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TOYS FOR TOTS HISTORY

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to “bring the joy of Christmas to America’s needy children.” The idea came from Bill’s wife, Diane. The 1947 project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 into a nationwide campaign.



Bill Hendricks, a Marine Reservists, was the Director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio. This enabled him to convince a vast array of celebrities to support Toys for Tots. In 1948, Walt Disney designed the Toys for Tots logo, which is used today. Disney also designed the first Toys for Tots poster used to promote the nationwide program. Nat “King” Cole, Peggy Lee, and Vic Damone recorded the Toys for Tots theme in 1956. Bob Hope, John Wayne and Billy Ray Cyrus are a few of the long list of celebrities who have given their time and talent to promote Toys for Tots.

On drill weekends from 1947 through 1979, Marines collected and distributed new and refurbished used toys. From Christmas 1980 through the present, Marines have collected and distributed only new toys because the Total Force Program assigned Reserves a greater role in America’s defense posture. As a consequence, Reservists have no time to refurbish toys. Secondly, “hand me down” toys do not send the message Marines want to send to needy children. The goal is to deliver a message of hope, to build self-esteem. A “shiny new toy” is the best means of accomplishing this goal.

The Secretary of Defense, in August 1991, authorized the Marine Corps to establish the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation as the fund raising and support organization for the U.S. Marine

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Bring a Guest & a new Toy for "Toys for Tots" to our December 14 Meeting featuring



Bring a guest and past holiday memories to kick off the 2007 holiday season with MOAA and this great entertainer.

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11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, December 14th
Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

• **Reservations by Wednesday December 12th**
Your name: _____.

Each reservation \$14:

Prime Rib: _____.

Salmon w/Dill: _____.

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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 336
Regular Members - 245
Auxillary Members - 91

Military Services:

Army - 87	USMC -15
USAF - 80	USCG - 8
Navy - 54	NOAA - 1

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The Buzz

Chapter happenings

Col Al Neville

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• **Dues Renewal drive:-** As of 11/23/07, 271 members have responded to our annual membership renewal drive. Please, check the Chapter Statistics box in the lower left hand corner of this page. As of the end of the year, we will have 336 member, 245 regulars and 91 auxiliaries. As of this date, we have not heard from 63 members of their intentions regarding continuing chapter membership.

We have not received your 2008 dues if the *Officers Call* label says "Plz pay 08 dues." Those who have not renewed and have email addresses will be reminded by that means. Contact Al Neville (See above) if in doubt.

• **Fred Edwards was diverted from his knee replacement:-** Fred was to have his knee replaced November 29. As he was going through the pre-surgery processing, he mentioned that his other leg had recently become painful. An x-ray disclosed that he had bone cancer in that leg. He would need immediate surgery to strengthen the femur by inserting a rod. Other tests indicated that he also would require drug therapy and radiation. The rod was inserted on Nov. 20 and he came home on the 22nd to complete recovery from surgery. The drug therapy was scheduled to start the following week, and radiation would begin as soon as the femur had healed.



• **Shingles shot:-** Effective Oct. 19, 2007, TRICARE covers the herpes zoster vaccine known as Zostavax, the vaccine designed to prevent shingles for beneficiaries age 60 and older.

• **Bill Eisenhart remarries:-** Sunday evening, November 17, Bill Eisenhart and Penny Gahr were married at the Unity Church on North Fourth Street, St. Petersburg. The service was followed by a wedding supper at the Orange Blossom Cafe in downtown St. Petersburg. It was a very nice service and a sumptuous dinner. Penny, a Continental Air Line flight attendant, brings to the marriage three children and six grandchildren. Bill's daughter Diana from California attended as did the Pecks, Shields and Nevilles.



• **George Brown has a new knee:-** George had a full knee replacement November 14th. Ten days later, he was still in Bayfront. He lost a lot of blood during surgery. He received four units of blood. He also had a heart problem that has been resolved. However, he still has internal bleeding in the surgical area. Dorothy reports that they are confident they can will solve this problem. He should be released shortly and start physical therapy at home.



• **Vehicle decals at MacDill AFB:-** Vehicle decals are no longer needed at MacDill AFB. To enter an occupant only needs to show a current Military ID card.

• **COLA for 2008:-**The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for military retirees is 2.3%. The retired pay increase will be reflected in January 2008

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Merry Christmas to All





President's Message

CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)

“Where the Boys Are”

“Where the Boys Are” is a 1960 movie starring Connie Francis about a group of young women that followed their husband’s Navy ship around the Mediterranean Sea. After seeing the movie Sherry decided to follow my ship in 1965 and 1966 to Mediterranean ports from Majorca, Sicily, Italy, Malta, Istanbul Turkey and Beirut Lebanon. She went to her parent’s home in Florida when my ship went through the Suez Canal into the already dangerous Middle East.



Being a nurse, and 22 with no kids, it was easy for Sherry to quit her job, pack her bags and drive our Dachshund to her parent’s house in Pensacola. She then flew Icelandic Air Lines (first discount airline) to Europe and traveled by train from port to port. Her guide was the book “Europe on \$5 a Day.”

In 1966 Sherry traveled with another wife from Sweden, Ingela Piggott who spoke seven languages. Ingela told Sherry to not talk as there were three prices in Europe, local, European and the American price that was much higher.

You probably don’t remember but in 1966 a U. S. B-52 accidentally dropped an unarmed Nuclear Bomb in the Mediterranean just off the East Coast of Spain. My ship was detached from escorting the aircraft carrier, USS America, to Spain to search for the Bomb. French President, Charles De Gaulle protested by withdrawing France from NATO. President Johnson retaliated by ordering the USS Navy ships to not enter French ports. Unfortunately I had told Sherry to meet me in Toulon, France.

The Aircraft Carrier, USS America, needed fuel so she and a Cruiser Escort anchored off Toulon to refuel. The Cruiser had a “shore working

party” when Sherry arrived. Sherry asked them where is the USS New (my ship). The working party did not know but they took Sherry to the Cruiser to find out.

The CO did not know either but sent a message to my ship to find out where Sherry and Ingela should go to meet us. He also invited them to a “hail and farewell” party at the French Officer’s club that evening (President Johnson said no ships could enter port, he did not say that no officers could go the Officers Club.)

At the Club Sherry saw one of our best friends, Dick Buelow, a USS America pilot. Sherry went up behind Dick and said “Guess Who?” Dick turned around and said “Sherry” quickly adding “Where is Don?” Sherry said “he is at sea.” “Oh, how did you get here?” The Officers from the Cruiser over there invited us to a party.”

Six weeks later we met Dick in Istanbul, Turkey. Dick took me aside and said, it is none of my business but I want you to know that Sherry was at the Officers Club in Toulon with a bunch of Officers while you were at sea. I jokingly said that I would have to talk to Sherry about that!

Happily the Nuclear Bomb was found and recovered and we also received the message from the Cruiser. We sent Sherry and Ingela a message telling them that it “was not feasible” for Sherry and Ingela to meet us in Palma Majorca and told them to meet us in Naples in two weeks.

Ingela asked Sherry what does “not feasible” mean? Sherry said I don’t know “Let’s go to Majorca I am not waiting two weeks to see Don.”

Sherry and Ingela called the ship and told Pat, Ingela’s husband was our Communications Officer, and told him that they would be at the Palma airport in two hours. I don’t know how they did it but Ingela was right about the “local” price as the train and plane from Toulon via Barcelona to Palma cost them about the same as the “American price” of the cab from the ship to and from the airport.

The two months spent following my ship in the Med sure made my four months in the Middle East a lot easier. “Where the Boys Are.” was a fun movie that we often watched aboard ship. It was even better to have Sherry go where I was until we went East of Suez!

Happy Holidays!
Don Freese, President

YENI GAZETE

A "Wife in Every Port"

ISTANBUL (HA) - Some sailors of the U. S. Sixth Fleet which left Istanbul yesterday, have a wife in every port - but she is always the same one.

Their wives follow them from port to port and spend their shore leaves with them. "I miss my husband so much that I can't stay away," one of the port-hopping wives told newsmen. "I follow him everywhere and money is not important."

Most of the wives agreed that every port is like 'second honeymoon' for them, and they see the world at the same time.

And where is their next stop?

"Beirut," the wives chorused as they headed up the landing ramp of their plane.





Luncheon Meeting; 9 November 2007

Reported by **Basil Burrell**

Attended – 67: Members– 36, AuxMbrs-11; Wives– 10, Guests– 8, Walk ins-2

Our President, Don Freese, got the lunch meeting started by asking Chaplain George Brown to give the Invocation at 1150 hours. Don then led us in the pledge to our flag and country. The head table today included First VP Larry Fernald, CAPT David Olson USN, President Don Freese and Chaplain George Brown. Second VP Janice Mogan was busy setting up the silent auction table with various military items that were donated by some members. There was a very good turnout of members and guests today. Bob Eyantten reported over 60 people and that included new members Fred Olson and Hattie Hunt. Larry Fernald's uncle Abbott Webber LtCol USAF (Ret) was Larry's guest and is to become a new member soon. Don reported that member Ray Fontana has become a Life Member of MOAA. Congratulations Ray! Fran Williams introduced her guests Maria Finsler and Buddy Ellison. Luisa Menyhert introduced her son William Menyhert who was her guest today.



Marie Lorence started the door prize and equity distribution drawings. I finally won an equity distribution drawing and was the only winner at my table. Too bad guys. Maybe next time if you are lucky.

At the table with me was Hazel Murphy who was the cover girl on a book, "Answering The Call," which is about the Army Nurse Corp in WWII. Don brought a copy of the book which he got at the St. Pete Beach Library. Hazel is also the subject of a story in the book. Other distinguished persons at my table were Al Neville, Ron Merritt, Hank Curran and Nicki Kometas who are all outstanding members our our chapter.

Don welcomed back our snowbirds including Herb Tondreau who is hard for the USPS and Al Neville to track down for delivery of Officers Call and other mail we send to him. Maybe we should get "On Star" for Herb.

Carolyn Shields spoke about HOT. She received an e-mail from her contact in Afghanistan who will be rotating out of the country soon. Her contact doesn't know who his replacement will be yet.

Janice Mogan talked up her silent auction and peddled the tickets which she was selling for \$1.00 each or for a real bargain of 6 for \$5.00. Don talked of the dues drive and contributions for Scholarship, OC Booster and HOT. Please try to remit your 2008 dues before the end of 2007. That will make it easier for our Treasurer Pete Dawson.

Don introduced our guest speaker CAPT Dave Olson USNR who was mobilized to serve at U.S. Central Command at the start of Iraqi Freedom. While on active service he has co-founded and is the president of SCUBAnauts International. This is a science program for 12 to 18 year old boys and girls. SCUBAnauts takes these young people to such places as Hawaii to dive and to climb mountains. CAPT Olson is an inspiring leader and speaker.

After CAPT Olson's presentation Don read a letter of appreciation from Jeanne Alvarez, widow of late member 1Lt Robert Alvarez USMC (Ret). Jeanne expressed her admiration at the outstanding performance of the Honor Guard at Lt Alvarez' memorial service.

Before adjourning Janice held the silent auction. She also put on quite a show by singing some of the old songs from the WWII days. It was suggested that she stay off caffeinated coffee. Janice reported that she made \$100.00 for our Chapter from the auction.

At 1325 Don asked George to give the benediction and adjourned the meeting. **Basil**



Don Freese presents chapter gift to CAPT Olson



Janice Mogan's chinese auction was a great success. Al Neville a winner as was Ron Merritt



Merry Christmas to All





George Steinehjem & Ron Merritt



Larry Fernald w/his uncle, Abbott Webber



Dorothy Brown & Betty Finley



Fran Williams & CAPT Olson

Right: Hank Marois
Below: Fred Olson



Below: Dot Plummer





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payment. Due to this increase in retired pay, you will receive an earnings statement from DFAS. The COLA increase will also increase your RCSBP and SBP premiums.

• **Medicare Premium for 2008:-** Your Medicare premium for 2008 will increase to \$96.40 for those earning less than \$82K or \$164K jointly. Single or joint incomes between \$82-\$102K or \$164-\$204K respectively will pay \$122.20.

• **Survivor Benefit Plan OPT OUT Period:-** You can only opt out of the SBP program between your second and third anniversary of receiving retired pay. For most Reservists this is between your 62nd and 63rd birthday. To opt out you must submit a DD Form 2656-2.

• **ID Card expiration date:-** A check of ID card renewal dates for our Auxiliary Members and those Regular Members who have reported the expiration dates of their spouses indicates fifty with expired cards, or who have not reported their new dates.

Violet Smith reviewed the list and stated; "... I'll go back over my lists but just looking at some of the names I know I had contacted them...that is all we can do call and remind them to renew their ID cards..." During this year's Dues Renewal drive, we included individual database entries, one of which is ID card renewal date. These fifty should have reported their new expiration date; or, immediately renewed their ID card!!

• **Note from LCDR Matt Poage, Afghanistan:-** Things are going well here in Afghanistan. I work at the Combined Security Transition Command training the Afghan National Police.

There are tremendous challenges creating a functioning police force in Afghanistan. Lack of literacy, distrust of "foreigners" and the constant presence of the murderous Taliban in some areas make it very hard work but the people here on the ground are doing a tremendous job of making it happen.



Nothing is happening quickly but progress is definitely being made. Thousands of Afghans are stepping forward to become new policemen to do the risky business of helping their country become a better place. It is tremendously rewarding to be a

part of something of this scope that will make such a difference in the lives of millions of people.

If I could make one request of folks at home it would be to remain patient and supportive of this mission. I know that MOAA has been extremely supportive of the troops and that is greatly appreciated here. The work we are doing is making a difference and is worth the effort.

Thank you again for all of your support and I look forward to returning to Tampa Bay next summer and seeing you all again.
Matt Poage

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Dinner - Installation of Officers
5:30 - 9 pm, Saturday, January 19, 2008,
Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club



Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret), will preside as Master of ceremonies of this gala evening with MOAA national Board member, LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC (Ret), installing Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) as Chapter President relieving CAPT Donald Freese, USN (Ret) – President 2006 & 2007.

Also to be installed are 1st VPMAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret), 2nd VPLTC Janice Mogan, USA (Ret), Treasurer Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret), Secretary Mrs. D. Kay Benson, AuxMbr-USA, and three new Advisory Board Members: COL Ron Merritt, USA (Ret), LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret), & Mrs. Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-Navy.

- Military Dinner Dress, Appropriate Military Uniform or Civilian Attire.

Speaker: Dr. Lynda C. Davis

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (DASN), (Military Personnel Policy)



Secretary Davis' responsibilities address policy and oversight related to personnel matters affecting Navy and Marine Corps active duty service members and their families. In May 2007 she was designated the DOD lead for the reform of case/care management for all wounded, ill, and injured service members and their families.

She works jointly with the VA to enhance all services from in-patient recovery to community based reintegration. She also serves as the DOD lead for Case Management Reform under the DOD/VA Support and Care for the Wounded Senior Oversight Committee.

- Make your reservations as soon as possible! Don't miss this gala event!

INSTALLATION DINNER

5:30 - 9:00 PM, Saturday January 19th
Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club,
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(Free valet parking)

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For late reservations &/or a ride, call:

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Your name: _____.

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After Action Report— MOAA Deploys to Tampa Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)

As you know, the MOAA staff and officers deployed to Tampa beginning with a Job Fair on the 13th of November. This event was held at Raymond James Stadium and was attended by over 60 employers, with over 400 prospective employees sampling the employment opportunities in the Florida area, although the employers were also representing interests outside Florida.

With a “down day” on the 14th, MOAA’s deployment resumed on the 15th with a Board dinner for staff members and their guests. The featured speaker at this event was Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, USAR, Chief of the Army Reserve.

With the dawn on the 16th, the deployment jumped into high gear, with events for both military spouses and military members or retirees. For the spouses, there was a symposium dealing with the problems families experience when the military member is deployed, as they are so often and so much these days. For the active duty military member or retiree, there was a professional symposium hosted by The Honorable Stephen M. Duncan who moderated a panel of professionals comprised of Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; Vice Adm. Vivien S. Crea, Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; Mr. W. Craig Fugate, Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management; and Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., Commander of NORAD and NORTHCOM. Each of these distinguished officers covered his or her organization’s responsibilities during natural disasters and talked about the improvements in coordination between the various agencies involved when disasters strike.

The evening of the 16th saw the delegation from the St. Petersburg Area Chapter attend a mandatory debriefing at Maggiano’s, where, I am happy to report, the food was only eclipsed by the company. Despite Basil refusing to pick up the check, all went well, and no one had to wash dishes.

Saturday morning wakeup was a breakfast where the featured speaker was Senator Mel Martinez, (R-Florida). Senator Martinez

opined that our Country is so divided along party lines and party ideologies that it is difficult to get anything accomplished for the good of the Country. Senator Martinez also reported that there was a Veterans Hospital in the works for the Orlando area.

After breakfast, there was the MOAA annual meeting where various MOAA officials discussed the state of MOAA and the solid foundation that our organization is on.

Following the annual meeting, the closing event was a Chairman’s Luncheon, with Lt Gen H. Steven Blum, USANG, as the featured speaker. In spite of the fact that he was losing his voice, General Blum kept us on the edge of our seats with laughter and factual



information about the transformation of the National Guard following 9-11-2001.

There is more information about the MOAA deployment available on MOAA’s website (www.MOAA.org) should you be interested. For those of you who did not attend, you missed many great speakers and many informative and entertaining events.

Next year’s annual meeting will be held in Virginia. I know that if you have the opportunity to attend, you will thoroughly enjoy yourself.

Volunteer Needed!!

An opportunity to help our Chapter and hone your computer skills!!

Officers Call needs new personnel!! Both Roger Shields and Al Neville retired last spring. However, Al stayed on during a transition period while replacements were to be found. There has been no response to our limited membership canvassing. As Al’s transition commitment is about over, it is time to get serious about replacement personnel. Replacements can be regular or auxiliary members or their family members.

Job qualifications: Reasonably skilled on a PC with an interest in learning computer publishing.

Officers Call is assembled in Adobe PageMaker 7.0. Adobe Photoshop 6.0 is used to handle the many images in the publication. Adobe Acrobat Professional 8.0 is used to convert to PDF (Portable Document Format) for dissemination and for the printer.

If necessary, the Chapter will supply these applications. Of course, *Officers Call* may be produced in other formats and using other application; e.g. M/S Publisher.

If Adobe products are used, Al will be available to provide basic training and consultation. In any event, Al will provide the database inputs now found in *Officers Call* – Chapter Statistics, New Members, Taps, Donation lists, etc.

INTERESTED: Contact Al Neville, nevil45@tampabay.rr.com or 727 522-5685.



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\$4,314 as of 11/26/07

Toys, from Pg 1

Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and made Toys for Tots as an official activity of the Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve in 1995.

Last year Toys for Tots Campaign distributed 19.2 million toys to 7.6 million needy children. Over the 59 years, Toys for Tots Marines, have distributed more than 370 million toys to more than 173 million needy children. Over its 16 years, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented local toy collections with more than 70.2 million toys valued at more than \$387 million; plus has provided promotion and support materials valued at over \$4.7 million.

Please show your support for this great tradition by bringing a “shiny new toy” to our December 14, 2007 membership meeting! Marines from the 4th Marine Amphibian Battalion, Gandy Boulevard, Tampa will attend to collect the toys!

Information for this article edited from information obtained from the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation WebSite.



President Don Freese and
incoming president Larry Fernald





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 5 November 2007

Reported by **Basil Burrell, CWO4**

At 1140 hours First VP Larry Fernald, in the absence of President Don Freese who was off watching Navy whup up on Notre Dame, called the meeting to order and in the absence of our Chaplain asked Ed Lillich to give the Invocation. Ed did an outstanding job and if he isn't careful may get a permanent job. Larry then led us in the pledge to our Flag and Country. Larry then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2007 Board Meeting as published in the November Officers Call. Bob Eynatten made the motion and Ed Lillich seconded the motion. Motion approved by members.



Larry Fernald assumed his role as First VP and gave his report. Speakers are lined up through May 2008. The list is printed on page 12 of November Officers Call. An addition is for May of 2008 when the Commanding Officer of the USCGC Resolute, CDR Todd Prestidge, is scheduled to be our speaker.

An important date to bring to your attention is Saturday 19 January 2008. This is our installation dinner date. NOTE: It is on a Saturday. It is to be at the new Treasure Island Yacht and Tennis Club. There will be VALET Parking paid for by the Chapter from the money charged for your dinner. Valet parking is an all or none deal and knowing that some members require the service it was decided to go with it. So use it without feeling guilty. The MOAA Deploys To Tampa will have a Job Fair on 14 November. The regular meeting at the International Tampa Hotel begins on Friday 16 November. At our 14 December Luncheon meeting we will have entertainment by Don Juceam who is a Frank Sinatra impersonator, and a very good one we are told. To cover the cost the Luncheon price will be \$14.00 per person on this day only. Al Neville made a motion to approve the \$14.00 charge and Ed Lillich seconded. Members approved the change in lunch price from \$11.00 to \$14.00 for 14 December.

Larry informed us that the Installation dinner has been set at \$32.00 per person for a choice of chicken or salmon. This opened up another can of worms: Like who the heck wants chicken at a fancy do like this. Fred Edwards enlightened us about the factors leading to the choice. Beef, as in Prime Rib, would cost about \$4.00 more than the two choices proposed. After a great deal of discussion it was decided to go with prime rib and salmon with the salmon plate set at \$32.00 per person and the prime rib set at \$36.00 per person. Larry says we will probably lose a little between costs and receipts but Pete Dawson, our intrepid Treasurer, says we can cover it.

Janice Mogan, our Second VP, informs us that she put a recruiting advertisement in her Church Bulletin. No response to date. A suggestion was made to send individually addressed HOT boxes to our members deployed in the middle east, Matt Poage and Mark Freese. Janice is going to have a raffle of military items at our 9 November luncheon. \$1.00 per ticket.

Pete Dawson says our finances are going well as dues continue to come into his coffers. His Treasurer's Report is elsewhere in this issue of Officers Call. Ed Lillich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bob Eynatten seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Al Neville spoke about the dues renewal drive and an apparent problem with delivery of the renewal letters. Three board members did not receive their letters and we have about 90 members who have not renewed. Stew Palmer suggested that we send second renewal letters to those who have not responded on the assumption that many of the first letters were not delivered properly. It only costs about \$0.11 per letter at our rates. Al will take this under advisement. Don is working on ten of the non-respondents. Al is soliciting personal or any other interesting for the "BUZZ" section of Officers Call. This can include vacations, new babies, new jobs and such, but nothing about anything that normal people would consider to be in poor taste. Al again reminds us that he will soon be out as the publisher/editor of Officers Call. Someone needs to step up and take over. Al's tenure will be a hard act to follow, but we have talented people in the Chapter who can do it.

In Violet Smith's absence she sent me a piece for the minutes. Tax assistance will be available at MacDill, Retiree's Affairs Office starting the first week in February 2008. The service is free to retirees, spouses, surviving spouses and AD and their families. If they did not do your return last year, bring a copy of last year's return with you. Walk-in service is available 5 days a week between hours of 0900 to 1500. Active duty in uniform have priority between 0900 and 1100. Appointments are available if desired. Call 813-828-0248 on or after 14 January 2008.

Fred Edwards spoke about Veterans Day which is to be celebrated on Monday 12 November. Fred reminded us that our Chapter is a member organization of the Veterans Liaison Council of Pinellas County and can send as many as four delegates to the monthly meetings. Since Fred is the only delegate, he can cast four votes for agenda issues. For about 10 years Fred was vice president and helped the president run events such as the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony at Bay Pines on 12 November. Two years ago both the president and Fred stepped down to allow some new delegates to take over. Fred asks the Chapter to show support for the new leaders by attending the Bay Pines ceremony this year. Just drive through the south entrance at Bay Pines and follow the signs.

Pete Dawson mentioned an article in the Snell Isle newsletter about HOT. This newsletter has a circulation of over 700 homes and HOT could become unmanageable with a large response from such newsletters. Apparently this is a legitimate concern as Carolyn and Roger Shields' home is full of stuff already.

Stew Palmer informed us that there is a MOAA Scholarship meeting between 1400 and 1500 at the International Tampa Hotel during the MOAA Deploys to Tampa affair. General Carnes and VAdm Ryan will host it. At 1235 hours Larry asked Ed Lillich for the benediction and then adjourned the meeting and we missed lunch!





TAPS

None reported as of November 24, 2007

October 2007

Income:

Dues	\$3,815.00
Boosters	\$650.00
Luncheon	\$650.00
Ads	\$0.00
Misc income	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total income:	\$5,115.00

Expenses:

Banquet Masters	\$670.00
Newsletter printing	\$1,093.28
Supplies	\$0.00
Post Office	\$0.00
VA/JROTC	\$0.00
Other organizations	\$100.00
Clearwater MOAA golf	
Nonrecurring	\$0.00
Memorials to Sch Fund	<u>\$90.00</u>
Alvarez, Bonney, Caleb	
Total expenses:	\$1,953.28

Operations cash flow: \$3,161.72

Scholarship Fund

Oct 1 balance	\$2,382.00
Donations	\$1,950.00
Memorials	\$90.00
Expended	<u>\$0.00</u>
Oct 31 balance	\$4,422.00

HOT

Oct 1 balance	\$960.80
Donations	\$1,095.00
50/50	\$49.00
Expended	<u>\$0.00</u>
Oct 31 balance	\$2,104.80

Operating funds balance \$4,260.40

Pete Dawson, Major (Retired) USAF
Treasurer

HOT – Help Our Troops

Mrs. Carolyn Shields, HOT Committee Chair

It's been two years since the inception of Help Our Troops, HOT. MajGen Earl Peck initiated the HOT project with the help of his son, MajGen Alan Peck who was stationed in the middle east as Deputy Combined Force Air Component Commander over Afghanistan and Iraq.



A choice was made by the two generals to send packages to an Air Force Unit in Afghanistan which supports all branches of service. This program is a success because of the generosity of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter and friends of MOAA. People have asked me what we can send to the troops. Often what is needed as much as the goodies is the human connection. I believe that our chapter has become closer because of HOT. Compassion and connection!

So as the Holidays approach, we can wish our blessing to our men and women in uniform, to those who have served and to those who Support Our Troops.

Below is a letter from Sgt Newman in Afghanistan written October 20th:

I am Staff Sergeant Newman with 'A' Company 1-4 Infantry. My unit is based in Hohenfels, Germany. We are currently deployed to Afghanistan. I have recently received a "care-package" addressed from you. I am writing to say . . . Thank You! Your efforts are heart felt. I wish you and your family the best.

God Bless - N - Grace 2 U!

Sgt Nathaniel N . Neuman"

To all who are helping to make "HOT" a success and a source of support to our troops, Thank You and Happy Holidays

Carolyn Shields

Sick List

Your cards, prayers and thoughts are welcome.
(Contact **LCDR Hazel McGrath**, 545-3884)

- * **COL George Brown**, USA (Ret)
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- * **LtCol Fred Edwards**, USMC (Ret)
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- * **CWO4 Robert E. Hodgen**, USAF (Ret)
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- * **Mrs. Betty Hodgen**, Spouse
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- * **LTC Richard H. Natzke**, USA (Ret)
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- * **LtCol Russell E. Blagg**, USMC (Ret)
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December Birthdays

(38 to 92 years)

Day	L Name, F Name	Rank	SVC
29	Baney, Eleanor	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
28	Bonnet, Franklyn	LTC	USA (Ret)
28	Brown, Michael	LTC	USA (Ret)
19	Buenzli, Robert	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
07	Butler, Jerome	COL	USA (Ret)
28	Butler, Mildred (Gene)	Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Cormier, Martha	LCDR	USN (Ret)
31	Couture, Bertrand	COL	USA (Ret)
11	Drake, William	COL	USA (Ret)
05	Edwards, Richard	CAPT	USN (Ret)
12	Foster, Willie	LTC	USA (Ret)
21	Harrow, Anita	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
26	Healer, John	Maj	USAF (Ret)
24	Hodgen, Robert	CWO4	USAF (Ret)
21	Holzward, Raymond	Maj	USMC (Ret)
01	Horne, Arleen	Mrs.	AuxMbr
12	Hubert, William	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Klein, Kathleen	1Lt	USAF (Fmr)
29	Klein, William	MG	USA (Ret)
05	Lillich, Edward	MAJ	USA (Ret)
24	Luzarraga, Robert	2LT	USAR
13	Mahan, Allan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Mattson, Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-CG
21	Merritt, Ronald	COL	USA (Ret)
01	Neville, Albert	Col	USAF (Ret)
31	Nichols, William	Col	USAF (Ret)
10	Osborn, Duane	LTC	USAR (Ret)
18	Petkiewicz, Joseph	LCDR	USN (Ret)
09	Reed, Robert	CDR	USN (Ret)
30	Schlager, Fred	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
09	Slicker, Elsie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
19	Starwyck, Stephen	CAPT	USN (Ret)



Fred Olson and Chris Lillich



Louisa Menyhert and her son, William



Ed Riley



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1st Vice Pres.: MAJ **Ed Lillich**, USA (Ret)

2nd Vice Pres.: LTC **Janice Mogan**, USA (Ret)

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(Term Expires December 31, 2008)

LTC **Terry Carr**, USA (Ret)

Mrs. **Anita Harrow**, AuxMbr-N

COL **Ron Merritt**, USA (Ret)

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COL **H. B. Love**, USA (Ret)

Col **Stew Palmer**, USAF (Ret)

I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED _____;

I accept the slate **except** as indicated _____:



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

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.

CALENDAR

December 14th, 2nd Friday, 11:00 HOLIDAY CAN-
TEEN with Don Juceam as Frank Sinatra

January 19th, Saturday, 5:30 PM Installation Banquet,
Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club. Speaker:
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Lynda Davis

February 15th, Friday, 11:00 Professor Charles Rose
(MAJ USA (Ret)); and MOAA Vacations

March 14th, 2nd Friday, 11:00 Derenda Summerlin, VA
Pines Volunteer Service Director.

April 18th, Friday, 11:00 Howard Troxler, Columist St.
Petersburg Times

May 16th, 2nd Friday, 11:00 CDR Todd preswick, CO
USCGC Resolute

**** Need a ride to lunch?**

Call: CAPT Bob Eynatten 360-4637

December 3rd Monday

January 7th Monday

February 4th Monday

March 3rd Monday

April 7th Monday

May 5th Monday

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- **END of SUMMER RECESS**-Tuesday, 9 October
Luncheon – (2nd Tuesday) 11:30, lunch 12:30
- Reservations: LTC Rose Munchbach 397-4146
- Membership: Martha Willis 579-4116.

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- **Bridge** – (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM
Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.
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