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## President's Comments:

If you missed the February luncheon, you missed an excellent presentation from George Brown on the opportunities available for space available flights. According to George, you can fly free to most places in the U.S. and abroad. The key to success is educating yourself on the information available, and proper planning. At this month's luncheon, on March 16th, we will hear from the Florida Historical Aviation Society. I am sure most of you know the very first commercial passenger flight in the U.S. took place right here in the Tampa Bay area. Come and hear all about that and much more on the 16th, and bring a potential member with you.



You probably also know we won the Give Me 10 competition this past year. Don Freese, and several others spearheaded that endeavor, and Don is being given space elsewhere in this OC to talk about that and to encourage a strong start to this year's competition. Chapter membership remains a top priority throughout MOAA. Please do your part and ask a friend to join.

You should soon be receiving the 2012 Chapter Member Directory, which is filled with an abundance of information about your Chapter, to include the names and addresses of current

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## St. Petersburg Chapter Wins Recruiting Award Again!

For the second straight year our Chapter recruited the most new MOAA paid Members for chapters with 250 to 299 Members. If you recall at the December MOAA Chapter meeting I asked attendees to consider giving a "Special 2 Years for \$30" MOAA Membership to those family members and friends that are eligible to be MOAA Members, to help us win the competition, as we were two behind the Central Ohio Chapter at the end of November. Several members did and I am happy to say that our Chapter won the competition by 4, winning the \$1,000 cash bonus award. St. Petersburg has won close to \$5,000 in GMT Awards since 2006.

The Special 2 Years for \$30 is part of the "Give Me 10 (GMT)" started by VADM Ryan in 2005 to address the steady decline in MOAA Membership that had been the case for years, as the WWII "Greatest Generation" reported to the Supreme Commander. The GMT program worked and MOAA has grown every year since 2005 with 378,000 members in 2011, an increase of over 5,000 new members last year. There are currently 78,000 Active Duty, Guard and Reserve, 8,000 less than 28 years old and 66,000 Auxiliary Members.

Another way to gain GMT Credit is to convert to MOAA Life Membership. The Conversion Cost is based on your age. You get prorated credit for your current paid annual dues, a 10 % discount for being a chapter member and the amount can be paid in 10 installments.

The best thing about Life Membership is that it is inheritable, so that if the Life Member dies first, the Surviving Spouse becomes a Life MOAA Auxiliary Member. Many surviving spouses report that being a Life MOAA Member is one of the best ways to remember their spouse by being with their friends who share the same common bond of service and sacrifice.

Approximately 60 % of MOAA and St. Petersburg Chapter Members are Life Members. Please contact me if you want to convert to Life.

Finally, who is eligible for MOAA Membership? All Commissioned Officers, Warrant Officers and the surviving spouse of an eligible Officer are eligible to join MOAA. This includes former Officers not just retired officers. MOAA estimates that

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# Officers Call



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## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 295  
Regular Members - 193  
Auxiliary Members - 102  
Inactive Members - 5

### Military Services:

Army - 65	USMC - 15
USAF - 62	USCG - 9
Navy - 42	NOAA - 0

2/19/2012

**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

March 16<sup>th</sup> First Commercial Airline Flight

April 20<sup>th</sup>

May 18<sup>th</sup> POW/MIA

June 15<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* Need a ride to the luncheon?  
Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or  
LTC Terry Carr 392-6524**

**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.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Monday

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday

May 7<sup>th</sup> Monday

## ROWC

### Luncheons:

- March Luncheon 13th at Dolphin Inn

### Luncheon Reservations:

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

### Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2464

### 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; 17 February 2012

**Attended – 73:** (74 reservations), 2 Member Guests, 1 Chapter Guests, 6 Walk in, 4 Cancel, 3 No Shows

President Terry Carr called the meeting to order at 1145 hours and called upon Fr. Mike Day to give the invocation. Terry then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Terry introduced our newest member 1LT Roger Green, USA (Fmr), who was brought in by Don Freese. Guests included; Claudette Bisson, guest of Herb Tondreau, David Nelson from Columbus, Ohio and Dan Seemann. Dan, a retired Navy Commander, is a Professor Emeritus of the University of Toledo, Ohio (incidentally the Alma Mater of Past President Ed Lillich).

Congratulations to Buzz Hanson on his 80th birthday being celebrated this date.

Don Freese won the door prize and Margaret Peck and Claudette Bisson Shared the 50/50.

Council President, Don Freese, was pleased to announce that our Chapter won the GiveMeTen for 2011 beating out the Central Ohio Chapter by just four members. The Chapter has already signed up two members this year for the GMT program. Don reminded the members of the Florida convention to be held in West Palm Beach on May 18-20. You can register on-line and also buy a convention shirt. Don wore his convention shirt to the meeting and he said he wore it to a bridge tournament and recruited a new member because of it. So get your convention shirt, wear it, and recruit a member. The rooms for the convention are only \$93.00 per night, a very good price. The convention committee has obtained some excellent speakers, and this will be Don's final meeting of his two year term as President of the Florida Council of Chapters. This will be a very good convention, not too far from our area and it is hoped that we will have the most attendees of all Chapters except for the Convention Chapter.

Anne Isley announced the coming of Samson and Delilah at the St. Petersburg Opera Company on March 2, 4, and 6.

Following a lunch break 1st Vice President Bill Lee introduced the speaker for the day, Colonel George Brown, USA (Ret). George has actually spent his entire life "in the Army" George is an "Army brat" and retired with 32 years. Colonel Brown's complete bio is found in the February O.C. George joined TROA, now MOAA, in 1993. Since 1994 he has been a volunteer at the Space A Terminal at MacDill Air Force Base. George and his wife, Dorothy, who was also present at the luncheon, have taken many trips using Space-A and he wanted to share with everyone how easy and inexpensive it is to use this method of travel. Until recently dependents were only allowed to fly from port of debarkation and entry from and into the United States, but the rules

have eased and dependents with their sponsors are allowed to fly to any U.S. destination that Space A travels and from certain military installations around the United States directly to overseas areas. Unfortunately widows/widowers cannot fly Space A, only dependents accompanied by Sponsors. MacDill is one of the military installations with a Space A terminal. BOQ facilities are available, meals are available at the mess hall or the P.X. food courts. Travel is free in the United States, but there is minimal cost (compared to what you would pay commercially) involved for overseas travel. You do need an I.D. card to travel and you must travel with your sponsor. Some of the aircraft available might be KC-135 Stratotanker, C-37 Jet Stream Jet (10 seats), C-130 Hercules, C-17 Globemaster III and possibly the C-5A.

George suggests that you plan backwards. First plan when you want to get back home and how long you want to stay and that will determine when you should request your flight out. Once you are on the list for Space A you stay on it for 60 days. All Space-A travelers are Class 6 category. Each passenger may check two pieces of checked baggage, up to 70 pounds each. Hand carried baggage must fit under the seat or in the overhead compartment, if available. Baggage weight may be limited due to type of aircraft or other restrictions. There is a Space Available Handbook on the website which gives you all the information you will need. You can also purchase the following at the Base Exchange: Space A Opportunity Book, Space A Guide which gives you information on B.O.Q., car rental, social, etc. information and the Military Travel Guide.

So, now are you ready to go to Spain, Hawaii, Germany, Middenhall, Seattle, or Atlanta or even a quick hop up to Jacksonville? Here is how to get started. You can call 813-828-2310, the passenger terminal, or go to the internet to make your reservations and decide where you want to go. The Web page is at <http://www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp>. Once you get this page you can navigate to the MacDill Passenger Terminal or any other terminal you might be interested in using. You can hit the "e-mail box" to fill in and send your application. You will find a myriad of information on this Website. You can also get on Facebook - [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) and search MacDill Space A. If you are lucky enough to get on the C-37 you get a "served" meal. but unlike commercial flights, even if you fly the other aircraft you do get a boxed meal. So get your name on the list, get your bags packed and have a great time wherever your destination. Remember: **Patience, Time, Money. Money is needed if for some reason you are bumped and have to fly commercial one way.**

Thank you George for a fantastic program.

Fr. Day gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting

**6 February 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1130 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Seventeen members were present including Virginia Balke, Bill Bolin, George Brown,

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### Minutes from Pg 3

Basil Burrell, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Hazel McGrath, Charlie Parsons, Jim Patton, Barbara Stakk and Joanne Taylor. President Carr introduced and welcomed new members of the board Balke, Bryan, Stakk and Taylor.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed to the Executive Committee for approval. A correction was made to change the date noted in the Treasurer's report from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2011. Anita Harrow made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Ed Lillich. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Larry Fernald showing a balance in the treasury of \$9,134.02. A full detailed accounting is found elsewhere in the O.C. It was duly noted that a check had been received in the amount of \$1,350.00 for Chapter participation in the Give Me Ten program. This check will be accounted for in the February balance. Don Freese made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Ed Lillich. Larry said the total donations for the year were \$13,232.00 broken down as \$4,606.00 to Scholarship, \$1,930.00 to the O.C. and \$6,703.00 to the H.O.T. program and he thanked all the membership for the generous donations.

**First Vice President:** Bill Lee reported that the February speaker will be Chaplain George Brown who will give a report on the Space Available program at MacDill. Bill is currently working on speakers for March and April. Anyone knowing a dynamic speaker who would bring an interesting program to the Chapter is asked to give Bill Lee a call.

**Second Vice President:** Joanne Taylor had no report at this time. Joanne will be working on Membership this year and will need each and every member to help her recruit new members.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**MacDill Liaison:** MacDill Air Force Base no longer requires decals on automobiles, but other installations do require automobiles to have decals for entry. Decals can be obtained at the Coast Guard Station as well as MacDill if you specifically request one for entry on other military installations. Be sure to take your automobile registration and insurance information with you.

**HOT** Anita Harrow reported that fifteen boxes were sent to the troops in January. Postage has gone from \$12.95 to \$13.45. Anita is running out of addresses and currently has only three units to receive the boxes. She would like to have one unit from the St. Petersburg - Tampa area to send to and will be looking into that possibility. Marc Freese, who has been overseeing the distribution of the boxes in his area has provided the name of his replacement.

**Give Me Ten:** Don Freese reminded the members to make sure the green registration form with the year 2012 is used for the Give Me Ten applications. Give Me Ten is only for new national members or lapsed National members. Converting to life member also gives the Chapter credit. Be sure to mark on

the application form that you are a Florida 23 Chapter member. The payment can be extended over ten months. There are currently 378,000 members in MOAA which include 78,000 active duty and reserves and 66,000 auxiliary members. You can see either Bill Lee, Joanne Taylor and Don Freese for the proper application forms.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Anita Harrow described a wreath ceremony she attended at the National Cemetery in Arlington and suggested that our Chapter become involved with the Wreaths Across America project. Wreaths are placed at military cemeteries on a special day. Larry Fernald said the CAP cadets put wreaths out at Bushnell National Cemetery each year. Chris Lillich made a motion to give Anita authority, on behalf of the Chapter, to check on details for our Chapter's participation in the Wreaths Across America project.

Ed Lillich seconded the motion and motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Don Freese urged the Executive Committee and any other members of the Chapter who can to attend the monthly Operation Helping Hand dinners at Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa. The dinners are held in the head trauma center and there is an opportunity to talk with the wounded and their families. Anyone interested can contact Don for the dates and times of the dinners.

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# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## Insidious Meaning of Means-Testing

February 16, 2012

By Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF-Ret.



The president's FY 2013 budget proposes "tiering" military health care fees based on retired pay levels, so retired E-6s and below would pay one rate, E-7s to O-4s would pay higher rates, and O-5s and above would pay the most.

The Pentagon offers this proposal as if basing health care fees on retired-pay level is doing retirees a favor.

In fact, it's an insidious attack on the very nature of service-earned benefits.

They may use terms like "tiering" all they want, but let's call it what it really is: means-testing.

To start, let's recognize this proposal is uniquely discriminatory toward the military community.

No other federal health care beneficiary pays income-based premiums. The president, the speaker of the house, and the secretary of defense all pay the same health care premiums as the lowest-grade federal civilian.

Means-testing health care fees also is rare in the private sector.

Why? Because it's a benefit that's earned by service to an employer or, in the military's case, to the country.

What kinds of things are means-tested? Welfare programs, social insurance programs, and other unearned benefits that are provided as a government gift or "safety net" for those in need of assistance.

I'm sorry, but military health care benefits most emphatically are not a gift, and MOAA believes these proposals represent inappropriate increases for all grades, regardless of retired pay level.

Generations of servicemembers were induced to serve a career by promises that their decades of arduous service and sacrifice would earn them these benefits. In other words, service and sacrifice constituted their (enormous) prepaid premium.

The means-testing proposal throws that out the window — and with it goes the very dignity of your service.

It turns the whole meaning of service on its head. What you reap is no longer based on what you've earned, but on what you need.

So the longer and more successfully you serve, the less benefit you earn and deserve?

How does that compute?

Once you buy into establishing some kind of income threshold for means-testing, who's to say one threshold is more appropriate than another? The next time the government needs money, it can simply reduce the threshold to make you pay more.

If this means-testing plan goes through, you're deluding yourself if you're thinking it will be limited to health care fees.

There have been many past proposals (which MOAA successfully fought) to means-test retired pay COLAs, for example.

In the 1990s, various plans offered by legislators and others would have reduced COLAs or delayed them until age 60 for servicemembers whose incomes exceeded a certain level. One plan would have limited COLAs for any military retiree with an income above the poverty level.

And it wouldn't stop there. Many in the past have proposed limiting VA disability benefits based on income.

And don't think the logic trail ends with basing means-testing on retired pay alone.

The 10th Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC) noted that retired pay often doesn't correlate with a retiree's true income, because many enlisted retirees have high-paying jobs or officers might be unable to work after retirement for disability, etcetera.

So the QRMC proposed basing fees on adjusted gross income reported to the IRS, as is already the case with Medicare Part B premiums.

Under that philosophy, your health care benefits (and then why not your COLAs and VA compensation?) would be cut back not only because you served your country long and successfully but also because your spouse has a good job, because you've been a successful investor, because you inherited money from a relative, or any number of other reasons.

So in the end, what means-testing really means is, "You didn't earn squat."

I don't care what grade you retired at, that philosophy will put the blocks to you and yours.

If you don't want that to happen, send your legislators a MOAA-suggested message by going to the MOAA website.

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## Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act

The President signed—the agreement to extend the Social Security payroll tax rate cut, which was reduced from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent last year, through the end of 2012. The bill also extends certain unemployment benefits and Medicare physician payment rates through the end of the year. The president is expected to sign the bill into law.

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## COLA Back to Zero

Inflation climbed almost half a percent in January. For the year, the Consumer Price Index is nearly back to its initial baseline. Keep tabs on month-to-month inflation trends on MOAA's COLA Watch webpage.





Terry Carr presenting George Brown with chapter gift



Guest Speaker, George Brown



Bill Lee introducing guest speaker George Brown



Katie and Glen Crabb



Claudette Bisson and Herb Tondreau



New member Jim Garvey



Dorothy and George Brown



Neal and Lee White



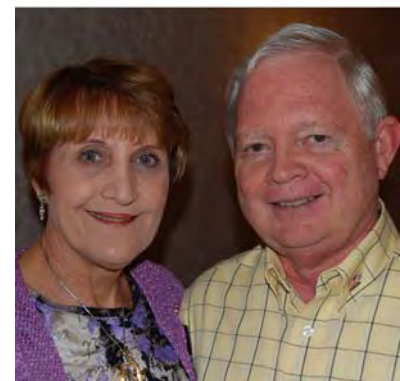
Jane and Bill Lee



Visitor Dan Seemann and Stan Maratos



Visitor Dave Nelson and new member Roger Green



Carol and Van Barnes

Photos by Bill Lofgren and others



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Shirley Gieo



Guest Helen Hajek and sister Virginia Balke



Peter Hermann



Kaari and Jack Shine



Barbara Martin



Bill and Margaret Lewis



Buzz Hanson and Denise Lujan



Margaret and Earl Peck



Maureen and John Talbitzer with Anne Isley in center



Cal Imboden, Bill Beal, Don Freese and Jim Patton

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: [LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com)



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members. This was once again put together by Larry Fernald, and if you do not receive a copy, please let him know. Thank you Larry for an outstanding job once again.

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### Award from Page 1

there are over 100,000 Officers in Florida who are eligible to join the 39,000 who are already MOAA members.

So put on you recruiting shoes. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to a meeting. Wear your MOAA Lapel Pin. Someone will ask you "What is that other Flag?" When you say MOAA, many will say I or their spouse was an Officer; the rest is up to you. Help St. Petersburg win again in 2012.

Don Freese, GMT Chair

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The Florida Convention will be held 18 to 20 May at the West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel. Room rate is \$93.00 per night and Don and Sherry Freese are donating one free Marriott room night to the winner of a drawing from registrations received by February 29, 2012. Speakers will include Congressman Allen West, VADM Norbert Ryan and Major Trish Hayden, USAF FLANG. Some of you will remember Major Hayden, a Critical Care Nurse, when she spoke at one of our Chapter meetings. You can register online by going to the website at [www.moaafl.org](http://www.moaafl.org) and clicking on the convention registration tab.

There being no further business, Ed Lillich, immediate Past President, gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

### States with the Most Foreclosures

According to a list by 24/7 Wall St., eleven states top the list when it comes to having the most foreclosures in the nation. Top five include New York, Nevada, Illinois, New Jersey and Florida.

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of January 2012

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 0.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... Reimburse from Ops .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (390.44)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (340.44)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,929.38
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (412.91)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,566.47

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 70.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 100.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 170.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 9,652.49
..... Installation Banquet .....	\$ 2,434.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.43
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (2661.90)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ (188.00)
..... Printing .....	\$ (104.00)
..... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 0.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 9,134.02

### Last WWI Veteran Dies

Florence Patterson Green, "the last known surviving veteran of World War I," has died in West Norfolk, England just two weeks short of her 111th birthday. Green signed up in the Women's Royal Air Force 94 years ago. She served food to the troops at two British air bases. The National World War I Museum In Kansas City, Missouri conducted a wreath laying ceremony to mark Mrs. Green's passing as the last known veteran of the Great War. For more information on the life and service of Florence Green, visit the Wikipedia website and read the Press Association article.







## TAPS

◆ Thankfully, None.

## Sick List

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

- ◆ Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ CDR Alda Haley, USN (Ret)
- ◆ Mrs. Clarada Pribble, AuxMbr-MC
- ◆ Lt Col Sky Crowell, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ COL Anse “Ed” Speairs, USA (Ret)
- ◆ LTC Marie Lorence, USA (Ret)



## Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **1Lt Linda Dawson, USAF (Fmr), (Pete)** 959 Edens Isle Drive NE, St Petersburg, FL 33704, 727-894-3761
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## March Birthdays (62 to 99 years)

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
22	Bartlett	William	CAPT	USN (Ret)
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)
18	Lewis	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
09	Milford	Marjory	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
09	Patton	Kathleen	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
04	Phillips	Bettye	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
19	Quattromani	Anthony	LTC	USA (Ret)
22	Roberson	Harold	Col	USMC (Ret)
27	Schaeffer	Thomas	CAPT	USCG (Ret)
2	Summers	Robert	Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Vitters	Cynthia	LTC	USA (Ret)
27	Wildes, Jr.	Ronald	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)

## Year End Recap

As of 1 February, the end of the grace period for renewing one's membership, we had 291 chapter members.

Thanks to Bill Lee and Don Freese (and many others) we only had 16 members who did not renew for 2012. which is a record for current times.

Additionally, we had 3 members who let their membership expire due to moving or returning to a former chapter.

We had 19 chapter members who passed away in 2011.

Thanks to all of your efforts, we recruited 30 new members to the chapter. So far in 2012, you have recruited 4 new members for the chapter.

St Petersburg Area Chapter members are among the most generous members in the Country. In calendar year 2011, the members of this chapter donated a total of \$13,232. That amount is broken out as follows:

- Scholarship Fund: \$4,606
- Officers Call Booster Fund: \$1,893
- Help Our Troops Fund: \$6,733

Thanks to all of you, we, once again, have demonstrated our resolve and earned the coveted 5-Star rating as one of MOAA's best chapters.



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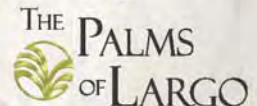
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Talbitzer, John LT

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### ••BRONZE –

DeArment, Hal COL

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### HOT Candy

HOT Candies will no longer be made and brought to the monthly luncheons in hopes for a sale. However, candies are still available by special order. Contact Bill Lofgren at 727-742-0181, or email lofgrenlepc@earthlink.net, giving your name and phone number and the type of assorted tin you would like to have. The tins will be specially made to your personal tastes. Orders must be received by Wednesday preceding the next Friday meeting. Price will remain the same, \$15 with all proceeds going to the HOT program.

## 2012 Officers Call Booster Donors

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## 2012 Scholarship Fund Donors

(Includes donations to National MOAA)

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Palmer, Stew Col  
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### ••BRONZE –

Hermann, Peter Col  
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Tondreau, Herb CWO4

Scholarship donations have permitted us to complete our first \$25,000 scholarship, we began a second scholarship at the beginning of 2009 (to be completed by 2014). Each of these scholarships, managed by MOAA, will provide a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest free loan.

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Social Hour from 11:00 to 11:45  
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Warren J Brown, MD

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David "Mac" McLay is a Past President and Director of FAHS and an "Invol. Ret." Pan American World Airways international line captain. The native of Yorkshire, England gained US citizenship while serving with the 1st Air Commando Group, US Air Force. Mac enjoys volunteering with several boards, and as the Adjutant of Scottish-American (SAMS) Veterans' Post 1952 in Dunedin, Florida.



Warren J. Brown, MD, is a retired FAA Senior Medical Examiner, Family Physician, and Morton Plant Hospital staff surgeon. A former US Navy doctor and CAP officer, he is a founding member of the Florida Aviation Historical Society - where he serves as a Past President, Historian Emeritus, Newsletter Editor, and Director. A long-term Largo resident, Dr. Brown has authored several books, is an active ham radio operator, and enjoys painting — particularly aviation subjects!



### MONTHLY LUNCHEON

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

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### March Events:

- 2: Dr Seuss born 1904
- 11: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 16: Chapter Luncheon
- 17: St. Patrick's Day
- 20: Spring Begins
- 22: National Goof Off Day
- 29: Coca Cola invented
- 30: Doctor's Day

### The Florida Convention

The convention will be held 18 to 20 May at the West Palm Beach Marriott Hotel. For a video preview of this years convention copy and paste or type the following link into your browser.

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