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## President's Comments:

MOAA is a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers. We won the prestigious national MOAA Five Star Award for Category I in 2000 and in Category II for 2002 through 2008. The categories are dictated by chapter size. The "Five Star" Award is given to the very, very best. We are one of the highest rated Chapters in national MOAA. An application for this award for the year 2009 has been prepared and it is anticipated that we will receive the award for 2009.



We are great because of you, our outstanding members. Your efforts have translated directly into the high regard in which we are held by national MOAA. Many criteria must be met before a Five Star Chapter designation is given. Points are awarded for the fulfillment of each of the designated criteria. A total of 240 points is broken into two separate sections: Objective Scoring – 120 and Selective Scoring – 120. A Five Star rating will be given only when 220 points are earned.

In Section I (Objective Scoring) the most important criteria listed in this section is the % of regular membership who are members of national MOAA. If a Chapter has 98%, it will –

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## CONVERT TO LIFE MOAA MEMBERSHIP

Over the past several years, we have been encouraging chapter members who are Annual MOAA members to convert to Life MOAA membership.

This year, six chapter members are calling the 100 of our 300 chapter members that have not yet converted to Life members. You may have already gotten a call from one of the following: Violet Smith, Army; Maureen Connors, Navy; Bill Bolin, Navy; Jim Patton, Coast Guard; Hazel Murphy, Air Force; and Fred Edward, Marines.

### WHY CONVERT

You save money as Life membership dues are based on your age and are reduced the older you get, while Annual membership dues are the same for all ages and increase over time. Current Annual dues are \$31 for Officers and \$27 for Auxiliaries.

MOAA Life dues are a bargain compared to other Military Coalition Associations. For example MOAA Life dues for a 76 year old are \$281, which compares favorably with the American Legion Life dues for a 76 year old of \$325. I've been an Annual American Legion member for 40 years. At \$31 a year, that is \$1,240. You can see how much money I would have saved if I was smart enough to convert to American Legion Life like I did MOAA Life 20 years ago.

There has not been a better time to convert to Life as MOAA is offering a 10 % discount to Chapter members. Therefore the \$281 in the example above are reduced to \$252.90 and you can even pay that by credit card in up to 10 monthly installments.

Probably the most important reason, for those of us with spouses, is that the spouse of a MOAA Life member automatically becomes a MOAA Life Auxiliary member at no additional cost should the member predecease the spouse. I have had many spouses tell me that they really appreciate the Life Aux-

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### Reminder

**Since the convention starts on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>, which is the third Friday in May and our normal luncheon date, we will be moving the May luncheon up one week to May 14<sup>th</sup>.**



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## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 300  
 Regular Members - 212  
 Auxiliary Members - 88  
 Inactive Members - 7

### Military Services:

Army - 66                      USMC - 15  
 USAF - 73                      USCG - 7  
 Navy - 49                      NOAA - 0

4/17/2010

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

## CALENDAR

**May 14<sup>th</sup>            Professor Mike Allen, topic will be Military Tribunals**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>            Monday**

**June 7<sup>th</sup>            Monday**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>            Monday**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>        Monday**

## ROWC

### Luncheons:

- January thru May—Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd
- Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272

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

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

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**President from Pg 1**

receive 25 points. 100% of our regular members are members of national MOAA. If a current membership roster is electronically provided to Council and Chapter Affairs Department during the year of competition, 20 points will be awarded. Larry Fernald, our Database Manager, does this. He also submits an updated list during the year of competition for another 15 points. We sponsor at least 12 programs/events during the year of competition for another 20 points. If the Chapter publishes at least six newsletters during the year of competition it earns another 10 points. We publish twelve newsletters per year. The remaining points are awarded if the following listed designations have been made: Did the chapter submit an updated chapter officer list during the year of competition? Does the chapter have a designated legislative liaison with e-mail address? Does the chapter have a designated chapter e-mail point of contact? Does the chapter have a designated membership chair?

In Section II (Subjective Scoring) four areas of Chapter activities are considered and rated. The Chapter conducted a proactive legislative program during the year. Fred Edwards provides a direct and personal point of contact with our local congressional representative, Congressman C. W. Bill Young, and his staff. The Chapter's Legislative Update Chair, Jim Patton monitors proposed and pending legislation and provides a monthly report, in a "Legislative Update" column, in *Officers Call*.

We have an active chapter recruiting and retention program. Last year we brought 14 new members into the Chapter. We made an intense effort to recruit Life Members to MOAA. As a result of this effort, today Life Members comprise 63% of our chapter membership.

Under the leadership of Violet Smith, our Personal Affairs Program is second to none. In 2009 the Chapter lost 15 members and 5 spouses. In each of these cases, Violet was there to help, and the feedback received from the surviving spouse was that the assistance and guidance provided lessened the load during this sad time.

Our Chapter is actively engaged in programs and projects that enhance the image of both the Chapter and MOAA Specifically: We hold, and continue to hold leadership positions in the Florida Council of Chapters. Currently Don Freese is Vice President, and Larry Fernald is the West Central Area Vice President and Violet Smith is Auxiliary Liaison.

In June 2009, on very short notice, we hosted the most successful FCOC convention on record.

Our JROTC Program, chaired by Ed Lillich, serves three public high schools and Admiral Farragut Academy in our local area. Cadets are awarded medals, certificates, and ribbons by our Chapter for various awards won. The AFA Color Guard parades the colors at our annual installation.

We fund two Designated Scholar Scholarships managed by MOAA. The first Designated Scholar Scholarship was completed nearly a year early due to the generosity of our mem-

bers. We have less than \$14,000 remaining toward our goal of beginning a third Designated Scholar Scholarship.

Civic activities have brought honors to many of our members. Earl Peck, George Brown, William Clark, Violet Smith and Fred Edwards have all been given Keys to the City by the Mayor of St. Petersburg. Fred was inducted into the St. Petersburg Senior Hall of Fame in a ceremony officiated by the Mayor of St. Petersburg. Hazel McGrath was honored for her 60 years of volunteer service to our local Red Cross, and Asa Myers was recognized for her long term service to All Children's Hospital. The VA Hospital recognized the many hours of volunteer service by Anne Isley and Hazel McGrath.

The Help Our Troops program (HOT) is arguably the crowning achievement of the Chapter. We ship packages and goodies to troops and units stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. This program, run by Anita Harrow has, over the short life of the program, shipped/mailed over 1,000 boxes to our troops on the front lines and to those recuperating from injuries in hospitals in the war zone.

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### 2010 FCOC Convention

This year's convention, May 21 - 23, will be at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Ft. Myers, featuring many amenities from free parking to free wireless high-speed internet in every room, plus a great location at a mall with over 40 shops including Saks 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Chico's. The cost is just \$90.00 per-night per room with no additional taxes or fees. They are saving you the extra charges by doing the registration for you with the hotel. Google MOAA/FCOC (or go to the Florida Council of Chapters website and click on the "convention" tab, then choose "2010" for details and registration form) or contact Jim Conner at 239-542-5627.

This will be a historic event for our Florida Council. They have as Guest Speaker for the Military Ball, General Butch Neal, USMC (Ret) the Chairman of MOAA. The Calusa Chapter has scheduled an outstanding lineup of speakers and you will enjoy the President's Reception, All Hands Breakfast, Seminars and Military Ball.

Then for some relaxation there is, a cooking demonstration by the Hotel Chef, Shopping Tour, Edison Home Tour, Golf, Fishing trip, Archaeological dig, or just sit around the pool. Then after all this activity you can relax in the Hospitality Room.

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As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out." As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention.

The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"





## Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 5 April 2010

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by President, Ed Lillich. Charlene Sanders gave the invocation and Ed Lillich led the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members were present including George Brown, Basil Burrell, Larry Butterfield, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel McGrath, Charlene Sanders, Violet Smith and Hazel Murphy.



Motion made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Anita Harrow that the minutes of previous meeting be approved as presented in the O.C. Treasurer's report was presented. Larry Fernald made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Hazel Murphy. Full report is elsewhere in the O.C.

**HOT** Anita Harrow sent 38 boxes out in March. While the packaging was going on Larry took pictures of the HOT program in action and the pictures will be sent to Washington to be used in an article on HOT that will be on the wrap of a Military Officer publication. The pictures will also be used in other articles about Auxiliary members. Mailing costs have been increased. Total cost for 40 boxes in February was \$912.00 and total for 38 boxes in March was \$1,242.00. These figures include items purchased for inclusion in the boxes and the postage. There is a balance left in the HOTfund of \$2,177.00. Anita has enough money to send boxes for three more months so we will either have to decrease the size of the project, which Anita does not want to do, or campaign to get everyone in the chapter to donate to the HOT program. It is estimated that it will cost \$900 to \$1,000 per month to continue sending boxes as we have been doing. Anita will go through the list of those we have been sending to and cut back on those that have not responded. Other suggestions were offered and Anita will work on these. There was an article in the April issue of Military Officer called "Auxiliary Power" which had a very nice write up on Anita Harrow and her work with HOT. The article also said that the St. Petersburg Chapter has five other auxiliary members holding leadership positions. A motion was made by Don Freese, seconded by Anita Harrow that the 50/50 proceeds be turned over to the HOT Program. Motion carried.

**Membership:** We have nine new members, six of whom are spouses, who have joined as Auxiliary-Spouse Members. Don Freese, Larry Fernald and Bill Bolin met and discussed a strategy for Give Me Ten. Don showed the executive council two brochures to send to members for MOAA life membership. Our chapter has 110 members who are not life members and Don reiterated how important it is to become a life mem-

ber as the surviving spouse automatically picks up the membership on the death of the member. We will begin by working one three categories; MOAA members who are not Chapter members, non-MOAA either previously members who let their membership lapse and prospects. Lapsed MOAA members and prospective members are the biggest potential. Don Freese recommends calling all 110 non life member Chapter members personally. Don would like to get a person from each service to contact those in that service. The Chapter receives \$20 for every member who converts to life membership.

**Convention Report:** The current total attendance is 162 with spouses. Two awards will be given; Most Attendees, which is currently our chapter with 24 signed up and Best Percentage of Attendance which is currently held by Cape Canaveral with 20 signed up. If you haven't signed up for the convention please reconsider as the Calusa Chapter is doing a great job to make this convention a very rewarding experience.

**Auxiliary:** Anita Harrow will distribute carnations to the widows at the memorial service in May. Anita asked if she could have \$25.00 to take care of this expenditure. Board approval was given. Anita and Violet will host a coffee for spouses and widows on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30 AM, all are urged to attend. Anita made a motion to give the hostesses \$100 to cover the cost of the coffee. Larry Fernald seconded the motion and motion passed. R.S.V.P. is requested. A check for \$250 was given by Mrs. Balke to the Chapter for the Scholarship Fund. Violet Smith gave special thanks to George Brown for all the help he gave to Mrs. Balke at the time of her husband's death.

**JROTC:** Ed Lillich has given out the certificates and medals to the JROTC departments and will attend the awards ceremonies.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Plaques:** At an earlier meeting Larry Fernald brought to the executive committee meeting the thought that it would be nice to give a plaque to Anita to be displayed in the lobby of the condominium for all the help residents have given in helping get boxes ready to be shipped overseas. At the present time Anita has declined receiving a plaque because there is no place to display it. Further discussion centered on recognizing Exceptionally Distinguished Members and Past President with awards.

**Photos for the 2011 Directory:** Discussion took place regarding having member pictures in the directory. Bill Lofgren will get quotes and report at the next executive committee meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Policy Book Change:** Fred Edwards proposed a change in the Policy Book, Section 9 as follows:

9. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAPTER OFFICERS (Rev.March 2006)

a. If possible, the Nominating Committee shall be chaired by either a past president, a Life Member Emeritus, or a Distinguished Member and shall include at least one of each of the following additional members:

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# MOAA Legislative Update

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

## 21% Cut Fixed – Until June

Congress can act fast when it absolutely has to, and it absolutely had to on April 15 – the last day Medicare could avoid imposing a 21% cut in payments to doctors that many doctors say would cause them to stop seeing Medicare and military patients.



Within the space of five hours, the Senate voted to defer the 21% cut until June 1. Because that was a month longer delay than the House proposed, House leaders greased another vote to approve the longer delay, and the bill was rushed to the White House so President Obama could sign it into law that night.

The cuts technically went into effect on April 1, but Medicare exercised its authority to hold claims for up to 10 business days in anticipation that Congress would approve the delay.

Still, the fact is that this is one more can-kicking exercise. Now, legislators will try to figure out a way to push back the cuts until the end of the year, and next year they'll have to go through a new drill to avoid a 25% cut in January 2011. The constant battles on this issue stem from the inability of Congress to agree on how to pay for the \$240 billion permanent fix. More and more legislators are insisting it should be paid for by cutting other spending. But finding a package of \$240 billion in spending cuts that a majority of legislators would vote for is an equally daunting challenge.

Needless to say, this isn't a trivial issue. Hill leaders simply must find a way to get past this problem so seniors and military beneficiaries aren't being held hostage to monthly threats of having their health care access cut off.

## TRICARE Protected Under Health Reform

As MOAA had predicted, the Senate passed Sen. Jim Webb's (D-VA) TRICARE Affirmation Act (S. 3148), which makes it explicit in law that TRICARE constitutes qualifying coverage for national health reform purposes – thus avoiding any question that TRICARE beneficiaries would be subject to penalties imposed on those who don't obtain coverage.

The White House and Pentagon said all along there was no way that military people would be subject to such penalties, but now the law lays that out in black and white. The House passed similar legislation earlier, so it will now go to the President for signature.

The Senate also has passed a separate bill explicitly protect-

ing all beneficiaries of VA health care (S. 3162). The bill is awaiting consideration in the House and is expected to pass shortly.

## Jones Files SBP-DIC Discharge Petition

On March 15, Rep. Walter Jones (R-NC) introduced a discharge petition on the House SBP-DIC offset repeal bill, H.R. 775. This relatively rare tactic is used to force a House vote on legislation that has languished in committee.

The petition offers hope that Congress will finally repeal the unfair deduction of VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from military widows' Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities.

It was a discharge petition that helped break the ice in winning substantive action on concurrent receipt several years ago.

H.R. 775, sponsored by Rep. Solomon Ortiz (D-TX) currently has 320 plus co-sponsors – 74% of all House members. If more than half of House members (216) sign the petition, the bill must be "discharged" from committee consideration and brought to the floor for a vote. Rep. Ortiz' office staff has advised MOAA that he intends to sign it.

You would think that getting at least 216 of the 320 plus current cosponsors to sign the petition would be no problem. But it hasn't proved that easy in the past.

That's because a discharge petition is an embarrassing move for congressional leaders who are responsible for finding funds to pay for it. In this case, the SBP-DIC fix requires \$7B in mandatory spending that Armed Services Committee leaders don't have offsets for.

Normal House rules require that the responsible committee must identify offsets within its jurisdiction. For the Armed Services Committee, that would require cutting military retirement, TRICARE for Life or some other SBP area, which isn't going to happen. Committee leaders want to repeal SBP-DIC, but doing that requires House leadership's help to identify other offsets. And that's a problem too, when national health reform and other major initiatives are consuming most of the available offsets.

MOAA agrees with Rep. Jones that it sometimes takes unusual action like a discharge petition to spotlight a bill that has a very large majority of cosponsors but still isn't getting anywhere, for whatever reason. The discharge petition is a way of saying, "We need to put our money where our mouth is."

You can help this worthy cause by urging your U.S. Representative to sign the petition.

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## Florida Legislature

In the April Officers Call I had an article on HB 305 "Disposition Issue For Service Member Remains". The Chairman, Rep Dorothy Hukill, did not place the bill on the agenda, so no action will be taken during the current session. Hopefully it will again be sponsored by Rep Ronald Renuart, in the next session and get on the agenda and move on to approval.





## Monthly Luncheon; 16 April 2010

Reported by **Jim Patton**

**Attended – 66:** (61 reservations), 2 Member Guest,  
1 Chapter Guests, Walk ins 5  
[0 Cancels, 3 No-show]

After a period of socializing, the meeting was called to order at 11:45 by President Ed Lillich. Ed gave the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed then called on the members, table by table, to introduce new members and guests. He then proceeded to the part of the meeting where he makes most of us unhappy (but a few happy). The door prize winners went home with some of the outstanding fudge, and the 50/50 winners came forward to collect their winnings. ( I finally won something!) Ed then reminded us that we will have our annual Memorial Service at the May meeting and asked that those members who could to wear their uniforms and head gear if possible.



Don Freese then updated us on the upcoming FCOC annual convention which will be held May 21<sup>st</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Fort Myers. The Calusa Chapter, following our lead from last year, has put together an outstanding agenda. There should be something for everyone: cooking demonstrations, golf, fishing trips and a great list of seminars. All are encouraged to attend.

Our Help Our Troops (HOT) chairman, Anita Harrow, then brought us up to date on the great work that she and her volunteers accomplished during the month of March. Financially the HOT account is running a little short due to the increase in postage and the number off boxes being sent. Anita asked for both financial assistance and donations of items to go in the boxes. Anita gave a report on the activities of the Auxiliary Members. Anita and Violet have a coffee planned for Auxiliary members on the 6th of May.

We then recessed for lunch.

Following the lunch, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Terry Carr introduced our guest speaker, Professor Charles H. Rose III, from Stetson University. Prof “just call me Charlie” Rose spoke about the GITMO detainees and the mess that our government has gotten itself into regarding trials for these combatants. He spoke on the benefits and problems in using either Military Tribunals or civilian criminal trials. He also spoke of the coalition troops who are being prosecuted for alleged prisoner abuse. Being a former JAG officer, who was also a mustang, he had a view of the situation from both the officer and enlisted side.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Charlie then opened the floor for questions and provided well thought-out answers.

Following the Q&A session, Ed thanked Professor Rose for his presentation. Then following a long tradition, Ed ‘fessed

up that he had forgotten to bring the Chapter’s traditional gift, a set of monogrammed cocktail glasses. However, Ed recovered nicely and gave Professor Rose the Chapter’s gavel and promised to exchange the glass set for the gavel in the next few days.

Regarding the May luncheon and the Memorial Service, Ed emphasized that the next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup>, which is the second Friday in May, and a week earlier than our normally scheduled meeting. Due to the FCOC 2010 Convention on the 21st of May, we had to move the meeting date a week earlier.

Our Chaplain, George Brown, led us in the benediction and Ed adjourned the meeting at 1:15.

## HOT PROJECT MEET THE HOT TEAM

Reported by Anita J. Harrow, Chairperson

We have all heard “it takes a village to raise a child”; well, it takes a team of enthusiastic volunteers to build a successful project.

Who are the HOT volunteers? They are the people who each month donate money or bring items for our boxes. They are your dentists who regularly contribute much needed toothpaste, toothbrushes, and dental floss.

They are friends who contribute current, gently read paperback books and authors like Victor Woods who contribute their newly published works. They are generous citizens like Bob Williams at Wesley Chapel who every few months gives Bill Bolin large quantities of snack foods and other items for our troops. They are neighbors like the HOT ladies at the PIT (Paradise Island Towers) who contribute their time to help pack the



Christopher Fernald the youngest HOT Team member

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Terry Carr Introducing Prof Rose



Guest speaker Prof Rose



Prof Rose and Ed Lillich



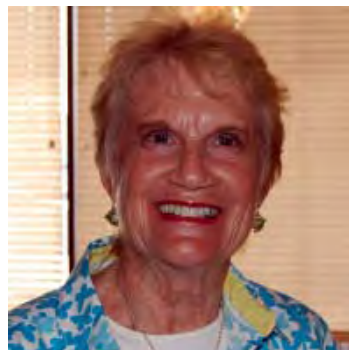
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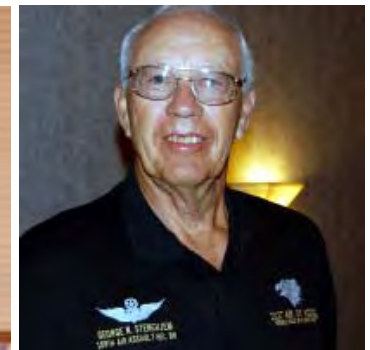
Tom Jones, New Member



Cindy Vitters



Joanne Taylor



George Stenejhem



Louisa Menyhert and son William



Fred Edwards, Ed Lillich and Earl Peck



Katie and Glenn Crab



Martha Willis



Marge Christy and Carroll Andrews



Bill and Lynn Bolin



Pauline and Fred Edwards



Betty and Paul Finley



Jack and Nancy Westman

Photos by Bill Lofgren





### EC Meeting from Pg 4

- (1) A Regular Member or Life Member Emeritus;
- (2) An Auxiliary Member ~~and~~
- (3) ~~A spouse of a Regular Member or of a Life Member Emeritus~~

A motion was made by Fred Edwards to approve the proposal as presented, seconded by Anita Harrow. After discussion the motion passed by a majority.

**Reservations:** At the March meeting eleven people made reservations and did not attend. The club has to pay for all meals ordered and this puts undue hardship on the club finances if we are not reimbursed. After discussion Larry Fernald made a motion to charge those that make reservations and do not show up. Anita Harrow seconded the motion and motion passed.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Don Freese announced that the President's symposium will be held 16 – 18 September in Jacksonville, FL. Those invited from the Chapter will be the President, President-Elect, 2nd Vice-President and the Transitional Officers Placement System (TOPS) chair. This Symposium will include chapters from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Tennessee.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on 3 May 2010. The Luncheon Meeting will be held on May 14, 2010 due to the convention being held on our regular meeting day.

There being no further business the Benediction was given by George Brown and the meeting adjourned at 1245 hours.

### HOT from Pg 6

boxes. And they are those who help transport the boxes to the post office for mailing.

Though all volunteers are important to making our efforts successful, one volunteer stands out among the many for his youth and eagerness to help. Meet our youngest HOT team member. He is Christopher Fernald who shows up every packing day (of course he brings his grandfather who drives the truck) to help with the transport of all the boxes. Christopher is a tremendous help and truly is a worker. Without him we would have a hard time getting all the boxes into the truck and retrieving the boxes from the back of the truck for delivery at the post office. He even insists on carrying boxes into the post office. This is a young man with a winning smile, a positive attitude, and a strong, emerging work ethic. We can all be proud that he is a member of our HOT team.

Remember, everyone who contributes to our HOT project helps us meet our goal of serving our troops and letting them know how much we appreciate the sacrifices they are making daily on our behalf. Your continued support of HOT is needed and appreciated not only by our chapter, but more importantly, by the many troops our project serves.

Thank you for all you do. It is with great pride that I work along side so many dedicated volunteers who support our *American Heroes*. Together let us continue to keep our HOT project moving forward.

## SIRATA BEACH RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER TO GIVE FREE ROOMS TO ACTIVE MILITARY AND RESERVE MEMBERS FOR SECOND YEAR.

St. Pete Beach, FL. — The Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center will be giving away free rooms in thankful recognition of outstanding current military service for the second year.

Between the dates of May 31, and June 2, 2010 Sirata Beach Resort will provide up to 100 free rooms each day for any U.S. active military and U.S. military reserve member that calls our reservation center (1-800-344-5999 and asks for the MMDS 2010 special). Any additional successive night (Tuesday through Thursday) to the one free night will also have a military discounted rate of \$89! This is on a first-come, first-call basis and is a limited offer. All one has to do, is show an active military card upon check-in, with the reservation to receive this very special offer.

The entire Sirata Beach Resort and Conference Center Family wanted to give back to, and thank active military and active reserve members, as a way of getting a day of no-stress and relaxation.

### Convert from Pg 1

ilitary membership making it easy to remain part of the MOAA family. For many spouses, the first event that they go to after a death is our MOAA meeting, because they know they are among friends with a common bond of military service.

### HOW TO CONVERT

It is simple to convert. All you have to do is call MOAA Customer Service at 1-800-234-6622. Wait for it to ring through to Customer Service (usually less than a minute.) Identify yourself as a St. Petersburg Area Chapter (FL 23) Member. Customer Service will calculate your exact Life dues as you get credit for the remaining portion of your Annual dues and the 10 % discount for being a Chapter member.

Please call me or the volunteer that called you if you have any questions.

Also please let us know when you've converted so that we can properly recognize you in Officers Call and update our database.

Thank you!

Don Freese, (727) 360-3102 Home, (727) 641-5479 Cell, donfreese@aol.com

### Reminder

Spouses and Surviving Spouses, Spring Coffee May 5<sup>th</sup> at 10355 Paradise Blvd., Treasure Island, FL 33706. RSVP no later than May 1, 2010. 367-9050 or 595-5543



## 2010 Scholarship Fund Donors (Includes donations to National MOAA)

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### 40 Years of Marriage

A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.

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She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.'

The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband.'

The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.'

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish.

So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!....the husband became 92 years old.

The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful bastards should remember fairies are female...

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11	Bax	Giles	COL	USA (Ret)
07	Bolin	William	CDR	USN (Ret)
08	Carr	Terry	LTC	USA (Ret)
13	Caton	Edward	Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Coates	Marie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
11	Comeau	Ronald	MAJ	USA (Ret)
04	Conners	Edwin	LT	USN (Ret)
01	Criss	George	Col	USAF (Ret)
02	Crowell	Schuyler	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
31	Humphrey	Marguerite	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
08	Landers	Joan	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
04	McDonough	Michael	LtCol	USMC (Ret)
24	Murphy	Robert	COL	USA (Ret)
03	Musselwhite	Charlie	CWO4	USA (Ret)
27	Myers	Ralph	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Pav	Peter	COL	USA (Ret)
03	Schramm	Wayne	Brig Gen	USAF (Ret)
31	Silvey	Bruce	LTC	USA (Ret)
27	Simmons	Donald	CWO4	USN (Ret)
02	Smith	Violet	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
24	Warren	Judith	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)

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Bolin, Bill CDR  
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Christy, Marge Mrs  
Edwards, Fred LtCol  
Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Freese, Don CAPT  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
Jessup, Jean Mrs.  
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Love, H. B. COL  
Milford, John Lt Col  
Munchbach, Rose LTC  
Palmer, Stew Col

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Patton, Jim CWO4  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen  
Sims, Robert Maj  
Smith, Paul BG  
Smith, Violet Mrs.

### ••SILVER –

Green, Richard CWO4  
Lanier, Laurie Maj  
Lorence, Marie LTC  
Shine, Jack Col  
Tondreau, Herb CWO4

### ••BRONZE –

Lawson, George Col  
McGrath, Hazel LCDR  
Mogan, Janice LTC  
Plummer, Dot Mrs.

### MOAA Storms the Hill

On April 21st MOAA state council leaders, paired with members of the national staff, "stormed the hill" to meet face-to-face with their congressional representatives and key staff members to enlist support of the association's 2010 legislative goals.





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## Financial Report Summary for the Month of March – 2010

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ (85.21)
..... Donations .....	\$ 178.00
..... Ad Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (340.20)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (247.41)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 3,725.75
..... Donations .....	\$ 288.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (912.23)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 3,101.52

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1,370.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 647.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 30.00
..... 50/50 Income .....	\$ 67.00
..... Expended .....	\$ (200.00)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,914.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 8,917.73
..... Monthly Luncheon .....	\$ 1,340.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 140.00
..... Miscellaneous Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 4.77
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (1,300.00)
..... Supplies .....	\$ (30.00)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Name Tags .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ (185.00)
..... Memorial to Scholarship .....	\$ (30.00)
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ (200.00)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 8,717.50



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### COLA Fizz

Inflation jumped by half a percent in February. If that trend keeps up for the rest of the fiscal year, retirees would see about a 1.4-percent COLA for 2011.





## TAPS

**Mrs. June Vernon, AuxMbr-N, 4/11/10**

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

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## Sick List

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

- LTC Sarah Niblack, USA (Ret)
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## Welcome Our New Members!

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## May Luncheon

14 May, 2010

**Banquet Masters**  
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**11:00 AM to 11:45 Social Hour**  
**11:45 Meeting Called to Order**  
**13:30 Meeting Adjourned**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Professor Mike Allen**

**Subject: "War on Terror" and the  
 Federal Courts**

Michael Allen is a Professor of Law, at Stetson University College of Law, teaching courses in Civil Procedure, Remedies, Complex Litigation, Constitutional Law I, the Federal Courts and the Federal System, and Veterans' Benefits Law. Professor Allen graduated in 1992 from Columbia



University School of Law where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar during his last two years. He received his undergraduate degree in American history and political science from the University of Rochester where he graduated summa cum laude in 1989. Professor Allen's research interests are wide ranging. He has researched and written in areas including remedies, personal jurisdiction and the intersection of authority between the federal and state governments in areas such as the subject matter jurisdiction of the federal courts and other constitutional allocations of power. He is also a recognized expert on the law of veterans' benefits, a topic on which he has testified before the United States Congress.

### LUNCHEON MEETING

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

• **Reservations by Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_.

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### May Events:

- 5<sup>th</sup>: Spouses and Surviving Spouses Coffee
- 8<sup>th</sup>: VE Day
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day
- 12<sup>th</sup>: International Nurses Day
- 14<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Luncheon
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Armed Forces Day
- 21<sup>st</sup>: Start FCOC Convention Fort Myers
- 31<sup>st</sup>: Memorial Day

