert Hoyland



Darcy Jones spoke about Wealth Management



Left, Fred Schlager



Right Claire Sears



Left, Fred Olson with Honor Flight



Martha and John Schoeppner and Dick Koch



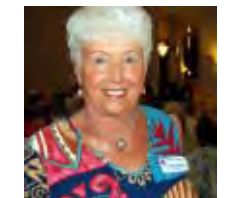
Right Curry Patton



Left, Anne Isley and Carl Bowley



Anita Harrow, Jim Patton and Violet Smith



Right Yvonne Hughes



Left, Hattie Hunt



Tootie Larkin and Fran Shivers



Left, Stan Maratos



Virginia Balke and sister Helen Hajek



H. B. Love and Faye Love

Photos by Bill Lofgren



Financial Report Summary for the Month of January 2011

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 0.00
..... Donations	\$ 495.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (413.16)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 81.84

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,357.61
..... Donations	\$ 767.00
..... 50/50	\$ 0.00
..... Memorials	\$ 90.00
..... Expenses	\$ (314.46)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,810.15

Scholarship Fund

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

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 9,766.52
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 470.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 835.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.99
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (2,453.72)
..... Supplies	\$ (349.00)
..... Printing	\$ (196.22)
..... Post Office	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ (500.00)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 9,018.07

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The Chapter has MOAA pins available and everyone is encouraged to wear the pin. On 13 April of this year Don will be part of the group to storm the hill. Don stated that only 22% of Congress has military experience and the group wants to educate the Hill on what the military and retired need. Don also put out a plea for help with the Membership Committee. Please contact Don if you would like to help on the very important committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Honor Flight Network: John Schoeppner mentioned the Honor Flight Network which provides opportunity for World War II veterans to visit the memorial in Washington, D.C. by an escorted day trip flight. Mike Alstott and his family have given their support for this project and Cody's Restaurant recently held a meeting regarding it. For more information on this program please visit www.honorflight.org call Dick Koch who is a chapter member and his information can be found on page 32 in the 2010 directory. Larry Fernald suggested that we get a speaker from the Honor Flight Network for one of our meetings prior to our winter visitors returning home. Terry Carr will look into this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Lillich read letters of thanks for the \$100 donation for the JROTC awards, also from the Scholarship fund for our Chapter's generous donation and one from Bob Williams of Wesley Chapter for the \$500 donation for contributions for the HOT program.

There being no further business Charlene Sanders gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

TRICARE Suspicious Calls

On 15 Sep 10, an active duty Hurlburt Field (HFLD) Airmen was contacted about a TRICARE survey. The member was asked for personal information such as: Social Security Number, home address, Date of Birth. Additionally, the caller asked about deployment status and length of deployments. When the Airmen asked why personal information TRICARE already had on file was being asked, the caller immediately hung up. The Airmen attempted to call the number back, but no one answered. The member saved the phone number (312) 258-4260. An online phone look up shows the number originates from Chicago, Illinois area. Using whocallsme.com showed there is a blog about the above number and calling others around the United States. The Investigations section called the above number and an answering machine picked up and spoke about a TRICARE survey. The national and local TRICARE offices were contacted and verified they do conduct surveys; however, they never request the above type personal information. If you receive a call from anyone about TRICARE and believe it to be false contact your local TRICARE office (HFLD 881-2620).

If you receive a call that requests personal information do not disclose it. Remember your personal information is yours and you need to protect it.



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321-242-1331
for more
information.**

*Freedom of the
Seas departs 8
May 2011.*

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
1	Port Canaveral, Florida		4:30 PM
2	Cococay, Bahamas	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
3	Cruising		
4	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	11:00 AM	7:00 PM
5	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Cruising		
7	Cruising		
8	Port Canaveral, Florida	7:00 AM	





TAPS

- Col William T. Clark, USAF (Ret), 23 January 2011
- Capt William H. Zurbrick, USAF (Ret), 26 January 2011
- Mrs. Kae Anne Criss, Spouse of Col George W. Criss, USAF (Ret), 23 January 2011

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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

- ◆ LTC Sarah Niblack, USA (Ret)
- ◆ COL Roger Shields, USA (Ret)
- ◆ Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ CAPT Stephen Starwyck, USN (Ret)
- ◆ CDR Alda Haley, USN (Ret)
- ◆ LTC Rose Munchbach, USA (Ret)
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27	Choronenko	Iwan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Foutz	Delores	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
27	Green	Robert	CDR	USN (Ret)
26	Haley	Alda	CDR	USN (Ret)
13	Hamilton	Rosemary	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
25	Hughes	Yvonne	1 LT	USA (Fmr)
17	Hundley	Charles	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
22	Imboden	John	2nd Lt	USAAF (Fmr)
16	Isley	Anne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
25	Jackson	Mallett	Col	USMC (Ret)
09	Milford	Marjory	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
09	Patton	Kathleen	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
04	Phillips	Bettye	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
22	Roberson	Harold	Col	USMC (Ret)
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- 18: Chapter Luncheon
- 29: Armed forces left Vietnam

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Social Hour from 11:00 to 11:45
Program Begins at 11:45 AM**

**Guest Speaker:
Dr. Bill Law
President, SPC**

Dr. William D. Law Jr. became St. Petersburg College's sixth president on June 7, 2010. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from LeMoyne College and a master's degree and Ph.D. in Design and Management of Postsecondary Education from Florida State University.



Before beginning his education career, Law served as staff director of the Florida House of Representatives' Committee on Higher Education. Earlier, he worked for the Florida Board of Regents. He served as vice president of Institutional and Program Planning at St. Petersburg Junior College (SPJC) from 1981 until leaving in 1988 to become president of Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield, Ill. In 1992, he was selected to be the founding president of Montgomery College in suburban Houston serving in that role for 10 years, before moving on to become president of Tallahassee Community College in 2002. At the time of his selection to lead SPC, Law had served more than 20 years as a community college president.

At TCC, Law became well known as an advocate of, among other things, economic and workforce development, student success and community outreach. He served as chairman of the Tallahassee Leon Economic Development Council, Vice-chairman of the Leon County Research and Development Authority, a member of the Florida Council of 100, and presently he is on the Board of Trustees of the Collins Center for Public Policy. His work on behalf of increased student success has allowed him to work at the state and national levels including consulting opportunities with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, providing expert testimony to the United States House of Representatives, and, most recently, as a member of the Florida Task Force on Community College Baccalaureate Education.

Bill Law's community work included a strong commitment to the arts programs; he served on the Board of Directors of the Mary Brogan Museum of Arts and Science as well as the Council on Cultural Arts. His volunteer time was focused on working with the Miracle League of the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association, a program that supported baseball and soccer opportunities for children with disabilities.

When not working, Law enjoys running, and has completed a number of marathons, including Boston five times. Also, he enjoys traveling and following new technologies.

He and his wife, Pat, are the parents of two grown sons.

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