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President's Comments:

As I begin my second and final year as Chapter President, I want to thank each of you for your support and for your confidence in me. I also want to thank the outgoing Board members who have helped guide the Chapter for the past year, CDR Bill Bolin, CDR Maureen Connors and Mrs. Bobbie Walters.



I'm looking forward to working with the existing and incoming Board members (Maj Gen John Schoeppner, Col Charlie Parsons, and Mrs. Jean Jessup) and the new slate of Officers (LTC Terry Carr, LCDR Bill Lee, Maj Pete Dawson, and Mrs. Chris Lillich).

Our Chapter is indeed fortunate to have members who, with the desire and the ability to become leaders, step forward and give their valuable time and enthusiasm in a leadership role. Our chapter has thirty working committees and each is chaired by a dedicated leader. I have been privileged to work closely with these leaders, on our Executive Council, and, on behalf of the Chapter, I thank them. Some serve as chairs for more than one committee. I look forward to our continued association and welcome those who would join their files.

I would be remiss if I didn't give a special thanks to our Secretary, the love of my life and best friend, Chris Lillich, my wife of 56 years. She is truly a special person and a leader in her

own right. Chris does her job with skill and enthusiasm and sets the bar for all of us.

When Don Freese stepped to the podium, to install the officers at the January Installation Dinner, he started by stating the importance of bringing in new members. Even though he is the President of the Florida Council of Chapters (responsible for the 41 chapters in the State), he took on the position of Chapter Membership Chair. He has personally recruited many new members and has been instrumental in bringing in many more. He worked with the committee that called all of our members who had not sent in their annual membership renewal, by calling the Navy and Coast Guard members not yet renewed. I called the Army members, Bill Bolin called the Air Force members and Hazel Murphy called all of the Auxiliary members in that category. Every effort is being made to hold current members as well as to recruit new. Don's challenge to all assembled members was that each of us recruit at least one new member. In turn, I issue the same challenge to you. "Bring in a new member this year." Don advised that two guests at the dinner expressed a desire to join our chapter.

Good programs are a must to maintaining member attendance. Terry Carr has done an excellent job with our programs but does need our help in this regard. He will require program contact information if you have it available. We are not limited to military speakers. On February 18th we will have an excellent presentation by USAA. We had our largest chapter member attendance at their presentation last year.

This is our year to grow and go.

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CONVENTION AT SEA

Day	Ports of Call	Arrive	Depart
1	Port Canaveral, Florida		4:30 PM
2	Cococay, Bahamas	7:00 AM	4:00 PM
3	Cruising		
4	Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas	11:00 AM	7:00 PM
5	Philipsburg, St. Maarten	8:00 AM	5:00 PM
6	Cruising		
7	Cruising		
8	Port Canaveral, Florida	7:00 AM	



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Seas* departs 8
May 2011.



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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 283
 Regular Members - 192
 Auxiliary Members - 91
 Inactive Members - 6

Military Services:

Army - 65 USMC - 15
 USAF - 65 USCG - 6
 Navy - 41 NOAA - 0

1/24/2011

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

CALENDAR

February 18th **Robert Hoyland, from USAA**

March 18th

April 15th

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

**Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
 MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246**

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.

February 7th Monday

March 7th Monday

April 4th Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- January thru May--Second Tuesday (except May 3)
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd
 Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or
 Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272
 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

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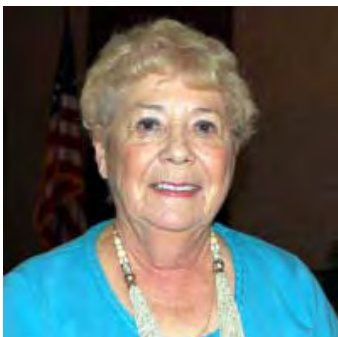


Installation Banquet; 22 Jan 2011

Reported by Chris Lillich

Attended – 81: (84 reservations), 4 Member Guests, 6 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 3 Cancel, 1 No Shows

The installation meeting was called to order at 1830 hours by President Ed Lillich, MAJ, USA (Ret). Following a welcome to everyone, the meeting was turned over to the Master of Ceremonies, Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret). COL George L. Brown, Jr. USA (Ret), and the Chapter Chaplain, gave the invocation, which was followed by the presentation of colors by the Admiral Farragut Color Guard. Gen Peck led us in the pledge to our Nation's flag.



Gen Peck introduced the guests seated at the head table, followed by introductions of Chapter Life Members Emeritus, Distinguished Members, and Past Presidents in attendance.

It then was Gen Peck's honor, as Chairman of the Awards Committee, to award the Distinguished Member designation to Mrs. Anita J. Harrow, Auxiliary Member (Navy) and chairperson of the HOT program. Mrs. Violet M. Smith, Auxiliary Member (Army) was presented with Life Member Emeritus status for all of the contributions that she has given to the Chapter, serving as MacDill Liaison, ROWC Liaison, and Personal Affairs Liaison, plus a myriad of other things she was involved in. The Exceptionally Distinguished Service Award, the Chapter's highest honor, was presented to Vice Admiral Norbert Ryan, USN (Ret).

Following the awards President Ed went up to the podium to present the MOAA 5-Star Award to Larry Fernald, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), who was president during the time the award covered. Larry accepted the award and placed it on the Chapter flag.

Gen Peck acknowledged active duty who were present, LT Christian Gaudio, USCG, his wife, Valarie, and MAJ Michael Alvis, USAR, and his wife, Brandy. Also acknowledged was Maj Skip Hartnett, USMC (Ret), West Coast Area Vice President.

Dinner followed, and while awaiting serving of dessert, everyone was able to mingle about to greet the visitors and chat with acquaintances.

Following dinner Ed introduced CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret), past president of the Chapter and current President of the Florida Council of Chapters, who then installed the Officers and board members of the Chapter for 2011. After the installation ceremony, Ed had a few words of thanks for all the chapter members for supporting the chapter and thanked the officers and directors of 2010 for their dedication to the chapter.

Gen Peck then had the privilege and honor to introduce our guest speaker for the evening, Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, USN

(Ret), President of the Military Officers Association of America. Adm Ryan talked about some of the benefits we enjoy and some of the problems that may occur if we do not make our voices heard on the Hill. He addressed some of the problems that our current military are facing in their private lives as well as professional lives with so many deployments back to back. One of the issues at hand that will be addressed during the "Storming of the Hill" is the lack of a substantial pay increase for the active duty military. As always everyone was in rapt attention to what he was saying. We were indeed honored to have Adm Ryan take time out in his very busy schedule to speak with us. He was leaving early Sunday morning to fly to New York for a conference and then to Washington, D.C. for a conference with President Obama and Vice President Biden.

Gen Peck thanked Adm Ryan for his enlightening speech and turned the podium over to Ed, who then asked Chaplain Brown to give the benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hours.

"Warning to Veterans!!" Email is a Fake

by [bbbconsumeralert](http://bbbconsumeralert.com) on Dec. 07, 2010, as found on www.TucsonCitizen.com

Someone pretending to be an attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is sending an email to military veterans "warning" them against using the services of a group called Veterans Affairs Services. BBB Military Line, a complaint resource specialized for the military and their families, has received several inquiries about the email.

The email appears to come from, "*Michael G. Daugherty, Staff Attorney with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel (022G2)*". The email header, however, shows that it was sent by Jon Thompson with an email address: jkt6@comcast.net.

BBB Military Line officials have confirmed with the VA that Michael Daugherty is, in fact, an attorney with the VA Office of General Counsel but did not send the email and that no emails of this nature are being sent by the VA.

It is reasonable to suspect that the email may be an attempt to upload a virus as it contains a Facebook link directly beneath the first paragraph of the message.

BBB advises anyone who receives this email to not click on the link. You should never click on links in emails that are from unknown sources as they may contain viruses. Such viruses are typically designed to steal private information from your computer. Also, the VA advises veterans seeking the assistance of a VA-recognized service organization for purposes of submitting a claim for VA benefits to search at the [General Counsel's accreditation search page](#)

As he flew to Atlanta on a commercial airline, the admiral I worked for struck up a conversation with his elderly seatmate. She asked how he liked the Navy.

"I love it," he answered. "It's the best thing I've ever done."
"How nice," she said. "So, will you make it a career?"

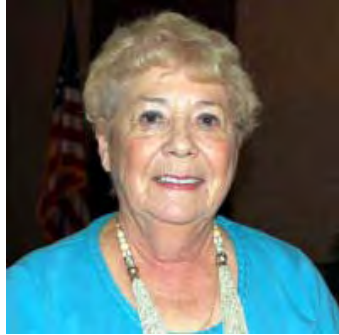
Bill Nelson, in Readers Digest





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 3 January 2011 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by George Brown, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen members were present including: Bill Bolin, George Brown, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel Murphy, Johnnie Neville, Earl Peck, and Violet Smith.



A motion was made by Don Freese, seconded by Anita Harrow, to accept the minutes as written in the Officers Call. Motion passed. Pete Dawson presented the treasurer's report stating that there is a balance of \$9,766.52 in the operating account. Earl Peck made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Larry Fernald seconded the motion. Treasurer's report accepted and is found in detail elsewhere in the O.C.

HOT Anita Harrow received six thank you notes for the Christmas boxes.

Twenty three boxes were packed and she has depleted the inventory of what was received from Wesley Chapel. Two units have returned home. There will be an increase in postage rates from \$12.55 to \$12.95. Anita said she has spent fewer dollars per month on items needed to be purchased because of the supply received from Wesley Chapel. She appreciates what they do for us. The next packing day is January 26 which will be the Valentine boxes. Bill Bolin and Bill Lofgren will make a trip to Wesley Chapel prior to the 26th of January to pick up some more inventory. Anita would like to include DVDs in these boxes and asks that members bring in some prior to the packing day. Anita is getting a lot of support from people in her building.

MacDill Liaison: Violet Smith will be meeting with Colonel Beatty on February 1.

The MOAA pins are still available.

Auxiliary: Anita announced that the Auxiliary are prepared to set up the POW table at the installation. President Ed thanked her for taking care of this.

JROTC: The drill meet will take place on January 28 at 1300 hours on the Admiral Farragut Academy Campus, 501 Park Street N., St. Pete, and everyone is invited to observe the meet and awards ceremony.

Scholarship: Hazel Murphy reported that \$4328.00 was received from member donations and \$1500 was received from non-members or went directly to MOAA. We have fulfilled our obligation for the year.

Membership: Discussion ensued on adding Alda Haley and Madeline Secor to the inactive list and a motion was made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Violet Smith that this be done. Motion passed.

Larry Fernald reported that 274 members have renewed Chapter dues and 20 have converted to life membership in National. Forty five members have not renewed and several members of the E.C. will personally call them to find out their intent.

Don Freese reported that the chapter recruited 18 Give Me 10 (GMT) members plus 6 July cover wrapper free memberships. Breakdown in dollars is \$90 from the July wrapper, \$160 for life conversions, \$70 new, \$5.00 new free, \$40 lost patrol and \$100 GMT bonus, for a total of \$465.00. The chapter has already received quarterly payments. The two mailings that were sent out did not pay off, but the \$465 offsets our costs. There will be no more mailings to the list that did not produce good results. Don recommends that a sample of 10 from each service and auxiliaries be called in 2011. Don emphasized that 2011 must be the **Year of the Member Recruiting** as all other approaches have been exhausted. He is asking all members to recruit a member.

The Council Communique, a newsletter of the Florida Council of Chapters, MOAA, is published bi-monthly; it can be found at the Florida Council of Chapters Web Site: <http://www.moaaf.org>. Federal, State and Chapter news can be found in the newsletter.

Don announced that there will be seven from FCOC "Storming the Hill" in April.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill Bolin made a motion to untable a motion from the previous meeting. Motion was seconded by Earl Peck. As a token of our appreciation for all the items we have received from Bob Williams of Wesley Chapel to support our HOT program, the motion was to Donate \$500.00 to Support the Troops, Inc. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ed Lillich commended Ed Connors on the outstanding program that he arranged for the Veterans at the nursing home at Bay Pines. Forty people attended on December 26 to watch a magic show and a 16 year old juggler.

Don Freese reported that 134 have signed up for the Convention at Sea and there is still time to sign up. Nine balcony cabins are available on this date.

There being no further business, Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

My five-year-old grandson was looking through some old photos when he noticed his grandfather in Marine dress blues.

"What kind of costume is that?" he asked.

"That's not a costume," his grandfather growled. "Men have died for that uniform."

The boy looked up and said, "So you stole it, then?"

Arletta Lehr in Readers Digest





MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**
From MOAA and other sources

New Budget Rules Could Mean Gridlock

Republicans in control of the House and Democrats in control of the Senate have approved dramatically different budget rules for the 112th Congress that would appear to make it difficult for them to reach agreements on almost any major budget changes without major compromises by one or the other or both.



The most important change in the House was to replace the “pay-as-you-go” (PAYGO) spending rule with the “cut-as-you-go” (cut-go) policy. Under the PAYGO rule still used by the Senate, any increases in so-called “entitlement” spending must be offset either by cuts in other entitlement spending programs or increases in revenue.

Entitlement spending (also known as mandatory spending) involves any program that is subject to automatic adjustment mechanisms (e.g., COLAs) and doesn’t require annual appropriations. It includes such programs as Social Security, Medicare, military and federal civilian retirement and survivor programs, TRICARE For Life, VA disability payments, and more.

PAYGO rules also require offsetting the cost of any proposed tax cuts with equivalent spending cuts.

The new House “Cut-Go” rule requires that any new increase in mandatory spending can be offset only by other mandatory spending cuts, and not by tax increases. It also exempts tax cuts from any offset requirements.

Practically speaking, what will this mean?

The focus in the House is clearly to force significant spending reductions and make it easier to enact tax cuts.

But the different rules between the House and Senate raise the prospect that un-offset tax cuts approved by the House would violate Senate rules, and revenue increases proposed by the Senate to cover the cost of Medicare or other fixes would violate House rules.

To add to the complexity, the PAYGO offset rules are set in law, even though the House has chosen to use different rules for its deliberations.

In the past, the most frequently used way to get around the statutory PAYGO rule was to declare the spending increase an “emergency” need, as emergencies aren’t subject to PAYGO offset requirements. The new House rules likely will cut down on emergency spending increases, but will House members now seek “emergency tax cuts”?

If all this technical budget rule stuff is too geeky for most

Americans, the bottom line is a pretty familiar one: expect more gridlock.

Important Dates for the 112th Congress

Here is an estimated timeline of when important actions will occur in the first year of the 112th Congress:

Feb. 14: The president will submit his annual budget proposals to Congress. On this date we’ll find out what the Pentagon will propose for military manpower levels, the 2012 pay raise, TRICARE fee levels and more.

Late March: Six weeks after the President delivers his budget to Congress, congressional committees are required to submit their “views and estimates” of spending and revenues within their respective jurisdictions to the House and Senate Budget Committees.

April: House and Senate Budget Committees draft and mark up concurrent resolution on the budget, which sets spending limits for the year. April 15 is the deadline for completion of action on the budget resolution (though partisan and fiscal differences have precluded approval of a formal budget resolution in recent years, and that may prove true again in 2011.)

May: The House and Senate Armed Services Committees will likely begin work on the FY2012 Defense Authorization Bill, including any changes that may be imposed by budget resolu-

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VADM Ryan making a point about MOAA working to save our benefits



Left: General Peck presenting the Life Member Emeritus Award to Violet Smith.

Below: General Peck presenting the Distinguished Member Award to Anita Harrow



Left: Lynn and Bill Bolin



Right: Don and Sherry Freese



Pete and Linda Dawson



Penny and Bill Eisenhart

Right: Paulette and Terry Carr



Below: George Brown



Left: Rose Munchbach



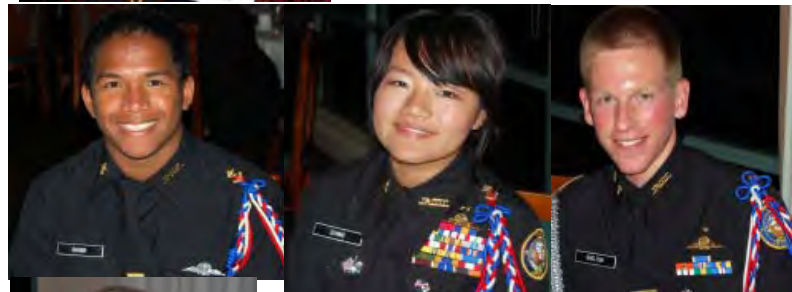
Jim and Barbara King



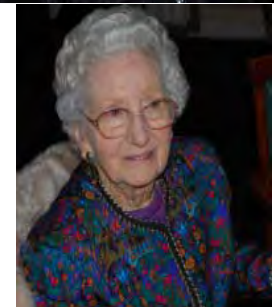
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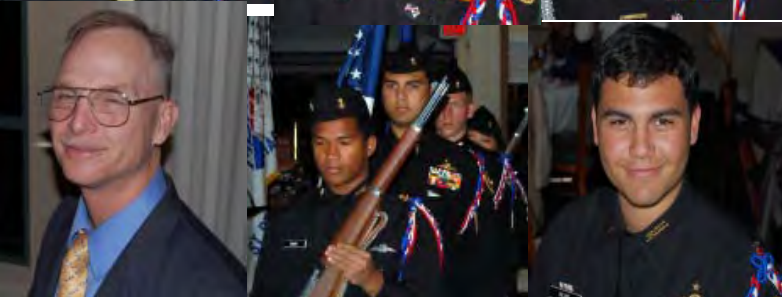
Right Lower: Hazel McGrath



Far Left: Honor Guard members (clockwise) Andrew Bauer, Ariel Zhang, Liam Shelton, Michael Milord, in formation, and Color Guard Commander, Bill Schuyler



Left: Charlie and Fran Parsons

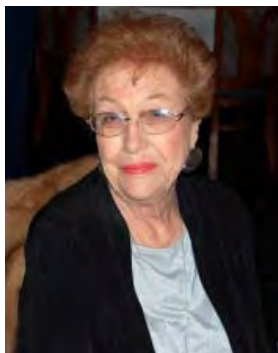




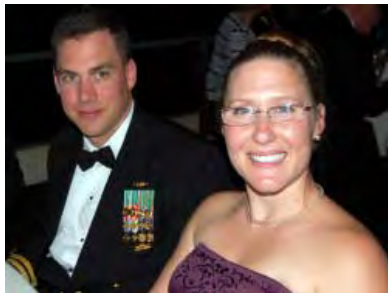
Terry and Bill Lofgren



Brandy and Michael Alvis



Jane Gaugh (above) and Yvonne Hughes (above right)



Christian and Valerie Gaudio



Left: Dave and Margo Spoerl (new members!)



Right: Bobbie Walters



Ed Lillich presents the 5 Star Award to Larry Fernald



Betty and Paul Finley with Sally and Duke Wheeler



Above Right: Margaret and Earl Peck, Creighton and Dru Trahan, and Barb and Larry Fernald



Dot Plummer and daughter, Courtney Browning



Left: Hal and Carol Roberson



Right: Jack Shine



Charlene Sanders



Jim and Kathi Patton



Left: John and Martha Schoeppner

Photos by Bill Lofgren



Financial Report Summary for the Month of December 2010

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (769.21)
..... Donations	\$ 1,405.93
..... Ad Income	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (636.72)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 0.00

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,416.22
..... Donations	\$ 415.00
..... 50/50	\$ 83.00
..... Memorials	\$ 90.00
..... Expenses	\$ (646.61)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,357.61

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 4,539.00
..... Donations	\$ 215.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ (4,754.00)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 00.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 9,929.27
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 1,621.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 835.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 3.22
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (880.00)
..... Supplies	\$ 0.0
..... Printing	\$ (72.24)
..... Post Office	\$ (68.00)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (90.00)
..... Nonrecurring Expense	\$ (150.00)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 9,766.52

State of the Chapter: Finances

As our Treasurer, Maj Pete Dawson, will attest, our Chapter is in good financial shape. A large part of that “financial solidness” is attributable to the surplus earned in 2009 from the Florida Council of Chapters State Convention, which our chapter hosted.

We met our commitment to contribute \$5,000 per year (for 5 years) to the St Petersburg Area Chapter Designated Scholarship Fund, managed by MOAA. Specifically, members donated \$6,104 toward the scholarship fund in 2010.

Donations to the HOT program amounted to \$6,153, while expenses totaled \$7,253.04, depleting the account balance by \$1,100.04.

Overall, operating expenses exceeded operating income by \$444.91.

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tion spending limits.

May-July: Full House and Senate pass their respective versions of the defense bill.

July-October: House and Senate negotiators resolve differences between their respective versions.

October-December: Final Defense Authorization Bill passed by House and Senate and becomes law.

More Bills of Interest

Two more concurrent receipt bills were introduced in the House this week.: H.R. 333 (Rep Bishop, D-GA) would end the disability offset of retired pay for servicemembers with less than 20 years of service and disability ratings of less than 50%. H.R. 333 has more than 70 original bipartisan cosponsors. H.R. 303 (Gus Bilirakis, R-FL) would end the disability offset of retired pay for servicemembers with 20+ years of service and disability ratings of less than 50%.

No bills have been introduced in the Senate yet, as the Senate’s formal legislative session won’t begin until next week.

We’ve also uploaded MOAA-suggested messages for other key bills introduced to date. To send a message to your legislators urging them to cosponsor legislation to ease penalties associated with the SBP/DIC offset, Guard/Reserve retirement and healthcare, or to extend CHAMPVA coverage for children up to age 26, please visit our key bills page at www.MOAA.org.

State of the Chapter: Membership

Our Chapter ended 2010 with 318 members. We begin 2011 with 274. The difference is that 44 chapter members are now former chapter members because they did not renew their dues for 2011.

There is some good news, though. So far, nine of those 44 members have renewed, and we are looking for and expecting more.

Some more statistics from last year, 2010:

- ◆ We began 2010 with 277 members, having experienced 38 who did not renew for 2010.
- ◆ 3 of the 38 who did not renew moved from the area, 6 “resigned,” and the rest gave no reason.
- ◆ 22 of the 38 renewed after phone calls from chapter members inviting them back.
- ◆ We had 38 (an odd coincidence) new members for 2010.
- ◆ Sadly, 19 of our friends and members passed away in 2010.

Membership, while strong, could certainly be better. Each of us has an obligation to help grow the Chapter. Thus, each of us should be reaching out to potential new members. Twenty-three (23) additional new members would have resulted in operating income matching expenses for 2010.





TAPS

■ **Mrs. Margaret Penny**, Spouse of LCDR John H. Penny, USN (Ret), 16 January 2011

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

Sick List

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

- ◆ LTC Sarah Niblack, USA (Ret)
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Robert joined USAA in 1988 as an Underwriter Manager and has held many different Policy Service and Underwriting leadership positions in operations and staff. In 2007 he was named Vice President of Policy Service Operations in USAA's home office in San Antonio, Texas. In this position he was responsible for 2,400 service employees located in Norfolk, Tampa, Colorado Springs, Phoenix and Sacramento. Robert transferred to his current position of Vice President and General Manager in August 2008.

Robert is a graduate of Grove City College in Pennsylvania and has earned The Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation. He has served on the Florida Residential Property and Casualty Joint Underwriter Committee, The Board of Directors of the Florida Windstorm Underwriting Association and The Underwriting and Actuary Committee of Citizens of Florida. Currently, Robert serves on The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Board of Trustees for University of Tampa, The South Carolina Insurance News Service Board of Directors and is a member of the local CPCU organization.

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