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President's Comments:

I am sure that most of you by now have seen or heard about the great deal given by the Tampa Bay Rays. Called "Rays Honor Pass," and as reported by Bill Chastain at MLB.com, "the program will allow active-duty, retired, or honorably discharged veterans to receive two tickets to any Rays home game throughout the remainder of the 2015 regular season." The program begins on the 24th of July with the Rays vs Orioles game. This courtesy is also being extended to spouses, children, or widows with a valid dependent ID.



There are two ways to obtain the Rays Honor Pass. The first is to log on to raysbaseball.com/HonorPass and verify your status through a third party, MLB-approved vendor, ID.me. Your pass can then be claimed at the Tropicana Field Gate 1 box office on the day of the game you are attending.

The second way is to print out an application from the same webpage as above, and present it at the Gate 1 box office on the day of the game. You will need to bring an approved form of ID.

Accepted forms of ID include (subject to change): Discharge papers, "V" or "veterans" designation on a Florida driver's license, DD214, Military ID Card, Common Access Cards (CAC)

Smart ID Card, Uniformed Services ID Card, WD AGO Form 53-55, NA Form 13038, NAV PERS-553 or DD FORM 2765.

Whether you are a baseball fan or not, this is a great deal and a way for us to support our home-town team.

I don't know who was responsible for this program, but a big THANK YOU to that person!

On a different note, MOAA's Scholarship Fund has been recognized by the GuideStar Exchange organization as a Gold Participant. Those of you who attended the June luncheon heard Mrs. Andrea Rand, head of the Scholarship Fund at MOAA, talk about that program. And, with our chapter having two fully funded Designated Scholarships and working on the third, this just re-affirms our belief in the management of that program.

Please join us at the Pasadent Yacht Club for our August luncheon on the 21st.

Free Lunch Winners

(With respect to Robert Heinlein and Milton Friedman, there really is a FREE lunch)

New Members:

- **Dr Jim Wall, CPT, USA (Fmr)**
- **MG Bill Klein, USA (Ret)**

Other Winners:

- **LTC Pauline Mallory, USA (Ret)**
- **Mrs. Evey Hamilton, AuxMbr-A**

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Congressman Jolly helps unveil POW/MIA Chair of Honor



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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

Aug 21st

CDR Randall Brown, USCG

Sep 18th

Alene Tarter, Fla Dept. Vet. Affairs

Oct 16thNov 20th

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

Call: Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237

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.

Aug 3rd

Monday

Sep 8th

Tuesday

Oct 5th

Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday Oct 13th TBD
 1130 hours

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Barbara Walters, 727-595-4619

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:30 AM

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership	- 226
Regular Members	- 149
Auxiliary Members	- 54
AuxMbr-Spouse	- 23
Inactive Members	- 0

Military Services:

Army - 61	USMC - 10
USAF - 39	USCG - 7
Navy - 32	NOAA - 0

7/23/2015



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Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**
Monthly Luncheon; 17 July 2015

Attended – 42: (44 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 2 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The July luncheon meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald at 11:45. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry then introduced the head table consisting of 1st VP Glen Crabb, Chaplain George Brown and guest speaker, member and Co-founder of Heaven On Earth for Veterans, Carol Barkalow.



Larry then welcomed new members: Paul "Buck" Williams and James Wall; also recognized was returning member Hattie Hunt.

Door prize winner was Denise Hanson. Free luncheon was awarded to new member Jim Wall and his sponsor Larry Fernald. Larry then offered his free lunch as an award which was won by Evey Hamilton.

50/50 winners were; Richard Green and Bill Lee.

We then broke for lunch.

Following lunch 1st Vice President Glen Crabb introduced our guest speaker and member Carol Barkalow, who gave us an update on the Heaven on Earth for Veterans of which she and Sheila Mutacio are co-founders. After a question and answer session Larry presented her with our chapter gift.

It was announced that the next meeting will be on 21 August at Pasadena Yacht Club.

Chaplain George Brown gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting

6 July

Meeting called to order at 11:30 AM by President Larry Fernald.

Motion made by Bill Lofgren and seconded by Terry Carr to accept minutes as published.

Minutes approved.

Pete Dawson asked to move memorials to scholarship fund. Bill Lofgren motioned to do so. Fran Schivers seconded motion.

Ginni Eichholz made motion to accept Treasurers report subject to audit. Motion seconded by Bill Eichholz. Treasurers report approved subject to audit.

Speaker for July meeting - Carol Barkalow, Heaven on Earth for Veterans

Speaker for August meeting- U. S. Coast Guard Representative

Roger Popham updated us on Britt Academy's help with yard work for Heaven on Earth for Vets.

Clearwater chapter and MOWC asked that our chapter join with them for Pearl Harbor Remembrance in December.

Betty Finely motioned that we join with the two groups. Violet Smith seconded this motion. Approved.

After a recess for lunch meeting was adjourned.

Get Answers to Your Medication Questions

Have you ever picked up a prescription, got home and realized you had a question? Maybe you had a headache but weren't sure how the pain reliever would work with another medication you take? You're not alone.

"Your safety is important to us. Don't be afraid to call and ask your doctor or pharmacist to explain prescription directions again if you didn't understand them the first time," encourages Dr. George Jones, Chief of the Defense Health Agency Pharmacy Division. "And it's always a good idea to write down any additional or special instructions so you don't forget them once you get home."

Your pharmacist should be the first resource you use to answer questions about your drugs. If you are taking an over-the-counter (OTC) medication like acetaminophen (Tylenol®), cough medicines, herbal supplements or aspirin, those drugs can interfere with other medications. Because you purchased these products OTC, there is no record in the pharmacy's computer system to prevent harmful drug interactions. It is important that you tell your pharmacist about taking OTC products when you fill any prescription.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is another good resource. FDA's Division of Drug Information (DDI) will answer almost any drug question and are easy to reach. The DDI responds to an average of 4,432 telephone calls, 1,531 emails and 91 letters with drug questions every month. The top five questions DDI pharmacists receive are:

- What are the possible side effects of my medicine, and where can I find the most current information about the drugs I take?
- How do I report a bad reaction to a medicine or a medication error to FDA?
- Are generic drugs the same as brand name drugs?
- How can I find out when a generic will be available for a medicine I take?
- How do I discard medicine that I no longer need?

Did you know that if you get your prescriptions from TRICARE Home Delivery, you still have access to a pharmacist 24/7? You can get answers to these and other questions by calling Express Scripts, Inc., the contractor who manages the TRICARE prescription benefit at 1-877-363-1303. You can also call the FDA Division of Drug Information at 1-855-543-DRUG (3784).

MOAA Scholarship Fund Recognized by the GuideStar Exchange

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund recently earned recognition as a GuideStar Exchange gold participant for maintaining accurate and up-to-date information about the fund's oversight, assets and impact.

GuideStar is a nonprofit database that gathers and disseminates information, including mission, legitimacy, impact, reputation, finances, programs, transparency, governance and more, about every IRS-registered nonprofit organization.

"I am very proud of this recognition, and we are committed to demonstrating the highest standards of public accountability and stewardship of donor's gifts," said MOAA President retired Navy Vice Adm. Norb Ryan. "MOAA's goal is to continue to provide this first-class educational assistance program for thousands of military children in 2016 and beyond."

The MOAA Scholarship Fund, a public charity, has provided grants and interest-free loans of more than \$130 million to more than 13,500 students since its inception in 1948. It is based on MOAA's founding principle that "education is the cornerstone of a strong democracy" and is supported by donations and bequests from MOAA members and chapters and corporations.

The American Patriot Scholarship, established as a result of the terrorists' attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, provides grants to students (under age 24) whose military parent - officer or enlisted - died while in active service (active duty, National Guard or reserve) to our nation or who is receiving Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI). Approximately 190 individuals have received the American Patriot grants.

Donors may contribute to the MOAA Scholarship Fund at any time, through annual giving or estate-planning efforts (bequests, wills, trusts, IRAs). MOAA also offers a very competitive Charitable Gift Annuity program. Contributions are tax deductible under the provisions of §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue code. By selecting the most appropriate gift option, donors may maximize tax deductions while helping students achieve their dream of a college education.

For more information on the MOAA Scholarship Fund or to make a contribution, please visit MOAA's website at www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund or email moasf@moaa.org. *(Editors Note: Send your donations to the chapter and you will be recognized in the Officers Call. We will forward them to MOAA on 12/31.)*

CHANGE

Did you notice anything different with this issue of Officers Call?

As recommended by MOAA National I have incorporated the new logo.



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

DATE: July 20, 2015
TO: Chapter and Council Auxiliary Liaisons
FROM: Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC)
SUBJECT: 'The Value of Membership in MOAA'

By Pat Farnsworth, member, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

In April, members of the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee voted to change their name to the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC). This column was renamed to reflect that change. The Auxiliary Liaison Excellence Award also will be renamed following MOAA's annual meeting in October.

MOAA membership is very valuable for many reasons. The services offered by this strong association help retirees and active duty servicemembers and their surviving spouses.

Federal budget cuts are looming due to sequestration and a tight fiscal environment. MOAA's staff and its members are proactive on Capitol Hill, lobbying for improvements and fighting against benefit reductions that would impact active duty servicemembers, retirees, guard and reserve members, and their survivors.

National MOAA also offers financial planning assistance, health insurance, hospitalization products, and career counseling to second-career servicemembers, spouses, and surviving spouses. Monthly articles in The Affiliate cover subjects of interest to surviving spouses, and Military Officer contains interesting articles along with information about discounts and services. Important topics are covered in publications that are available to Premium and Life members, with titles ranging from Aging Into Medicare and TRICARE For Life to Estate Planning.

MOAA's veterans service officer program is new and growing fast. Assistance is available to veterans who are having trouble with disability and survivor claims in the Washington, D.C., area. This is just one of many services offered through MOAA that benefit members. MOAA offers educational loans and grants to eligible applicants, as well as travel discounts. MOAA also offers a vision insurance plan for glasses and contact lenses through MetLife. Neither TRICARE nor Medicare offer coverage for eyewear. (For more information on the benefits or services listed above, visit MOAA's website or call MOAA toll-free at (800) 234-MOAA (6622).

In addition to the benefits of national MOAA membership, more than 400 affiliated chapters across the country provide infor-

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Visit our Chapter Web Site =>



MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Funding Threatens VA Care

July 24, 2015

In a contentious hearing, lawmakers accused VA Secretary Bob McDonald of covering up information threatening the health care of millions of veterans.



McDonald said the department faces a \$3 billion budget shortfall and, without congressional action, will have to deny access to health care to veterans.

“We’ll have no option at the end of July but to defer ... authorizations until October, provide staff furlough notices, notify vendors we cannot pay them as we begin an orderly shutdown of hospitals and clinics all across the country,” said McDonald.

According to McDonald, the VA is struggling to meet the increased demand for health care provided under the Choice Act. The Choice Act allows some veterans to receive health care at non-VA facilities, paid for by the VA.

Passing of the Choice Act has driven up costs for delivering care outside the VA. The Choice Act, along with other community care programs, all have different authorities and budget lines. Currently, VA lacks the authority to move dollars between the programs.

That means that even though Congress has increased overall funding for VA health care, the money has only gone to specific accounts.

“You already appropriated funds to meet these needs, but you haven’t given me the flexibility and authority to use them,” said McDonald.

A victim of its own success, VA has been able to double its capacity in staffing, space, productivity, and delivering care over the past year. This hard work resulted in 7 million more appointments for veterans, 4.5 million of them from outside providers. But the VA estimates that for every one percent increase in veterans accessing health care, it spends \$1.5 billion on health care delivery.

The revelation did not sit well with members of Congress.

House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller (R-Fla.) chided McDonald for his “slow, painstaking revelation of the crisis” and the department’s financial woes, problems the VA first became aware of in April but failed to inform Congress of until early June.

The fix?

The short-term solution is for Congress to give VA the budget flexibility to address the shortfalls to ensure continued care for veterans.

The long-term solution to VA’s budget problems is to consolidate and streamline all of the VA community care programs. Congress and the VA are working to simplify management of health care services.

MOAA joined with a number of other veterans’ organizations in writing asking committee leaders to resolve the VA’s budget crisis.

The Senate expects to take up the issue next week.

Voices for America’s Troops — working on behalf of our country’s military.

Voices for America’s Troops (Voices) champions the principle that sustaining a top-quality all-volunteer military requires a fair package of career incentives – consistent with the extraordinary demands imposed on military members and families who have borne 100% of the burden of national wartime sacrifice.

Membership in Voices is open to members of the public, age 18 or older, who share our interest in maintaining a strong national defense and sustaining essential support systems for our military members, families and survivors.

Membership in Voices costs \$14 a year. Or, join Voices as a Premium Member and get 3 years of membership for \$30 % that’s just \$10 a year % and, we’ll send you a special gift to thank you for your support. Although Voices for America’s Troops is a nonprofit organization, membership dues are not deductible for federal income tax purposes and are not refundable.

Here’s what you get as a member:

- Receive monthly electronic news, articles, and fact sheets on key issues affecting national defense and the military community.
- Access information to understand national defense priorities, budget issues, and the needs of the military community.
- Use our tools to make your voice heard in Congress to help sustain a strong national defense and the military people who make that possible.

Pass this on to non MOAA members who are interested in supporting our causes.

Surviving Spouse from Page 4

mation, fellowship, and support to members. Surviving spouses can join a chapter and serve as officers. Chapters host many social events such as dinners and luncheons, and chapter meetings feature excellent guest speakers.

Visit MOAA’s website to learn about the three levels of membership and join today. Then use the chapter locator to find a nearby chapter you can join.



Chaplain George Brown delivering the invocation



Guest speaker Carol Barkalow



Carol Barkalow and President Larry Fernald



Immediate Past President Terry and Paulette Carr



New member James Wall



Douglas and Rita Szarbach



New member Paul "Buck" Williams and President Larry Fernald



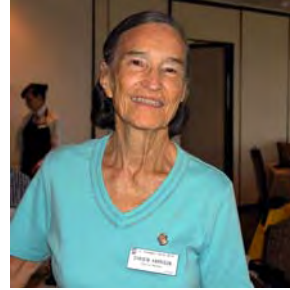
Door prize winner Denise Hanson and Pauline Edwards



50/20 winner Bill Lee with Evey Hamilton



H. B. Love



Christa Harrison



50/20 winner Richard Green with Evey Hamilton



Returning member Hattie Hunt



Joan Landers and son Brad Landers



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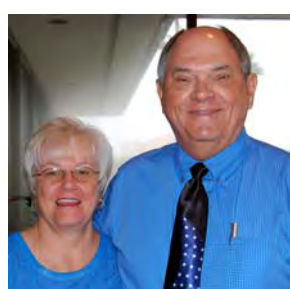
Paulette Carr and Violet Smith



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Barb and Larry Fernald



Pete Dawson





Martha and John Schoeppner



Chris and Ed Lillich



Glen and Katie Crabb



Ellen Marie and Ken Fine



Pauline Edwards and Rose Munchbach



Jeanie and Roger Popham and Peter Gunderson



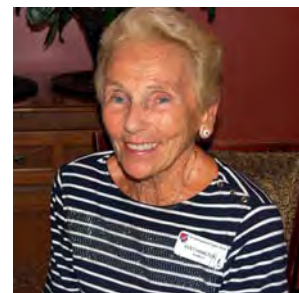
Richard Green and Bill Lee



Barb Fernald and Anita Harrow



Ed Lillich and Sheila Mutascio Co-founder of Heaven on Earth For Veterans



Evey Hamilton winner of the free lunch



Attendees



Attendees

Photos by Bill Lofgren

Photos

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please notify him of your correct email address at the following email address: papabill77@outlook.com

Help Our Troops (HOT)

The SPA-MOAA Executive Board voted to support Heaven on Earth, a St Petersburg based support organization for veterans.

225 years of Service to Nation: Marine Environmental Protection

Written by William Thiesen, Atlantic Area Historian

The U.S. Coast Guard has been the steward of the nation's maritime environment since the 1820s. This mission dates back to 1822, when Congress tasked the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service with monitoring Federal forest preserves that provided specialized ship timber required for construction of U.S. Navy warships.

During the late 1800s, the service's environmental mission expanded to protect endangered resources, including fish, whales and fur bearing marine mammals. This became especially important with the acquisition of Alaska in 1867 and Hawaii in 1898, and the consequent expansion of U.S. territorial waters. Many species of fish and marine mammals faced extinction from intensive fishing, whaling and sealing until the Treasury Department tasked the Coast Guard with regulating the catch of U.S. and foreign vessels.

The service's mission expanded even further with the shipping of chemical cargoes late in the 19th century. Throughout the 1800s, coal proved the most important fuel, powering merchant ships and transported as cargo by them, fortunately this solid fuel failed to pollute water, as did chemicals. In 1885, construction of the first purpose-built oil tanker Gluckauf (German word for "good luck") changed history by marking the demise of coal-dominated shipping. Ironically, the Gluckauf also marked the beginning of U.S. oil spill history in 1893, when she came ashore at Fire Island, off Long Island, New York.

During the 20th century, oil and chemical shipping grew in importance and liquid petroleum products prevailed as ship fuel and cargo. The Coast Guard's role in oil and chemical spill response officially began in 1924, when Congress passed the Oil Pollution Act. After World War II, numerous high-profile oil spills occurred; most notable among these were the Torrey Canyon oil spill in 1967 and the Argo Merchant spill in 1976. With these large environmental disasters came greater regulation of oil tankers and improved technology for responding to chemical spills. At about the same time, Congress tasked the service with monitoring unauthorized substance discharge, enforcing ballast water regulations and ensuring that commercial vessels met U.S. environmental safety and maintenance standards.

Oil spill occurrence seemed to reach its climax in 1989, when the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound, Alaska, spilling 11 million gallons of crude oil. It was the largest oil spill in U.S. waters up to that time. The Exxon Valdez disaster led to passage of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, or OPA 90.

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2015 Scholarship Fund Donors (Includes donations to National MOAA)

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

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Tondreau, Herb CWO4
Warren, David LTC

••BRONZE –

Edwards, Richard CAPT
Hamilton, Rosemary Mrs.
Schlager, Fred CWO4





TAPS

- ◆ LCDR Martha Cormier, USN (Ret),
11 July 2015
 - ◆ LTC Evan F. “Ed” Riley, USA (Ret)
20 July 2015
- Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ Wall, Harold J. “Jim”, CPT, USA (Fmr)
1105 Gulf Way, St Pete Beach, FL 33706, 850-260-5389
 - ◆ Klein, William E. “Bill”, MG, USA (Ret) (Lynsey) 12055 Gandy Blvd N. #275, St Petersburg, FL 33702, 727-528-2071
- Every member get a new member and get a free lunch!**

August Birthdays (60 to 91 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
21	Brown	Gary	B Gen	USMC (Ret)
14	Catalano	Vincent	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
06	Christie	Robert	LtCol	USMC (Ret)
25	Dawson	Peter	Maj	USAF (Ret)
24	Eichholz	Ginni	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
02	Ernst	Kenneth	Capt	USAF (Ret)
13	Fleming	William	LT	USN (Ret)
15	Freese	Sherry	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
19	Gioe	Shirley	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
02	Gunderson	Halvor	CAPT	USNR (Ret)
08	Hetherington	Charles	Col	USAF (Ret)
23	Hunt	Hattie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
17	Klaeser	Kathleen	COL	USA (Ret)
27	Peck	Earl	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
21	Sims	Robert	Maj	USMC (Ret)
19	Speairs	Thomas	2LT	USA (Ret)
03	Taylor	Joanne	MAJ	USA (Ret)
03	White	James	COL	USA (Ret)
23	White	Neal	LTC	USA (Ret)

Financial Report Summary for the Month of June

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,440.62
.... Donations	\$ 10.00
.... 50/50	\$ 38.00
.... Memorials	\$ 0.00
.... Expenses	\$ 0.00
.... HOT Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,478.62

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 770.00
.... Donations	\$ 100.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 882.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 4,790.75
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 694.00
.... Dues	\$ 0.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 1.14
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (690.00)
.... Supplies	\$ (35.00)
.... Post Office	\$ (12.93)
.... Honraria/donations	\$ 0.00
.... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT	\$ 0.00
.... Printing/mailing	\$ (149.20)
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (416.49)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,182.27

Sick List

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- ◆ Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)
- ◆ CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)
- ◆ Mrs. Bobbie Walters, AuxMbr-A

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COLA Watch

The May Consumer Price Index of 231.520 increased slightly from last month, but remains 1.2 percent below the FY 2014 COLA baseline.

The Consumer Price Index for June 2015 is scheduled to be released on July 18, 2015.

Note: Military retiree COLA is calculated based on the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Works (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. Monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere

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Congressman Jolly helps unveil POW/MIA Chair of Honor

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Seminole, FL – Congressman David Jolly (FL-13) assisted the Tampa Bay Rays in unveiling a POW/MIA National Chair of Honor at Tropicana Field on Saturday, July 11th.

The chair, which remained perpetually empty, served as a permanent reminder of the nearly 92,000 Americans who have gone missing or become prisoners of war while serving their country.

“The POW/MIA seat will be a solemn reminder to all who visit Tropicana Field that our grateful nation will never forget those that were left behind and that we will pursue every effort available to ultimately bring them home,” Jolly said.

The Rays’ POW/MIA National Chair of Honor will permanently be located right behind right field.

Several months ago a veteran approached Jolly with the idea of getting a POW/MIA seat at Tropicana Field. Jolly, in turn, asked the Tampa Bay Rays who agreed to the idea.

Jolly, Silverman, former POW Andy Hines, and a Rays player unveiled and dedicated the POW/MIA National Chair of Honor before Saturday’s home game against the Houston Astros. The ceremony took place in Tropicana Field.

The Boston Red Sox and Philadelphia Phillies are two other MLB teams with a POW/MIA National Chair of Honor.



Congressman David Jolly and Terry Carr at the dedication

Enforcement of OPA 90 regulations became the single largest law enforcement assignment of the Coast Guard since prohibition and the maritime interdiction of smuggled illegal liquor. The OPA 90 regulations included mandatory double-hull designs for new tankers and a new rapid response capability for the Coast Guard.

Even in times of war, the Coast Guard has engaged in protecting the environment. In February 1991, Iraqi forces destroyed oil rigs in the Persian Gulf causing massive oil spills. Two Coast Guard HU-25A Falcon jets deployed for Saudi Arabia as part of a U.S. oil-spill assessment team. Two Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules airplanes joined them with spare parts and deployment packages. The Falcons mapped more than 40,000 square miles locating “every drop of oil on the water” and providing daily updated analysis of location, condition and drift projections of the oil.

On April 20, 2010, an explosion in the Gulf of Mexico rocked the offshore drilling rig named Deepwater Horizon. The explosion and subsequent fire resulted in the largest oil spill in U.S. history. Approximately 210 million gallons of crude oil released in the Deepwater Horizon disaster dwarfed the volume of the Exxon Valdez spill, and equaled nearly 90 percent of all the oil spills in U.S. waters recorded in the previous 40 years. As in all spill response efforts, the Coast Guard played a leading role in overseeing the containment and clean up of the Deepwater Horizon spill.

The service now supports five environmental protection missions. The first is prevention, by stopping pollution before it occurs with training, equipment and procedures. The second is enforcement through civil and criminal penalties for polluting or non-adherence to Coast Guard regulations. The third is surveillance through pollution over flights, vessel boardings, harbor patrols, fluid-transfer monitoring, and facility inspections. The fourth is response through cleanup and impact limitation of an oil or chemical discharge. And the fifth is in-house abatement, ensuring that Coast Guard vessels and facilities comply with federal pollution laws and regulations.

In addition to its oil and chemical spill response tasking, the service continues to protect U.S. fisheries through regular law enforcement patrols. The service has even undertaken the monitoring of airborne emissions by large marine vessels operating in U.S. waters. Under a new memorandum of understanding, the Coast Guard has partnered with the Environmental Protection Agency to inspect marine vessels and take appropriate actions in the event of emissions violations.

The U.S. Coast Guard has been a steward of the nation’s maritime environment for nearly 200 years, expanding and adapting its mission to ever-changing natural and man-made threats to the nation’s ocean waters and inland waterways



St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
21 August 2015

Pasadena Yacht Club
6300 Pasadena Point Blvd. South,
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11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Social Hour 11:00 to 11:45
Program Begins at 11:45

Guest Speakers:

CDR Randall Brown, USCG
USCG Sector St. Petersburg

Commander Brown reported to Sector St. Petersburg as the Deputy in June of 2015 from Coast Guard Headquarters where he served as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Law Enforcement, Security, and Defense Operations. As the Deputy Sector Commander he serves as the alternate Captain of the Port, Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal On-Scene Commander, and Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator. He oversees the safe execution of the Sector's missions of marine inspection, investigations, waterways management, compliance, search and rescue, homeland security, environmental protection, living marine resources, and law enforcement throughout the Sector St. Petersburg area of responsibility.



Born near Detroit, CDR Brown and his family re-located to Palm Harbor, FL where he attended high school and was accepted to the United States Coast Guard Academy. He graduated from the Academy in 1998 with a degree in Management and spent his first operational tour as a Deck Watch Officer onboard a 210' cutter, the DURABLE, in St. Petersburg, FL from 1998 to 2000.

CDR Brown has an extensive background in multi-mission operations fostered through tours at the District Seven Office of Law Enforcement in Miami, FL, as the Group Operations Officer in Charleston, SC, and at his last field assignment as Response Department Head for Sector Baltimore, MD from 2010 to 2013.

CDR Brown attended Florida State University and earned a Master of Science in Instructional Systems and Performance Analysis Certificate in 2006. He leveraged his degree and served as a Performance Consultant and Training Specialist at Coast Guard Headquarters supporting the National Security Cutter acquisition program, the leadership and development directorate, civilian personnel and the USCG Reserve program.

CDR Brown is married to the former Rachel Soyke of Palm Harbor, FL. They have two children, Nolan and Myla.

His military awards include five Coast Guard Commendation Medals with operational device, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal with operational device, 9-11 Ribbon, two Commandant Letters of Commendations with operational device, and multiple team and unit awards.

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