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President's Comments:

What a great program we had for our April luncheon. Kelly Kowall's courage and drive after the death of her son is truly remarkable. I hope to get her additional speaking engagements with other Florida Chapters of MOAA either at one of the forthcoming conventions or through direct contact with other Chapter Presidents. Speaking of conventions, it is still not too late, if you haven't registered, but time is running out for this year's convention in May. I hope to see several of our members there to congratulate our own Don Freese as he hands over the reigns as outgoing President of the FCOC.



As most know, Don has just returned from MOAA's storming of the hill at this most critical time for all our uniformed services' personnel both past and present. He was joined by more than 150 MOAA leaders from all across the Country, in an effort to convince Congressional leaders to support key needs for our military. I hope the storming went well, and I encourage us all to continue to speak with one voice with our MOAA leaders on these vital concerns.

Don is also bringing back Chapter communication awards that he will present at the May convention. Congratulations to Larry

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Colonel Marvin J. Harris Awards Contest

Each year, national MOAA holds a Communications Award contest to identify those councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members.

MOAA renamed the award in 2011 after Colonel Marvin J. Harris, USAF (Ret), who served with loyalty and dedication as MOAA's Director of Public Relations from 1996 until 2011, delivering effective communications to both military and civilian audiences. There are seven categories of competition.

- Print Newsletters;
- Electronic Newsletters;
- Web Sites;
- Best Legislative Coverage (Print Newsletter);
- Best Legislative Coverage (Web site);
- Best Recruiting Brochure; and
- Unique Communication (examples include phone tree networks and specialized publications).

In 2011 the St. Petersburg Area Chapter was First Runnerup in both the Print Newsletter and Web Site for chapters in Category III (200 -299 members).

I would like to thank everyone for their input to this newsletter in particular Larry Fernald who maintains the data base and provides the monthly statistics and Bill Lofgren our outstanding photographer and to all those who submit articles.

Editor



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Print Media Winner- 2006

Print Media 1st Runner-Up - 2008 & 2010

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

CALENDAR

May 11th Memorial Day Program

June 15th CDR Edward R. Morris, USCG (Ret)

July 20th Dr. Gloria Payne

August 20th Terri Griner

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

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.

May 7th Monday

June 4th Monday

July 2nd Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- May Luncheon 8th at Banquet Masters

Luncheon Reservations:

Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272 or
 Bobbie Walters 595-4619

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 Bobbie Walters 595-4619

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 296
 Regular Members - 193
 Auxiliary Members - 103
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

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

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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Monthly Luncheon; 20 April 2012

Attended – 50: (51 reservations), 2 Member Guests, 2 Chapter Guests, 3 Walk in, 4 Cancel, 6 No Shows

President Terry Carr called the meeting to order at 1145 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation. Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry introduced the head table which included 1st Vice President Bill Lee, Chaplain Brown and guest speaker Kelly Kowall. Guests included Bob Perez, guest of our speaker, Charlie Hunter, guest of Roger Green and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret) Chris Ashley.

Anne Isley won the door prize and Betty Finley and Joan Landers split the 50/50. Looks like it was the lucky day for ladies.

Terry announced Marie Lorence was now home from rehab and said she could be reached by phone at her home number. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Anita Harrow thanked everyone for their continuous support of the Help Our Troops (HOT) program. She currently has addresses for only 5 units and she desperately needs tooth paste and beef jerky for the next boxes. Anita gets letters from the troops thanking us for all the boxes. They are very excited to receive them as they contain things that they cannot get where they are assigned. Keep your donations coming!

Terry Carr urged those interested in going to the convention to get the reservations in before April 26 as that is the last day the announced hotel rate will be offered. Rooms will still be available but at a higher cost. You can go on line to make reservations. Credit cards are accepted through an arrangement with Pay Pal.

Following lunch, which absolutely went very smoothly because salads and desserts were placed on the table prior to serving the entrée, 1st Vice President Lee introduced our guest speaker, Kelly Kowall. Kelly lost her son, Army Spc. Corey Kowall who sustained fatal injuries in September of 2009. Kelly gave a very moving testimonial about her loss and what she did to cope with the grieving process through helping others who had suffered a loss, either a family member or brother in arms. In honor of her son's memory she became an ICF certified Life Coach and in 2010 completed TAPS Peer Mentoring Training, becoming an extremely effective peer mentor for other Gold Star Mothers. Kelly is founder and president of FAVE Boating Experiences, a 501 c (3) non profit endeavor providing boating excursions to veterans, soldiers and families who have endured the loss of a fallen warrior. She now has founded Eyes on the Sky's - Project Corregidor. Kelly is a writer, speaker and trainer and has over 20 years experi-



ences in sales, marketing and management. She has recently acquired some property in Ruskin which she is in the process of adapting to the needs of her program. A dock is available and comfortable living accommodations will be refurbished. In order to make this a fully operational enterprise to meet the needs of those who will be taking advantage of it she will need canoes, kayaks, weight lifting equipment and many other comfort items.

For more information on this project contact Kelly at 813-321-0880 and visit her website at www.favebe.com.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next luncheon meeting is **MAY 11, 2012**. Please note that this is one week earlier than our normal Luncheon day. This will be the Memorial Service. All those who still are able to get into their uniforms are urged to wear them. Major Ed Lillich is looking for anyone interested in serving as the MOAA Honor Guard for this luncheon to come no later than 11:00 to be briefed on their duties. If you would like to do this please wear your uniform and bring cover, and white gloves if you have them.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting 2 April 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by Chaplain George Brown and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry. Thirteen members were present including Bill Bolin, George Brown, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton and Joanne Taylor.

A motion was made by Hardy Bryan, seconded by Ed Lillich to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Larry Fernald presented the Treasurer's reports for February and March, 2012. The end of the month balance in the operating account for February was \$10,345.80. Don Freese made a motion to accept the February report, seconded by Bill Lee. The end of the month balance in operating for March was \$9,098.22. Ed Lillich made a motion to accept the March report, seconded by Hardy Bryan. Motion carried. Entire accountability of all accounts is found in the O.C.

First Vice President Bill Lee reported on the upcoming meetings and reminded the E.C. that the May luncheon meeting will be held on May 11 and the program will be the Memorial Service to remember those Chapter members who died in the past year. George Brown will be the Master of Ceremonies and the Pinellas County Veterans Honor Guard will do the flag presentation.

Second Vice President Joanne Taylor reported that she had attended the March R.O.W.C. meeting and gave MOAA applications to two ladies who indicated that their husbands wanted

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Fernald for 1st Runner-Up for our Chapter website, and to Jim Patton for 1st Runner-Up for our Chapter's Officers Call.

Please remember our May luncheon meeting will be on 11 May and will be our annual Memorial Service. Please let Ed Lillich know if you can wear your uniform for the ceremony.

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to join MOAA. She also sent an application to another prospective member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2012 Florida Convention: Don Freese said there are 165 reservations at this time for the Florida MOAA convention in West Palm Beach. The convention committee is hoping for 250 and he urges all members who wish to attend to get their reservations in as soon as possible. To date, the Tampa Chapter is leading in convention attendee applications. Don also said that the 2013 convention will be held in Sarasota and 2014 is now open for a chapter to host the convention. After discussion, Larry Fernald made a motion to put in a bid for the St. Petersburg Chapter to host the 2014 convention. Motion was seconded by Ed Lillich. There being no further discussion, the motion carried. Larry Fernald and Don Freese volunteered to co-chair the convention committee if we are chosen to host it.

JROTC: Ed Lillich will give out awards in April to Gibbs and Boca Ciega High Schools and in May George Brown will give awards at Dixie Hollins and Admiral Farragut Academy.

HOT Anita Harrow sent out 42 priority and 9 non-priority boxes at the end of March. Anita thanked Bill Lofgren for getting a large supply of items from Wesley Chapel. An Easter Basket was put in each package. The May boxes will go out toward the end of April. Anita said that the postage has again gone up. At the March meeting the membership voted to accept Bob Williams as an honorary member for all he has done to assist our HOT program. Since then Bob was involved in a farming accident and is now hospitalized. It was decided by the E.C. to present Bob with a plaque as well as a certificate as soon as he is able to attend one of our meetings or if his confinement is lengthy the awards will be taken to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

Per Chapter By-Laws, Terry Carr appointed Bill Lofgren to audit the financial records for the past year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Larry Fernald proudly announced that the Civil Air Patrol cadet he instructed, Justin Niquette, made his solo flight and passed with flying colors. Justin was Larry's guest at the installation banquet in January.

There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

VA Increases Mental Health Care Workforce

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will add approximately 1,600 clinicians — to include nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, and social workers — as well as nearly 300 support staff, to its existing mental health workforce of 20,590, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced yesterday.

The staff increase is part of an ongoing review of the VA's mental health care operations, Shinseki said.

“As the tide of war recedes, we have the opportunity, and the responsibility, to anticipate the needs of returning veterans,” he said. “History shows that the costs of war will continue to grow for a decade or more after the operational missions in Iraq and Afghanistan have ended. As more veterans return home, we must ensure that all veterans have access to quality mental health care.”

VA's ongoing comprehensive review of mental health operations has indicated that some VA facilities require more mental health staff to serve the growing needs of veterans, officials said. . It projected the need for the 1,900 additional mental health staff largely because of increasing needs for the Veterans Crisis Line, as well as an expected increase in compensation and pension and integrated disability evaluation exams.

“Mental health services must be closely aligned with veterans' needs and fully integrated with health care facility operations,” VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert Petzel said. “Improving access to mental health services will help support the current and future veterans who depend on VA for these vital services.”

VA will allocate funds this month from the current budget to all 21 Veterans Integrated Service Networks across the country to begin recruitment immediately. Under the leadership of President Barack Obama and Secretary Shinseki, officials said, VA has devoted more people, programs, and resources toward mental health services to serve the growing number of veterans seeking mental health care from VA.

Last year, VA provided specialty mental health services to 1.3 million veterans, officials said. Since 2009, VA has increased its mental health care budget by 39 percent and has seen a similar increase in the number of veterans receiving mental health services, as well as a 41-percent increase in mental health staff.

VA has enhanced services through the integration of mental health care into the primary care setting, developing an extensive suicide prevention program, and increasing the number of Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers. VA's Veteran Crisis Line has received more than 600,000 calls, resulting in more than 21,000 rescues of veterans in immediate crisis.

“The mental health of America's veterans not only touches those of us at VA and the Department of Defense, but also families, friends, co-workers, and people in our communities,” Petzel said. “We ask that you urge veterans in your communities to reach out and connect with VA services.”

Veterans in need of immediate help can receive assistance by calling the Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 (push 1) or texting 838255.





MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

MOAA Selected Legislative Goals for 2012

Active/Reserve Force/ Family Issues

- Sustain active duty, Guard and Reserve force sizes to meet mission requirements
- Sustain military pay comparability with private sector
- Credit all post-9/11 active duty service toward Guard/Reserve early retirement
- Restore tax deduction for reservists' out-of-pocket expenses for drill travel of 50 miles or more
- Create new incentives for employers to hire and retain drilling Guard/Reserve members
- Provide incentives for employers/government/contractors to hire military spouses
- Protect funding for commissary/exchange, dependent schools and family support programs
- Improve educational transition for military children
- Establish flexible spending account coverage for out-of-pocket health/dependent care expenses
- Improve access to affordable child care
- Expand career advancement account program (MyCAA) to career spouses and degree programs
- Require better education on serious financial disadvantages of the REDUX retirement option
- Improve professional licensure for servicemembers and military spouses

Health Care Issues

- Avert 30% Medicare/TRICARE payment cut and fix statutory formula to improve access to care
- Protect against disproportional increases in TRICARE fees
- Oppose enrollment fee for TRICARE For Life or curtailment of TFL coverage
- Allow three years of active-duty-level TRICARE coverage for disability retirees/families
- Improve seamless transition between Defense and VA health care/benefits systems
- Authorize option to subsidize retention of operational reservists' civilian family health insurance
- Increase orthodontia payment cap under active duty dental plan

Retirement/Survivor Issues

- Oppose military benefit changes that are inconsistent with service career sacrifices
- Preserve full-inflation cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)



- End deduction of VA disability compensation from military retired pay
- End deduction of VA survivor benefits (DIC) from military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities
- Implement a more equitable military disability retirement system
- Restore VA survivor annuities for qualifying widows who remarry after age 55
- Expand permanent ID card eligibility for elderly/disabled beneficiaries
- Authorize survivors to retain a deceased retiree's full final-month retired pay
- Authorize SBP annuities to be paid to Special Needs Trusts for permanently disabled annuitants
- Reform the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA)

Veterans and Other Issues

- Improve quality, efficiency, and timeliness of VA claims-processing system
- Establish Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for Surviving Spouses of Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts
- Authorize pre-tax payment of health, dental and long-term care premiums
- Reduce Social Security penalties for certain civil service and state retirees/survivors
- Prevent disproportional Social Security/Medicare penalties for any population segment

MOAA Testifies on Veterans' Health Care

On April 16, MOAA Deputy Director of Government Relations CDR Rene' Campos (USN-Ret.) presented MOAA's inputs on several VA health care bills at a hearing before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Health.

Access and coordination of care and support services for wounded, ill, injured, and disabled servicemembers and their families were the issues at the top of the list.

Campos focused on three bills in particular:

- H.R. 1460 would allow automatic enrollment of combat theater veterans into the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical system. MOAA supports automatic enrollment and urged expanding the bill to authorize enrollment of all Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans.

- H.R. 3279 would expand benefits eligibility under the new VA caregiver legislation to include caregivers of veterans with 'serious illnesses' in addition to those with 'serious injuries'. MOAA strongly supports the bill, which is in line with Congress' intent in establishing the benefit for caregivers of vets with severe service-caused conditions.

- H.R. 3016 would direct the Departments of Defense and VA to jointly operate the Federal Recovery Coordination Program. The issue of joint care coordination between the two agencies has long been a serious concern of MOAA's and the subcommittee's. Instead of additional legislation to force the

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Chaplain George Brown giving invocation



Guest Speaker, Kelly Kowall and Pres Terry Carr



Guest Speaker, Kelly Kowall



Guest Speaker, Kelly Kowall and guest Bob Perez



Guest Speaker, Kelly Kowall and 1st VP Bill Lee



Carroll Andrews



Bobbie Walters



Herb Tondreau



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Barbara Stakk



Chris and Ed Lillich



Fran Shivers



Rose Munchbach



Anne Isley and Basil Burrell



Guest Bob Perez and Anita Harrow



Roger Green and guest RADM Charlie Hunter



Jim Patton



George Brown

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



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agencies to cooperate and collaborate, Campos urged Congress to continue to the keep pressure on the agencies and hold them accountable.

Even after a decade of wartime experience, it's frustrating that much still remains to be done to overcome obstacles to delivering needed care and benefits and eliminate bureaucratic hassles experienced by beneficiaries. MOAA will continue to work with the Congress and the Departments to build upon system improvements.

MOAA Storms The Hill for You

MOAA Council and Chapter Presidents from the 50 states and Puerto Rico, including our own Don Freese, accompanied by members of the national Board of Directors and headquarters staff, plus members of MOAA's active duty, Guard, Reserve, spouse and auxiliary advisory committees swarmed Capitol Hill on April 18 to visit nearly all 535 representatives and senators in support of key legislative priorities.

This year, the "Hill-stormers" met with their legislators to ask them to:

- Reject disproportional TRICARE fee hikes
- Protect against accelerated force cuts that would worsen "dwell time" between deployments
- Resist efforts to "fast-track" military retirement changes

MOAA Hill-stormers received very positive feedback from most legislators. Our hope is that this will translate to support for these goals as the House and Senate Armed Services Committees begin drafting the FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill in the coming weeks.

MOAA is also gratified at members' response to the special alert they sent out asking members to support this effort by emailing your legislators to oppose "taxing military people first." Members sent more than 41,000 messages to Capitol Hill, and many legislators and staffers referenced the messages during their meetings with the MOAA stormers.

Lessons Learned - Snail Mail

Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 50 (VRC-50), based in Da Nang, South Vietnam, was a seven-plane detachment flying Grumman C-1A carrier-on-board delivery (COD) aircraft. We serviced the four attack carriers on Yankee Station in the Tonkin Gulf. Operating out of a large Quonset hut that contained a mail bay for each ship on station, our mission was to keep those bays empty. When a ship was due to arrive in theater, the FPO would start sending mail weeks before its actual arrival.

The USS Enterprise (CVA-65) was due in Yankee Station early in October 1972 for her first line period, and her mail was stacked to the overhead. When she arrived, we sched-

Financial Report Summary for the Month of March 2012

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (56.95)
..... Donations	\$ 375.00
..... Ads	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (357.51)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (39.46)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,186.47
..... Donations	\$ 448.00
..... 50/50	\$ 46.00
..... Memorials	\$ 60.00
..... Expenses	\$ (705.21)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,035.26

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 935.00
..... Donations	\$ 600.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,535.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 10,345.80
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 750.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 75.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 9.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 2.63
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (780.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ (95.99)
..... Printing (Directory)	\$ (651.32)
..... Post Office	\$ 201.90
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ 60.00
..... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 9,098.22

uled three hops a day. Well, that first day all three flights were returned for a later overhead, and none ever got aboard. The next day, Enterprise still was having flight deck problems, and no CODs got aboard. As the officer in charge of the detachment, I drafted a message to Enterprise stating their COD service would be reduced to one flight a day, and that flight would be the last overhead of the day. I gave the penciled rough to my maintenance chief and asked to have it typed for my signature. On return from my next flight, I carefully read the message and released it — a bad mistake.

The text was correct, except my maintenance yeoman, who was used to typing maintenance traffic, included a standard address indicator group in the "TO" field, which I failed to notice. That message went to the U.S. Pacific Command and

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TAPS

◆ **Edwards, Fred L., Jr., LtCol, USMC (Ret)**
26 April 2012

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**
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- ◆ **LTC Marie Lorence, USA (Ret)**
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May Birthdays (66 to 93 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
12	Atkinson	L. Wayne	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
26	Barton	Ann	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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)
22	Fine	Ellen Marie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
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)
31	Peck	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
27	Simmons	Donald	CWO4	USN (Ret)
02	Smith	Violet	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
24	Warren	Judith	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)

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down the chain of command. I had put the CO of the USS Enterprise on report to his seniors by alerting the entire West Coast naval establishment to his flight deck problems. Unaware of my oversight, that evening I received a personal message from my CO informing me of my transgression. I figured what was done was done. Not long after that message, deck availability on Enterprise improved. We were able to get three flights a day and catch up on their mail backlog.

On my return to the squadron at NAS Cubi Point, Philippines, my CO gave me some sound advice: “Read all of what you sign.” I thanked God the CO of Enterprise had bigger problems than COD service to worry about, and nothing ever came of the incident. Anyway, it was not mentioned in my evaluations.

To the then-CO of the USS Enterprise, please accept my belated apologies, and thanks for ignoring my screwup.

— *Robert A. Shaver is a retired Navy lieutenant commander living in North Kingstown, R.I.*

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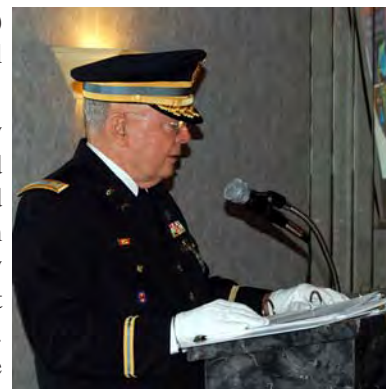
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Guest Speakers:
Maj Ed Lillich, USA (Ret)

Memorial Service

Maj Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) will be leading our annual Memorial Service.

Ed served in the Army Infantry for 23 years and retired in 1977. Served tours in Korea, Vietnam (two tours) and Germany (two tours) as well as at major posts in the States. He became an Airborne Ranger at Fort Benning,



GA and became a Special Forces officer at Ft. Bragg, NC where he had been the Deputy Commander of the John F. Kennedy United States Army Center for Military Assistance. He commanded a Special Forces Company for eighteen months. He has been awarded two Bronze Star medals for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces; the Air Medal with "V" device; and three Meritorious Service medals. The Vietnamese Government awarded him the Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star for his service as a District Senior Advisor in Chung Tien Province VN.

After retirement he became the business manager of Admiral Farragut Academy and served in that position for twenty years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and a Master of Science Degree in Counseling and Guidance; and currently acts as a substitute teacher at this Academy.

He commands the Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard which presides at memorial services for veterans and participates in flag presentations and ceremonies to honor our countries Colors.

Note: All those who still are able to get into their uniforms are urged to wear them. Ed is looking for anyone interested in serving on the MOAA Honor Guard for this luncheon to come no later than 11:00 to be briefed on their duties. If you would like to do this please wear your uniform and bring cover, and white gloves if you have them.

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