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President's Comments:

I missed everyone at the March luncheon meeting, as I was participating in a charity golf event at MacDill AFB. The tournament was well attended and hopefully Operation Helping Hand raised a considerable amount for this very worthwhile cause. I also used the occasion to encourage Tampa MOAA members to join us for the



FCOC Convention in June. Thanks to Glen for filling in for me at the luncheon meeting. Reports tell me he did an outstanding job as well as our guest speaker Dick Crippen.

As the FCOC Convention continues to draw ever closer, please continue to seek business sponsors, and encourage MOAA members you know to attend. I am confident it will be a great success

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CONVENTION QUILT RAFFLE



We will be raffling off these two hand made quilts at our convention in June. Pictured on the left is the quilt made of prior convention shirts and the quilt below is a log cabin quilt. Tickets are

\$5.00 each and you do not have to be in attendance to win. Raffle tickets will be available at our April and May luncheons as well as the convention. You can also purchase them by contacting Sherry Freese.



At the convention in addition to the raffle we will have some outstanding items in a silent auction. Now is the time to make your plans to attend the convention it is being held in St. Petersburg. See info on page 8.

URGENT Help Needed

Lynn and Bill Bolin have been handling the reservations for our monthly luncheons for many years. Effective with the June luncheon they will be unable to continue this necessary job. We desperately need someone to step up and fill this position. If you are interested please contact Bill and he can explain the requirements of the job.



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

CALENDAR

April 18th Mr. Michael Fineo, 9-11 Survivor

May 16st Memorial Service

June 20th Lt. Col Joyce, C.A.P.

July 18st

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

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

April 7th Monday

March 5th Monday

June 2nd Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday April 8th Banquet Masters
 1130 hours 8100 Park Blvd.
 Pinellas Park

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Evelyn Hamilton, 727-399-1272

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

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 245
 Regular Members - 159
 Auxiliary Members - 86
 Inactive Members - 3

Military Services:

Army - 65	USMC - 11
USAF - 46	USCG - 6
Navy - 28	NOAA - 0

3/25/2014



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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Monthly Luncheon; 21 March 2014

Attended – 66: (70 reservations), 2 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 4 Cancel, 0 No Shows

The luncheon meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Glen Crabb. Immediate Past President Ed Lillich gave the invocation and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The head table consisted of; Glen Crabb, Ed Lillich and guest speaker Dick Crippen.

Glen welcomed all new members and guests. New members are Peter and Joan Damick, Carol Bakalow, Sheila Mutascio, Fred Olson, Bob Reed, Dave Warren and Bill and Bernice Terwilliger. Guests were Scott Terwilliger, son of Bill and Bernice and Jo Ann Burch, guest of Cindy Vitters.

The door prize was won by Yvonne Hughes and the two 50/50 drawings were won by Paulette Carr and Joan Landers.

Following lunch 1st Vice President Crabb introduced our guest speaker, Dick Crippen. Dick's impressive bio can be found in the March Officer's Call. Dick spoke about baseball, primarily and most dear to our hearts, The Rays. Dick is proud to be working with the Rays, not just because they are the Major League Baseball team in the City of St Petersburg, but that they do so much in the community to create good will. The Rays are a huge supporter of the military and they show that support at each game by inviting 24 military personnel to sit in front row seats. In addition to that they provide a suite, along with food to the wounded active duty that are being cared for at the Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa.

After a brief question and answer session Glen presented Dick with the traditional gift of drink glasses.

Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the luncheon meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting 3 March 2014

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1135 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Fifteen members were present to include: Bill Bolin, George Brown, Terry Carr, Glen Crabb, Pauline Edwards, Larry Fernald, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Ozzie Osborn, Robert Palsha, Jim Patton, Roger Popham, Violet Smith and Sherry Freese.

Secretary's Report: Ed Lillich made a motion to accept the minutes as written in the Officers Call. Violet Smith seconded the motion and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the operating account is \$5,669.95. Larry Fernald made a motion to accept the

Treasurer's report, seconded by Ed Lillich. President Carr said the Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit. The entire accountability of all monies is found elsewhere in the O.C. Larry Fernald made a motion to give a \$100 remuneration to Operation Helping Hands. The motion was seconded by Bill Lofgren and motion carried.

1st Vice President's Report: Glen Crabb reported that Dick Crippen is the speaker for the March luncheon and Mike Fineo, a 9/11 survivor, will be the speaker for April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith reported the untimely death of Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A. Jean's memorial service was in Tarpon Springs and she will be interred with her husband at Arlington.

Publicity: Pauline Edwards sent news releases to 13 sources.

HOT: Anita Harrow sent a message to ask your dentist for samples of tooth paste and dental floss, along with toothbrushes.

Reservations: Bill Bolin and his wife, Lynn, will be resigning in May from the chairmanship of Reservations. Please step up to the plate and volunteer to take over the this job from Bill.

Convention: Sherry Freese sold \$705 in raffle tickets to date. Paulette Carr and Sherry sent letters to all the Presidents of the Chapters urging them to talk up this raffle and sell tickets. A motion was made by Bill Lofgren, seconded by Jim Patton that the Chapter pay for a full page ad in the convention book to promote the Quilts. Motion carried. Larry reported that he has twenty four registrations to date and ads are coming in. Larry sent a letter to the Rays requesting two Rays players to be present at the Saturday luncheon. As of this date we have received \$12,000 in advertising and registration. If you haven't made your reservation yet please think about doing so in the immediate future. Bill Bolin said eight advertisers have paid for a full page in the convention book.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Laws/Policy Book: Following discussion on the proposed changes in the policy book regarding *SPEAKERS*, Bill Lofgren made a motion to adopt said changes as proposed, seconded by Larry Fernald. Motion passed. Policy book change appears elsewhere in the O.C.

There being no further business, Past President Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned. The next E.C. meeting will be 7 April 2014 at Perkins Restaurant.

The Chapter Policy Book

The Chapter Policy Book serves as a day-to-day guideline in how to implement the provisions of the Chapter Bylaws. In old military parlance, the Policy Book might have been called the SOP – or Standard Operating Procedure. In March, the Board made some changes to Para 18 of the Policy Book dealing with speakers for our meetings. The purpose of the changes

See Policy Book Pg 4



President from Page 1

Our speaker for the April luncheon meeting will be Mike Fineo, who will talk about his personal experience at the twin towers in New York during 9/11. This is one luncheon meeting you don't want to miss. I hope to see everyone there.

Policy Book from Pg 3

was to ensure that in keeping with MOAA National guidance, we didn't permit the St. Petersburg Area Chapter to be used as a political platform for political candidates seeking office in the State or County, regardless of party affiliation. This paragraph also specifies that the May meeting will be devoted to a Memorial Service, and the September luncheon would feature observance of National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

Pharmacy and ID Card Information

Pharmacy

The Coast Guard Air Station in Clearwater provides limited Pharmacy Service. The Air Station is located at 15100 Rescue Way, Clearwater, co-located with the Clearwater St. Pete International Airport. If you enter the main entrance to the airport take the first left to Fairchild Drive and at the stop sign take a right on Rescue Way. If heading west on Roosevelt Blvd in front of the airport continue and take the exit to the Bayside Bridge and right after the turn there is a right turn to Fairchild Drive which leads directly onto Rescue Way. There are several items of information that will facilitate your visit:

a. Please call to verify that your script is in the somewhat limited formulary, that they have, before you make the trip. In addition, the Pharmacist **must** be present to authorize a new script. However, he is not required to be present to refill when you either call in or bring in an existing script.

b. Be sure to have your military ID since security requires a 100% ID check at the gate as well as for pharmacy services. They do fill 90 day scripts if so authorized. Have your doctor write one med per script in the event only one is available due to formulary limitations. The new script usually requires less than 15 minutes before ready for pickup. FYI, the exchange is a place to kill time and always seems to have sales on wine & beer!

c. The Pharmacy number is 727-535-1437 x1610 and the hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 7:15 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:45 to 3:15 PM. The Pharmacy is closed Tuesday morning for training but is open from 12:45 to 3:15 PM.

ID Cards

The CW Bill Young Army Reserve Center and Coast Guard Sector St Petersburg are providing complete ID card services the same as MacDill AFB. There are also several items of information that will facilitate your visit:

The CW Bill Young Army Reserve Center is a secure facility so you will require military ID to enter and there is a 100% ID check. There is ample parking, to include Handicap Parking, as soon as you clear the gate. Please use the main entrance to the building and stop at the Information Desk and advise that you are there to obtain an ID card.

You will require the same ID that you would need at MacDill AFB, ie; military ID, DD 214, drivers license, etc., to obtain your ID card and verify DEERS status. SGT Thomas Reed, the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), advised that you will need two forms of ID, such as driver's license and military ID card, for processing. If your sponsor is not present for any reason, his or her information may be verified by DEERS. It is recommended that you call SGT Reed, telephone number 727-568-5319, if either questions or concerns.

The facility is located at 2801 Grand Avenue, Pinellas Park, FL 33782. Hours of operation are 12:30 to 3:30 PM Tuesday through Friday. Appointments are not required so feel free to walk in during operating hours.

Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg also provides ID card services. They are located at 600 8th Street S.E., St Petersburg. It is recommended that you call first to verify hours, the phone number is 727-824-7534. Also be sure to have your military ID since security requires a 100% ID check at the gate. Security at the gate will direct you to the parking area and ID card office.

BEER as explained by the CHEERS crew

I don't think I've ever heard the concept explained better than this.

"Well you see, Norm, it's like this...A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd, as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now as we know, excessive intake of alcohol kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. And that Norm, is why you always feel smarter after a few beers."

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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.





MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Army defends National Guard cuts, National Guard fires back



Army leaders had a chance to defend their proposal to wary lawmakers, that it was necessary to cut states' National Guard forces along with active duty forces in order to keep the total force in balance.

Army officials say that under defense budget cuts, they will have to shrink its active duty to 450,000, but also shrink the National Guard to 335,000, and the Army Reserve to 195,000 by 2017.

National Guard officials are fighting back hard against the cuts, saying they are more cost-effective than active duty troops, but Army officials say they need to cut the National Guard and Reserves in order to keep the total force in balance and avoid cutting more active soldiers.

"The secretary of the Army and I directed that cuts should come disproportionately from the active force before reducing the guard and reserve," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno testified before the House Armed Services Committee.

In addition, the Army is taking National Guard attack helicopters in exchange for their utility Blackhawk helicopters, which Army officials say will be more useful for states' purposes.

"In order to meet the reductions imposed by sequestration and achieve the right balance, we have worked for the past two years on a total force policy that ensures the proper balance for the active, Guard and reserve components," Odierno said.

Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Campbell defended the National Guard proposed cuts in an exclusive interview with *The Hill*.

"If I can't touch the Guard, and make minimal changes, the only place I can go is to take out the readiness and more forces from the active," Campbell said.

Several governors and lawmakers have also raised concerns over cutting National Guardsmen, who also act as states' emergency forces.

"The National Guard is significantly more cost-effective over its life cycle, at approximately one-third of the cost [of active forces], when not mobilized and approximately 80 percent to 95 percent of the cost when mobilized," said Rep. William Enyart (D-III.).

Enyart also said he was concerned about the decision to transfer the National Guard's attack helicopters to the active side.

"You are taking away from the guard's ability to train because they're not going to be able to train as they fight," he said.

The National Guard Association of the United States issued a statement earlier Tuesday, arguing that they were left out of the Army's decision-making.

"They will stress that the proper balance must be struck among the active-component Army, the Army National Guard and the Army Reserve. And they will say decisions about that balance can and should be worked out by the leaders of the components. We couldn't agree more," they said in a statement.

"The problem is, the give and take that is an essential part of such an effort never occurred in the development of the fiscal 2015 Army budget request now before Congress, which is why there is so much public disagreement between Guard and Army leaders today."

Disability Benefits for Veterans Who Have a Veterans Affairs Compensation Rating of 100%

Permanent and Total

Starting March 17, 2014, veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total (P&T) may receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits.

What do I need to know about the VA and Social Security programs?

Both Social Security and VA pay disability benefits. However, their programs, processes, and criteria for receiving benefits are very different.

A VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. To be approved for Social Security benefits, you must meet Social Security's definition of "disability." We consider you disabled under Social Security rules if:

- You cannot do work that you did before;
- We decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition(s); and
- Your disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.

If you receive VA compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

As a veteran rated 100% P&T, how do I receive expedited processing for Social Security disability benefits?

First, you must apply for Social Security disability benefits. You can do this in one of three ways:

- Complete your application online;
- Call our toll-free telephone number, 1-800-772-1213
- Call or visit your local Social Security office



Bill Lewis presenting 50/50 winnings to Paulette Carr



Dick Crippen receiving chapter gift from 1st VP Glen Crabb



Guest speaker Dick Crippen



Yvonne Hughes receiving Door Prize from Lynn Bolin



Bill Lewis presenting 50/50 winnings to Joam Landers



New member Peter and Joan Damick



New member Bob Reed



New member Dave Warren



Right new member Bill Terwilliger with son Brian and wife Bernice



Pauline Edwards, Betty Finley, Violet Smith, Paulette Carr, Sherry Freese and Lynn Bolin



Sherry Freese with new members Carol Barkalow and Sheila Mutascio



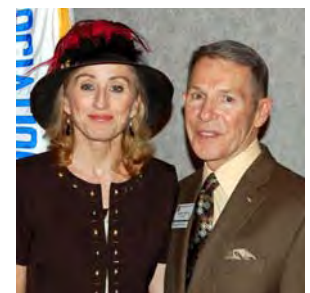
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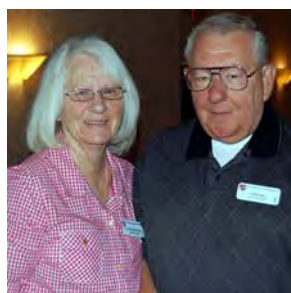
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Dick and Natilie Oliver



Ellen and Ken Fine



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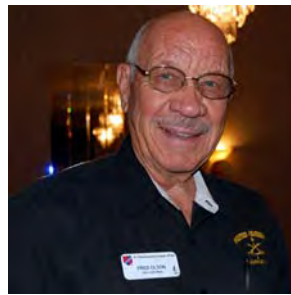




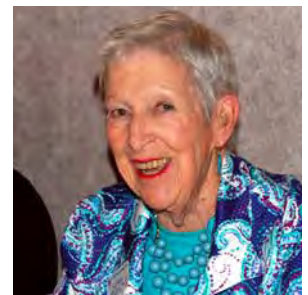
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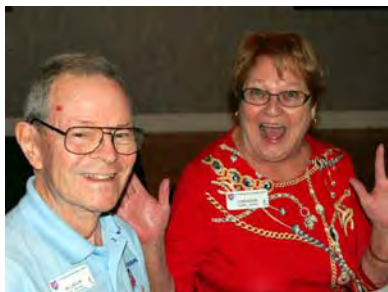
Rose Munchbach



Bill Lee



Evey Hamilton and Pauline Edwards



Our happy reservationists Bill and Lynn Bolin, you could take over their duties and be that happy at the luncheons



Jim Patton



Sherry Freese reminding us of the quilt raffle



Cindy Vitters, Joanne Taylor and guest Jo Ann Burch

Photos by Bill Lofgren



Military Trivia Facts

Although some military experts have an incredibly in-depth knowledge of the military, no one person can know everything there is to know. I have searched books and the Internet and have come up with 15 military facts I bet you didn't know. These facts make great dinner conversation and could help you win on any one of the many trivia shows.

1. 30 of the 43 Presidents served in the Army, 24 during time of war, two earned the rank of 5-star General (Washington and Eisenhower) and one earned the Medal of Honor (T. Roosevelt)

2. Less than 28 percent of Americans between the ages of 17-23 are qualified for military service, that's only about 1-in-4.

3. The U.S. Air Force was part of the Army until 1946. It was called the Army Air Corp.

4. Only one President (James Buchanan) served as an enlisted man in the military and did not go on to become an officer.

5. The Department of Defense employs about 1.8 million people on active duty. It is the largest employer in the United States, with more employees than Exxon, Mobil, Ford, General Motors, and GE combined!

6. The Department of Defense owns worldwide 29,819,492 acres of land worldwide.

7. The United States has 737 military installations overseas alone.

8. The Navy's bell-bottom trousers, are commonly believed to be introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. In addition the trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs and swinging them over your head to fill the legs with air.

9. The Coast Guard seizes 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine worth \$9,589,000.00 everyday.

10. The Coast Guard is smaller than the New York City Police Department.

11. The Marine Corps motto, "Semper Fidelis," was adopted in 1883 as the official motto. It is Latin for Always Faithful.

12. The nickname "Leatherneck" originates from the stiff leather stock that early Marines wore around their necks, probably to protect their jugular vein against saber blows.

13. The English Bulldog, also known as "Teufel-hunden," or "Devil Dogs," is the unofficial mascot that symbolize the ethos of the Warrior Culture of the U.S. Marines. The U.S. Marine Corps earned this unofficial mascot during World War I, when many German reports called the attacking Marines "teufel-

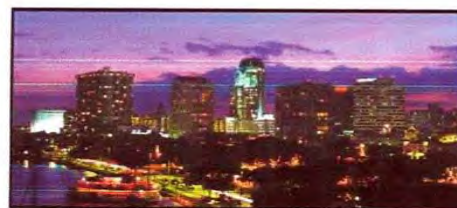


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6-8 June 2014**



Registration Package

St Petersburg offers many exciting, cultural, and historical locales for you to visit. For example the Dali Museum, the Chihuly glass exhibit, and the historic Albert Whitted Airport, where the first commercial passenger flight was launched. All of these, and more, are within walking distance.

As a special treat, we are making arrangements to attend the Tampa Bay Rays major league game on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested, and there is a large enough group, we will make arrangements and provide you with details.

For your convenience, we have made arrangements with the hotel to book your room through us saving you approximately 18%. You will see a place on the registration form to indicate your arrival and departure dates. Room rates are valid for three days prior and three days following the convention, subject to room availability.

The registration form is available on the St Petersburg Area Chapter website at; <http://moaastpetearea.com> or by contacting Larry Fernald at the number or email listed below.

If you are planning to attend only one event, there is a special registration rate.

Should you have any questions about the registration process, or the convention in general contact;

Larry N. Fernald, Lt Col USAF (Ret)

Convention Chair

Larry246MOAA@tampabay.rr.com

727-692-6237

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TAPS

- ◆ **Newton, Ruth, Mrs.**, Spouse of Col Richard Newton, 7 December 2013
 - ◆ **Caton, Margaret, Mrs. AuxMbr-AF**, 25 January 2014
 - ◆ **Layton, Thomas C., CAPT (USN (Ret))**, 11 February 2014
 - ◆ **Jessup, Jean, Mrs., AuxMbr-A**, 22 February 2014
- Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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

- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG**
- ◆ **COL Frederick Terry, USA (Ret)**
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)**
- ◆ **BG Paul Smith, USA (Ret)**
- ◆ **Capt Francis Shivers, USAFR (Fmr)**

April Birthdays (61 to 93 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
10	Barber	Jon	LTC	USA (Ret)
25	Beal	William	CAPT	USCG (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)
21	Hermann	Peter	Col	USAF (Ret)
28	Holecek	John	LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Johnson	Marjorie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
07	Koch	Richard	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
24	Langston	Susan	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
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
07	Sartorio	Salvatore	Maj	USAF (Ret)
07	Shields	Roger	COL	USA (Ret)
10	Vecchio	Joseph	MAJ	USAR (Ret)

Financial Report Summary for the Month of February

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,381.15
.... Donations	\$ 375.00
.... 50/50	\$ 50.00
.... Memorials	\$ 60.00
.... Expenses	\$ (527.39)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,338.76

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 225.00
.... Donations	\$ 625.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 850.00

0.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 6,094.80
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 960.00
.... Dues	\$ 310.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 0.73
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (768.00)
.... Honotia/donations	\$ 0.00
.... Supplies	\$ (35.00)
.... Other Organizations	\$ (201.75)
.... Installation Expense	\$ (302.50)
Memorial to HOT	\$ (60.00)
.... Printing/mailing	\$ 0.00
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (328.33)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,669.95



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14. The U.S. Army was in charge of exploring and mapping America. The Lewis and Clark Expedition was an all Army affair. Army officers were the first Americans to see such landmarks as Pike’s Peak and the Grand Canyon.

15. The Air Force’s F-117 fighter uses aerodynamics discovered during research into how bumblebees fly.

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St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
18 April 2014

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 Speaker:

Michael Fineo

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Michael Fineo was born and raised on Long Island, NY. He graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia in 1987. He then became a “Fixed Income Broker” on Wall Street with offices in The World Trade Center.



Twelve and half years ago, Michael and his family were a typical young suburban family, volunteering with school and church activities. Michael went to work on Tuesday, September 11, 2001 – a gorgeous, warm, autumn day. Life was good. At 8:46 a.m. American Airlines Flt 11 crashed into his building, One World Trade Center. In that moment, his life changed forever.

While Michael escaped with minor injuries, that would soon heal, he was left with psychological injuries which would last a lifetime. “Why me?” is a question often posed to God by people forced to endure hardships. Ironically, it is the exact same question often asked by people who survive a catastrophe while others die. That day, Michael lost more than 100 colleagues and friends that he had worked with throughout his career. Most of them were around his age with young families and beautiful lives ahead of them. Michael says that every joyous occasion in his life since and forever will be tinged with guilt: Why me?

Today Michael and his wife Roxane, along with their children Nicholas, Brianna and Samantha live in Safety Harbor. Michael currently works for The Edwards Group in St. Petersburg and is on the Vestry of The Church of The Holy Spirit – Safety Harbor.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, April 18th 2014

Banquet Masters

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