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Military Officers Association of America
PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL 33734



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President's Comments:

A special thanks to General Leon Salomon for making presentations of the Vietnam War Veterans lapel pin to our chapter's eligible members at our last meeting. Eligibility is for those who served on active duty during the period Nov. 1st 1955 – May 15th 1975. For those who were unable to attend the meeting we will schedule another presentation in the near future.



Did you know that the 2006 Stolen Valor Law was struck down by The Supreme Court in 2012. The Court ruled that lying about military awards is protected speech under The Constitution? Because of this, the law was rewritten and passed in 2013 to make it a crime to gain money, property, or other tangible benefits by fraudulently claiming to have received military awards and decorations. Bottom line is that as long as the benefit of claiming an unearned award is not tangible it is protected by the First Amendment.

Our chapter is in need of a member or spouse to be the editor of our newsletter, the Officers Call. If you are interested, please call CWO4 Jim Patton at 727-393-4160. We also need a member or spouse to assist with the management of the chapter database. For more information please call Lt Col Larry Fernald at 727-522-6237.

We are always looking for our member's ideas concerning luncheon guest speakers/programs. Please call LTC Bill Eichholz, 727-347-9538 with your suggestions.

Monthly Luncheon

Due to an increase in our cost for the monthly luncheon we now find it necessary to increase our charge to \$22.00 effective with the April luncheon.

We are also asking that you mail in your check with the reservation form. The check should be made out to SPA-MOAA and mailed to Pauline Edwards at the address on the reservation form on page twelve.

Since we are charged for all meals ordered any no shows will be required to pay for the meals ordered.

Thank you for your continued attendance at our monthly luncheons and hope you understand the need for these changes.

Hope you join us on April 15th for what should be an interesting luncheon with our speaker Chief Anthony Holloway of the St. Petersburg Police Department.

“Our Chapter is very fortunate to have an award winning newsletter and comprehensive annual Directory and member database. CWO4 Jim Patton and Lt Col Larry Fernald have for years made this happen and we applaud their dedication. Both Jim and Larry have requested that our Chapter find a member or spouse who could assume these responsibilities. They both will assist with the transition/training and of course will be no more than a phone call away. Call Jim at 727-642-7005 or Larry at 727-692-6237 for more information.”

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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;
 Pasadena Yacht Club, Gulfport

CALENDAR

Apr 15th Anthony Holloway, St. Pete Police Chief

May 20th Memorial Service

Jun 17th

Jul 15th

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

Call: COL Roger Popham 498-6860

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.

Apr 4th Monday

May 2nd Monday

Jun 6th Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday Apr 12th Tampa Yacht Club
 1130 hours 5320 Interbay Blvd.
 Tampa, FL

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146

Membership Info:

- Fran Chancey 251-9653

Bridge: (3rd Thursday of the month) 10:30 AM

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 206
 Regular Members - 137
 Auxiliary Members - 44
 AuxMbr-Spouse - 25
 Inactive Members - 0

Military Services:

Army - 60 USMC - 7
 USAF - 34 USCG - 8
 Navy - 26 NOAA - 0

3/23/2016



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Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**

Monthly Luncheon; 18 March 2016

Attended – 42: (43) reservations), 1 Member Guest, 5 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 2 No Shows

Luncheon was called to order by President Roger Popham After invocation by Glen Crabb, Roger led the Pledge of Allegiance to our American Flag.

New member Tom Shoupe and visitors Tom Cuba, General Leon Salomom and wife Shirley.



Roger gave a shoutout to Bill Eichholz 1stVP for his work getting great speakers for our luncheons, Pauline Edwards for her work as 2nd VP. Pauline does membership, publicity, and reservations as well as coordinating our luncheons. Pete Gunderson for his help as Master At Arms and taking care of our a flags.

Door prize winners was Ellen Beach.

50/50 winners were Buck Williams and Julia Love.

MOAA FL Convention is in Lakeland May 13-15. You can register on line.

General Salomon presented Vietnam Era lapel pins to members who served 1955-1975.

After lunch Frank Correa gave an excellent presentation about The Armed Forces History Museum in Largo. The museum has the largest collection of military, memorabilia in the SE United States. Frank, the museum historian provided an excellent presentation and shows himself to be a true patriot. We thoroughly enjoyed his briefing on ISIS.

Luncheon was adjourned by Roger after benediction by Glen.

Next luncheon will be April 15. Our speaker will be St. Petersburg Police Chief Holloway.

Executive Committee Meeting 7 March 2016

Meeting called to order by President Roger Popham.

Invocation led by Chaplain George Brown, Pledge of Allegiance led by President Roger Popham.

Bill Lofgren moved to accept minutes as published. 2nd by Evie Hamilton. Minutes approved as published.

President reported that both The Level of Excellence And the Communications Award applications have been submitted.

Vice President Bill Eichholz reported that Frank Correa, the Historian for the Armed Forces History Museum in Largo will be our guest speaker on March 18.

General Lee Salomon will present Vietnam Era Service pins to 1955-1975 Veterans at the luncheon.

Second Vice President Pauline Edwards reported that 5 applications for membership have come from local press Releases.

Treasurer Pete Dawson stated that we need to raise membership dues to 30.00 for members and 25.00 for auxiliary members. Bill Lofgren made motion to raise fees as requested Larry Fernald 2nd. Motion approved.

Pete also requested that 50/50 profits go to operating fund.. Larry Fernald made motion to give 50/50 profits to operating fund. George Brown 2nd Motion approved.

State MOAA Convention will be held in Lakeland 13-15 May Register on line. Sounds like it will be a great one.

News, Larry Fernald would like to give up his position as our data base manager. Larry has worn several hats and needs a break.

Jim Patton has also stated his intentions to give up his position of newsletter editor due to travel plans which will make it difficult to meet the newsletter deadlines.

Please contact Larry, Jim or Roger if you would be interested in helping our Chapter. We welcome any of our members to offer their services in any capacity . The more involvement the better our Chapter will become.

Bill Lofgren moved to change our Chapter logo to the new MOAA logo, keeping our pelican. Pete Gunderson 2nd. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned, next meeting will be April 4th.

Clearwater Chapter, MOAA Charity Golf Tournament

Clearwater Country Club Friday, May 6, 2016

Entry Fee: \$75/player or \$280/foursome (includes buffet lunch)

Proceeds support JROTC Scholarships & Veteran Programs

Scramble/Captain's Choice Format. 8:30 am Shotgun start (7:30 am check-in).

Prizes for 1st & 2nd place, closest-to-the-pin.

Cost: \$75.00/player, \$280.00/foursome (checks payable to Clearwater Chapter MOAA)

Mail registration form with payment by April 29, 2016 to:

Jim Patrick
960 McLean Street
Dunedin, FL 34698

Mulligans \$5/ea. (maximum of 3/player) For more information, Contact Jim Patrick

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WHEN:

Monday, April 4, 2016

WHERE:

**Perkins Restaurant
8841 Park Blvd. N., Seminole**

TIME:

10:00 a.m (before our Chapter Executive Committee Meeting at 11:30 a.m.)

RSVP:

Please Call Pauline Edwards



MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

MOAA Testifies on Veteran Priorities

March 18, 2016



This week, MOAA Deputy Director of Government Relations CDR René Campos, USN (Ret), presented MOAA veterans' health and benefits priorities before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees. The hearing comes on the heels of a letter sent this week to the committees' leadership from several veteran organizations, including MOAA, urging lawmakers to work together in a bicameral, bipartisan manner to enact legislation this year to give the VA the resources it needs to complete necessary reforms. In her testimony, Campos focused on improving VA-sponsored community care, women veterans' health care, upgrades to the appeals process, and stronger financial protections for military families. Though access to care has improved under the Choice Program, implementation has been difficult for the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) due to the increased demand for services and the changing demographics of the veteran population. MOAA recommended increased focus on reforming and consolidating the seven disparate community care programs into a single program. Campos commended the VA for improving medical care and services for women veterans. "But there's more to do," she said. "Women veterans look to Congress to press VA to eliminate all barriers preventing women from accessing integrated, comprehensive care across the system." The VA claims-management system remains a top priority. MOAA supports a comprehensive, integrated strategy for improving the system, with emphasis on quality decisions at the front end of the claims process. Thanks to Congress and the VA, significant progress has been made in reducing the initial claims backlog. However, it has come at a price. As new claims were processed more quickly, the appealed claims backlog has grown to over 400,000 cases. MOAA continues to work with the committees and the VA to make essential reforms in this area. Other recommendations discussed at the hearing and outlined in MOAA's statement included: Improving and expanding mental health care, suicide prevention, homeless, and caregiver support programs; Integrating educational assistance programs under a unified GI Bill architecture; Authorizing service connection for "Blue Water" Navy Vietnam veterans who have one or more diseases on the Agent Orange presumptive list; Making mandatory arbitration agreements in certain financial contracts unenforceable under the Service Members Civil Relief Act;

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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and, Completing final passage of a bill to honor certain career Reservists as "veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States." "Our goal is to have an omnibus bill that this committee, Democrat and Republican alike, agrees to... [so we can] let our veterans know that we do want accountability in the VA," said Senate Veterans Affairs Committee chair Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.). "We want the Veterans Choice Program to work. We want caregivers providing care to those injured prior to 9/11/2001 to have the same benefits of those afterwards, and all the other things that we've worked on, and we're close to getting there." The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee plans to pass an omnibus veterans bill by Memorial Day. Send your elected officials a MOAA-suggested message supporting HR. 969 and S. 681, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act.

Congress Ramps Up Health Care Talks

March 18, 2016

The Chairman of the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee invited MOAA and a small handful of stakeholders to Capitol Hill on March 17 to discuss Pentagon proposals to reform the military's health care system (MHS).

MOAA Government Relations Director Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF (Ret) told the panel in the year of TRICARE reform, DoD's plan contained only vague statements on needed program improvements, and focused mainly on adding several new beneficiary fees and raising a wide range of others, especially for the retired community.

He noted the proposed fee schedules were designed to push more care to military hospitals and clinics, which have been the primary sources of access problems."

Our preference would be to ensure access is improved in the [military facilities] before implementing a fee structure intended to drive more care there," Strobridge said.

He also expressed MOAA's hope the system would establish positive "carrots" to incentivize beneficiary choices rather than financial penalty "sticks."

"Particularly for retirees, we believe the proposed fee increases - in the range of \$500 to \$1,200 a year - are disproportional," Strobridge said. "Further, the incentives seem structured as different-sized sticks, with the biggest sticks proposed for the TRICARE Standard group that, ironically, costs DoD the least money."

Retirees in TRICARE Prime who use military facilities, as DoD wants, would see a 24 percent enrollment fee increase plus other increases in cost-shares and pharmacy copays.

Families who elect to stay with TRICARE Standard - which costs DoD less than Prime - would incur a new \$900 annual enrollment fee, plus a \$600 deductible for using out-of-network care, in addition to their existing 25 percent cost share for all services.

If a military family has a choice, a higher deductible for using out-of-network care might make sense. But DoD acknowledges

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Glen Crabb giving the invocation



Guest speaker Frank Correa



President Roger Popham



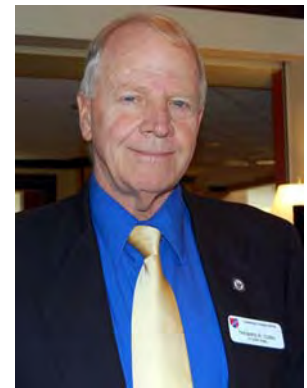
Gen Salomon presented Vietnam War era veterans with pins



Evey Hamilton with 50/50 winner Julia Love



50/50 winner Buck Williams with Evey Hamilton



Prospective member Tom Cuba



Door Prize winner Ellen Beach with Roger Popham



Sherry Freese and Mike Vision



New member Tom Shoupe



Charles Lake



Fran Chancey



Peter Hermann



Pauline Edwards, Evey Hamilton and Peter Gunderson

Photos by Bill Lofgren

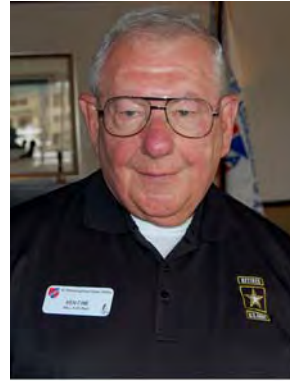




Ginni and Bill Eichholz



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Stan and Ellen Beach



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Jeanie and Roger Popham



New members Paula and John Marcy



Fred Schlager



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Photos

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the network system will only cover 85 percent of the population.”MOAA believes the 15 percent of beneficiaries who have no choice other than using out-of-network providers shouldn’t be charged an extra \$1,200 in enrollment fees and extra deductible for having no other option,” Strobbridge told the panel.

MOAA believes there should be no enrollment fee for TRICARE Standard or TFL, as neither plan guarantees access to a network of providers, as TRICARE Prime does.”

MOAA particularly disagrees with the proposal to means-test the TFL enrollment fee by making it a percentage of retired pay,” Strobbridge said. “No other federal or civilian employer means-tests its retirees’ service-earned health coverage, since it would penalize longer and more successful service.”

”We urge against any enrollment fee for TFL for three additional reasons: First, these older retirees already pay more for their health care than any other military beneficiaries. Second, DoD only pays 20 percent of their health costs, because Medicare is first payer. Finally, DoD costs for TFL have dropped 40 percent over the last several years.”

All of the witnesses expressed concern DoD’s budget proposal does nothing to address the serious continuity of care and consistency of coverage issues faced by the Guard and Reserve communities.

Lawmakers were receptive to MOAA’s and other witnesses’ inputs, and agreed the focus of military health reform must be on improving timely access to quality care rather than simply raising beneficiary fees.

Small Military Pay Caps Add Up to Big Penalties

March 18, 2016

By: Col. Steve Strobbridge, USAF (Ret)

Director, Government Relations

In times of budget crunches, the big cuts get the headlines. But small, repeated cuts also add up to big bucks over time.

For instance, the FY 2017 budget proposes capping military pay raises below the average American’s for the fourth year in a row.

The 2017 basic allowance for housing (BAH) increase for currently serving personnel also will be shaved by 1 percent for the third consecutive year, with two more years of 1-percent cutbacks coming after that.

For most servicemembers, the effect of these pay and allowance adjustments is masked.

They still get a pay raise each year and likely still get a BAH increase each year. The increases just aren’t as big as they would have been without the caps.

But that doesn’t mean the cuts have no impact.

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TAPS

Barnum, Ralph “Bill”, CDR, USN (Ret),
8 March, 2016

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)**
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Bobbie Walters, AuxMbr-A**
- ◆ **LTC Rose Munchbach, USA (Ret)**

April Birthdays (63 to 95 years)

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
10	Barber	Jon	LTC	USA (Ret)
25	Beal	William	CAPT	USCG (Ret)
17	Dawson	Linda	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
15	DeWitt	Paul	MAJ	USAR
22	Gaugh	Jane	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
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07	Koch	Richard	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
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16	McCormick	James	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
18	Newton	Richard	Col	USAF (Ret)
23	Olson	Frederick	COL	USA (Ret)
17	Piercy	James	COL	USA (Ret)
19	Reilly	Anne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
07	Shields	Roger	COL	USA (Ret)
10	Vecchio	Joseph	MAJ	USAR (Ret)

A New Study for TRICARE Beneficiaries is Helping Smokers Kick the Habit

3/21/2016

Have you tried everything to quit smoking? TRICARE beneficiaries now have a new resource to help them called the The Freedom Smoking Quitline. If qualified, participants will have a 2 ½ times better chance at quitting smoking.

The Freedom Smoking Quitline is a National Institutes of Health-funded research study, co-sponsored by the 59th Medi-

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Financial Report Summary for the Month of February

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 6,180.32
.... Donations	\$ 50.00
.... 50/50	\$ 0.00
.... Expenses	\$ (175.57)
.... HOT Balance, End of Month	\$ 6,054.75

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 307.00
.... Memorials	\$ 0.00
.... Donations	\$ 100.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 407.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,882.87
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 1,172.00
.... Dues	\$ 140.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 140.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 0.52
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (1,200.24)
.... Supplies	\$ 0.00
.... Post Office	\$ 0.00
.... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 0.00
.... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to SF	\$ 0.00
.... Printing/mailling	\$ (401.61)
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (388.97)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,344.57



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Marcy, John, COL, USA (Ret);** (Paula); 5911 49th Ave N, Kenneth City, FL 33709; 330-524-4789
- ◆ **Marcy, Paula, AuxMbr-Spouse;** (John); 5911 49th Ave N, Kenneth City, FL 33709; 330-524-4789
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- ◆ **Salomon, Leon “Lee”, GEN, USA (Ret),** (Shirley) 2795 Kipps Colony Dr S., #101, Gulfport, FL 33707-3998, 727-347-6077

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Smokers from Pg 9

cal Wing and University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The study is enrolling TRICARE beneficiaries that are motivated to quit smoking. If qualified, participants will receive four proactive, telephone-based smoking cessation counseling sessions along with eight weeks of free nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) sent directly to their homes. After 3 months, participants will receive a follow-up call to ensure they are still smoke free. However, if they experienced a relapse and started up again, participants are offered a second chance to try again.

Dr. Gerald Wayne Talcott, Ph.D., Col USAF (Ret) is a co-investigator for The Freedom Quitline. He served as an Air Force psychologist for 28 years and has 30 years of experience in tobacco cessation treatment. Dr. Talcott states that relapses for people trying to quit smoking are all too common, and that's why participants are offered a second chance with The Freedom Quitline. Further, when participants enroll in this study, they are not only receiving a premium smoking cessation program at no cost, but they are also helping researchers gather critical data to improve these programs for our military community. Talcott says "Quitting smoking is one of the hardest things that anyone ever tries to do in their lifetime and studies show that it might be even more difficult for our military community". He also emphasized that what makes The Freedom Quitline more effective than most alternatives, is that the counselors have not only extensive training in smoking cessation, but 90% are military veterans themselves.

Results from an Air Force study evaluating a smoking Quitline conducted by the University of Tennessee Health Science Center

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In fact, the cumulative effect compounds with each passing year, and it will follow some servicemembers (those who retire under the depressed pay rates) for the rest of their lives in the form of reduced retired pay.

So exactly how much are we talking about?

First, let's summarize the relative size of the caps for each year to date.

For 2014, the military basic pay raise was capped 0.8 percent below the average American's pay raise (as measured by the Employment Cost Index, which is supposed to be the standard for military raises under the law unless the president proposes something different).

For 2015, there was an additional 0.8-percent pay-raise cap. In 2016, the cap was a full 1 percent. The FY 2017 budget proposes an additional 0.5-percent cap.

For 2015 and 2016, the BAH raise was capped 1 percent below actual housing cost growth, and current law will require another 1-percent BAH cap for 2017, 2018, and 2019.

While the first-year pay loss was relatively small, the compounded losses have mounted with each passing year.

The pay and allowance loss for 2017 alone will have grown above \$2,000 for the E-5 and almost \$3,300 for the O-3.

Their four-year cumulative losses will approach \$5,000 and \$8,000, respectively.

Because both the O-3 and the E-5 likely would have been promoted at some point in those four years, the amounts would be larger still.

What about their future retired pay?

Without even considering any subsequent promotions or longevity increases or further pay-raise caps, the O-3's retired pay loss after 20 years' service would be about \$1,100 a year for life, just from these four "modest" pay-raise caps. Add in promotions, longevity increases, and likely further caps, and the future retired-pay loss would grow dramatically.

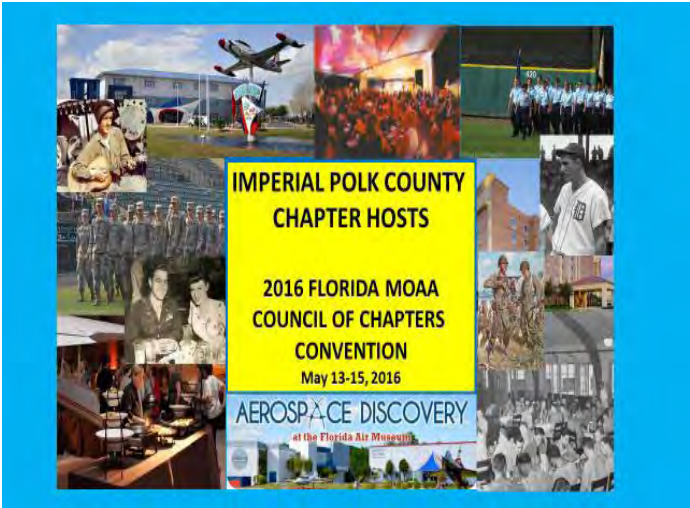
Think this sounds a little alarmist?

The last period of pay-raise caps began in the mid-1980s and continued through most of the '90s. Servicemembers who retired under those depressed pay tables between 1994 and 2004 lost (and still are losing) upward of \$5,000 in retired pay each year for the rest of their lives.

Unfortunately, history shows that once administrations and Congresses start capping military pay raises, they don't stop until the cuts start hurting military retention and readiness.

That's why MOAA is urging Congress to learn from the past and restore military pay raises to match the average American's — before the troops' cumulative losses get any larger.

Help Our Troops (HOT)
The SPA-MOAA Executive Board voted to support Heaven on Earth, a St Petersburg based support organization for veterans.



Convention Agenda

The convention will begin Friday with a visit to historic Summerlin Military Academy founded in 1887 as the first public high school located in in Bartow, Florida, and attended by 500 high school cadets.

The venue will relocate to the Sun 'n Fun campus and the Central Florida Aerospace Academy. CFAA is a high school curriculum focused on aviation and boasts a 100% graduation rate. Approximately 450 students attend CFAA.

The day will end with a reception featuring exciting entertainment.

Saturday will begin with breakfast meeting in a chow hall utilized by aviation cadets during WW II. There will be a presentation on the history of Lodwick Field and the Detroit Tigers 100 year presence in Lakeland.

An educational fair will feature career academy achievements by middle and high school students. A number of other organizations and entities will be present demonstrating their support of the military and veterans.

The Saturday evening event will be a 1940's, 1950's 1960's Hangar Canteen extravaganza. Dig out your old uniform(s)-Class A. B, fatigues, flight suit, party suit, whatever. Enjoy the sounds of a popular Swing Band playing the period music. You will not forget this evening.

Sunday morning Memorial Service will take place in lovely Veterans Memorial Park.

Rules of the Conference:

- No civilian suits, coats or ties.
- Transportation will be available to all venues.
- Hampton Inn will be the primary hotel for billeting.
- Room block for May 13-15, 2016. To make reservations call hotel directly

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St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
15 April 2016

Pasadena Yacht Club
6300 Pasadena Point Blvd. South,
Gulfport. FL

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

Guest Speakers:

Anthony Holloway
Police Chief St. Petersburg

Anthony Holloway joined the Clearwater Police Department in 1985 as a patrol officer. Upon his retirement in 2007 as the Patrol Division Commander, he was selected as the Chief of Police for the City of Somerville, Massachusetts.



Chief Holloway rejoined the Clearwater Police Department in February 2010 as Chief of Police, and in August 2014, he was selected and now serves as Chief of Police for the St. Petersburg Police Department.

Chief Holloway earned his Bachelor of Arts degree (Business Management) in 1999 and Master's degree (Business Administration) in 2001. In June of 2011, he was awarded a Certificate of Completion for the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program from Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education and in August of 2015 he successfully completed the Executive Leaders Program at the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Chief Holloway is married to Andra Todd Dreyfus of Clearwater, an attorney.

Chief Holloway has taught law enforcement to governmental, educational, and community organizations throughout Florida. He was appointed to the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar in June 2012 and serves as Co-Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee of the Criminal Justice of the American Bar Association. He is past President of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association, a current member of the Florida Police Chiefs Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police and serves as consultant/trainer to organizations such as the Department of Juvenile Justice, U.S. Department of Justice, and St. Petersburg College.

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- 6: U. S. entered World War I
- 18: Income Tax Day
- 19: Revolutionary War began
- 22: Passover Begins at Sundown

