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President's Comments:

At the recent President's Symposium on membership, I learned that 40% of the National Guard members are returning home jobless. Jobless. Can you imagine the problems that they face? I remember my early days in the service when Chris and I lived from one paycheck to the next. We have all had that same problem.



We are talking here about a man or woman who has worked in a job for years and find it gone upon their return. Of course, there are laws to protect against this problem but employers realize that their employee could be called again, and again, to serve as long as he/she remains in the Guard. They then find ways around the law. They could reduce their organizational chart by deleting the job but then the company must offer another position of equal status to their employee. They would probably offer a position of lesser authority/responsibility and it would pay less. Having developed a certain lifestyle with the money earned from the previous position the employee couldn't afford to work for the lesser pay and would have to find other assistance. If truly in dire straits, the company could fold, as has happened in our economy. Either way the returning Guard member must seek other employment.

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- To aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which our members are to be drawn, and their dependents, in every proper and legitimate manner
- To present their rights and interests when service matters are under consideration



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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

November 19th COL Gill H. Ruderman, USA (Ret)
December 17th CAPT Larry McConnell, USN (Ret)
January 22nd Installation Dinner
February 18th

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 MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246**

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

November 1st Monday
December 6th Monday
January 3rd Monday
February 7th Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- January thru May--Second Tuesday (except May 3)
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd
 Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or
 Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272
- 9 November, Dolphin Inn,
 4900 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach
- 14 December, Isla del Sol Golf and Yacht Country Club
 6000 Sun Blvd., St. Petersburg

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

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 323
 Regular Members - 220
 Auxiliary Members - 101
 Inactive Members - 7

Military Services:

Army - 75 USMC - 16
 USAF - 75 USCG - 7
 Navy - 49 NOAA - 0

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President from Pg 1

The government has many back to work programs which include further education. These programs are not always successful and the member finds that the only option open is to sign up to go back to Afghanistan. The family can then pay the bills but lose their provider for another year.

MOAA has The Officers Placement System (TOPS) to preclude or otherwise resolve these problems. The National TOPS organization holds job fairs in various parts of the nation. It helps the job seeker prepare for employment by assisting with resumes and other requirements. It provides lists of available positions on its web. It works closely with chapter TOPS coordinators. Our coordinator is COL Carol Barnes, USA (Ret). She will do everything within her power to facilitate the smooth transition of officers coming into our area. Like an overseas sponsor she will help the new officer find quarters and a job if required. If you know of any prospects coming to this area please advise Carol. She will invite them to our meeting. Perhaps we can help them get oriented.

Our economy has caused many problems for our returning troops. I believe that we can help them. First and foremost we must pray that they find their way. We can help their morale by thanking them for their service at our every opportunity.

Money for Some Military Spouses

Military spouses in states that collect state income taxes may be able to pocket a little more of their paycheck under an amendment that allows spouses to retain their legal residency in their home state. A November 2009 amendment to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act included a provision that exempts military spouses who are living with their active-duty sponsor under official military orders from paying state income taxes on wages earned in that state, as long as that state is not the spouse's legal residence. Spouses are encouraged to contact the nearest military legal office for more details. Taxpayers should speak with a tax professional to see if they may qualify to file an amended state tax return for the refund.

2011 Election of Officers

The election of officers for the 2011 calendar year will take place at the Annual Membership Meeting in December. A Canvassing Committee will count and certify the results of the election. The canvassing committee will include the following members; CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG (Ret), Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) and Mrs. Anita J.Harrow, AuxMbr-N.

INSTALLATION BANQUET

5:45 PM - 10:00 PM, January 22nd 2011

Bayou Club

7979 Bayou Club Blvd, Largo 33777

• Reservations MUST be in by Friday January 14th

Name: _____

Menu and Cost:

Prime Rib (\$38.50 each): _____

Chicken Piccata (\$38.50 each): _____

Salmon (\$37.50 each): _____

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BALLOT FOR 2011 OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DEC 17, 2010

Complete & bring to Nov.19th or Dec. 17th luncheon meetings, or mail to the Chapter P. O. Box.

President: MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret)

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I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED

Signature: _____

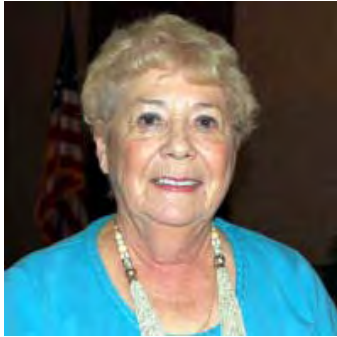
I accept the slate **except** as indicated:





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 4 October 2010 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by George Brown, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Seventeen members were present including: Bill Bolin, George Brown, Maureen Connors, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel McGrath, Hazel Murphy, Johnnie Neville, Jim Patton, Charlene Sanders and Bobbi Walters.



Minutes of Previous Meeting: There being no additions or corrections, Bill Lofgren made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the O.C., seconded by Fred Edwards and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Dawson reported that the balance in the operating account is \$7,099.96. A motion was made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Anita Harrow to accept Treasurer's report as presented. The full Treasurer's report is found elsewhere in the O.C. The dues renewal letter will be in the mail within the week and you will have an opportunity to send your donations for one or all of the funds, Scholarship, O.C. and the HOT.

HOT: Anita Harrow proposed that a certificate of appreciation be given to those area dentists who have contributed at least three times per year to the HOT program. Twenty four boxes were packed and shipped to six different units. The cost was \$500 which included mailing and purchasing of items. The number of boxes sent is down significantly from last month as Anita would like to save for the December mailing. Anita gave a special thanks to Victor Wood for the time he took to draw up and present a fund raising proposal for the HOT program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auxiliary: The fall coffee for Auxiliary members and spouses will be held on the 27th of October at 9:30. This is a working group to get auxiliary members more involved in the chapter goals. Plans that were discussed in the spring will be finalized at this meeting. Anita thanked the board for the \$60.00 grant toward refreshments for the coffee.

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith reported by memorandum that she attended a meeting of the Health Care Consumers Advisory Council on the 28th of September. This was the first meeting Colonel Beatty has held since he returned from his deployment. He is expecting to remain as 6th Medical Group Commander until the summer of 2011. Although the meeting was informative it was geared more to the active duty. Acupuncture techniques have been taught to approxi-

mately nine providers. Plans are in the offing to have an outdoor facility, possibly a tent, adjacent to the clinic to hold approximately 400 people for conferences, etc. Retiree Activity Day will be November 13, 2010. Activities planned will be the same as in the past. Flu shots will be available at that time. At the present time and after the active duty have been taken care of, retirees and dependents will be able to obtain the flu shots. It is suggested that people go to their own physicians or local drug stores, such as CVS and Walgreen's. Medicare will cover the cost. Shingles Vaccine may be available at the end of the year. The Pharmacy processes over 188 prescriptions in one hour. Prescriptions may be faxed by your health provider and must be computer generated or typed and on office letterhead, and must include patient's full name, date of birth, phone number and last four of sponsor's social security number. Doctor's printed name and signature and DEA# and/or NPI number must appear on the prescriptions. Faxed prescriptions are for non-controlled drugs only. TRICARE may be conducting a survey and if you receive a call know that the social security numbers will not be used.

Important phone Numbers are: Immunization Clinic 813-827-9375. FAX number is 813-828-088, and the Pharmacy is 813-828-2226, Monday through Friday 0830 to 1700 hours.

Advertising: Thanks to Bill Bolin's efforts we received \$480 in ad money for the O.C. from Bay Pines Fed Credit Union and Lake Seminole Square.

Scholarships: Hazel Murphy will work with Ed Lillich in contacting the JROTC units in the area for eligible students for possible scholarship awards.

Nominating Committee: Fred Edwards presented the timeline for nominations and elections from the By Laws and Policy Book. The slate is presented to the membership at the October Membership meeting and ballots, along with the names of the canvassing committee and notification of the December Annual Membership Meeting are published in the November newsletter. Ballots are either returned by mail to the chapter or they are delivered to the Canvassing Committee at the annual membership meeting in December. At the December meeting the ballots are counted by the committee which then certifies the results of the election.

Publicity: The Pinellas Park Beacon published an article on the symposium recently held in Jacksonville. The article also included the time, date and place of our monthly luncheon meetings.

Historian: Maureen Connors is working with Marie Lorence to transfer all historian information over.

Visitation: Hazel McGrath reported on those who are ill or shut in. Other names were given to Hazel and all names will appear in the Officers Call.

Membership/Give Me Ten: Don Freese reported that we have a total of 46 new members as of this date, which include twenty-two officers, five Auxiliary and 19 spouses. Five mem-

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MOAA Legislative Update

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

Congress is presently on break and won't return until after the November elections. When they return there are many issues that need to be resolved before they again break for the end of this session. One item of importance is to extend TRICARE coverage for dependents up to the age of 26. The following is an article from the Florida Times Union which explains how this lack of coverage is affecting one family.



Effort stalls to cover Tricare dependents up to age 26

Hours after Congress passed the Affordable Care Act last March, Defense Secretary Robert Gates promised service members and their families that the landmark law wouldn't "negatively impact" their health plan.

Turns out, though, they were excluded from a provision viewed even by many Republicans, who have fought the act at every turn, as a positive impact.

Among the law's consumer-friendly provisions that took effect Sept. 23 is a requirement that insurance companies allow parents to keep their young adults on family policies up to age 26. But Tricare, which covers about 10 million active and retired military personnel and their families, only covers children up to 21 - or 23 if they're in college.

Language was inserted into the defense authorization bill to raise the age of eligible Tricare dependents to match the new health care law. The House passed the bill, but it got blocked in the Senate by Republicans opposed to a separate measure repealing the military's "don't ask don't tell" policy for gays serving openly.

So the matter remains unresolved until Congress returns to Washington after the November elections.

Bill Wilson, a retired Coast Guard lieutenant, said it was a "bitter pill" to learn that a civilian perk wouldn't apply to him and his family.

"This is a government program," said Wilson, 54, who can see his old station from his Batten Island home. "They're offering coverage to supposedly everyone, but those they swore to provide coverage for are exempt. It's a dirty rotten trick."

Wilson's 23-year-old daughter was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis as an infant and relies on medications that cost thousands of dollars a month. Tricare dropped her from his family plan last year when she graduated from the University of Central Florida. The \$350 Wilson pays in monthly Cobra premiums is about 10 times the cost of his old policy.

Expanding Tricare's dependent eligibility would add about 175,000 young adults to the benefits plan, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. When fully implemented, the change would cost taxpayers more than \$300 million a year.

Defense officials haven't decided how much families would have to pay in premiums to keep older children on their plans. But if it is approved by Congress, Tricare will work to implement the provision as soon as possible, said Austin Camacho, a Tricare spokesman.

The measure seems to have bipartisan support.

When legislators return, in what's likely to be a short and bitterly debated session, legislators will be faced with:

- Finishing the Defense Authorization Bill
- Preventing a 23.5% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors from going into effect on Dec. 1, as required under current law
- Approving funds for government operations beyond December
- Initiatives to extend part or all of the Bush-era tax cuts
- Announcement of the recommendations of the President's Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform on Dec. 1.

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Monthly Luncheon; 15 October 2010

Reported by Chris Lillich

Attended – 66: (64 reservations), 2 Member Guests, 1 Chapter Guest, 7 Walk ins, 1 Cancel, 4 No Shows

President Ed Lillich called the meeting to order on time and gave the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ed reminded everyone of the luncheon at Lake Seminole Square on November 12th. It is without cost and is to honor the Veterans who live at the square. For reservations please call Bill



Bolin. Also it was announced that Grant Culverhouse was in an accident and is in serious condition. You will find Grant's picture on page 10 of the O.C. in the Dew ad.

After introducing the head table the President introduced our newest members Shirley Gioe, AuxMbr, Paul Ditchett, Capt USAF (Fmr), Buzz Hanson, CPT USA (Fmr) and Lee Holmes, LTC USA (Ret). A hearty round of applause was given to our new members and a warm welcome was extended to them by the President. Our guests included; Sarah Jane Cross, guest of Ted Wall, LtCol USMC (Ret) and Frank Johnson, grandson of Frank Johnson, Jr. LCDR USN (Ret).

The door prize was won by Christa Harrison. Congratulations Christa.

The President called upon Bill Lofgren to present the slate of officers for the year 2011. The slate is as follows: President, MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret), 1st Vice President, LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret), 2nd Vice President LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret), Secretary, Chris Lillich, AuxMbr-SP, and Treasurer, Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret). The Executive Advisory Board for 2011: Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret), 1LT Hazel Murphy, USANC (Fmr) and Johnnie Neville, AuxMbr-AF and for 2011-2012: Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A, Col Charlie Parsons, USAF (Ret) and Maj Gen John Schoepner, USAF (Ret). The floor was opened for additional nominations. Hearing none, CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret) made a motion to close nominations, seconded by LtCol Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret). Nominations were closed. Bill Lofgren introduced and thanked the Nominating Committee, Maj Gen Earl G. Peck, USAF (Ret), LtCol Fred L. Edwards, Jr., USMC (Ret) and Mrs. Violet M. Smith, AuxMbr-A. President Ed thanked the Nominating Committee for a job well done and announced the Canvassing Committee to be CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG (Ret), Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) and Mrs. Violet M. Smith, AuxMbr-A. (*Editors Note Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N has replaced Violet Smith*) Ballots will be in the November and December O.C. together with the return address of the Chapter. Installation dinner will be held on January 22, 2011 at the Bayou Club, Largo. All members are encouraged to attend.

Anita Harrow, the HOT lady gave a heart warming report on letters she had received from many of the military who have received our care packages. She also mentioned that she brought a scrapbook full of correspondence she has received and urged everyone to read the responses received. She thanked everyone for their contributions, both monetary and in goods. The next boxes will go out on November 3rd, so they arrive in time for Thanksgiving. The Officers Call is put in every box so they can read what the Chapter and MOAA are doing along with a letter signed by the President and herself so they know that the box is from the St. Petersburg Chapter. Anita asks that members bring items to the next luncheon to be sent for December. The troops especially like the drink mixes, almonds, and other individually wrapped snack items. Anita would like to have every member bring a Christmas card with a written message to include your rank or auxiliary status to the next meeting.

The Historian, Maureen Connors, has asked anyone who has old scrapbooks that belong in the archives of the Chapter and have been held by them for safe keeping, to please see that she gets them as she would like to have all the archives in one place. You can bring them to the next luncheon meeting.

Don Freese announced that 34 Life Members have signed up for MOAA, TEN OF THEM FROM OUR CLUB ALONE. To date our Chapter took in 46 new members, including 19 spouses and 5 auxiliary. Members are urged to bring in one new member. 1+ 1 = One Powerful Voice®. There are 378,000 MOAA members, 8,250 being from Florida. Forms are in the September issue of the Military Officers Magazine for a contest to bring in new members. Rewards are being awarded by lottery draw. Stakes are high and you stand a good chance of winning. One year membership is \$31.00 and we already have two signed up from our Chapter. Active duty, guard and reserve can join free for one year.

Lunch was served and because of the business period infringing upon it, our speaker LtCol Michael Ries opted to speak while we had our lunch. Michael presented a very thorough powerpoint presentation of what he does as commander of the Inspector-Instructor Staff, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion and what the unit does. When you drive by the Marine Reserve building on Gandy Boulevard it doesn't look large enough to contain all the items necessary to carry on the immense mission that it does.

Michael's bio was in the October O.C. The 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion was activated in 1943 at Camp Pendleton, California as the 4th Amphibious Tractor Battalion, and barely six months later was reassigned and deployed to the Pacific and deactivated in 1945 at Camp Pendleton. The Battalion was reactivated in 1962 and participated in numerous joint and international training exercises throughout The 1980's. The unit served in the Persian Gulf, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm and remained in Kuwait until returning in 1991. It supported Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Michael said that Marines sign up for four

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Terry Carr Introducing guest Speaker



Guest speaker LtCol Michael Ries, USMC



Ed Lillich presenting gift to LtCol Ries



Buzz Hanson, new member



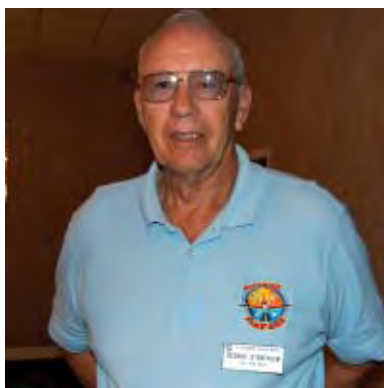
Shirley Gioe, new member



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George Stenehjem, returning snowbird



Stan Maratos



Bill Lee



Buddy Ellison and Fran Williams



Jean Jessup

Photos by Bill Lofgren





Financial Report Summary for the Month of September – 2010

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$(1,120.88)
..... Donations	\$ 50.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 480.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (351.84)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (942.72)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,183.58
..... Donations	\$ 100.00
..... 50/20	\$ 36.00
..... Memorials	\$ 30.00
..... Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,349.58

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,989.00
..... Donations	\$ 320.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,309.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 7,154.17
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 710.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 95.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.84
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (660.00)
..... Supplies	\$ (30.00)
..... Printing	\$ (201.05)
..... Post Office	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (30.00)
..... Nonrecurring Expense	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 7,099.96

The Blood Test

During a visit to a military medical clinic for my annual physical, I was sent to the lab to have blood drawn.

The technician there was friendly and mentioned that his mood improved every day because he was due to leave the service in two months.

As he applied the tourniquet on my arm, he told me that taking the blood wouldn't hurt much. Then, looking at my uniform he asked me where I was assigned.

When I replied that I was a recruiter, the technician smiled slyly and said, "This might hurt a little more than I thought."

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bers were received from the July cover wrapper of the Military Officer Magazine. We should receive a \$210 GMT check this month. MOAA is currently holding a 1 + 1 sweepstakes which ends November 30. Check your September Military Officers magazine for details or go on line. Each member is asked to bring in a new member.

Chaplain: Five members of the Honor Guard participated in the funeral for MAJ Michael Tomasulo, USA (Ret).

OLD BUSINESS: Membership retention was discussed. The president read a proposal made by Victor Wood for membership retention and obtaining new members. Retention of members and recruitment of new members are problems not only in our organization but in all other organizations. New and innovative ideas need to be explored. The Executive Committee felt it needed to be discussed further and no decision was made on what direction we need to go to pursue suggestions made by Victor.

NEW BUSINESS: There being no new business, Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours.



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Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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REMINDER

Dues renewal notices have been mailed. 138 of 323 members have renewed. Please don't wait; renew early.

November Birthdays (56 to 96 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
26	Alvarez	Jeanne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
05	Anderson	Patricia	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
02	Bihn	Lois	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
22	Blatt	Donald	LTC	USA (Ret)
21	Brauner	Clarence	COL	USA (Ret)
22	Christner	Alan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Cowsert	Mary	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
11	Dollahon	Jack	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Flint	John	Col	USAF (Ret)
7	Garbutt	Susan	Maj	USAFR
01	Hansen	George	CPT	USA (Fmr)
09	King	Monroe	CAPT	USN (Ret)
7	Larkin	Florence	1LT	USA (Fmr)
05	Lorence	Marie	LTC	USA (Ret)
03	Maratos	Stanley	Col	USAF (Ret)
16	Milford	John	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
10	Myers	Asa	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
12	Nolan	Richard	Col	USAF (Ret)
06	O'Hern	Luther	Col	USAF (Ret)
26	Penny	John	LCDR	USN (Ret)
19	Rohatsch	Ralph	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
21	Sears	Claire	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
27	Taylor	Dorothea	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
13	Vaughn	Sidney	RADM	USCG (Ret)
27	Walters	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

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to eight years. Their main mission is to Train, Mobilize and Deploy. They begin with boot camp, then Infantry training, MOS training, and then active duty. Reservist drilling consists of one weekend a month, where they enjoy hiking, repelling and rifle range training. Fifteen days of annual training, always in the field and 48 periods of inactive training. Units are in all States except South Dakota and Vermont. Reservists consist of college students, corporate executives, school teachers, police officers, firefighters, lawyers and pilots. Many active duty who have served 4, 8 or 10 years decide after they have been in civilian life for a while they want to do something more, so join the reserves. The latest techniques and tactics are given to the reserves and they are trained the same as the active duty components. In addition to roles in foreign theaters, this Battalion took a huge part in supporting the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Battalion is also very active in the community. They have a large community outreach program, have a Marine Toys for Tots program and have a full funeral detail. Because the presentation was so precise there was only one question from the floor. The members of the Chapter thanked Colonel Michael Ries for his presentation and his gracious offer to speak while we were having lunch.

Following the benediction the meeting was adjourned.





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Long Time Chapter Supporter Injured in ATV Accident

Grant Culverhouse, a long-time supporter of the St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA, was involved in an All Terrain Vehicle accident over 6 weeks ago.

For many years, Mr. Culverhouse would occasionally attend monthly chapter luncheons, and, to this day, purchases an ad in *Officers Call*. He also purchased ads in the souvenir books for all of the conventions that this chapter has hosted.

All of us wish Grant a speedy recovery, and hope that he will join us for a luncheon in the very near future.

Cards are welcome. Please send them to him in care of the Chapter post office box (found on the front page), and we will ensure that he gets them.



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| Nov 6 | Operation Five Star, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Coachman Park, Clearwater |
| Nov 11 | Marshall Student Center, USF, Tampa |
| Nov 12 | Veteran's Day Luncheon Lake Seminole
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St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

November Luncheon



19 November, 2010

Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd
Pinellas Park, FL

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

Guest Speaker: COL Gill H. Ruderman,
USA (Ret)

Subject: Paws For Patriots™

COL Ruderman is President of the Bradenton, Florida Chapter of MOAA. Their Chapter has given financial support to the Southeastern Guide Dogs and their "Paws For Patriots™" program.

Southeastern Guide Dogs was founded in 1982, and since that time has been a proud supporter of American veterans. Over the past 28 years, their expertise in training guide dogs to work with people who have multiple disabilities has led many disabled veterans to seek their services.

In 2003 one of their Board members read about a young Marine who was blinded by a roadside bomb in Iraq. Upon further investigation, they discovered that the Veterans Administration does not provide guide dogs to soldiers. This spearheaded an effort by the Board and their school to bring awareness to top military leaders that they could serve these blinded soldiers.

General Tommy Franks was so impressed with Southeastern Guide Dogs' "Paws for Patriots™" program that he agreed to be a spokesperson and completed a Public Service Announcement at no charge to the school.

In addition to providing guide dogs to blinded soldiers, they have placed therapy dogs at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD to spread encouragement to soldiers during their grueling physical therapy as they learn to recover from their injuries.

LUNCHEON MEETING

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- 7th: Daylight Savings Ends
- 10th: U. S. Marine Corps Birthday 235 years
- 10th: Veteran's Day Ceremony USF
- 11th: Veteran's Day
- 21st: Mother-in Law Day
- 22nd: John F. Kennedy, assassinated 1963
- 25th: Thanksgiving Day

