



# OFFICERS CALL

ST. PETERSBURG AREA CHAPTER,  
Military Officers Association of America  
PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL 33734



**VOL XIII No. IV ★★★★★ Five Star Chapter:2000, 2002-11 ★★★★★ April 2013  
Winner Print Media 2006; 1st Runnerup 2010-11; Winner 2010 Communications Award**

### President's Comments:

At the March luncheon it was a pleasure to receive from Don Freese, representing MOAA, the Chapter 5-Star banner to affix to our Chapter flag. It was also a real pleasure to present the Life Member Emeritus award to George Brown and the Distinguished Member award to Bill Bolin. Congratulations to both again.



Our guest speaker, Mark Alexander was extremely informative and interesting. After the luncheon, I received several positive comments from members. Several expressed an interest in inviting him back for a repeat performance.

At the March luncheon, you received a handout on our membership picnic planned for 27 April. This should be a great deal of fun and a great opportunity to bring a prospective Chapter member.

In the March edition of "Military Officer" MOAA is asking us to once again contact our local members of Congress to educate them on military pay and benefits cost vs. value. I urge everyone to submit the post cards provided on the back cover to add to our "one powerful voice". You may also add your voice by using MOAA recommended emails.

Our speaker for the April luncheon will be Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri. I hope to see everyone there.

### Veterans of South Pinellas County Annual Military Parade, Fair, and Charity Pancake Breakfast

WHERE: Pass-A-Grill  
TIME: 6 PM til ?  
DATE: Friday, April 12, 2013

TIME: 8 AM until 12 Noon, 2013  
DATE: Saturday, April 13, 2013

On Friday, Festivities will be from 5:00 PM to 10 PM starting with a "Salute to the Military Parade" To be held in honor of all those who have served our country. The event will benefit Staff Sargeant Charles Claybaker, U.S. Army Ranger, who was severely injured in Afghanistan, January of 2010. While on a special operations mission in the Zabul Province of Afghanistan, the U.S. Air Force CV-22 Osprey aircraft he was riding in crashed. Building Homes for Heroes has selected SSG Claybaker, and his wife Kandice, to receive a home in St. Petersburg. The Veterans of South Pinellas County, Inc., plan to assist with additional renovations to this home as SSG Claybaker and Kandice take possession of the property.

The parade will be followed by a Military Fair with fun and games for adults and children, along with numerous Military vehicles, equipment and displays. There will also be plenty of food available from the Hurricane and other local vendors. The St. Petersburg U.S. Army recruiting station will also conduct and enlistment ceremony for their new recruits at the conclusion of the parade.

Saturday morning brings a unique experience from the rooftop of the Hurricane Restaurnt with vistas from the Gulf of Mexico to the Grand Canal. Enjoy a gourmet pancake breakfast prepared by a chef and staff from the Seminole Hard Rock Casino. You will also be able to partake of one of the most liked of military meals, "SOS." In addition, the Militay Fair and fun will continue at street level between 9th and 10th Ave. and throughout the Historic Pass-A-Grille Park on St. Pete Beach, FL.

#### INSIDE

Calendar and Contact List.....	Page 2
Luncheon Minutes .....	Page 3
Executive Committee Minutes .....	Page 3
Legislative Update .....	Page 5
Luncheon Photos .....	Page 6-7
Financial Statement .....	Page 8
Birthdays .....	Page 9
TAPS .....	Page 9
New Members .....	Page 9
Sick List .....	Page 9
Donations .....	Page 9 & 11
Upcoming Luncheon Information .....	Page 12

#### Monthly Luncheon Price Increase

Effective with the April luncheon the cost will increase to \$15.00 per meal.



# Officers Call



Print Media Winner- 2006

Print Media 1st Runner-Up-2008 & 2010-11

*Officers Call* is published monthly by The St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA, Inc. P.O. Box 7054, St Petersburg, FL 33734. Articles in *Officers Call* are the sole opinion of the authors and do not necessarily reflect policies or opinions of the publisher. Mailed as third class mail at the Manasota Post Office, Permit #1533. Printed by Creative Technology of Sarasota, Inc.

- Editor – CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG (Ret) ..... 393-4160
- Photos – Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret) ..... 528-3946

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### DIRECTORS

President- LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret) ..... 459-4026

1<sup>st</sup> VP- Lt Col Dick Koch, USAF (Ret) ..... 522-5676

2<sup>nd</sup> VP- MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret) ..... 388-2384

Secretary- Mrs. Chris Lillich Spouse-A ..... 546-2246

Treasurer- Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret) ..... 894-3761

### EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

#### 2013 & 2014—

CDR Maureen Conners, USN (Ret) ..... 347-7976

Lt Col Bill Lewis, USAF (Ret) ..... 480-6766

Mrs Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC ..... 360-2936

#### 2012 & 2013 —

LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret) ..... 522-0732

CPT Barbara Stakk, USA (Fmr) ..... 808-554-1419

Mrs. Virginia Balke, AuxMbr-A ..... 544-3598

#### Immediate Past President

MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) ..... 546-2246

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advertising ..... CDR Bill Bolin, USNR ..... 584-1595

Auxiliary Liaison ..... Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N ... 367-9050

Awards ..... CAPT Don Freese, USN ..... 360-3102

Bylaws/Policy Bk ..... Col Bill Lofgren, USAF ..... 528-3946

Chaplain ..... COL George Brown, USA ..... 866-6859

Chaplain Ass't ..... COL Mike Day, USA ..... 394-9151

Data Base ..... Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF ..... 522-6237

Electronic Info ..... Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF ..... 522-6237

Historian: ..... CDR Maureen Conners, USN ..... 347-7976

HOT ..... Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N ... 367-9050

JROTC ..... MAJ Ed Lillich, USA ..... 546-2246

Law: ..... CAPT Don Freese, USN ..... 360-3102

Legislative: ..... CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG ..... 393-4160

MacDill Liaison ..... Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A ..... 595-5543

Master at Arms ..... CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG ..... 821-7365

Membership ..... CAPT Don Freese, USN ..... 360-3102

Memorial ..... Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A ..... 595-5543

MOWC Liaison ..... Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A ..... 595-5543

Newsletter ..... CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG ..... 393-4160

Nominating Cmte ..... Col Bill Lofgren, USAF ..... 528-3946

Personal Affairs ..... Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A ..... 595-5543

Programs ..... Lt Col Dick Koch, USAF ..... 522-5676

Publicity: ..... Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC ... 360-2936

Reservations ..... CDR Bill Bolin, USNR ..... 584-1595

Scholarships: ..... Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF ..... 522-6237

VA Vol Svc ..... LT Ed Conners, USN ..... 347-7976

Vet Liaison ..... MAJ Ed Lillich, USA ..... 546-2246

Visitation ..... Mrs Virginia Balke AuxMbr-A ... 544-3598

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 265

Regular Members - 172

Auxiliary Members - 93

Inactive Members - 6

### Military Services:

Army - 65

USMC - 13

USAF - 52

USCG - 7

Navy - 35

NOAA - 0

3/23/2013

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

## CALENDAR

**April 19<sup>th</sup>** Pinellas County Sheriff, Bob Gualtieri

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Service, MAJ Ed Lillich

**June 21<sup>st</sup>** MG Karl Horst, US Cent Com

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** Kerrie Witty, Regional VA Director

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

**Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or  
LTC Terry Carr 392-6524**

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

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** Monday

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** Monday

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** Monday

## MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

### Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be  
April 9<sup>th</sup> Banquet Masters  
8100 Park Blvd.  
Pinellas Park

### Luncheon Reservations:

- Jackie Bohnker, 812-4868 or  
Dot Plummer 586-1447

### Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

### 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

**Having trouble reading the *Officers Call*?** Have a home computer?

**Did you know** that if you were to subscribe to the *Officers Call* via email that you could, using your computer, easily enlarge the pages and even selectively print out a page or more? Or, just read or print it all out in color!

To subscribe to the electronic version of *Officers Call*, and save valuable funds for your Chapter, call Larry--727-522-6237.



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>



## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

**Monthly Luncheon; 15 March 2013**

**Attended – 69:** (78 reservations), 3 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 6 Cancel, 3 No Shows

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Chaplain Brown thanked all those who had congratulated the Brown's on their 60th wedding anniversary.



Paulette Carr reminded us of the Picnic on April 27th at the War Veterans' Memorial Park, a sign up sheet is on the table at the entrance. Time will be from 11AM to 4 PM.

Seated at the head table besides President Carr were guest Speaker Mark Alexander, 1st VP Dick Koch and Chaplain George Brown.

We were pleased to have with us as guests; Kathryn Thompson sister of Johnnie Neville, Marion Fink friend of Tony Quattromani, and John Kruck friend of Tom Broderick. New members; Evelyn Hamilton, Jon Barber and spouse Mary McKeown, Heikki Joonsar friend of Larry Fernald. Also members but first time attendees Roger and Jeanie Popham.

The door prize was won by Zenaida Eheta. The 50/50 winnings were split between John Schoepfner and John Kruck.

Anita Harrow announced that Don and Sherry Freese's son Marc was back in Afghanistan and was receiving our boxes. Anita also took up a collection for the homeless vets in our area. The VA will be holding a standdown in April with the proceeds going to support of this project.

CAPT Don Freese a member of the National MOAA board presented President Terry Carr with our 5-Star Banner for 2012.

President Terry Carr presented George Brown with the chapter's Life Emeritus Award and Bill Bolin with the Distinguished Member Award.

Following lunch Dick Koch introduced our guest speaker Mark Alexander, Senior Special Agent for the United States Secret Service. Mark gave a very interesting presentation on check and credit card fraud and how we can protect ourselves by being observant and thinking, before giving out our personal information or providing money to unknown persons. He gave some examples and took some questions from the floor before running out of time due to an other commitment.

Following the question and answer period Mark was presented with our customary gift of drink glasses.

1st V.P. Koch announced that our April speaker will be Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

Chaplain George Brown closed the meeting with the benediction.

## Executive Committee Meeting 4 March 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by Ed Lillich and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Members present included; Virginia Balke, Violet Smith, Anita Harrow, Pauline Edwards, Bill Lewis, Ed Lillich, Chris Lillich, Terry Carr, Joanne Taylor, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Sherry Freese, Bill Bolin, Jim Patton, Bill Lofgren, Hardy Bryan, Barbara Stakk and Dick Koch.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Hardy Bryan made a motion to approve minutes as written and published in the O.C., seconded by Larry Fernald. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance in the general account is \$8,923.36. Pete Dawson received a check in the amount of \$50.00 from MOAA for the 2012 give Me Ten incentive for period 1 July 2012 through 11 January 2013 for the three newest members. Larry Fernald made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ed Lillich. Motion passed. A full accountability is found elsewhere in the O.C.

**1st Vice President:** Dick Koch reported that the April speaker will be Pinellas County Sheriff Gualtieri and he is working on getting a speaker from CENTCOM for the June luncheon meeting. Kerrie Witty, Regional VA Director, will be the speaker for July.

**2nd Vice President's Report:** Joanne Taylor will be bringing a member of her old unit, the 349th, to the meeting in April.

**Memorial:** Violet Smith reported that Virginia Balke will take over as the visitation chair. Violet said the Auxiliary members will be storming the hill on July 16 and 17 and primary emphasis will be on the SPC-DIC concerns.

**HOT:** Anita Harrow thanked Bill Lofgren for picking up a truck load of supplies for the care boxes. Anita's only expense was postage for the twenty six boxes sent to six groups, four of which are local troops.

**Publicity:** Pauline Edwards sent twelve news release requests.

**Membership/Data Base:** Larry Fernald said he is sending newsletters to the five MOAA members who have yet not joined our chapter.. We have received \$15.00 from MOAA for each of these members and will use those incentives to further our recruitment endeavors. Larry further reported that we have lost thirty-two members who did not renew, some because of age and some could not be contacted. Five were not interested in membership and had not been coming to meetings or participating in voting. Twenty additional members were lost due to

See Minutes Pg 4





### Minutes from from Page 3

death. Everyone is encouraged to wear the MOAA pin and actively try to recruit new members. The 2013 Directory went to the printer on 3 March and should be in the members' mailboxes in a week.

**Advertising:** Lake Seminole Square has renewed its ad for another year.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**ByLaws/Policy Book:** Bill Lofgren is completing work on the job descriptions and will have the proposed changes to the Executive Committee in April.

**Membership Chair and Committee:** Don Freese will chair the Membership committee and needs at least four members to help on this committee. The big push this year in MOAA recruiting Chapter members and Don asked that every member of the Chapter bring in a new member this year. If you are willing to help Don with the Membership committee please give him a call. Don's phone number is found on page 27 of the 2013 directory. Please consider helping Don in this vital part of the Chapter's mission.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Chapter Recruitment:** Sherry Freese and Paulette Carr have arranged to have a Chapter picnic at the Bay Pines Veterans Memorial Park on April 27th. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to be shared.

Don Freese made a motion to allocate funds from the Chapter treasury to purchase the meat and other paper products not to exceed \$400.00. Motion was seconded by Hardy Bryan and motion carried.

This money will come from monies received from MOAA from our Give Me Ten recruitment which the Executive Committee previously approved to be used for Chapter recruitment activities.

**Veterans of South Pinellas Parade and Fair:** The 3rd annual Salute to the Military Parade and charity pancake breakfast will be held in Pass-a-Grille on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m. to noon. In addition to the parade there will be an enlistment ceremony. Plans are to have a weapons display, military vehicles, entertainment, family fun activities, fishing tournament and antique fire truck rides. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. A motion was made by Bill Bolin to donate to the Vets of South Pinellas County the sum of \$250.00. Motion was seconded by Ed Lillich and motion carried.

**Roster Report:** Larry Fernald reported that we currently have 291 members on the roster.

**2014 Installation Banquet:** Discussion took place concerning low attendance at the 2013 installation banquet. After discussion Hardy Bryan made a motion to hold the 2014 installation banquet at Banquet Masters on the Chapter's regularly scheduled meeting day and time. The motion was seconded by Dick Koch and motion carried. Announcement will be made at the luncheon meeting of March 15, 2013.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Bill Lofgren stopped by to see Bob Wil-

liams at the State Veterans nursing home in Land O' Lakes and Bob is able to have visitors. Anyone wishing to visit with Bob should call Bill for the address of the nursing home.

Virginia Balke commended Bill Lofgren for the pictures he takes and publishes in the O.C. Virginia said it has helped her get to know people better.

There being no further business, Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

### **The Surviving Spouses of MOAA The Heart Behind One Powerful Voice®**

Survivors of servicemembers who die from a service-related injury or illness are entitled to Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), a monthly tax-free payment from the VA. DIC is currently \$1,215 a month and is intended to replace lost future income. Surviving military spouses also might be eligible to receive Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) benefits. Military retirees who enroll in SBP elect to have premiums deducted from their monthly retired pay to provide their survivors a monthly annuity after their death. Otherwise, military retired pay stops the day of the death of a retiree. SBP also is authorized for survivors of servicemembers who die on active duty. Currently, about 57,000 surviving spouses receive both SBP and DIC. Of these, 94 percent of the servicemembers had purchased SBP and 6 percent are active duty deaths.

If the survivor receives DIC, the SBP annuity is reduced dollar for dollar up to the DIC amount — an unfair penalty commonly known as the SBP-DIC offset. Some 33,000 survivors presently have their SBP entirely offset by DIC.

Congress changed the law in 2004 allowing SBP annuitants who remarry after turning age 57 to retain both SBP and DIC. After DoD denied payment of SBP to remarried survivors, three of them sued and won. Remarried spouses over the age of 57 now receive both SBP and DIC concurrently, leaving un-remarried survivors with the offset. It is grossly unfair to penalize military survivors if a retiree dies from a service-related illness or injury or on active duty. Their lives were cut short because of service to our country.

MOAA will sponsor "AMAC Storms the Hill Event 2013" July 16-17 in Washington, D.C., to facilitate educating the 113th Congress and their staffs on the SBP/DIC issue. Following a congressional breakfast, we will storm the Hill to gain support and cosponsors for H.R. 32, which would repeal the offset for all military survivors. We welcome those surviving spouses from across the country who would like to participate. This is our opportunity to make an impact on Capitol Hill about the SBP/DIC offset issue. Please plan to join us! Find agenda and registration information at [www.moaa.org/amacstorming](http://www.moaa.org/amacstorming).

Contact your representatives, and ask them to support and cosponsor this bill to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset. You may call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-312 and ask to be connected to your congressional representatives.





## MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## Hearing Addresses VA Claims Problems

March 15, 2013

At a March 13 hearing, Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chair Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), pointedly asked VA witnesses what evidence they can offer that the VA will meet its oft-stated goal of eliminating the disability claims backlog by 2015 and processing future claims within 125 days with a 98-percent assurance of accuracy.

Presently, initial disability claims take on average 183 days to process and are decided correctly 86 percent of the time. Appealed claims take 866 days to wrap up.

VA Under Secretary for Benefits Allison Hickey testified that the VA's three-part plan — “people, process, and technology” — will address the problem. She said the VA has increased its training of claims workers, piloted innovations in processes and procedures, and created “quality review teams” to ramp up accuracy and is fielding a fully-automated Veterans Benefits Management System this year that will enable online access to medical and personnel records.

Hickey drew an analogy to the progress made in reducing the backlog of Post-9/11 GI Bill educational claims in 2009-10 after the fielding of that new program.

But lawmakers remained skeptical. Ranking Member Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) challenged the VA to provide more “transparent” information on performance metrics. He also noted DoD and VA leaders' backtracking on the development of a single, integrated electronic health record will worsen the situation because acquiring complete medical records is the most time-consuming part of the process.

Hickey asserted the VA is still firmly committed to a fully integrated medical record system, but neither VA witnesses nor lawmakers expressed confidence that DoD was on the same page.

Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) asked about National Guard and Reserve disability claims. Hickey said there were “complications” in gaining access to them, but she is working with state adjutants general to find solutions.

The second panel of witnesses offered specific recommendations on the way ahead for the VA.

Joe Thompson, a former under secretary for Veterans Benefits, said the VA needs more people to do claims, because it will remain an overwhelmingly “people process.” Joe Violante of Disabled American Veterans urged an independent review of the new automated claims system. He asked the committee to direct the VA to accept “competent, credible medical records” from private physicians. Violante also praised the “unprecedented” collaboration of the VA Benefits Administration with the service organizations. One witness commended the VA for successful completion of over 260,000 new claims for Agent Orange-related conditions, but the GAO witness said completing that task

### How is TRICARE for Life

#### Funded?

Mar 12 2013

By CAPT Kathryn M. Beasley,  
USN.Ret.



Part of our mission here at MOAA is to provide our members with accurate and useful information. I'd like to take that on and provide (a high level description) of how the funding mechanism for TFL gets executed. TFL is a wonderful earned benefit designed for those over age 65 retired military members.

To recap some historical perspective, The Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, directed the establishment of the Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Fund (acronym is MERHCF), to pay for Medicare-eligible retiree health care beginning in 2002 via a new program called TRICARE for Life. Prior to this, as many will remember, care for this group of beneficiaries was on a space-available basis at most Military Treatment Facilities. The MERHCF covers Medicare-eligible beneficiaries, regardless of age – both those who are already over age 65 as well as future retirees and their families.

The original 2001 legislation also established an independent three-member DoD MERHCF Board of Actuaries appointed by the Secretary of Defense. Here is where the funding mechanism comes into play – Accrual deposits into the Fund are made by the Services, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and NOAA to cover future TFL expenses for the currently serving members and families once they attain age 65, which can be two to four decades from now. The funds are transferred out and into the Defense Health Program based on estimates of the cost of care actually provided each year. There is a separate deposit to the trust fund that is made by the Treasury Department to cover the “unfunded liability” for those who are already retired.

As of Sept 30, 2011, the Fund had assets of over \$163.6 billion to cover future expenses. The accrual funds requested for 2013 were \$6.7 billion.

The oversight of the Fund resides within DoD and is reported on annually. The office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, through the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs has as one of its missions the operational oversight of the defense health program which includes the MERHCF. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) provides accounting and investment services for the fund.

See Legislature Pg 8





George Brown receiving the Life Emeritus Award



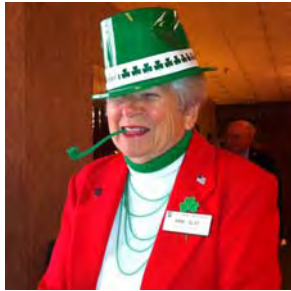
Guest speaker Mark Alexander



Bill Bolin receiving Distinguished Member Award



Don Freese presenting 1st VP Dick Koch and President Terry Carr our 5 Star Award for 2012



Anne Isley ready for St. Patrick's Day



Anita Harrow collecting for the homeless veterans project



Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



Hardy Bryan and Zenaida Eheta



Ed Riley and daughter Pat



Wil and Bon Johnson



Pauline Mallory



CJ and Dottie Brauner



Margaret Lewis



Jim Garvey



Peter Hermann and Don Freese



Dot Plummer





New member Evelyn Hamilton



Roger and Jeanie Popham



New member Jon Barber and spouse Mary McKeown



Sherry Freese and Paulette Carr



Margaret and Earl Peck



Hardy Bryan and Roger Green



Gary Gilchrist and Dick Koch



Barb Fernald and Katie Crabb



New member Heikki Joonsar and Larry Fernald



Prospective member John Kruck, Don Freese and Tom Broderick



Kathryn Thompson sister of member Johnnie Neville



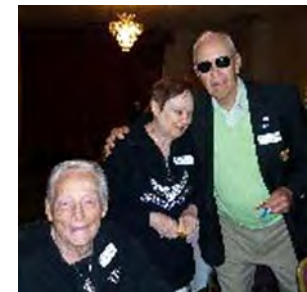
Dick Koch



Barb and Larry Fernald

I would like to thank Don and Sherry Freese and Paulette Carr for providing the luncheon pictures this month. Our regular photographer Bill Lofgren was unable to attend and they stepped up to help.

*Editor*



Will and Bon Johnson and George Stenhjem





**MOAA PICNIC**

**April 27, 2013, Saturday**

**11 AM to 4 PM**

**At**

**Bay Pines War Veterans' Memorial Park  
Pavilion #4 - Follow Road 1 Mile South from  
Entrance (See Map)**

**Fried Chicken, soft drinks, water, coffee, paper  
plates and utensils provided for free by MOAA**

**Bring Food to Share**

**RSVP**

**Paulette Carr (727) 392-6524**

**Sherry Freese (727) 360-3102**

**(727) 641-5979 Cell Phone Picnic Day at Pavilion**



**Financial Report Summary  
for the  
Month of  
February**

**Officers Call Booster**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 59.94
..... Donations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Ads .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (357.98)
..... From Operations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (298.44)
59.94	

**HOT Fund**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,493.83
..... Donations .....	\$ 165.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 30.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (843.40)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,724.15

**Scholarship Fund**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 893.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 943.00
.00	

**Operating Account**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 9,591.48
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 666.00
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.28
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (580.00)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ (46.00)
..... Miscellaneous Expenses .....	\$ (119.40)
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 0.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ (590.00)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 8,923.36

**Legislature from Page 5**

diverted significant capacity away from completing benefit decisions before discharge and normal production.

MOAA addressed the claims backlog issue Feb. 28 in its appearance before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees.







## Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Barber, Jon, LTC, USA (Ret), (Mary)**  
7889 Causeway Blvd North, St Petersburg,  
FL, 727-345-8857
- ◆ **Joonsar, Heikki, Lt Col, USAF (Ret),  
(Inne Lee)** 14032 89th Ave, Seminole, FL  
727-595-8774
- ◆ **Wildes, Shirley, Mrs. AuxMbr-AF, 11800**  
Park Blvd, #501, Seminole, FL, 727-391-  
8932



## TAPS

- ◆ **Nichols, William L. Col, USAF (Ret), 11**  
March 2013
  - ◆ **Hundley, Charles P. Lt Col, USAF (Ret), 26**  
February 2013
- Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

## Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.  
(Contact **Virginia Balke**, 544-3598)

- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG**
- ◆ **COL Anse “Ed” Speairs, USA (Ret)**
- ◆ **LTC Marie Lorence, USA (Ret)**

## 2013 Help Our Troops Donors

Gold (\$50 & more); Silver (\$25-49); Bronze (\$1-24)

### ••GOLD –

Balke, Virginia Mrs.  
Bolin, Bill CDR  
Burrell, Basil CWO4  
Carr, Terry LTC  
Dawson, Pete Maj  
DeArment, Hal COL  
Edwards, Pauline Mrs.  
Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Finley, Betty Mrs.  
Freese, Don CAPT  
Gioe, Shirley Mrs.  
Harrison, Christa Mrs.  
Harrow, Anita Mrs.  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
Keene, Bernice Mrs.  
Kottich, Chuck COL  
Lee, Bill LCDR  
Lofgren, Bill Col  
Love, H. B. COL  
Milford, John Lt Col  
Misuraca, A. J. 1st Lt

Nelson, Landy COL  
Palmer, Stew Col  
Palsha, Robert LTC  
Patton, Jim CWO4  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen  
Sims, Bob Maj  
Smith, Violet Mrs.  
Speairs, Thomas 2LT

### ••SILVER –

Green, Richard CWO4  
Myers, Asa Mrs.  
Sartorio, Sal, Maj  
Shine, John Col  
Tondreau, Herb CWO4

### ••BRONZE –

Cowardin, Peggy Mrs.  
Johnson, Frank LCDR  
Koch, Dick Lt Col

**Member donations ONLY:**  
\$ 1,670 as of 3/23/2013

HOT Candies will no longer be made and brought to the monthly luncheons in hopes for a sale. However, candies are still available by special order. Contact Bill Lofgren at 727-742-0181, or email lofgrenlep@earthlink.net, giving your name and phone number and the type of assorted tin you would like to have. The tins will be specially made to your personal tastes. Orders must be received by Wednesday preceding the next Friday meeting. Price will remain the same, \$15 with all proceeds going to the HOT program.

## April Birthdays (62 to 92 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
10	Barber	Jon	LTC	USA (Ret)
25	Beal	William	CAPT	USCG (Ret)
09	Bowley	Carl	Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Dawson	Linda	1Lt	USAF (Fmr)
22	Gaugh	Jane	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
09	Gilchrist	Gary	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
01	Green	Richard	CWO4	USA (Ret)
14	Gudmundson	Brent	LTC	USA (Ret)
21	Hermann	Peter	Col	USAF (Ret)
28	Holecek	John	LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Johnson	Marjorie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
9	Keene	Bernice	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
07	Koch	Richard	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
16	McCormick	James	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
18	Newton	Richard	Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Piercy	James	COL	USA (Ret)
19	Reilly	Anne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
20	Rubeck	Roger	Capt	USMC (Ret)
07	Sartorio	Salvatore	Maj	USAF (Ret)
07	Shields	Roger	COL	USA (Ret)

## New Members

Do you know a current or former officer who is eligible to join MOAA? Invite them to our next luncheon.



Lake Seminole Square is more than just a great place to live - it's a great investment, too!

Visit us to learn more and discover why our community ranks among the best in resident satisfaction within the Brookdale Senior Living communities.

Call 727-392-3932 to schedule your personal visit. Mention this ad for a complimentary lunch in our new Lakeside Bistro.\*

(\*Not valid holidays or weekends)



A Waterfront Retirement Community

8333 Seminole Blvd,  
Seminole, FL 33772  
Phone #727-392-3932

## Arden Courts... Memory Care is all we do



Did you know that there is a special financial benefit from the Veteran's Administration called Aid & Attendance that can fund a stay at a memory care community such as Arden Courts?

Call Arden Courts today to learn about this little-known benefit for Veterans and how you can receive up to \$2,020 per month to help with your memory care needs.



300 Highland Avenue NE • Largo, FL 33770  
(727) 559-8411



Call (727) 559-8411 or e-mail [largo@arden-courts.com](mailto:largo@arden-courts.com) to speak to our dementia specialist.

## For Fish, Steak Pasta & Chops We are Tops!

Serving the beaches since 1992



Breakfast \* Lunch \* Dinner

Beer • Wine • Cocktails

Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm

Early Bird Menu 4 - 6 pm

Open 7 Days 7 am - 11 pm

Voted Best Greek & Best Family Value

5799 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach

Across Gulf Boulevard, just

North of the SIRATA

727 360-1029

Thru June 2012



Bring this ad in for a FREE chocolate pretzel!

Larry G. Butterfield  
Debbie Butterfield  
Owners / Managers

KILWIN'S of JOHN'S PASS BOARDWALK  
160 John's Pass Boardwalk • Madeira Beach, FL 33708  
Phone: (727) 397-9800 • Fax: (727) 397-9802  
Email: [LarryButt@netzero.com](mailto:LarryButt@netzero.com)

## Banquet Masters

Conference Facilities & Accommodations  
for parties of 30 to 700

All Catered Affairs From 2 to 10,000

WEDDINGS • CORPORATE CATERING  
BANQUETS • PICNICS

(727) 541-1582 FAX (727) 546-6258

[www.banquetmasters.com](http://www.banquetmasters.com)

8100 PARK BLVD N. • SUITE 201 • PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781

Stephen E. Fisherkeller



Please support our advertisers



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>







If you wish to donate to one of our funds, please send the check to SPA-MOAA, PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL, 33734 or better yet bring it to the next luncheon.

## 2013 Scholarship Fund Donors (Includes donations to National MOAA)

**Gold** (\$100 & more); **Silver** (\$50-99); **Bronze** (\$1-49)

### ••GOLD –

Carr, Terry LTC  
Edwards, Pauline Mrs.  
Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Freese, Don CAPT  
Harrow, Anita Mrs.  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
Landers, Joan Mrs.  
Lee, Bill LCDR  
Lofgren, Bill Col  
Love, H. B. COL  
Milford, John Lt Col  
Nelson, Landy COL  
Palmer, Stew Col  
Patton, Jim CWO4  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen  
Sims, Bob Maj  
Smith, Violet Mrs.  
Spears, Thomas 2LT

### ••SILVER –

Bolin, Bill CDR  
Burrell, Basil CWO4  
Dawson, Pete Maj  
Flint, John Col  
Patton, Kathi Mrs.

### ••BRONZE –

Cornelius, Bernard CW4  
Gioe, Shirley Mrs.  
Green, Richard CWO4  
Keene, Bernice Mrs.  
Klaeser, Kathleen COL  
Mahan, Allen Lt Col  
Myers, Ralph Lt Col  
Tondreau, Herb CWO4

**Member donations ONLY:**  
**\$2,299 as of 3/23/2013**

Scholarship donations have permitted us to complete our first \$25,000 scholarship, we began a second scholarship at the beginning of 2009 (to be completed by 2014). Each of these scholarships, managed by MOAA, will provide a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest free loan.

## 2013 Officers Call Booster Donors

**Gold** (\$50 & more); **Silver** (\$25-49); **Bronze** (\$1-24)

### ••GOLD –

Burrell, Basil CWO4  
Carr, Terry LTC  
Edwards, Pauline Mrs.  
Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Freese, Don CAPT  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
Lee, Bill LCDR  
Lofgren, Bill Col  
Love, H. B. COL  
Milford, John Lt Col  
Nelson, Landy COL  
Palmer, Stew Col  
Patton, Jim CWO4  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen

**Member donations ONLY:**  
**\$1,055 as of 3/23/2013**

Sims, Bob Maj  
Smith, Violet Mrs.  
Spears, Thomas 2LT

### ••SILVER –

Dawson, Pete Maj  
Gioe, Shirley Mrs.  
Green, Richard CWO4  
Harrow, Anita Mrs.  
Keene, Bernice Mrs.  
Tondreau, Herb CWO4

### ••BRONZE –

DeArment, Hal COL  
Johnson, Frank LCDR  
Lanier, Laurie Maj



The Military Officers Association of Sarasota Chapter is pleased to serve as the host chapter for the FCOC 2013 Convention, 7 – 9 June 2013. We invite you to come and enjoy our hospitality, cultural treasures, and fantastic dining. Come early and stay longer, the hotel rates will remain at our low Convention rate for 2 days before and 2 days after the event.

We have chosen our theme as Under the Big Top in Sarasota. As you may know Sarasota has been the home of the circus for many years and we have an amazing treasure trove of attractions. Our most prominent is the Ringling Museum, with the Circus Museum's Tibbals Learning Center having the world's largest miniature circus, The Howard Bros. Circus Model. The model is a replica of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus from 1919 to 1938. It was created over a period of more than 50-years by master model builder and philanthropist Howard Tibbals. Plus, the Art collection of circus magnate, John Ringling. In addition to the Ringling, we have the beautiful Selby Botanical Gardens with a myriad of orchids, bromeliads and other beautiful plants. Take a Bay tour on the Sarasota Bay explorer and learn/see various kinds of plant and animal life.

Our hospitality committee will be ready to advise you on many of the other exciting places of interest, including an array of suggestions for restaurants, some offering special promotions for our attendees.

### SARASOTA OFFERS THE BEST OF EVERYTHING!!!!

Early reservations are a tremendous help to your convention planners. The reservation form and schedule of events can be found at <http://www.moaaf.org/Convention/Default.aspx>. More information is also available on line at <http://fcoc2013.blogspot.com> please check out this site.

Hotel reservation for the Hyatt Regency will be made by our reservations committee. Please indicate your wishes on the second page of the reservation form. This allowing the convention committee to make the reservations will save at least 12% off the cost of your room. Let us know if you have any special needs or desires.

Troy Scott and Linda Gould are the Co-Chairs for the convention. Troy can be reached at 941-379-3023 or [entscott@verizon.net](mailto:entscott@verizon.net) and Linda at 941-388-7149, or [llgould@aol.com](mailto:llgould@aol.com). They are happy to answer any questions.

The members of the Military Officers association of Sarasota want you to have a great time Under the Big Top in Sarasota, and know you will enjoy a very special 2013 FCOC Convention.





# St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA Monthly Luncheon

Friday  
19 April 2013

Banquet Masters  
8100 Park Blvd.  
Pinellas Park, FL

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM  
Social Hour 11:00 to 11:45  
Program Begins at 11:45

Guest Spraker:  
Bob Gualtieri, Pinellas County Sheriff

Subject:  
Sheriff's Department Update



Sheriff Bob Gualtieri was appointed Sheriff by the Governor in November, 2011. He was recently elected to his first full term as Sheriff during the General Election last November. He is the 14th Pinellas County Sheriff since 1912, when the county was created.

His law enforcement and public service career began when he joined the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in 1982 as a Deputy Sheriff in the Detention and Corrections Bureau. He became certified as a law enforcement officer and joined the Dunedin Police Department in 1983, then rejoined the Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy in 1984. Later, as a detective assigned to narcotics investigations, Detective Gualtieri conducted drug and money laundering investigations and became an expert in electronic surveillance.

Gualtieri earned his bachelor's degree at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg. In 1998, he left the Sheriff's Office to pursue a law degree. In 2002, Sheriff Gualtieri graduated cum laude from the Stetson University College of Law. Shortly afterwards, he joined the Tampa law firm of Ford & Harrison, LLP.

He returned to the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office in 2006 as General Counsel, and was appointed Chief Deputy, second in command, by Sheriff Jim Coats in January, 2008.

Gualtieri performed the duties of Chief Deputy and General Counsel until he was appointed Sheriff by the Governor upon the retirement of Sheriff Coats in 2011.

Originally from Syracuse, NY, he has been a Pinellas County resident for more than 30 years. He has three daughters.

## MONTHLY LUNCHEON

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, April 19th 2013

Banquet Masters

8100 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL

• Reservations MUST be in by Wed, April 17<sup>th</sup>

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Each reservation \$15:**

Ham: \_\_\_\_\_

Tilapia Piccata: \_\_\_\_\_

Cobb Salad: \_\_\_\_\_

CLIP and MAIL, with check payable to:  
SPA-MOAA,

Mail to;  
CDR William Bolin, Sr.  
1711 Patlin Circle, S.  
Largo, FL 33770

**For a RIDE,  
call either:**

CDR Bill Bolin, 584-1595 or wmbolin@aol.com  
LTC Terry Carr 459-4026



## April

1: April Fools' Day

15: Income Tax Day

22: Earth Day

24: Administrative Professionals Day

27: Chapter Picnic

### Monthly Luncheon Notice

Effective immediately when you check in at our monthly luncheon, if you made a reservation, you will receive a ticket for your requested meal item; Fish, Meat or Salad. Walk-ins will not receive a meal ticket until we have a final count on the meals to be served and will be assigned a ticket based on the type of meals available. This change is necessary to insure that those with reservations received the meal they requested.

