



OFFICERS CALL

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President's Comments:

Thanks to all who were instrumental in making our Installation Banquet a success. Thanks to Dick Koch for arranging for our guest speaker at the last minute. Thanks to Paulette for table decorations and last minute checks to ensure things were set up properly, and thanks to Chris and Ed Lillich for their help in set up and take down. Thanks also to Betty Finley for arranging for the cake. Our speaker, St. Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster, was very enlightening on his vision for the future of the city. Congratulations to the Officers and Executive Advisory Board members that were installed and thanks again for agreeing to serve.



As I write this, I am attending the Florida Council Leadership forum in Sarasota, along with several other Chapter members. I was asked to bring our new speaker system, and the FCOC has decided to make a donation to our Chapter for their use of that system. We are all getting schooled in MOAA's new Chapter recruiting process and exchanging ideas with other Florida Chapters on how to make our chapters better for 2013. The Sarasota Hyatt is really nice and will be a great venue for the 2013 Convention this summer.

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MOAA Purpose and History

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

With more than 380,000 members from every branch of service - including active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, former officers, and their families - we are a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

MOAA's highest priority is providing first-class service to our members. We are the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community. We provide expert advice and guidance to our members.

Purpose

While the association does advocate a strong national defense, it does not, as an association, become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services. The association's board of directors has long believed that such decisions can be made only by those who have all of the facts available to them: today's actively serving military leadership.

The association plays an active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services. MOAA's overarching goals are captured in its resolutions, which reflect the views of the entire membership. The membership provides input and votes on resolutions every two years (on even years).

While MOAA is permitted by law to lobby - and does so actively - its status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Stated briefly, the association may advocate issues, but it may not advocate the election or defeat of particular candidates or political parties.

History

MOAA was founded in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 23, 1929. The first leaders of the association hoped that by joining to

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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Installation Banquet; 19 January 2013

Attended – 57: (61 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 7 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 2 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The 2013 installation of officers and Executive Advisory Board Members was held at the St. Petersburg Hilton on Saturday 19 January 2013. Master of Ceremonies was MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) and the Installing Officer was CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret).



After a brief welcome by President Terry Carr, Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation, followed by the presentation of the colors by the Admiral Farragut Academy Honor Guard. The honor guard consisted of Mike Lee, Amanda Zhu and Lilly Zhu. CPO Scott Cole USN (Ret) was the faculty advisor.

The explanation of the POW/MIA table was read by Ed Lillich and Anita Harrow displayed the items on the table as they were mentioned in the reading. At the conclusion of the presentation all stood and raised their glasses in a toast to honor America's POW/MIA and to the success of our efforts to account for them.

Those seated at the head table and introduced by the Master of Ceremonies were; CAPT Don Freese, Past Chapter President, Past FCOC president and current member of the MOAA board, Mrs. Sherry Freese, Mrs. Paulette Carr, LTC Terry Carr, Chapter President and Mrs. Chris Lillich, Chapter Secretary.

Those distinguished guests present were; CAPT Don Freese, current MOAA Board of Directors member and Former MOAA Auxiliary Advisory Board member, Mrs. Violet Smith, AUXMbr-Army. Chapter Life Emeritus members present were Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret), Maj Peter Dawson, USAF (Ret), Mrs. Violet M. Smith and CAPT Donald Freese. Chapter Distinguished Members present were LCDR Paul Finley, USN (Ret), CAPT Donald Freese, Mrs. Anita J. Harrow, PHD, AuxMbr-Navy. Past Chapter Presidents present were Maj Peter Dawson, COL George L. Brown, USAR (Ret), LCDR Paul Finley, USN (Ret), and MAJ Ed Lillich. Mrs Bobbie Walters, AUXMbr-Army, President of the Military Officers Wives Club was a guest of the Chapter.

President Terry Carr awarded the Life Member Emeritus to COL George Brown, Jr., USA (Ret) and Distinguished Member to CDR Bill Bolin, Sr., USN (Ret) and MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret).

Following dinner CAPT Freese installed the following:

Officers for 2013: President - LTC Terry Carr, USA, 1st Vice President - Lt Col Dick Koch, USAF, 2nd Vice President - MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA, Secretary - Mrs. Chris Lillich, AuxMbr-

Spouse and Treasurer - Maj Pete Dawson, USAF.

Executive Advisory Board Members through December 31, 2013 are Mrs. Virginia Balke, AuxMbr-A, LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret) and CAPT Barbara Stakk, USA (Fmr).

Executive Advisory Board Members through December 31, 2014 are CDR Maureen Conners, USN (Ret), Mrs. Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC and Lt Col Bill Lewis, USAF (Ret).

Following the installation President Terry Carr gave his remarks, referring to our accomplishments during the past year and his plans for the coming year. He urged everyone to bring in a new member in 2013.

Our guest speaker, The Honorable Bill Foster, Mayor of St. Petersburg, was introduced by the Master of Ceremonies. Two main topics, of which all of us are aware of from hearing from different medias and their views, were the fate of the Tampa Bay Rays and the Lens, the proposed replacement for the current Pyramid on the Pier. Mayor Foster explained that he was what is referred to as a "strong Mayor", which basically means his hand is on the helm of the City. He gave us some very good reasons why the Rays are expected to remain in St. Petersburg through their contract period and why the Lens project in all probability will go through to fulfillment. He suggested that if we want to keep management happy we need to keep the stands filled for the home baseball games. Following a brief question and answer period, President Terry presented the Mayor with the customary gift of Chapter beverage glasses.

Chaplain George Brown gave the benediction, the meeting was adjourned.

Thank you to all who attended the installation banquet.

Executive Committee Meeting

7 January 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1130 hours at Perkins Restaurant, Seminole, Florida. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by the members.

Sixteen members were in attendance to include; Virginia Balke, Bill Bolin, George Brown, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Dick Koch, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton, Violet Smith, Joanne Taylor and Zonna Crayne.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were published in the Officers Call. There being no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Hardy Bryan to approve minutes as published. Bill Lee seconded the motion and motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Dawson reported that after sending \$3,510 to the MOAA Scholarship Fund, which represented member donations only, and zeroing the balance in Officers Call Booster, there is a balance in the operating account of \$9,827.59. In addition to the member donations to the Scholarship Fund, \$1,380 was given as memorials and credited to our MOAA Fund. Hardy Bryan made a motion to approve the

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Our speaker for the February luncheon will be Linda Gould who will speak to us about the 2013 Convention in Sarasota. I hope to see everyone there.

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Executive Committee Meeting 7 January 2013

Treasurer's report as given. Don Freese seconded the motion and the report was approved.

1st Vice President's Report: Incoming 1st V.P., Dick Koch, has obtained Mark Alexander, from the Secret Service in Tampa, to be the speaker at the March 15, 2013 luncheon meeting. He will talk about how it was organized and why it was organized. He also will give travel tips to avoid mistakes when traveling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MacDill Liaison/Personal Affairs: Violet Smith said that tax assistance to retired personnel will begin on the 17th of January at MacDill. Violet has been in contact with Ron Wilde's wife and you can call or e-mail him if you know him as he would like to hear from his friends in the Chapter.

Membership: A motion was made by Don Freese that if a member brings a potential member to a luncheon meeting the first meal will be paid for by the Chapter. Chris Lillich seconded the motion and the motion carried by a vote of 14 in favor, 2 opposed.

JROTC: A request was made by Admiral Farragut Academy for a donation of \$100 to offset the cost of trophies for the upcoming field event. Larry Fernald made a motion to give Admiral Farragut Academy \$100 for the purpose of providing trophies. Motion was seconded by Hardy Bryan and motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Installation: George Brown has obtained an Honor Guard from MacDill to present the colors at the dinner. The speaker that was planned was forced to cancel and Dick Koch said he had several speakers in mind and would make sure we had a speaker for the dinner.

2014 Convention: Don Freese will have a meeting of the convention committee early this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Luncheon speaker: Whenever a luncheon speaker promotes a non-profit organization or humanitarian endeavor the Chapter customarily donates \$50.00 to that particular organization. In December Miss Florida spoke on several of her projects, one of them being the Miracle League Baseball, an organization designed to allow those who are physically or otherwise challenged to participate in the great American sport, baseball. St. Petersburg has a Miracle League field in the Azalea area. Larry Fernald made a motion to give \$100 to the Miracle League organization.

Hardy Bryan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Reservations: Bill Bolin spoke of the many walk-ins we have been having at the luncheons in the last few months, and particularly the December luncheon. Some of the members who made reservations were not given their choice of menu because a walk-in was served first and received that meal. After much discussion it was decided walk-ins will no longer be given a menu choice. The reservation chairman will decide on a way for the wait staff to know which are walk ins and those who have made reservations. The Executive Committee realizes that plans do change at the last minute but all members are asked to make reservations so the restaurant knows how much food to prepare for each of the entrees. It puts undo stress on the wait staff when they have last minute changes and it also delays the serving of the food in a timely fashion.

The Executive Committee does not want to discourage walk-ins, but walk-ins may not get their choice of a meal, so please make reservations for the luncheons. The number for the reservation chairman is in the Officers Call along with a menu.

By-Laws/Policy Book: Chairman Bill Lofgren gave each chairperson and officer a copy of his or her specific job description and asked each one to review and update it and give it back to him at the next Executive Meeting. Bill will then review each one and hold a meeting to finalize them.

Chapter Recruiting: Don Freese said that MOAA would reimburse us \$10.00 for every new Chapter member we recruited. Membership is declining, so Chapters need to work on recruiting more members.

In 2014 the Chapters will have credit card option where one can renew on line, which may be a good incentive. MOAA believes that advertising in the local papers is the best way to advertise and will pay a portion of the cost for the Chapters to advertise. Our Chapter mission this year is to recruit more members.

There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

IN MEMORIAM : USCGC Blackthorn

The 33rd Annual Memorial Service for the Coast Guard Cutter Blackthorn was held on January 28, 2013 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

On Jan. 28, 1980, the Blackthorn sank and resulted in the loss of 23 Coast Guardsman. A monument was dedicated Jan. 28, 1981, and is located at the Sunshine Skyway Bridge north end rest area.





MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

New Copays for TRICARE Pharmacy Customers



New copayments for prescription drugs covered by TRICARE will go into effect soon. The Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act requires TRICARE to increase copays on brand name and non-formulary medications that are not filled at military clinics or hospitals. There is no increase to copays for generic medications. Increases will be effective sometime in February, depending on when system changes can be made, and the publication of a required Federal Notice.

TRICARE Pharmacy copays vary based on the class of drug and where beneficiaries choose to fill their prescriptions. The copay for generic medications stays at \$5 when a prescription is filled at a network pharmacy. There is no co-pay when generic prescriptions are filled through TRICARE Home Delivery. The new copay for a 30-day supply of a brand name medication purchased at a retail network pharmacy will be \$17, up from the current \$12. Beneficiaries using TRICARE Home Delivery will pay \$13 for brand name drugs, up from \$9. However, the Home Delivery price is for a 90-day supply.

The greatest change in copays applies to non-formulary medications. The \$25 copay for these drugs increases to \$44 at retail pharmacies and \$43 through Home Delivery. The TRICARE Uniform Formulary is a list of all the medications TRICARE covers.

For fiscal 2014 and beyond, the new law directs that copays increase annually by the same percentage as retiree cost-of-living adjustments. In years when a COLA increase would total less than a dollar, it will be delayed a year and combined with the next adjustment so increases will always be \$1 or more.

Medicare/TRICARE Physician Payments

On January 1st, the Congress gave final approval to H.R. 8, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. Included in this "fiscal cliff" legislation was language preventing a 26.5 percent reduction in reimbursements for Medicare/TRICARE physicians that were slated to begin in the new year, and instead maintains payment rates at their current level through December 31, 2013.

Student Veterans Call for In-State Tuition

Everyone from Florida's governor and VA secretary to state lawmakers likes to call Florida the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.

Some veterans are saying, "Okay, prove it."

Student veterans are challenging lawmakers and the governor to pass legislation that would give them a break on college tu-

ition. Almost a dozen states give military veterans in-state tuition waivers even if they've just moved there.

That's the experience of Andrew Napier, who served six years in the Army National Guard and is now applying to medical school at the University of South Florida.

"I'm coming from Kentucky. They were able to give it to the veterans," Napier said. "We have lawmakers there that say, 'Hey, we support veterans,'" but this is backed up by a law.

Napier is a Pat Tillman Military Scholar. It's a competitive scholarship named after the NFL player who quit his professional football career and joined the military after the 9-11 terrorist attacks. Tillman Scholars are veterans recognized for their academic and military excellence, as well as their ongoing community service and advocacy for veterans.

Napier said it's time for Florida lawmakers to pass in-state tuition for veterans.

"There needs to be substance behind the words that say that 'veteran friendly.' Just to say something is one thing, but actually to act on this is going to be very beneficial to the people not just to veterans but to the community," Napier said.

Bills that would establish in-state tuition for veterans have been proposed previously but never passed. This year, SB260 by Senator Jack Latvala would grant veterans in-state tuition rates.

It's a benefit already extended to active-duty military.

Kiersten Downs, a veteran of the Air Force and New York Air National Guard, is president of the USF student veterans group.

"It's becoming a hot-button issue again," Downs said. "We are talking to student government here at USF who is diligently working to advocate and push this issue for student veterans."

Downs said there are roughly 1,400 veterans and dependents receiving GI education benefits at USF. As a doctoral student, she knows what it's like when those benefits are used up.

"I am a graduate assistant so I do have a tuition waiver at this time," Downs said. "Once that runs out, I will have to pay out-of-state tuition. From my understanding, the only way to get in-state is to drop out of school for a year and work and gain the in-state tuition status."

Or like some of her friends, Downs said, the other choice is to leave the state which means a brain-drain of educated and battle tested veterans.

"I have friends who are graduates who are actually moving back to the State of Texas to go to graduate school because of the more friendly veteran friendly environment and in-state tuition offered there," Downs said.

Student veterans are usually older with families looking to put down roots. Napier said they are the kind of residents Florida should try to keep.

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Chaplain George Brown delivering the Invocation



Guest speaker, St Petersburg Mayor Bill Foster



Terry Carr presenting Mayor Foster a chapter gift



President Terry and Paulette Carr



President Carr congratulating Bill Bolin for being awarded Distinguished Member Status



MOAA Board member Don Freese inducting 2013 board; Secretary Chris Lillich, Board Members; Bill Lewis, Hardy Bryan, Virginia Balke, Barbara Stakk and Pauline Edwards; Officers Treasurer Pete Dawson, 2nd VP Joanne Taylor, 1st VP Dick Koch and President Terry Carr



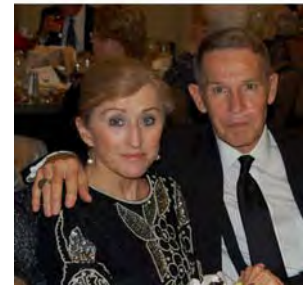
President Carr congratulating Chaplain George Brown for being awarded Life Emeritus Status



President Carr congratulating Ed Lillich for being awarded Distinguished Member Status



Admiral Farragut Color Guard presenting the colors



Board Member Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



Board Member Pauline Edwards and Dr Jack Westman



Chaplain George and Dorothy Brown



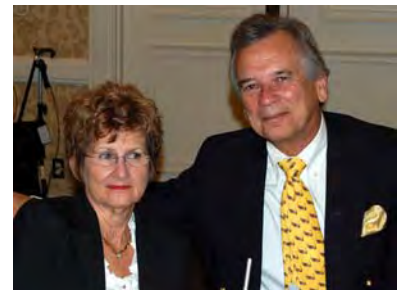
Yvonne Hughes and 2VP Joanne Taylor



Zenaida Eheta and Board Member Hardy Bryan



L: Bobbie Walters and Violet Smith



Gary Gilchrist and Lynn Cook





Margarat and Board Member Bill Lewis



Michael Eldridge and wife Col Zonna Crayne



1st VP Dick and Dale Koch



Margaret and MG Earl Peck



Lt Col Hank and Mary Marois



Joan Landers, Helen Hajek sister of Board member Virginia Balke on right



Col Bill and Terry Lofgren



Kitty Crowell and LTC Ed Riley



Betty and Paul Finley



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Bill and Lynn Bolin



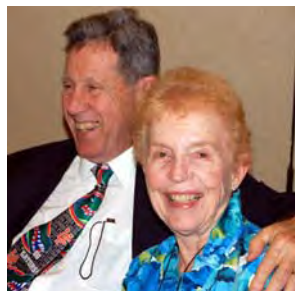
Charlene Sanders and Anita Harrow



Bill and Penny Eisenhart



Treasurer Pete and Linda Dawson



Mike and Sue Vision

Photos by Bill Lofgren



Richard Green



Paulette Carr and Secretary Chris Lillich

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please notify Larry Fernald of your correct email address at the following email address:

LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com



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“So if Florida wants to be more attractive to veterans and wants to keep people around and have sustainable income, lower that tuition,” Napier said.

Neither Downs nor Napier had an estimate on what it would cost to extend in-state tuition to all veterans in Florida. However, both said the cost would be worth it for Florida’s future.

Navy: Random alcohol tests for sailors in US

By BROCK VERGAKIS

The Associated Press

Published: January 23, 2013

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The Navy said Wednesday it will conduct random blood-alcohol tests on its sailors in the United States starting next month, a sign of how concerned the service’s leaders have become about the effects alcohol abuse is having on the force.

The tests are part of Navy Secretary Ray Mabus’ 21st Century Sailor and Marine Initiative, an expansive program intended to improve the well-being of sailors and Marines after more than a decade at war.

The Marines announced it would carry out its own random alcohol tests last month. While alcohol has long played a part in the Navy’s culture, Navy officials stressed they aren’t trying to stop sailors from drinking altogether, but are concerned about their health and safety.

The Navy said it will use the blood-alcohol tests to determine whether someone is fit for duty or may need counseling. Any sailor whose blood-alcohol level is .04 or higher when reporting for duty won’t be allowed to work. In all 50 states and the District of Columbia, a driver with a 0.08 percent blood-alcohol is considered drunk.

A positive test result for a sailor reporting to work - a reading of 0.02 percent or higher - won’t be used to punish sailors. But the Navy said it could be used to refer him or her to a drug and alcohol program adviser.

Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations, said the random tests could help spot sailors who need support before “an incident occurs due to the irresponsible use of alcohol.” He also wrote in a message outlining the new details of the policy to the fleet that the tests will serve as a safety measure and raise awareness among commanding officers of a crew’s “culture of alcohol use.”

Alcohol is of particular concern because of the role it frequently plays in other destructive behaviors such as suicide and sexual assault. Alcohol also has played a factor in the dismissals of a number of commanding officers in recent years.

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Financial Report Summary for the Month of December

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (2,021.47)
..... Donations	\$ 235.00
..... Ads	\$ 240.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (360.75)
..... From Operations	\$ 1,907.22
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 0.00

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,278.86
..... Donations	\$ 885.00
..... 50/50	\$ 58.00
..... Memorials	\$ 60.00
..... Expenses	\$ 728.03
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,553.83

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,970.00
..... Donations	\$ 540.00
..... Expended	\$ 3,510.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 0.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 10,259.01
..... Installation Income	\$ 240.00
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 1,048.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 1,565.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 2.76
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (900.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ (445.00)
..... Printing	\$ (68.96)
..... Post Office	\$ (76.00)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (60.00)
..... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ (1,907.22)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 9,827.59

Income Tax Assistance

Assistance with Income Tax preparation will again be provided by the RAO (Retiree Activities Office) at MacDill. Their office is located between the PX and the Commissary.

If the RAO did not prepare your previous year's return, please bring a copy of your return which was filed for last year.

Appointments will be available starting 17 January, please call 813-828-0248. Walk in service will be available starting 6 February, first come, first served. Active duty in uniform will have priority between 0900 Hrs and 1100 Hrs.





TAPS

- ◆ **Fontana, Raymond T, LT, USN (Ret),**
6 January 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Caton, Margaret, Mrs., AuxMbr-AF, 300**
Bayview Dr. NE, St Petersburg, FL 33704

Sick List

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

- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG**
- ◆ **COL Anse “Ed” Spears, USA (Ret)**
- ◆ **Lt Col Ron Wildes, USAF (Ret)**

February Birthdays (42 to 95 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
29	Barnum	Ralph	CDR	USN (Ret)
05	Berns	Robert	Col	USMC (Ret)
07	Carter	Nelson	WO3	USN (Ret)
15	Darling	John	LTC	USA (Ret)
06	Day	Michael	COL	USA (Ret)
02	Fernald	Laurance	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
24	Fratarangelo	Paul	MajGen	USMC (Ret)
23	Freese	Marc	LtCol	USMC (Res)
04	Funsch	Richard	CAPT	USCG (Ret)
17	Hanson	Marlowe	CPT	USA (Fmr)
26	Holtman	Bruce	CDR	USN (Ret)
05	Kisbany	Sara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
23	Mortensen	Marilyn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-N
10	O’Toole	Charles	CAPT	USN (Ret)
19	Patton	James	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
25	Shine	John	Col	USMCR (Ret)
06	Star	Karen	Maj	USAF (Ret)
20	Tondreau	Herbert	CWO4	USA (Ret)
14	Vallario	Rudolph	LTC	USA (Ret)

CAPT Don Freese, USNR (Ret)

MOAA Director 2012-2018, Member Council & Chapter Affairs Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter and Florida Council of Chapters for your support the four years that I was President and Vice President. I believe that the outstanding record of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter and other Florida Chapters was a leading factor in my nomination and subsequent election to the MOAA Board of Directors October 30, 2012.

As you probably know the MOAA BOD is made up of 36 Directors. Twelve Directors are elected every two years to one six year term as Directors cannot be reelected. Bob Silah from the Tampa Chapter and I are honored to be two of the twelve Directors that are known as the Class of 2018. Bob is on the Membership Committee and I am on the Council and Chapter Affairs Committee.

The election of new Directors was only part of the MOAA Annual Meeting at the Arlington Sheraton Hotel October 27 to 31. Outgoing Chairman Admiral Steve Abbott and President Vice Admiral Norb Ryan called the hotel the good ship Sheraton since she rode out Super Storm Sandy. Admiral Abbott said that wind and water never stopped a couple of Navy Admirals from accomplishing their mission and neither did Super Storm Sandy. All events, except the Job Fair and Spouse Tour of Washington, went on with the only hitch being cancelled flights on Monday reducing attendance but over 200 people including 10 from Florida, attended the Meeting.

General John H. Tilelli USA (Ret), who succeeded Admiral Abbott as the new MOAA Chairman, announced that all 12 nominated candidates for the BOD were elected, all 14 Resolutions and most importantly the full voting rights for MOAA’s 66,000 Auxiliary Members were overwhelming approved. Now Auxiliary Members are equal to Officer Members.

There were a lot of discussions about the effect the November 6 Election would have on the Military. MOAA believed that no matter who won or lost that the Military would have to share in the reductions that will be forthcoming as the nation comes to grip with the deficit. MOAA is lobbying hard to make those deductions reasonable and not unduly burden our currently serving men, women and their families that are still fighting the War on Terror that is in its 12th year. MOAA needs all 380,000 members to contact their Legislators and the Administration to remind all that freedom isn’t free and the to remember that the one weapon system that has never failed us is our wonderful service men, women and their families. An easy way to communicate with all is to sign up for MOAA Legislative Alerts at www.MOAA.org and the FCOC Military Message Cen-ter (FMMC) at www.MOAAFL.org.

Sherry and I are honored to be able to represent you for another 6 years, Happy Holidays!



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MOAA from Pg 1

gether they could provide assistance and advice to other military officers. This concern for others fostered natural fraternal relations among members from all branches of the uniformed services.

By the beginning of World War II, MOAA's leaders realized that they needed to reorganize and expand to become an effective force on behalf of their members. In what turned out to be a wise decision, MOAA moved to Washington, D.C., in 1944 with a membership of 2,600.

After a membership vote in September 2002, the association changed its name from The Retired Officers Association (TROA) to the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), on January 1, 2003.

Today, MOAA has grown to a membership of more than 370,000 members and is the country's largest military officers' association. MOAA's purpose also has grown to include career transition assistance, improved member products, military benefits counseling, educational assistance to children of military families (to include enlisted), and strong involvement in military professionalism activities.

**Discover The Benefits Of Life
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If you wish to donate to one of our funds, please send the check to SPA-MOAA, PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL, 33734 or better yet bring it to the next luncheon.

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HOT Candies will no longer be made and brought to the monthly luncheons in hopes for a sale. However, candies are still available by special order. Contact Bill Lofgren at 727-742-0181, or email lofgrenlepc@earthlink.net, giving your name and phone number and the type of assorted tin you would like to have. The tins will be specially made to your personal tastes. Orders must be received by Wednesday preceding the next Friday meeting. Price will remain the same, \$15 with all proceeds going to the HOT program.

Navy from Pg 8

“Deterring irresponsible use of alcohol is essential to the readiness of our fleet and ensuring the health and safety of our service members and units,” Adm. Bill Gortney, commander of U.S. Fleet Forces, said in a statement.

In a pilot program with 13 commands this past summer, nearly 7,500 sailors were subjected to random alcohol tests. Of those, 87 tested positive for alcohol.

“The test verified that the majority of our service members, who choose to drink alcohol, do so responsibly. It also verified that our commanding officers need a flexible program that serves to increase the Navy's awareness about the impacts of alcohol,” Gortney said in a statement.

By May 24, the Navy expects to have hand-held alcohol detection devices available for nearly 2,000 commands.

The 21st Century Sailor and Marine Initiative was unveiled by Mabus in a rare ‘all-hands’ call aboard a ship in Norfolk last March that was broadcast to sailors around the world. Among other things, it also focuses on preventing suicides, sexual assaults and increasing physical fitness. The Navy has also begun conducting random urine tests for synthetic drug use under the initiative.

Unlike the alcohol tests, those who test positive for synthetic drug use are subject to punishment.



St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
15 February 2013

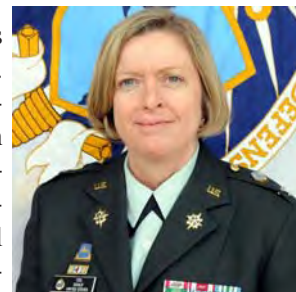
Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd.
Pinellas Park, FL

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

Guest Spraker:
COL Linda Gould, USA (Ret)

Subject:
2013 MOAA State Convention

Colonel Linda L. Gould retired 1 October 2011 with over 29 years of Active Duty service in the U.S. Army. She served first as a Military Intelligence Officer and then as a fully accredited Latin American Foreign Area Officer and fluent Spanish speaker. Colonel Gould's assignments in Military Intelligence included Ft Bragg, North Carolina, Frankfurt, Germany and several tours in Wash, DC. As a Latin American FAO, she served with the US Southern Command both in Panama and Miami, was the JTF-B Liaison Officer to the Honduran Joint Staff, assigned twice to US Military Group-Guatemala and several additional tours in Wash, DC.



COL Gould's career highlight was to serve as the Commander of US Military Group-Guatemala from 2006-2009, the first female Army officer to command a US Military Group in Latin America. She completed her final tour of duty as the Deputy Chief of Studies at the Inter-American Defense College at Ft. McNair, Washington DC in July 2011. Colonel Gould's highest US military awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Legion of Merit, as well as foreign awards that include the Honduran Medal of Merit First Class, the Guatemalan Army Cross, and the Conference of Central American Armed Forces Silver Medal

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, February 15th 2013

Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL

• Reservations MUST be in by Wed,
FebruaryFebruary 13th

Name: _____

Each reservation \$12:

Prime Rib: _____

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February

- 1: National Freedom Day
- 2: Groundhog Day
- 3: Super Bowl Sunday
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 18: President's Day
- 23: MOAA established 1929 Formerly TROA
- 27: International Polar Bear Day

Monthly Luncheon Notice

Effective immediately when you check in at our monthly luncheon, if you made a reservation, you will receive a ticket for your requested meal item; Fish, Meat or Salad. Walk-ins will not receive a meal ticket until we have a final count on the meals to be served and will be assigned a ticket based on the type of meals available. This change is necessary to insure that those with reservations received the meal they requested.

