



OFFICERS CALL

ST. PETERSBURG AREA CHAPTER, Military Officers Association of America PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL 33734



★★★★★ Five Star Chapter ★★★★★

Vol XVI No.II

February 2016

President's Comments:

What a great Chapter we have, another 5 Star Award from MOAA National for Terry Carr's team in 2014. Under Larry Fernald, 2015 should also be a sure winner.



These awards are more than a set of streamers on our colors, they tell us that we take our mission seriously. We exist to advocate for a strong national defense and to ensure that our nation keeps its commitments to all current and past military members and their families. We do this through strength. 280,000 MOAA members speaking with one voice has and will continue to make a difference. We must not allow our membership to diminish. We should each have our own convincing argument as to why it is important for all who are eligible to join. Each one of us should also be able to actively participate in the election year debate concerning the importance of maintaining a strong National Defense.

Many of you know that behind the scenes of most great organizations are a number of great folks that just quietly make things happen. Our club has many and you can find them listed (some two or three times) in The Officers Call as Directors, Board Members, and Committee Chairs.

Please feel free to email or call me at any time so that together we will make this a great year for The St. Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA. rogerpopham14@gmail.com, cell phone 941-780-0313. Roger

INSIDE

Calendar and Contact List	Page 2
Luncheon Minutes	Page 3
Executive Committee Minutes	Page 3
Legislative Update	Page 5
Luncheon Photos	Page 6-7
Donations	Page 8
Financial Statement	Page 9
Birthdays	Page 8
TAPS	Page 9
New Members	Page 9
Sick List	Page 9
Upcoming Luncheon Information	Page 12

Are the Commissaries Safe?

Jan 15, 2016

By: Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF (Ret)

Director, Government Relations

The FY 2016 Defense Budget proposed privatizing the military commissary system over several years. The Pentagon's main goal was to eliminate the \$1.3 billion annual DoD subsidy for the commissary system.

The House version of the FY 2016 Defense Authorization Bill didn't include the proposed budget cut or the privatization concept.

But the Senate version did — cutting the FY 2016 commissary budget by \$322 million and requiring DoD to submit two reports to Congress. The first, due by Feb. 1, was to be on the viability of privatizing the system. If viable, and validated by the Government Accountability Office, a second report was to provide a plan to do so.

The threat to this high-value benefit caused understandable uproar among military beneficiaries.

Multiple studies have concluded privatization inevitably would lead to significantly higher prices; lower patronage not only at commissaries but also at exchanges and other base facilities that benefit from commissary traffic; eventual closure of the commissaries; and seriously adverse effects on exchange revenues, which are needed to fund base gyms, libraries, and other morale, welfare, and recreation activities.

MOAA, The Military Coalition, and others worked hard to articulate these concerns to House and Senate leaders and generate grassroots input from commissary patrons.

See Commissaries Page 4

Free Lunch Winners

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

New Members:

- No one for this month



Officers Call

**Print Media Winner- 2006****Print Media 1st Runner-Up-2008 & 2010-11**

-*Officers Call* is published monthly by The St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA, Inc. P.O. Box 7054, St Petersburg, FL 33734. Articles in *Officers Call* are the sole opinion of the authors and do not necessarily reflect policies or opinions of the publisher. Mailed as third class mail at the Manasota Post Office, Permit #1533. Printed by Creative Technology of Sarasota, Inc.

- Editor – CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG (Ret) 393-4160
- Photos – Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret) 528-3946

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**DIRECTORS**

President- COL Roger Popham, USA (Ret) 498-6860
1st VP- LTC William Eichholz, USA (Ret) 347-9538
2nd Mrs Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC 360-2936
Secretary- Mrs. Ginni Eichholz AuxMbr Spouse 347-9538
Treasurer- Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret) 894-3761

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD**2016 & 2017 —**

LTC Fran Chancey, USA (Ret) 251-9653
 LTC Pauline Mallory, USA (Ret) 329-8254
 Capt Buck WilliamsH, USAF (Ret) 864-3483

2015 & 2016—

CDR Maureen Conners, USN (Ret) 347-7976
 CAPT Peter Gunderson, USNR (Ret)..... 404-304-3313
 Mrs Evey Hamilton, AuxMbr-A 399-1272

Immediate Past President

Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF, (Ret) 522-6237

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advertising	Vacant
Auxiliary Liaison .	Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N . 367-9050
Awards	Vacant
Chaplain	COL George Brown, USA 866-6859
Chaplain Ass't	Vacant
Database Manager	Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF 522-6237
Help Our Troops	LTC Fran Chancey, USA 251-9653
Honor Guard Coord	MAJ Ed Lillich, USA 546-2246
Historian:	CDR Maureen Conners, USN .. 954-0482
Hospitality	CDR Glen Crabb, USN 561-0697
Installation Cerem	Vacant
JROTC	MAJ Ed Lillich, USA 546-2246
Law:	Vacant
Legislative:	CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG 393-4160
MacDill Ret Actv	Lt Col Bill Lewis, USAF 480-6766
Master at Arms	CAPT Peter Gunderson.....404-304-3313
Membership	Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC . 360-2936
MOWC Liaison ...	Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A .. 595-5543
Newsletter	CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG 393-4160
Parliamentary	Col Bill Lofgren, USAF 528-3946
Personal Affairs ...	Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A .. 595-5543
Pinellas Co Vet Lia	MAJ Ed Lillich, USA 546-2246
Programs	LTC Bill Eichholz, USA 347-9538
Publicity:	Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC . 360-2936
Reservations	Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC . 360-2936
Scholarships:	Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF 522-6237
TOPS	Vacant
VAMC Vol Svcs ...	Vacant
Vet Liaison	MAJ Ed Lillich, USA 546-2246
Visitation	Mrs Virginia Balke AuxMbr-A . 544-3598
Webmaster	Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF 522-6237

Did you know that if you were to subscribe to the *Officers Call* via email that you could, using your computer, easily enlarge the pages and even selectively print out a page or more? Or, just read or print it all out in color!

To subscribe to the electronic version of *Officers Call*, and save valuable funds for your Chapter, call Larry--727-522-6237.

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

CALENDAR

February 19th**Mary Wygodski****March 18th****April 15th****May 20th****Memorial Service****** Need a ride to the luncheon?****Call: COL Roger Popham 498-6860**

Business Meetings are on the 1st Monday of the month 11:30-12:30 at Perkins Restaurant on the NE corner of Starkey Rd. & Park Blvd., Seminole.

Feb 1st Monday**Mar 7th Monday****Apr 4th Monday**

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday Feb 9th Pasadena Yacht and Country Club
 6300 Pasadena Point Blvd South
 Gulfport, FL

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146

Membership Info:

- Fran Chancey 251-9653

Bridge: (3rd Thursday of the month) **10:30 AM** at The Club
 Treasure Island

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership	- 200
Regular Members	- 132
Auxiliary Members	- 44
AuxMbr-Spouse	- 24
Inactive Members	- 0

Military Services:

Army - 57	USMC - 7
USAF - 34	USCG - 8
Navy - 26	NOAA - 0

1/18/2016



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>





Minutes

Reported by Ginni Eichholz

Monthly Luncheon; 15 January 2016

Attended – 59: (60 reservations), 3 Member Guest, 3 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 1 No Shows

Meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald.

Invocation by Pastor Tim Cole of Grace Bible Church who is incoming president Roger Popham's pastor.

Pledge of Alegiance led by VP Glen Crabb

VP Glen Crabb recognized; guest speaker Maj Gen Ralph Rohatsch, USAF (Ret) and MOAA Area Vice President Maj. Skip Hartnett, USMC (Ret) and the head table.

Larry Fernald recognized all the Life Emeritus and Distinguished members, in addition to all Past presidents present.

He then presented the Exceptionally Distinguished Service Award to Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret) and the Distinguished Member award to Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret).

Larry then presented the 2014 MOAA 5-Star Chapter Award to Past President Terry Carr as this award was earned during his term.

After a break for lunch Skip Hartnett installed new officers and board members;

President, Roger Popham

1st Vice President, Bill Eichholz

2nd Vice President, Pauline Edwards

Secretary, Ginni Eichholz

Treasurer, Pete Dawson

Executive Advisory Board Members

Through December 31,2016

Pete Gunderson

Through December 31,2017

Fran Chancy

Pauline Mallory

Buck Williams

After a brief acceptance speech by President Roger Popham Glen Crabb introduced our guest speaker Maj Gen Ralph Rohatsch who spoke about electromagnetic pulse and the ways that it might affect our country.

The luncheon meeting was adjourned after the benediction given by Pastor Tim Cole.



Executive Committee Meeting

4 January 2016

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Glen Crabb

Invocation was given by Chaplain George Brown

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Glen Crabb

Ed Lillich motioned that minutes be approved as published in the OC, Fran Shivers seconded. Minutes approved as published.

Vice President mentioned that noise levels at luncheons during speakers and entertainment is rude.

Treasurers report we need to have budget submitted for HOT fund.

Ed Lillich motioned to accept Treasurers report subject to audit. Terry Carr seconded. Treasurers report approved subject to audit.

Pauline Edwards reported that press releases have been submitted. She has received two responses.

Ed Lillich reported that ROTC Field day is 29 January. Traditionally we donate \$150.00 for trophies. Ed Lillich motioned that we give \$150.00 this year to purchase trophies. Terry Carr seconded. Motion approved.

Awards committee requested that requirements for Life Member Emeritus be changed from 10 continuous to 8 continuous years. Pete Dawson made motion, George Brown seconded. Motion approved.

New business; Discussed continuing to hold luncheons at Pasadena Country Club. We will have to raise cost as club is losing money at current prices.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm

Should the Navy change the title of “midshipman”?

Thousands of people say no.

Naval Academy alumni, Annapolis residents and others voiced opposition this week to the Navy’s review of job titles in the pursuit of gender-integration — particularly the removal of the word “man” from ranks like midshipman.

Several readers reached out to The Capital to echo the sentiment of Anthony Papandrea, a 76-year-old graduate of the Class of 1961 who called the initiative “political correctness run amok.”

“Every time I think the PC Police has run out of ridiculous causes, they find something else to complain about,” said Vince Zamaria, an Annapolis resident and midshipman sponsor for over a decade. “They will not be happy until they have ruined our country.”

A Navy official said “it is likely that because of the history and legacy associated with the rank of midshipmen, there will not be a change” — but that the title is up for review nonethe-

See Midshipman Page 4



Commissaries from Page 1

In the end, the House and Senate compromised, and the final FY 2016 Defense Authorization Act:

- reduced the FY 2016 commissary budget cut from \$322 million to a far more manageable \$30 million;
- instead of a plan to privatize the system, required a DoD plan to make delivery of commissary and exchange benefits “budget neutral” (i.e., no cost to DoD) by the end of FY 2018, also to be validated by the GAO;
- authorized DoD to conduct pilot programs to evaluate ways to achieve commissary/exchange budget neutrality; and
- most important, specified that such initiatives must (a) maintain high levels of customer satisfaction, (b) provide high-quality products, and (c) sustain the current level of savings for customers.

MOAA and The Military Coalition supported these provisions, in full knowledge that making the program budget-neutral while still achieving the same levels of patron savings and satisfaction and product quality is functionally impossible.

Subsequently, the new deputy chief management officer for DoD acknowledged this reality. He also acknowledged previous DoD proposals were aimed at simply cutting the budget, regardless of the risk to the commissary program.

Further, he pledged that the department now has accepted the first priority must be maintaining the current level of benefit.

Rather than seeking any specific savings target, he said future initiatives would be aimed at seeking possible business-practice efficiencies that still would sustain the same benefit level, and DoD would accept whatever level of budget savings might be realized within that mandate.

Refreshing words, to be sure. But it’s not as if we’ve never heard them before.

During the George W. Bush administration, there were multiple Pentagon proposals to cut commissary funding in various ways. After being rebuffed multiple times, those officials also pledged not to do so again.

The reality is there have been dozens of proposals to curtail, privatize, or eliminate the commissary benefit going back more than 40 years.

Are commissaries finally safe?

Yes — but only until the next administration’s political appointees tasked to cut the defense budget start asking, as have so many of their predecessors, why the Pentagon is in the grocery business.

The answer they’ll get, as all of their predecessors ultimately were forced to acknowledge, is the commissary provides a crucial non-pay benefit whose cumulative compensation and retention value is greater than its cost to DoD.

As Brooke Goldberg, a MOAA deputy director of Government Relations, testified at a Jan. 13 House Armed Services Committee hearing, grocery savings at the commissary provide the equiva-

lent of a 9-percent pay raise for an E-5 family of four with eight years of service. That’s a pretty big benefit bang for your commissary buck.

The commissary benefit, aside from some selected closures and changes in hours, is pretty much the same as it was 40 years ago, despite dozens of interim attacks.

It’s certain more attacks will come in the future.

But the odds are the compelling arguments in favor of the commissary benefit will continue to prevail over the arguments against it — as long as we stay vigilant and vocal.

Midshipman from Page 3

less. A report of recommendations from the chief of naval operations is due to the secretary of the Navy April 1.

Jobs like construction man, Corpsman and Torpedoman “will likely be updated to better explain what the rating actually does and make them gender neutral,” said the official, who spoke on a condition of anonymity.

A Naval Academy senior enlisted leader will participate in the working group established by the master chief petty officer that is canvassing the fleet for recommendations, a Navy official said.

As of Wednesday night, more than 90 percent of the over 4,000 participants in The Capital’s informal online poll voted against changing midshipman to a gender-neutral term.

Over 2,000 voted for alternative titles in a separate poll. Over 40 percent said that if the Navy were to change “midshipman,” it should be abbreviated to simply “mid.” About 10 percent voted for “shipmate,” and seven percent voted for “midshiperson.” About 40 percent opted for other alternatives, including “midshipper” and “ensign junior grade.”

The Capital received dozens of emails expressing opposition to the idea of changing the historic rank.

Randall R. Brown, who graduated from the academy in 1957, said he has sponsored 77 midshipmen, 10 of them female, and has never heard a single complaint about the term.

“I feel that there is no need to interrupt this wonderful title,” he said.

The Naval Academy Alumni Association does not have a stance on the issue, said Kristen Pironis, an association spokesperson.

Midshipmen at the academy are instructed to direct media inquiries to the public affairs office. Academy spokesman Cmdr. John Schofield said last week it would be “premature and inappropriate to comment on any possible policy change being considered on levels above the Naval Academy administration.”

On Yik Yak, an anonymous commenting app based on location, one user wrote from the academy on Tuesday: “Before we worry about gender neutral names, we should focus on the lack of female heads in Rickover.”

Rickover is the engineering building at the Naval Academy. A “head” is a bathroom on a boat.

See Midshipman Page 8





MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Defense Bill Budget

Timeline

January 22, 2016

The White House announced that the president’s budget request will be delivered to Congress on Feb 9. Once the budget request is received, the ball gets rolling on the defense bill.



Feb 9: The president submits his annual budget proposal to Congress. MOAA expects to see another military pay raise cap, more Basic Housing Allowance cuts, and proposals to significantly overhaul military health care.

MOAA will begin analyzing the impact of the proposals on currently serving and retired members and families and begin preparing fact sheets and brochures to articulate MOAA’s positions to Congress and the public.

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. In essence, these represent requests for the budget levels needed to provide for the nation’s defense.

April 11-13: In the middle of the defense bill process, MOAA will invite Chapter and Council leaders from across the country to Storm the Hill to meet with their elected officials on military personnel and benefits issues.

April - May: The House and Senate Armed Services Committees are expected to begin work drafting their respective versions of the FY 2017 defense bill.

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

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

July-August: MOAA provides its members detailed information to use when visiting their elected officials as they return home to do district work during the August recess.

October-December: Final defense bill passed by House and Senate and becomes law.

Military Bases No Longer Accepting IDs from Five States

U.S. military installations are no longer allowing visitors to gain base access using official ID cards from five states — and other installations may soon follow.

State-issued driver’s licenses and identification cards from Illinois, New Mexico, Missouri, Washington and Minnesota can no longer be used to obtain a visitor’s pass because those cards don’t comply with federal standards, officials said. DoD officials did not say whether or not enhanced driver’s licenses (EDL) from Minnesota or Washington would still be accepted.

Guidance has already been issued by such installations as Fort Bragg in North Carolina, White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, Fort Drum in New York, Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and Fort Leavenworth in Kansas.

“Effective immediately, residents of these five states can no longer use their driver’s license to get a visitor’s pass,” Tom McCollum, a Fort Bragg spokesman said in a release today. “Driver’s licenses and identification cards issued by these states cannot be used to access not just Fort Bragg, but all federal facilities, to include other military installations.”

Nate Allen, a spokesman for the Army, in an email confirmed the changes affect all military installations in the U.S.

The changes impact visitors who are attempting to secure a visitor’s pass to the bases using one of the non-compliant state ID cards. Visitors who are accompanied in the vehicle by a Defense Department card holder can continue to access the installations using any state’s driver’s license, officials said.

A spokesman at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, said officials there received guidance from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, or OSD, but were still reviewing it. Washington state driver’s licenses are among those on the no-acceptance list. Washington state is home to six major military bases.

“We received the notification from OSD about the changes, and our installation access division is reviewing those requirements to determine what course of action we need to do to be in compliance,” said Joe Piek, a base spokesman. “Right now there is no change to our installation access requirements but they are being reviewed.”

SpouseBuzz: What the ID Rule Change Means for You

At issue is state compliance with the 2005 REAL ID Act, which requires states to meet minimum security requirements for their state-issued ID cards such as driver’s licenses. Some states, such as California, received an extension on complying with the rule. And the Department of Homeland Security granted airline passengers a waiver to continue to use their IDs from the non-compliant states past the Jan. 10 deadline.

Accepted forms of identification for granting a base visitor’s pass include a U.S. passport, any official ID card from any of the compliant states, Native American tribal documents and any Defense Department or federal ID card. VA identification cards, however, are not accepted, officials said.

Officials at White Sands Missile Range and Fort Leonard Wood — both located in states whose IDs are no longer compliant — announced through Facebook posts that they will

See ID Cards Pg 8



Glen Crabb introducing Pastor Tim Cole who gave the invocation



Guest speaker MG Ralph Rohatsch



President Roger Popham presenting MG Rohatsch with chapter gift



Area Vice President Skip Hartnett did the installation



Incoming chapter officers: Secretary, Ginni Eichholz, Treasurer, Pete Dawson, 2nd VP Pauline Edwards, 1st VP Bill Eichholz, President, Roger Popham



New Advisory Board Members; Peter Genderson, Buck Williams, Pauline Mallory and Fran Chancey



Incoming President Roger Popham delivering remarks of acceptance



Outgoing President Larry Fernald awarding Earl Peck the "Exceptionally Distinguished Service Award"



Outgoing President Larry Fernald awarding Bill Lofgren the "Distinguished Member Award"



Outgoing President Larry Fernald awarding Past President Terry Carr the Five Star banner earned in 2014 during his tenure



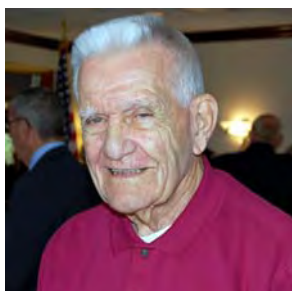
Pastor Tim and Michelle Cole, Bruce Love and Jeanie and Roger Popham



Chaplain George Brown



Violet Smith and Peter Gunderson



Peter Arcand



Jim and Jo Ward



Dave and Pauline Mallory



Terry and Bill Lofgren





Linda and Pete Dawson



Sherry Freese, Ed and Chris Lillich



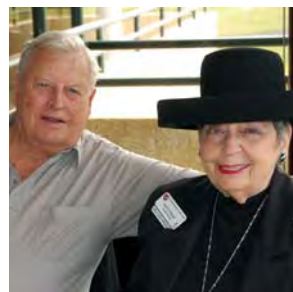
Anne Isley and Anita Harrow



Son Brad and Joan Landers



Jim Wall



Paul and Betty Finley



Margaret and Bill Lewis



Katie and Glen Crabb



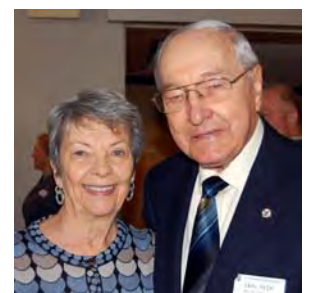
Ken and Ellen Marie Fine



Carol Barkalow and Sheila Mutascio



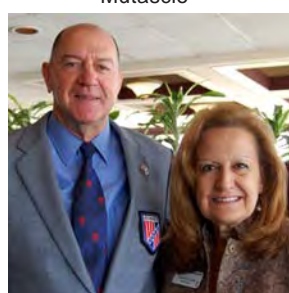
Laurie Lanier



Margaret and Earl Peck



Fran Shivers



Terry and Paulette Carr



Evey Hamilton



Ozzie Osborn and Sherry Freese



Ginni and Bill Eichholz



Jim Patton

Photos by Bill Lofgren

Photos

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



2016 Scholarship Fund Donors (Includes donations to National MOAA)

Gold- \$100 and up; Silver- \$50 to \$99; Bronze-Up to \$49

••GOLD –

Bartlett, Bill CAPT
Carr, Paulette Mrs.
Carr, Terry LTC
Fernald, Larry Lt Col
Isley, Anne Mrs.
Lee, Bill LCDR
Lofgren, Bill Col
Milford, John Lt Col
Palmer, Stew Col
Patton, Jim CWO4
Patton, Kathi Mrs.
Smith, Violet Mrs.
Talbitzer, John LT
Vitters, Cindy LTC

••SILVER –

Hamilton, Evey Mrs.
Barkalow, Carol LTC
Butler, Jerry COL
Christie, Robert LtCol
Finley, Paul LCDR
Mutascio, Sheila Ms.

Newton, Dick Col
Popham, Jeanie Mrs.
Popham, Roger COL
Sims, Bob Maj

••BRONZE –

Bax, Giles COL
Bolin, Bill CDR
D'Louhy, Jacque Mrs.
Edwards, Richard CAPT
Fratangelo, Paul MajGen
Gioe, Shirley Mrs.
Gunderson, Kathy Mrs.
Hetherington, Chuck Col
Quattromani, Tony LTC
Terry, Maxine Mrs.
Tondreau, Tunny CWO4
Vecchio, Joe MAJ
Walters, Bobbie Mrs.

Member donations ONLY:
\$2,186 as of 1/18/2016

2016 Help Our Troops 2016 Heaven on Earth Donors

Gold (\$50 & more); Silver (\$25-49); Bronze (\$1-24)

••GOLD –

Burrell, Basil CWO4
Carr, Paulette Mrs.
Carr, Terry LTC
Fernald, Larry Lt Col
Finley, Paul LCDR
Gioe, Shirley Mrs.
Hetherington, Chuck Col
Holmes, Lee LTC
Isley, Anne Mrs.
Kottich, Chuck COL
Lee, Bill LCDR
Milford, John Lt Col
Misuraca, A. J. 1st Lt
Palmer, Stew Col
Patton, Jim CWO4
Patton, Kathi Mrs.
Popham, Jeanie Mrs.

Member donations ONLY:
\$ 1,640 as of 1/18/2016

Popham, Roger COL
Poteat, Gen Mrs.
Quattromani, Tony LTC
Sims, Bob Maj
Smith, Violet Mrs.
Talbitzer, John LT
Vitters, Cindy LTC

••SILVER –

Bax, Giles COL
Butler, Jerry COL
Hansen, Gidge CPT
Terry, Maxine Mrs.
Tondreau, Tunny CWO4
Walters, Bobbie Mrs.

••BRONZE –

D'Louhy, Jacque Mrs.
Edwards, Richard CAPT
Fratangelo, Paul MajGen
Vecchio, Joe MAJ

ID Cards from Page 5

continue to accept non-compliant ID cards if they are also presented with a supporting “identity proofing” document. Those documents include a U.S. military or draft record, social security card, U.S. citizen ID card or certification of birth abroad issued by the State Department, officials said.

Officials at Fort Leonard Wood said in a release that they will continue until Jan. 27 to issue one-time passes to visitors holding the no longer accepted IDs.

“On Jan. 28 no exceptions will be made and visitors without a compliant form of identification will not be granted access,” the release said.

Midshipman from Page 4

“I’ll be fine with ‘midshipperson’ once females are upheld to the same physical standard and males can have long hair,” another user posted.

“I vote for midpirates,” someone else commented.

“I wonder when people will realize that the word man is in the word woman,” said one.

“Equality isn’t about changing a name, it’s about the ability to be treated the same as anyone else regardless of our gender and instead based on our actions and character,” another wrote.

Stacey Hydrick, a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy Reserve Nurse Corps, said men and women should be appreciated for their differences under a single title.

“Changing semantics is pointless,” she said. “When I teach corpsmen how to do IVs, that is where respect is earned.”

Help Our Troops (HOT)

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

Many respondents noted “man” appears in other commonly used words.

Lynn Wiss said when Neil Armstrong referred to “one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind” upon his arrival on the moon, she didn’t feel excluded.

“It wasn’t a reference to just the males of this world,” she said. “Leave well enough alone and let the midshipmen serve with honor.”

Matt Crusier, a 2005 academy grad, said the midshipman title is a relic.

“Midshipmen aren’t necessarily required to berth amidships when aboard ship,” he said.

Crusier said the title should be preserved.

“If we could design a language from scratch, we’d likely infuse it with all of our modern anxieties on protecting as many as possible from offense or insecurity. But that’s not how language works,” he said. “If the term midshipmen were in any way detrimental to success due to its real or imagined inaccuracies, it would’ve already been changed.”

Some readers suggested new titles of their own: midshipmate, middle, subensign and the title used by other military academies, cadet.

See Midshipman Page 9





TAPS

Thankfully, no one.

Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.
(Contact Mrs. Virginia Balke, 544-3598)

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



Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

Every member get a new member
and get a free lunch!

February Birthdays (70 to 92 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
29	Barnum	Ralph	CDR	USN (Ret)
05	Berns	Robert	Col	USMC (Ret)
07	Carter	Nelson	WO3	USN (Ret)
02	Fernald	Laurance	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
24	Fratangelo	Paul	MajGen	USMC (Ret)
17	Hanson	Marlowe	LTC	USA (Ret)
10	O'Toole	Charles	CAPT	USN (Ret)
19	Patton	James	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
22	Redman	Jo Ann	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
20	Tondreau	Herbert	CWO4	USA (Ret)

Midshipman from Page 8

“Why not just midshippers?” said Ken Hutchinson, a Navy veteran who served in Vietnam. “(It) can be applied gender neutrally, and still connotes the berthing area on board where recruits in training were assigned for maximum safety.”

Herbert Hane, an Annapolis tour guide who lives in Severna Park, said that “midshipman” sounds out of date, and “midshiperson” sounds contrived.

His suggestion?
“Seacadet.”

Financial Report Summary for the Month of December

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,946.32
..... Donations	\$ 195.00
..... 50/50	\$ 39.00
..... Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... HOT Balance, End of Month	\$ 6,180.32

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 4,416.00
..... Memorials	\$ 100.00
..... Donations	\$ 535.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,051.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,670.44
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 1,040.00
..... Dues	\$ 575.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 95.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 0.76
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (1,095.00)
..... Supplies	\$ (41.00)
..... Post Office	\$ (82.00)
..... Honraria/donations	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous	\$ (150.00)
..... Memorial to Scholarship	\$ (100.00)
..... Printing/mailling	\$ (47.25)
..... Newsletter Costs	\$ (366.77)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,349.18

HAMBURGERS

Low military pay was not mentioned in The State Of The Union speech. Just increasing the minimum wage was ..Hamburgers, or Minimum Wage. For those fast food employees striking for \$15 an hour. Let’s do some math.... At \$15 an hour Johnny Fry-Boy would make \$31,200 annually. An E1 (Private) in the military makes \$18,561. An E5 (Sergeant) with 8 years of service only makes \$35,420 annually. So you’re telling me, LaTisha McBurgerflipper, that you deserve as much as those kids getting shot at, deploying for months in hostile environments, and putting their collective asses on the line every day protecting you....! Here’s the deal, Baconator, you are working in a job designed for a kid in high school who is learning how to work and earning enough for gas, and hanging out with their equally goofy high school pals. If you have chosen this as your life long profession, you have failed. If you want above minimum wage....have above minimum skills!! If you can read this, thank a teacher...If it’s in English, thank a Veteran.



**For Fish, Steak Pasta & Chops
We are Tops!**

Serving the beaches since 1992



Breakfast * Lunch * Dinner

Beer • Wine • Cocktails

Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm

Early Bird Menu 4 – 6 pm

Open 7 Days 7 am - 11 pm

Voted Best Greek & Best Family Value

5799 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach

Across Gulf Boulevard, just

North of the **SIRATA**

727 360-1029

Thru June 2012

Arden Courts...
Memory Care is all we do



Did you know that there is a special financial benefit from the Veteran's Administration called Aid & Attendance that can fund a stay at a memory care community such as Arden Courts?

Call Arden Courts today to learn about this little-known benefit for Veterans and how you can receive up to \$2,020 per month to help with your memory care needs.



300 Highland Avenue NE • Largo, FL 33770

(727) 559-8411



Call (727) 559-8411 or e-mail largo@arden-courts.com to speak to our dementia specialist.

We've Raised the Bar...



The Future of Senior Care is Here.
You Will Find it Only at Seasons – The Leader
in Assisted Living and Memory Care.

**Come for a visit, and experience
our innovative approach for yourself.**

Benefits for veterans and their spouses are available.



Two new locations for exceptional living:

Seasons Largo ~ 727.330.7898

4175 East Bay Dr. • Largo, FL 33764

Seasons Belleair ~ 727.754.9797

1145 Ponce De Leon Blvd. • Belleair, FL 33756

info@SeasonsALF.com • SeasonsALF.com

This community
is managed by:



Seasons Largo Assisted Living License #AL12518
Seasons Belleair Assisted Living License #AL12532



Bring this ad in for a **FREE**
chocolate pretzel!

**Larry G. Butterfield
Debbie Butterfield**
Owners / Managers

KILWIN'S of JOHN'S PASS BOARDWALK
160 John's Pass Boardwalk • Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Phone: (727) 397-9800 • Fax: (727) 397-9802

Email: LarryButt@netzero.com

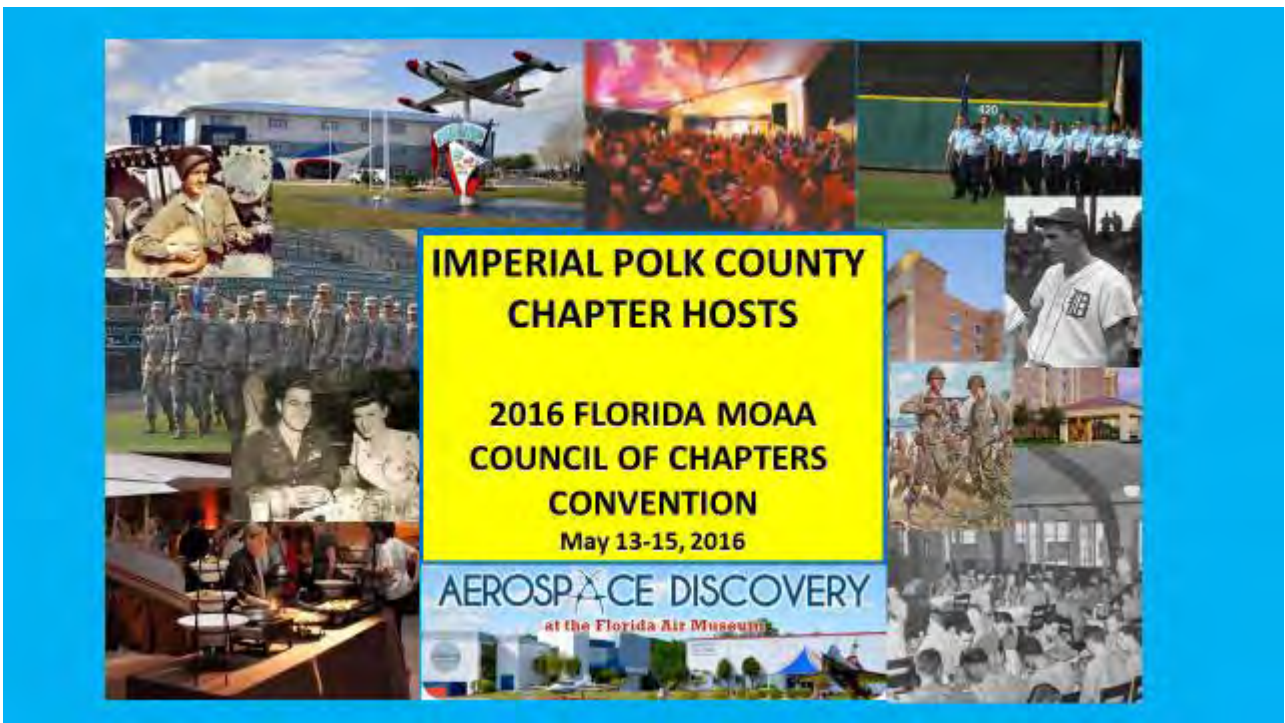
Please support our advertisers

MOAA's Non-Partisanship Statement "MOAA's 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."



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>





Convention Agenda

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

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

The day will end with a reception featuring exciting entertainment.

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

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

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

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

Rules of the Conference:

- No civilian suits, coats or ties.
- Transportation will be available to all venues.
- Hampton Inn will be the primary hotel for billeting.
 - ^ Room block for May 13-15, 2016. To make reservations call hotel directly or follow the link:
 - ^ http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/L/LALPPHX-MOA-201610512/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
 - ^ Rooms will be held until the cutoff date April 17th, 2016
 - ^ Mary Babylon, Sales Manager, Hampton Inn & Suites, Lakeland South-Polk Parkway
3630 Lakeside Village Blvd, Lakeland, LF 33803 Tel 863-603-7600 Fax 863-603-7601



St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
19 February 2016

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

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

Guest Speakers:

Mary Wygodski

Holocaust Survivor

Mary Wygodski was born in Vilna, Poland where she lived with her parents, brother and two sisters until 1941. After the invasion of Poland by the Germans during WWII, the Nazis interned her and her family in the Ghetto.



Mary and daughter Charlene

In 1944 the Ghetto was liquidated and her family perished. She was the sole survivor. At the age of 17 she was sent by the Nazis to three different concentration camps. She was liberated by the 119th Regiment of the 30th Infantry Division of the American Army in 1945. After being in a Displaced Persons Camp (DP) in Belgium, she left for Israel (then Palestine). There she met her future husband and they were married during the Israeli War of Independence in 1948.

In the United States, Mary and her family lived in New York and then in 1963 they established residency in St. Petersburg. Mary studied in New York University and Queens College. She received her teaching certificate in preschool education at St. Petersburg Junior College.

Mary has a son and daughter and three grandsons.

Florida Holocaust Museum

Address: 55 5th Street S, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

Hours: Open daily 10:00 AM - 05:00 PM

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, February 19th 2016
Pasadena Yacht Club

6300 Pasadena Point Blvd South., Gulfport, FL
• Reservations MUST be in by Sun, February 14th

Name: _____

Each reservation \$20:

Chicken Picatta: _____

Salmon Picatta: _____

ALL: Cup of soup, Rice Pilaf and Green Beans. Dessert - Sherbert

Reservations call;
Pauline Edwards 727-360-2936
Pauline@tampabay.rr.com
(If no answer please leave message) or
Evelyn Hamilton 727-399-1272

To expedite entry, please have checks prepared before arrival.

For a RIDE call:

COL Roger Popham 498-6860



February

- 1: First meeting of the U. S. Supreme Court (1790)
- 2: Groundhog Day
- 4: Charles Lindbergh born, (1902)
- 8: Boy Scouts Founded (1910)
- 12: Abraham Lincoln born (1809)
- 14: Valentine's Day
- 15: President's Day
- 22: George Washington born (1732)

