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President's Comments:

Have you heard of Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HYBOT)? It is the intermittent treatment of the entire body with 100-percent oxygen at greater than normal atmospheric pressures. HYBOT as a medical treatment was developed with the assumption it would enhance the body's natural ability to heal. During hyperbaric oxygen therapy the patient sits or lies within a chamber, as the pressure is slowly increased to between 1.4 and 3 times normal atmospheric pressure, depending on the condition being treated. Oxygen is pumped into the chamber and accumulates at higher concentrations due to the increased pressure. Both



the pressurization and increased concentrations allow the oxygen to dissolve more readily in the blood, lymphatic fluid and cerebrospinal fluid that nourishes the brain and spinal cord. This increases the potential for greater oxygenation in tissues that may have a poor blood supply. HYBOT has proven useful in treatments for a range of conditions



Tara and Isaac in Chamber

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HOT PROJECT

Our Outstanding Dentists

Reported by **Anita J. Harrow, Chairperson**

There are many people who help to make our HOT project successful. Among them is a group of local area dentists who understand the sacrifices our troops make on our behalf and who are eager to show their appreciation by donating much needed items for our HOT boxes. At least one-fourth (1/4) of the HOT boxes that are packed and shipped monthly contain essential items that include; tooth paste, tooth brushes, mouth wash, dental floss, razors, shaving gel, soap, lip balm, lotion, etc.

Because of the willingness of our members to seek donations and of the very generous contributions from their dentists, there has been no need to purchase tooth paste, tooth brushes, mouth wash or dental floss. As you might guess, the dentists who support our HOT project not only provide much needed items for our troops, but they also save the project a great deal of money by donating cases of dental supplies. The following dentists, who are important partners in our efforts to show our appreciation to our troops deserve our recognition and heartfelt thanks, are:

Dr. David Zabrocki, Dr. Timothy Flaherty, Rowland Family Dentistry, Dr. Anthony J. Schweige, Dr. David Brown, Dr. Paul Mevoli, Dr. Anthony J. DeNavarra, Dr. Michael J. Reynolds, Dr. Robert P. Keenan, Dr. Douglas A. Edwards, Dr. Dewey L. Bracy, Dr. Paul L. Caputo, and Dr. David C. Johnson.

Is your dentist's name listed above? If not, maybe it is time you provide him/her with an opportunity to become a partner in our HOT project and to contribute to a very worthy cause. All dentists who contribute receive a thank you letter from the HOT team.

Since many of the dentists on our list have contributed numerous times, the Executive Committee on Monday, March 7, 2011, approved the awarding of a Certificate of Appreciation to those dentists who have contributed to our HOT Project three or more times.

Remember, contributions of dental supplies are appreciated and always gratefully accepted by the HOT team.

God bless our troops and God bless you for your continued support of our HOT project.



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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 288
 Regular Members - 193
 Auxiliary Members - 95
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

Army - 64 USMC - 15
 USAF - 65 USCG - 6
 Navy - 43 NOAA - 0

3/22/2011

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

CALENDAR

April 15th Lt Col Dick Koch, USAF (Ret)
May 20th CAPT Sherry Dickinson, USCG
June 17th

**** 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 4th Monday
May 2nd Monday
June 6th 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

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.
 • Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272
 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

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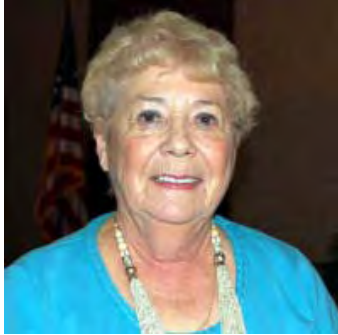
Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Monthly Luncheon; 18 March 2011

Attended – 66: (68 reservations), 3 Member Guests, 2 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 3 No Shows

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 by President Ed Lillich. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and Ed led the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the introduction of the head table, which included; Chaplain Brown, First V.P. Terry Carr, Second V.P. Bill Lee and our guest speaker, Dr. Bill Law, Ed recognized Meredith Crook and her caretaker. Also recognized was Richard Arcand, our newest member.



Each table had a table captain to introduce guests who included Mark Strickland, son of Paulette and Terry Carr. Stanley Maratos introduced two of his classmates from Columbia University, Colonel Dan Seemann, USMC (Ret), Professor Emeritus of Clinical Psychology at the University of Toledo. Stanley's second guest Dr. Tom Federowicz, Chief of Surgery at 354th Tact Hospital, Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. Also acknowledged was Chaplain James Welch, LTC Army Reserve. Basil Burrell, who has not been with us for a while due to illness, is back. President Ed announced that Marie Lorence is out of the hospital and currently with her sister but hopes to be back soon. Bill Lofgren is selling his delicious home-made candy for \$15.00 a box, with all proceeds going to the HOT program.

The door prizes were won by James Welch and Bobbie Walters and Peter Hermann split the 50/50. A new drawing has been instituted. Jim Patton and Violet Smith were checking everyone coming in for MOAA pins and if they didn't have one they didn't hesitate to sell them one so they could be entered in the drawing. Each month one lucky person's name will be drawn for a free lunch the following month. Carroll Andrews was the first winner. The reason behind this is that the Executive Committee felt that wearing the MOAA pin is a good selling point for our Chapter to obtain new members. If you have a pin at home wear it to the next meeting and everywhere you go. Someone will surely ask what the pin is for and you may be talking to a future member.

Anita Harrow announced that the Spring Auxiliary coffee will be May 18. She urged the members to ask their dentists to contribute toothpaste and other dental items to our HOT program. At the present time Anita is sending boxes to nine units. Addition information on HOT is found on page 1 of this OC. She thanked those who bought the candy from Bill, the Candy Man.

Following a break for lunch 1st Vice President Terry introduced Dr. William D. Law, Jr., President of St. Petersburg College. Dr. Law was appointed president last spring. Dr. Law has competed in the Boston Marathon 5 times. There are 32,000 students enrolled in St. Pete College, some attending for 2 to four years and there are 5000 in the baccalaureate programs. St. Petersburg College encompasses ten locations with five being full campuses. Less than 20% of students are full time students and one third make it through three or four years. Thirty percent of students take at least one course on line and 25% take all of their courses on line. Eight hundred and fifty students are in the Bachelor of Nursing program, 650 working on an associate degree in the RN program and 1700 are in teacher education, grades K through 12. The teacher of the year for Pinellas County this year is a graduate of St. Pete College. St. Pete College students impact the community in many ways. You may meet one at any time in the jobs that make a difference to the residents of our community. Some are police officers, paramedics, nurses, radiologists, and teachers. There are 3000 paychecks written each month for the university employees, which is an economic driver in the community. The College has just purchased the old Juvenile Building off 66th street, a block from the campus on Park and 66th. Dr. Law says he is a cheapskate at heart, so he wants to assure the community that their money is well taken care of. After a question and answer period Dr. Law was presented with our traditional gift of glasses.

Following the benediction by Chaplain Brown the meeting was adjourned.

See Minutes Pg 4

CALLING ALL SPA-MOAA AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Spouses and Surviving Spouses

Join us for our

SPRING COFFEE

Wednesday, MAY 18, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

at

10355 Paradise Blvd.

Treasure Island, Fl. 33706

RSVP no later than Thursday, May 12, 2011

Anita Harrow 367-9050

tharrow@tampabay.rr.com

Violet Smith 595-5543

alexgrammie@tampabay.rr.com





Minutes from Pg 3

Executive Committee Meeting 7 March 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 11:30. Ed gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-one members were present including; Bill Bolin, George Brown, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Ed Conners, Maureen Conners, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Jean Jessup, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel Murphy, Johnnie Neville, Charlie Parsons, Jim Patton, Earl Peck and Violet Smith.

Motion made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Jim Patton to accept minutes as written in the Officers' Call. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$9,377.95. Motion made by Earl Peck, seconded by Larry Fernald to accept Treasurer's report as presented.

First Vice President: Terry Carr presented the names of speakers through May. Dr. Bill Law, President of St Petersburg College will speak at the March luncheon, an Honor Flights presentation will be given in April and CAPT Sherry Dickinson, USCG, will speak in May. It was suggested that we have a speaker on crime prevention in June. Terry will follow up on this and have a firm commitment at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Second Vice President: Bill Lee is working with John Schoeppner and Don Freese on membership and will have a further report after they meet prior to the next E.C. meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOT Anita Harrow needs more donations of items for the boxes. Twenty three boxes were mailed in February. The March boxes will be packed on the 23rd. Monetary donations are needed to support the purchasing of items for the boxes and also the shipping costs. Thirteen dentists from the area have been supporting the program, three of them on a regular basis by donating one or two cases of toothpaste and other dental items. Each case represents a considerable amount of money and Anita felt these dentists should be recognized. Motion was made by Anita Harrow, seconded by Earl Peck that certificates of appreciation be presented to those dentists who have contributed regularly to the HOT program. Motion passed.

Auxiliary: Don Freese gave Anita Harrow a sample of knitted and crocheted skull caps that are used by the troops as helmet liners. This will be presented to the Auxiliary at the Spring coffee as a project in addition to collecting old cell phones.

MacDill Liaison: Violet Smith reported on her meeting at MacDill. A complete report is on page 8.

Historian: Maureen Conners has all the archives up to 2000. She needs information of the club from that time until present. Dorothy Dudley is giving the Chapter a scrap book of TROA items. Anyone having anything to contribute to the history of the Chapter should call Maureen. Photos, articles, programs, etc., would be helpful.

Veterans Affairs: Ed Conners is working on taking the Veterans to the Military Museum. Logistics have not been worked out at this time, but more information will be forthcoming.

Membership: Don Freese said we must continue to get new members into the Chapter. Without Chapter Members we lose a lot of voice on the Hill. It was brought out by the President that everyone should wear the MOAA pin. After discussion, a motion was made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Don Freese that beginning with the March luncheon meeting there will be a drawing for a free lunch the following month to the winner who is wearing a MOAA pin. Motion passed.

Convention at Sea: Over 180 have signed up for the convention, which includes twelve from our chapter. Lee Lange and General Lynch will be on the cruise.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hardy Bryan of Chamber of Hope presented a request for our chapter to help sponsor a young Military wife and family while they are in the area. Her son, who is autistic, is in need of hyperbaric treatment. After discussion a motion was made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Bill Lofgren that we donate \$250.00 for this purpose. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Earl Peck that a full page color ad at the cost of \$350 be included in the Convention at Sea booklet. Motion passed.

Bill Bolin reported that Royal Palms has requested an ad in the O.C. Please call Bill if you have any suggestions of establishments which might be interested in placing an ad in the O.C.

Wanted: Publicity Chairman. Please see President Ed if you are interested in working with Publicity.

There being no further business, George Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be 4 April 2011.

President from Pg 1

from autism to bacterial infections, fibromyalgia, and Lyme disease.

Our Chapter was offered the opportunity to assist the McMillan family, an Army family stationed at Ft. Belvoir, whose son Isaac was diagnosed with autism at the age of three. He is now five and cannot speak. His father is currently stationed in Afghanistan but scheduled to return home in April. We did help by paying for his Hyperbaric Chamber treatments administered here in St. Petersburg under the auspices of one of our own members, Hardy Bryan. He took two treatments per day beginning on February 28, 2011, and going through April 1, 2011. The degree of success had not been determined at the time of these comments; but, we can all be proud of our support as we pray for his recovery.

Well Done!



MOAA Legislative Update

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

MOAA Testifies on TRICARE Fees

MOAA Government Relations Director Col Steve Strobridge (USAF-Ret), was invited to offer MOAA's views at a March 16 House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee hearing on DoD's proposal to raise TRICARE Prime enrollment fees by \$5 per month for a family and raise retail pharmacy copays by \$2 or \$3. No changes are proposed for TRICARE Standard or TRICARE For Life, and military disability (chapter 61) retirees and survivors would be exempt from the Prime fee increase. Co-pays would be eliminated for generic medications ordered through the mail-order pharmacy system.



Strobridge told the Subcommittee MOAA doesn't advocate that fees should never rise, but that DoD's past proposals to raise fees \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year failed to recognize the very large premium military people pre-pay for their health care through decades of service and sacrifice.

"We're encouraged the new DoD proposal does a far better job of acknowledging that than did the proposals of several years ago," Strobridge said. "Our principal objection is to the DoD plan to index future TRICARE Prime fee increases to some undetermined health care index that they project to rise at 6.2% per year."

He asserted current law leaves too much about the fee-setting process to the Defense Department's discretion. DoD went years proposing no changes – making beneficiaries believe there wouldn't be any – and then a new Secretary proposed tripling the fees, which upset beneficiaries and implied they hadn't earned their health care.

"We have statutory guidelines for setting and adjusting basic pay, retired pay, survivor benefits and most other compensation elements. We believe strongly the law should specify several principles on military health care," Strobridge told legislators.

"First, it should acknowledge... that the military retirement and health care package is the primary offset for the extraordinary demands and sacrifices inherent in a multi-decade military career."

"Second, it should acknowledge those decades of service and sacrifice constitutes a very large, pre-paid premium for their healthcare in retirement, over and above what they pay in cash."

Governor, Cabinet Give Nod to Vet Homes' Review

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Rick Scott and the Cabinet gave unanimous approval Feb. 22 to the independent study of state veterans' home operations in Florida.

The Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs operates six skilled nursing facilities and one assisted living facility in the Sunshine State.

The study, to be submitted to the governor and Cabinet by Dec. 15, 2011, would consist of a cost-benefit analysis of three options: business as usual, forming a public corporation within the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, and privatization.

The study's goal is to identify the option that provides the highest quality of care to veterans' home residents and supports retaining and recruiting the best health care staff in the long-term care industry.

"During my initial review of our homes' program, I was surprised to find that our veterans' homes had a staff turnover rate of more than 50 percent each year," FDVA Interim Executive Director Bob Milligan said. "Recruiting and retaining top quality nurses and certified nursing assistants is difficult when the state is unable to pay competitive rates or allow for pay variations for weekend or shift work."

Improved recruiting and retention rates mean greater staff stability, which increases quality of care, particularly with dementia residents, and lowers training costs.

"Through our preliminary research, we believe the public corporation concept is the best option for Florida's veterans," said Milligan, a retired Marine Corps Lieutenant General. "The corporation would be operated as a public instrumentality, governed by a board of trustees, which we hope would be the governor and Cabinet. Operating as a public instrumentality would also allow the state to retain U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and other non-taxpayer funding streams."

Another benefit of the public corporation concept is the ability to continue to operate in the open, according to Florida's Sunshine Law.

Legislation authorizing the study is being proposed in the 2011 Florida Legislative Session, which begins March 8, to direct FDVA to provide for an independent study.

"Expanding benefits and assistance outreach to Florida's more than 1.6 million veterans, their families and survivors is also essential to our advocacy mission," Milligan said. "We hope to eliminate more than \$5 million in general revenue funding for our homes' program in the process and work with the legislature to realign some of these taxpayer funds to assist veterans with pension and disability claims."

Subject to the approval of the governor, Cabinet and legislature in the 2012 legislative session, the decision to move forward with a public corporation, if warranted, would be implemented on July 1, 2012.





Right
1st V P Terry
Carr introducing
guest speaker



Guest Speaker, Dr Bill Law



Left
Pres.Ed Lillich
presenting Dr
Law with
Chapter glasses



Chaplain George Brown



Violet Smith



James Welch



Bobbie Walters



Secretary Chris Lillich



Betty and Paul Finley



Frederick and Maxine Terry



Margarat and Earl Peck



Buzz Hanson



Christa Harrison



Basil Burrell



Joan Landers



Hazel Murphy



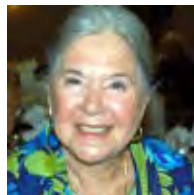
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and Sherry Freese



Dick Koch



Marlene and John
Talbitzer



Anita Harrow
the HOT Lady



Richard Green



Bill and Lynn Bolin



Maureen and Ed Connors





Left
Dr Tom Federowicz,
guest of Stan Maratos



Right
Stan Maratos



Right
Col Dan
Seeman, guest
of Stan Maratos



Dr Jack and Nancy
Westman



George Stenehem



John and Martha Schoeppner



Larry and Barb Fernald



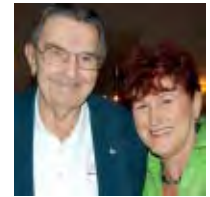
2nd VP Bill Lee
and Cal Imboden



Paulette Carr and son Mark



Jim Patton



Bill and Penny Eisenhart



Hazel McGrath



Peter Hermann



Yvonne Hughes



Carroll Andrews



Jim Wilson and Meredith
Crook



Anne Isley



Richard Arcand



1st VP Terry and Paulette Carr



Ted Wall



Carl Bowley



Tootie Larkin

Do you have a MOAA pin? If so, wear it to the monthly luncheon for a chance to win a free lunch at the next monthly meeting. If you need one see Violet Smith or Jim Patton at the door to purchase one.

Photos by Bill Lofgren





Financial Report Summary for the Month of February 2011

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 81.84
..... Donations	\$ 100.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (377.01)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (195.17)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,810.15
..... Donations	\$ 55.00
..... 50/50	\$ 46.00
..... Memorials	\$ 60.00
..... Expenses	\$ (1,334.16)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,636.99

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,100.00
..... Donations	\$ 200.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,300.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 9,018.07
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 926.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 1,375.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.36
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (800.00)
..... Supplies	\$ (28.88)
..... Printing	\$ (634.00)
..... Post Office	\$ (229.00)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ 60.00
..... Other Organizations	\$ 61.25
..... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ (129.35)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 9,377.95

MACDILL LIAISON/PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Report by **Violet Smith**

I attended the meeting of the Health Care Consumer Advisory Council on 22 February 2011. Colonel Dennis Beatty will be leaving in July of this year; however, he will not be retiring for four and a half years. There will be a change of command the second week in July. Colonel Rob Rocco from D.C. will be Colonel Beatty's replacement. Colonel Beatty will be well remembered as a result of all the changes and improvements made under his command. Sixteen providers at MacDill are now trained in acupuncture. This procedure has been doing well and does not replace western medicine, but has been around for over five thousand years. For the present time, this will be available only to active duty personnel.

The pharmacy has been doing extremely well filling over 614,000 prescriptions annually. Approximately 188 scripts are filled per hour. Everyone is asked to have prescriptions filled at the MacDill facility as it saves many dollars. The next best is to use the Express Scripts for mail order. I asked if it was under consideration to open a satellite facility in Pinellas County and although it is favorable there is a problem with finding funds to do so. It may be considered for the future.

Shingles vaccine is available but in a limited supply. If you wish to have the vaccine immunization please contact the Immunization Clinic at 813-827-9375 to have your name placed on a list. The clinic will notify you when you can go in to receive your immunization. You must be 60 years or older, never had shingles, have a prescription from your doctor and have a valid military ID card.

National Patient Safety Awareness Week, held March 6-12 was hosted by the 6th Medical Group and offered a variety of activities for patients and staff. The philosophy behind this is to help reduce errors within the health care system. It is important that patients have that bond between them and the provider, whether it be at the MTF or with a civilian provider. Three questions each patient should ask of their doctor, nurse or pharmacist are: What is my main problem? What do I need to do? Why is it important for me to do these things?

Be aware that there are days when the facility is closed. If unsure please call ahead.

Information on the Officers' Club at MacDill

Word is that the Officers' Club will be demolished in October 2011. It will be replaced with a BOQ with a small bistro. Any information can be found by visiting Bldg. 65 which is located near the Bay Palms Golf Course. The members of the Officers' Club can still be accommodated at the NCO club.

Entering MacDill

Be alert when entering the gates to MacDill. Some gates are marked only for active duty and for those who are employed at MacDill. Be sure to get in the correct lane to avoid delays.



Call

321-242-1331

for more
information.

*Freedom of the
Seas departs 8
May 2011.*

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
1	Port Canaveral, Florida		4:30 PM
2	Cococay, Bahamas	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
3	Cruising		
4	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	11:00 AM	7:00 PM
5	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Cruising		
7	Cruising		
8	Port Canaveral, Florida	7:00 AM	



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TAPS

- **Mrs. Lucille Cormier**, Spouse of Deceased member, Maj Emery Cormier, USAF (Ret)
- **LTC Richard Natzke**, USA (Ret), 19 February 2011
- **Lt Col Harold M. May**, USAF (Ret), 14 March 2011
- **LTC Marion A. Steinhilber**, USA (Ret) 17 February 2011

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

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)
- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson**, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ **CAPT Stephen Starwyck**, USN (Ret)
- ◆ **CDR Alda Haley**, USN (Ret)
- ◆ **LTC Rose Munchbach**, USA (Ret)
- ◆ **Mrs. Clarada Pribble**, AuxMbr-MC
- ◆ **Lt Col Sky Crowell**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **Capt Paul Ditchett**, USAF (Fmr)
- ◆ **LTC Marie Lorence**, USA (Ret)



Welcome Our New Members!

LCDR Richard Arcand, USN (Ret) and **Joan**,
5674 Bay Pines Lakes Blvd, St Pete, 33708

Recruiting

We can all help in the recruiting of new members. If you know a retired or former military officer or surviving spouse who is not a MOAA member, invite them to a monthly meeting.

April Birthdays (60 to 91 years)

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
09	Bowley	Carl	Col	USAF (Ret)
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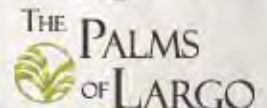
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Social Hour from 11:00 to 11:45
Program Begins at 11:45 AM

Guest Speaker:
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**Richard C. Koch, Lt
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Dick Koch is a Life Member of MOAA and a member of our chapter. He is also on the the Board of Directors of the West Central Florida Chapter of Honor Flight. His responsibilities include press relations.

Dick retired in 1979 as the senior USAF public affairs officer for the United States Readiness Command (USREDCOM), MacDill AFB. While in this position, he was appointed by the Dept. of Defense to be the Public Affairs Officer for the Joint Anti-Terrorist Task Force which was created at USREDCOM in 1976.

Prior to his assignment to USREDCOM, he served two tours in the public affairs office of the Secretary of the Air Force. He worked with members of the Pentagon Press Corps and ultimately prepared Congressional Testimony for the Secretary, Chief of Staff, and other senior members of the Air Staff.

Dick has a B.A. in speech from the Univ. of Minnesota and an M.A. in Journalism (Mass Communications/Public Relations) from the Univ. of Wisconsin. He attended a public communication course at Boston Univ., was named the "Outstanding Student" and was presented the Arno H. Lehman award by the Air Force Association.

He and his wife, Dale, live in St. Petersburg.



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