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President's Comments:

The March 19th meeting was a success. Our 50th Anniversary was celebrated in style when our MOAA President Admiral Ryan joined us as our speaker. He reaffirmed the fact that we are a great Chapter. We received a plaque for our Anniversary and four of our members were recognized by MOAA National for outstanding leadership over that same period. Their selection was not arbitrary as everyone recognized that they had earned this honor; however it should be remembered that there were many leaders over the past 50 years who performed in similar fashion. All of these leaders could not be recognized but that does not lessen their service to our Chapter. I am the first to admit that as President of the St. Petersburg Area MOAA I have "big" shoes to fill. It is my hope that I can do so with the same enthusiasm and skill displayed by past leaders.



The success of this event cannot be credited to one person. It took many to make it happen: Jim Patton and Violet Smith checked in the guests. Chris Lillich designed and printed the programs. Fred Edwards established the protocol for the correct placement of guests at the head table and Larry Fernald coordinated with, and succeeded in getting VADM Norb Ryan as our speaker. Don Freese invited RADM LeRoy Collins,

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Mark your Calendar

We have two great speakers for our April 16th and May 14th luncheons. On April 16th Professor Charles Rose's topic will be;

The "War Within the War on Terror" Court Martials, Commissions and Tribunals

The impact of the Military Commission Orders, the subsequent Military Commission's Act and the decision to remove some, if not all of the cases to Federal Court has had, and will continue to have, far reaching implications for military justice. GTMO has become a rallying cry for both sides of the debate and will remain a touchstone issue in the history of the nation. It may fairly be argued that one of the casualties from this process has been the reputation and standing of military justice within the legal community. Professor Rose will discuss the history surrounding these decisions, relate some interesting anecdotes about what was happening on the ground when these decisions were made, and compare them critically to the manner in which members of the United States Military have been dealt with during the Global War on Terror. This discussion will go to the heart of what it means to be a soldier who is forced to follow the law of war while fighting an enemy that does not honor that same commitment. Much can be learned from looking at those internal pressures. Let's raise the covers and see what is underneath.

Then on May 14th Professor Mike Allen will continue the discussion with the topic;

The "War on Terror" and the Federal Courts

One of the most controversial issues in the "war on terror" has been the role to be played by United States Federal Courts in the process. Should federal courts be involved at all? If they are to be involved, what is to be their role? We see these issues played out in the news as well as in legislative and academic discussions. Professor Allen will discuss some of the issues implicated in the debate concerning the proper role of federal courts in the process. Among other issues, he will discuss the current controversy concerning whether people held by the government should be tried in military commissions or in federal courts. He will also address the role of the

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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 294
 Regular Members - 208
 Auxiliary Members - 86
 Inactive Members - 7

Military Services:

Army - 68	USMC - 15
USAF - 71	USCG - 7
Navy - 47	NOAA - 0

3/19/2010

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

CALENDAR

- April 16th** Professor Charles Rose, topic will be GTMO
- May 14th** Professor Mike Allen, topic will be Military Tribunals
- June 18th** MAJ Michael Alvis, USAR, Commander 159th Aviation Support Regiment

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

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

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

- April 5th** Monday
- May 3rd** Monday
- June 1st** Monday
- July 5th** Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

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

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

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federal courts in considering prisoners’ requests for issuance of writs of habeas corpus, the historical means by which prisoners tested the legality of their confinement. All of these issues are intensely practical. They also go to the very heart of the American version of separation of powers.

2009 FEDERAL INCOME TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Income tax assistance will be provided again this coming tax season, beginning the first week of February , in the Retiree Activities Office (RAO) on MacDill (located between the BX and Commissary)

This service is offered free of charge to retirees, spouses and active duty families.

The RAO will have five trained tax preparation volunteers preparing tax returns. Electronic filing will be provided where refunds can be expected within approximately two weeks from date of filing.

The program is sponsored by the Staff Judge Advocate and is operated under the supervision of the RAO. Tax preparers are trained under the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program and are certified by the IRS for performance at a level commensurate with most retirees’ incomes.

Appointments are available, by calling 813-828-0248 or visiting our office on or after January 11, 2010.

Walk-in service will also be available on a first come first served basis during our Operating hours. Active duty personnel in uniform will be given priority over other walk-in customers between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

If the RAO did not prepare your 2009 return, you should bring a copy of the return you filed for that year .

RETIREE DENTAL COVERAGE AVAILABLE

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFRNS) — Good oral health is an important part of maintaining overall health, and a military retiree’s access to dental coverage does not end when they hang up their uniform. With the Tricare Retiree Dental Program, retired servicemembers can purchase affordable dental coverage for themselves and their eligible family members, say officials.

The Tricare Retiree Dental Program is available worldwide to retired servicemembers who receive retirement pay , “gray area” retired National Guard and Reserve members who are entitled to — but not yet receiving — retirement pay and Medal of Honor recipients. Children up to age 21, or 23 if they are full-time students, and the spouses of these retirees are also eligible for the retiree dental program.

Participants in this voluntary plan can get dental care from any licensed dentist within the program’s designated service area; however, visiting an out-of-network dentist may require

participants to pay higher out-of-pocket expenses and file their own claims.

The Tricare Retiree Dental Program is a premium-based plan administered by Delta Dental and it has cost shares for certain services after beneficiaries reach their \$50 per-person deductible. Most preventive, diagnostic and emergency dental services are covered or available for cost-sharing immediately after enrollment, but some services including orthodontics, dentures and crowns are available with a cost-share only after 12 months of continuous enrollment.

The monthly premium rates vary based on the retiree’s location and the number of people covered by the plan. These premiums are automatically deducted from retirement pay.

Those interested in the Tricare Retiree Dental Program may enroll online, by telephone or by mail. Visit www.trdp.org and click “Prospective Enrollees” for more information on rates and benefits. (Courtesy of Tricare)

When asked by prospective members

“Why should I join MOAA?”

You can tell them that for more than 75 years, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has been serving the military community . With over 370,000 members from every branch of service, including active duty, retired, Guard and Reserve officers, spouses, surviving spouses and their families, we’re proud to be the country’s largest and most influential military officers association. We are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

President from Pg 1

Executive Director, Florida Department of Veterans’ Affairs, to be our guest and Admiral Collins was accompanied by his lovely wife Jane. The first officer to hold this Executive Director’s title was our own Maj Gen Earl Peck. Betty Finley made the arrangements for the beautiful 50th Anniversary cakes and our Historian Marie Lorence brought the original membership certificate that made us a Certified Affiliate member of the Retired Officers Association, on October 18, 1960. Everyone who attended played a role in making this meeting a success.

We received many leads for new members. Each will be followed up as we strive to increase our membership. This can only happen if each one of us accepts a new challenge: to bring in at least one new member this year . We each have a friend with whom we would like to share the benefits of Chapter membership. Bring that friend to a meeting and introduce him/her to fellow members. Remember that spouses may now become Auxiliary members as well. We can accomplish anything when we function as a team.

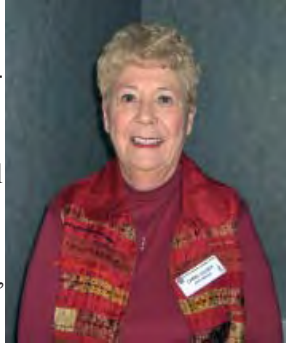
We extend a thank you to all of our guests, among them, Pinellas Park Council Member Jerry Mullins, St. Petersburg Council Member Herb Polson, the large contingent from the Clearwater Chapter and all of the members from other chapters.





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 1 March 2010 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by President, Ed Lillich. George Brown gave the invocation and Ed Lillich led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirteen members were present including Bill Bolin, George Brown, Terry Carr, Maureen Connors, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton, Charlene Sanders, Violet Smith and Hazel Murphy.



Motion made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Charlene Sanders that the minutes of previous meeting be approved as presented in the O.C. Motion made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Don Freese that the January and February Treasurer's reports be accepted as presented. February report is found elsewhere in the Officers Call.

Terry Carr, First Vice-President, reported that VADM Ryan will be our March speaker and speakers for April and May are firm. Terry is working on obtaining speakers for the future luncheon meetings. He is open to any suggestions for speakers.

HOT: Anita Harrow sent 40 boxes out to the troops in February. Larry Fernald helped transport the boxes to the post office. Five boxes were sent to our December speaker, Trish Hayden. Larry read a letter from a Chaplain's assistant, on behalf of Chaplain Meyers, thanking our Chapter for the boxes sent to the troops. Bill Bolin has the address for the recently deployed 53rd Brigade from Pinellas Park so boxes will be sent to them. Bill also said he had visited John Milford at Menorah Manor and he would be happy to welcome visitors.

Scholarship: Hazel Murphy has agreed to handle the Scholarship Fund this year.

MacDill Liaison/Auxiliary Liaison: Violet Smith reports that there will be an Air Fest and Open House at MacDill Air Force Base on March 20 and 21 from 0900 to 1700 hrs. The Blue Angels will be featured. Violet also said that she had contacted Virginia Balke following notice of COL Balke's death, and Violet will do follow up calls. Violet has also been working with Lucille Cormier, widow of Maj Emery Cormier.

Anita and Violet will be sponsoring a coffee for the Auxiliary and Spouses. More information will be found elsewhere in the Officers Call.

VA Volunteer Service: Maureen Connors has resigned from this position and Ed Connors will take over the position as it fits in with programs he already is involved with at the VA.

Officers Call: Jim Patton thanked everyone for all the help received in proofing the O.C. and urged everyone to continue.

JROTC: George Brown represented the Chapter at the awards ceremony at Admiral Farragut Academy.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership: Discussion took place regarding getting credit for Give Me Ten because we were not getting credit for all those who had participated in this program. Larry Fernald has spoken with Lee Lange and has been assured that we will get credit for all. Don Freese said there was an interesting article on membership in the Call to Action newsletter.

Don Freese announced the President's Symposium, sponsored by MOAA, will be held 16 – 18 September at the Hyatt Waterfront Hotel in Jacksonville, FL. The whole emphasis will be on membership and recruiting. There are forty one chapters in Florida and four from each chapter, the president, vice president, membership chair and TOPS officer will be invited to attend.

SPA-MOAA 50TH Anniversary: VADM Norb Ryan, President of MOAA National will be our speaker Admiral Ryan was recently voted the Outstanding Executive of the Year by Association TRENDS. All of the chapters in the area and the FCOC board members will be invited to attend. MOAA sent out a news release which had been provided to them by Larry announcing our luncheon on the 19th of March. The board concurred that the meat choice would be changed to prime rib. Larry proposed to have two sheet cakes instead of the usual dessert provided by Banquet Masters. All concurred.

Plaques: Larry proposed having a plaque made for an Exceptionally Distinguished Service Award. At one time the Chapter had such a plaque, but no longer has one. He also proposed a Past President Award to give to eight or nine past presidents. Further discussion was tabled until next meeting.

FCOC/Convention: On the 22nd of May at the F.C.O.C. convention Don Freese will hopefully be elected and installed as President for the next two years. The first woman on the council is Violet Smith. Don is a big proponent in getting spouses and auxiliary involved. The only requirement to becoming a member of the Florida Council is to be a member of a local chapter. The position of Public Affairs Office is open at this time. There are four meetings a year which includes one before the convention and one after the convention, a fall meeting and a spring meeting. The convention plans are going very well with many extra activities being offered before and after the convention. Many of the advertisers from our convention are advertising with the 2010 convention. Many great speakers have been invited to include General Neal, who is the Chairman of the Board of MOAA. Chapter members are encouraged to attend this convention. Registration forms are on line. Those that cannot attend the entire convention are urged to sign up for the Military Ball as the installation of the officers will take place at the Ball. Larry presented copies of the ads that the Chapter would have in the 2010 convention booklet.

NEW BUSINESS:

See EC Meeting Pg 8





Florida Legislative Update

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

DISPOSITION ISSUE FOR SERVICE MEMBER REMAINS

SUBJECT: State law on Disposition of Remains does not currently provide for the accommodation of the expressed, written wishes of service members through execution of the federally prescribed “Record of Emergency Data” –



DISCUSSION: At present, Florida State Statutes Title XXXIII, Chapter 497, Part I, subsection 497.005(37) states in part, “The Legally authorized person [to determine disposition of the remains of the decedent] means in the priority listed:

- The decedent, when written inter vivos authorizations and directions are provided by the decedent;
- Decedent’s surviving spouse...;
- Son or daughter who is eighteen years of age or older;
- Parent;
- Brother or sister who is 18 years of age or older;
- Grandchild who is 18 years of age or older;
- Grandparent;
- Any person in the next degree of kinship.
- If no family member exists or is available, the guardian of the dead person at the time of death; the personal representative of the deceased; the attorney in fact of the dead person at the time of death; the health surrogate of the dead person at the time of death; a public health officer; the medical examiner, county commission, or administrator acting under part II of chapter 406 or other public administrator; a representative of a nursing home or other health care institution in charge of final disposition; or a friend or other person not listed in this subsection who is willing to assume the responsibility as the legally authorized person.”

When active duty and activated guard/reserve members complete the federally mandated DD Form 93 in accordance with Section 564 of Public Law 109-163, effective January 2006, they designate a person authorized to direct disposition of their remains in event of death. The document is witnessed by an authorized military official, and it is updated every year on the service member’s birthday and prior to each deployment.

Florida law is currently problematic because it does not provide a method for the decedent to designate a person to direct

disposition that would take precedence over the individuals listed in the current statute: Florida State Statutes.

Because some state laws do not currently recognize the federal form as an acceptable one for service members, there have been several instances of civil actions between family members over the ultimate disposition of a fallen service member’s remains.

POSSIBLE BEST PRACTICE OUTCOME:

To eliminate this conflict with federal law in relation to service members, states are considering amending state law to recognize the DD Form 93 (“Record of Emergency Data”) as an acceptable written instrument for service members, notwithstanding other parts of state law regarding disposition.

HB305, Sponsored by Rep Ronald Renuart, titled Disposition of Human Remains, has been held up in Military & Local Affairs Policy Committee by the Chair, Rep Dorothy Hukill, since January 14th. Chair Hukill believes the policy of recognizing the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition of the Remains, for military servicemembers, using the DD Form 93, should be addressed in probate statute instead of Consumer Cemetery Services (the statute which currently defines the Legally Authorized persons to determine disposition of remains). Chair Hukill wants to wait until 2011 to address this issue; however, waiting will not affect the final outcome, which is merely to get the state to recognize the DD Form 93 in order to clearly define the PADD to limit civil litigation and provide clarity during the stressful time of bereavement. If Chair Hukill does not place HB 305 on the agenda in the next week, the bill is dead for the year due to insufficient processing time. This issue impacts nearly 100,000 military servicemembers living in Florida.

TRICARE/MEDICARE CUTS

Congress needs to act by April 1 to prevent a 21% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors. The Senate approved a 6-month fix (until Oct. 1) as part of its jobs bill, H.R. 4213. If the House makes any changes to the jobs bill (as is likely), House and Senate leaders will have to resolve their differences and re-pass a final fix in both chambers. Without relief, such dramatic payments cuts will cause many doctors to stop seeing Medicare and TRICARE patients.

To complicate matters, Congress starts a two-week recess on March 29th. Despite all the drama on national health reform, let’s not forget the importance of staving off that huge, near-term Medicare/TRICARE cut.

HOLDING PATTERN FOR COLA

The Consumer Price Index stayed flat in February. Inflation will need to rise by at least another 1.4% by Oct. 1 if retirees are to see any COLA for 2011.





Monthly Luncheon; 19 March 2010

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Attended – 110: (118 reservations), Reg Members 39, Auxiliary 14, Member Guest 41, Chapter Guests 0, Spouses 9, Walk ins 3 [Cancels 2, No-show 11]

After a pleasant social hour, President Ed Lillich called the meeting to order and asked Charlene Sanders to give the Invocation. Then Ed led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and our Country. Ed introduced the head table which included our speaker Vice Admiral Norb Ryan USN (Ret), MOAA National President; Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, USN (Ret), Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veteran Affairs and his lovely wife, Jane; Vice Mayor and Council Member of Pinellas Park, Jerry Mullins; CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret), Vice President of FCOC, and his lovely wife, Sherry; Lt. Col. Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret), Area VP of FCOC and Immediate Past President of the Chapter and his lovely wife, Barbara; LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret), Chapter First Vice President and his lovely wife, Paulette; and Chris Lillich, Chapter Secretary and new auxiliary-spouse member, wife of MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret).



Following introduction of the head table, Ed said that he considered ALL guests honored and asked those guests at the tables to stand and be acknowledged. Among those attending, Herb Polson, Council Member of St. Petersburg, representing Mayor Foster and a contingent of 11 members of the Clearwater Chapter of MOAA. In addition we were honored to have eight prospective members. Bill Eisenhart had as his guests, his wife Pamela and her son, along with two grandchildren.

Charlie Parsons and Susan Garbutt (a prospective member) shared the 50/50 winnings.

Don Freese encouraged the members who have not signed up for the FCOC convention on May 21 at Fort Myers to do so. The Calusa Chapter has gone all out to make this an enjoyable time. Please check the FCOC website for an application.

Anita Harrow, the “HOT Lady” said a team of five working for five hours was able to put together 40 boxes for March. Each box contained a St. Patrick’s Day greeting. She is sending out Easter boxes and asked for playing cards and powdered drink mixes. She also read a couple of notes from those who have received boxes, thanking us for the gifts and for all we do to help keep the morale of the troops high. HOT will have a table at the May convention.

Violet Smith announced that she and Anita Harrow are hosting a coffee for spouses and surviving spouses on the 5th of May from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Reservations are required by May 1. Look for more information elsewhere in the OC.

Special awards were presented by VADM Ryan to Earl Peck, Fred Edwards, Don Freese and Larry Fernald for meritorious accomplishments in the Chapter. Admiral Ryan presented a plaque to the Chapter commemorating our 50th anniversary.

Following lunch we were honored to have VADM Ryan as our guest speaker. Admiral Ryan thanked the Chapter for all we do. He was most appreciative to Anita Harrow for all she has done with the H.O.T. program and commended the Chapter for completing one scholarship and being already halfway through another commitment.

Highlights of VADM Ryan’s speech include: Since the name change from TROA to MOAA, more members have been recruited and 4 out of 10 new members are on active duty. He encourages every Chapter to increase its membership because the more members MOAA has, the more can be accomplished on the Hill.

As far as the Health Reform Bill is concerned, MOAA is keeping a close eye on the commission to make sure they do not touch TRICARE and TRICARE for Life. MOAA needs everyone to be alert and make sure you send e-mails on all issues concerning the welfare of the military and retirees.

Admiral Ryan went on to say that we have a great generation in uniform. One of the biggest issues with the troops is asking “how long do they have to do this.” Currently seven out of 36 months is spent with the family. The rest is deployment time and training time. They have a hard time balancing love of family with love of country and they need help. The Army is recruiting 30,000 new troops in order to give relief to those deployed, allowing them to get back to their families. Admiral Ryan said the suicide rate is up and the question is “how much more can we ask them to do?” We need to get them help and he is confident we can do that.

MOAA is the fourth largest military advocacy organization in the country. MOAA has access to all elected and appointed officials, including the President, whom Admiral Ryan has already met with twice. Some issues that need addressing are: the pay for current serving guard and reserve, improvement of the retirement program and survivor’s benefits. The key issue is the looming National debt. Admiral Ryan concluded by thanking everyone for being a member of MOAA. He was given a standing ovation.

After the benediction by Charlene Sanders the meeting adjourned at 1340 hours. Many stayed around to eat cake and chat with friends.

~~The Retired Officers Wives Club of St. Petersburg will be~~ having their installation of officers on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, 11 a.m. at Banquet Masters. In addition to the installation, we will honor Armed Forces Day. The JROTC Honor Guard from Boca Ciega High School will be presenting the colors.

All members of ROWC, their spouses and members of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA are invited to attend.

For reservations please call Evie Hamilton at 399-1272 or Pauline Edwards at 360-2936.





Ed Lillich receiving 50th Anniv. certificate from VADM Ryan



Ed Lillich presenting VADM Ryan with scholarship check



Larry Fernald



Earl Peck



Fred Edwards



Don Freese

VADM Ryan awarding pins for Meritorious Accomplishments in our Chapter to; Larry Fernald, Earl Peck, Fred Edwards and Don Freese



Terry and Paulette Carr



VADM Ryan and RADM Collins



Pat and Stew Palmer



Murphys, Hazel and Bob (No relation)



The Eisenhart Family

Photos by Bill Lofgren





Sick List

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

- **LTC Sarah Niblack**, USA (Ret)
- **COL Roger Shields**, USA (Ret)
- **LCDR Hazel McGrath**, USN (Ret)
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Photos for the 2011 Directory: Bill Lofgren proposed that we look into using thumbnail photos with the names of members for future directories. Hazel Murphy seconded the proposal. It might be possible to get corporate ads to help with the cost of the production of the directories. There would be some logistical problems but it was agreed by the board that it is a workable. Bill will look into the costs and report back his findings.

The board unanimously agreed that we should dispense with the door prize at the March 19th meeting. Don Freese made a motion to change the 50/50 prize split from four to two. Maureen Connors seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

George Brown volunteers at the Space A Terminal, MacDill AFB, and advised that there is Space A travel to Hawaii and Mildenhall. Spouses are now able to fly S tateside space A if accompanied by the sponsor. For more information on available flights please visit the terminal. George will write an article for the O.C. regarding Space A travel.

Don has been asked to represent MOAA at the opening session of the Florida Legislature in Tallahassee.

President Ed thanked both Don and Larry for all they do in the Chapter.

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on 5 April 2010. There being no further business the Benediction was given by Charlene Sanders and the meeting adjourned at 1245 hours.

April Birthdays

(59 to 90 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
05	Alderson	John	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
06	Andrae	William	LTC	USA (Ret)
09	Bowley	Carl	Col	USAF (Ret)
16	Brink	Charles	LCDR	USN (Ret)
20	Christy	Marjorie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
12	Donelan	John	CDR	USN (Ret)
22	Gaugh	Jane	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
09	Gilchrist	Gary	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
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16	Johnson	Marjorie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
29	Kelly	Jacob	LT	USN (Ret)
07	Koch	Richard	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Menyhert	Louisa	LTC	USA (Ret)
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16	Oster	Evelyn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
26	Packer	Stuart	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
17	Piercy	James	COL	USA (Ret)
30	Pynn	Frances	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
19	Reilly	Anne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
20	Rubeck	Roger	Capt	USMC (Ret)
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TRICARE Dives Into Social Media

TRICARE is taking the plunge into social media to uncover what issues matter most to its beneficiaries around the world. Social media channels and networks like Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Flickr continue to transform how healthcare information and information in general is consumed by the public.

“Social media is changing the way we communicate. These powerful tools give us an opportunity to join the conversation surrounding TRICARE and military health,” said RADM Christine Hunter, deputy director of the TRICARE Management Activity.

The ability to share healthcare information and receive feedback helps TRICARE identify and address beneficiary concerns. Instead of deciding what information to share with beneficiaries, TRICARE can ask for their input, identify what they want to know more about and respond accordingly .

Recommendations from service members and their families have the potential to influence policy decisions and improve overall satisfaction with military healthcare.

“We understand the value social media can bring to the organization, and we invite beneficiaries to talk to us about how we can improve their health care experience,” Hunter said.

TRICARE is active on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube and Flickr, and is getting ready to launch a new media center web page in March. The media center will include TRICARE news and links to TRICARE’s social media channels. It will also allow beneficiaries to “share” benefit information with their friends and families online.

Before launching the new media center Web page, TRICARE wants to hear from the military men and women who use its benefits everyday. In the coming weeks TRICARE will ask beneficiaries for feedback on the issues they want to know more about through TRICARE’s Facebook, www.facebook.com/TRICARE. or Twitter account at www.twitter.com/TRICARE. Beneficiaries are also encouraged to visit [www .tricare.mil/subscriptions](http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions) to sign up for e-alerts about TRICARE benefits and news.

TRICARE Management Activity, the Defense Department activity that administers the health care plan for the uniformed services, retirees and their families, serves more than 9.5 million eligible beneficiaries world-wide in the Military Health System (MHS). The mission of the MHS is to enhance Department of Defense and national security by providing health support for the full range of military operations. The MHS provides quality medical care through a network of providers, military treatment facilities, medical clinics and dental clinics worldwide. For more about the MHS go to [www .health.mil](http://www.health.mil) .

MOAA and many other military organizations now have links on Facebook and Twitter, where they pass on current information.

2010 Florida Council of Chapters Convention

May 21 – 23

The 2010 FCOC Convention is fast approaching. It will be held at The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Myers. The Calusa Chapter has put together an exciting schedule of events, and it will be topped off at the Military Ball when our own Don Freese hopefully will be elected and installed as President of the Florida Council of Chapters. Let's have a nice turnout to support Don and have an enjoyable weekend.

Hotel and Convention reservations are made directly with the Calusa Chapter by going on line to the FCOC website at www.moaafl.org and clicking on the "convention" tab or you can contact Jim Conner at 239-542-5627 or jimcfl@comcast.net.



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Financial Report Summary for the Month of February – 2010

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..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (8.60)
..... Donations	\$ 270.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (346.61)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (85.21)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,195.75
..... Donations	\$ 530.00
..... Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,725.75

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 729.00
..... Donations	\$ 559.00
..... Memorials	\$ 30.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 52.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$,370.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 10,290.82
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 878.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 100.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (830.00)
..... Memorial to Scholarship Fund	\$ (30.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Name Tags	\$ (61.00)
..... Nonrecurring (FL Corp reg.)	\$ (70.00)
..... Printing Directory	\$ (538.42)
..... Other Expenses(FL council dues)	\$ (826.25)
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· Not content with stopping there, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to begin a second Designated Scholarship, which we did in January of 2009.

Today, after one year and a few months, we are slightly over half way to our goal of \$25,000 in 5 years, having contributed \$11, 147 dollars, thanks entirely to the generosity of YOU, the members of the greatest chapter in Florida. Additionally, you have donated \$1,390 just since the first of the year, which will be sent to MOAA along with all the donations for 2010.

As a reminder, these Designated Scholarship programs provide a \$500 grant and an interest free loan of \$5,000 to a deserving student from a military family. And, all monies going to the scholarship funds go directly to the students. NO money is taken out to cover overhead expenses or salaries. Those expenses are covered by MOAA through our dues.

Because of your concern and caring, we have \$12,463 remaining to be paid in 4 years, which I am confident will, just like the first Designated Scholarship fund, be paid off “way early.”

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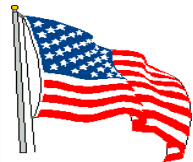
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St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

April Luncheon



Luncheon Meeting
Friday
16 April, 2010

Banquet Masters
8100 Park Boulevard Blvd
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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 Charles H. Rose

Subject: GTMO



Professor Charles H. Rose III joined the Stetson faculty in 2004, upon his retirement from active duty service in the United States Army. While on active duty, he served as a linguist, intelligence analyst, intelligence officer, and judge advocate general. As a judge advocate, Professor Rose's practice included international law, the law of war, federal torts, administrative law and criminal justice. Professor Rose currently teaches evidence, trial advocacy, professional responsibility and federal criminal procedure. He is a noted legal analyst, appearing on local and national news media, to include Court TV and "The O'Reilly Factor." He also provides legal commentary, both nationally and internationally, on issues as diverse as the legal impact of the war on terror, criminal justice in America, and the skill, science and art of advocacy. Professor Rose has recently published the well-received "Fundamental Trial Advocacy" with West Thomson and the recently released "Military Crimes and Defenses" with Lexis Nexis.

LUNCHEON MEETING

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, April 16th

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- 1st: April Fools Day
- 4th: Easter
- 8th: Passover Begins
- 15th: Titanic Sinking 1912
- 17th: William Shakespeare born 1564
- 23rd: Earth Day
- 29th: Zipper Day, patented 1913

