



# OFFICERS CALL

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### President's Comments:

My tour of duty has been both interesting and rewarding. I have thoroughly enjoyed it, and in fact, would continue it if you, my fellow Chapter members, and the by-laws permitted. Our Chapter is very fortunate to have many talented members willing and able to lead the Chapter. I know that you will give them the same confidence and support you have shown me.



I was not alone in this adventure. Your Executive Committee (EC) consisting of the Chapter officers, directors and committee chairs met monthly to chart the path that we would follow. It was my privilege and pleasure to lead this dedicated group of members.

The person who always kept me on task, as she has for 57 years, was our Chapter Secretary, my wife Chris. She is a true professional and will not except anything but best effort; and, her outstanding execution of her duties exemplifies that. At their December meeting the EC gave her accolades for her superior performance of duty. Several Chapter members told her that she deserves a medal. I go along with both the EC and the Chapter members who praised her and add my own "Thank You Chris and well done."

The Holiday Season is here and the Chapter celebrated it by entering the Pinellas Park Holiday Parade. Larry Fernald shined up his beautiful blue pick-up truck, mounted our Chapter Flag and our American Standard, strung Christmas lights and placed MOAA magnetic signs on it and drove it on the one and one-half mile parade route down Park Blvd. Barbara Fernald was the navigator and Chris and I rode in the back in very comfortable deck chairs. We were joined by two of Larry's beautiful grandchildren, Chris Fernald, and his cousin Maria Fernald; both eight years old. David Fernald, Maria's three year old brother rode in front.

Larry and I were in uniform. With the help of the two grandchildren, Chris and I threw out fourteen pounds of candy to the throngs along the route. We ran out of candy about half way but kept waving and wishing Merry Christmas to all. Everyone, with few exceptions, waved and cheered, and some of the men and even several children saluted, and I returned the salutes. It was tiring but it was fun. I know that those who saw our entry respected our organization. Many thanked us for our service. I returned, "It was our privilege."

We should continue to participate in this parade, but will leave that to those who follow on.



Ed and Chris Lillich in truck at parade



Ed Lillich and Barb Fernald in truck and Larry Fernald and grandson David on the ground

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## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 311  
 Regular Members - 205  
 Auxiliary Members - 106  
 Inactive Members - 4

### Military Services:

Army - 67                      USMC - 15  
 USAF - 66                     USCG - 10  
 Navy - 47                      NOAA - 0

12/22/2011

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

## CALENDAR

January 21<sup>st</sup>                      Installation Dinner

February 17<sup>th</sup>

March 16<sup>th</sup>

April 20<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

January 2<sup>nd</sup>                      Monday

February 6<sup>th</sup>                    Monday

March 5<sup>th</sup>                        Monday

## ROWC

### Luncheons:

- January Luncheon 10th at Banquet Masters
- February Luncheon 14th at Banquet Masters
- March Luncheon 13th at Dolphin Inn

### Luncheon Reservations:

Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272 or  
 Maureen Conners, 347-7976

### Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2464

**Bridge:** (1<sup>st</sup> 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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## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

**Monthly Luncheon; 16 December 2011**

**Attended – 90:** (83 reservations), 6 Member Guests, 2 Chapter Guests, 9 Walk in, 2 Cancel, 0 No Shows

The December Holiday luncheon was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1145 hours. George Brown gave the invocation and Ed led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed welcomed everyone to the luncheon and introduced the head table which included; Bill Lee, Terry Carr, Chaplain Brown and Captain Philip Boorda, USMC. Ed went around



the room asking each table to introduce guests. David Blazuk was a guest of Fr. Mike Day, Kervin George was a guest of Ed Lillich, Patricia Riley was a guest of Ed Riley, Pat Anderson was the guest of Sherry Freese. Fred Edwards introduced CAPT Tom Schaeffer, USCG (Ret), a first time attendee and now a chapter member.

Patricia Riley won the door prize drawing and Bobbie Walters and Johnnie Neville split the 50/50 drawing.

Anita Harrow told the members that 72 boxes were sent to the troops to arrive for the holidays. She thanked Bill Lofgren for all the boxes of candy he has donated to sell to help defray the cost of the packages we send to the troops. Bill received a rounding hand of gratitude. Bill Lofgren held an auction for special popcorn candy and Barbara Stakk was the highest bidder at \$50.00. Thank you Barbara.

Larry Fernald, chairman of the nominations committee presented the slate of officers and asked for nominations from the floor. With nothing heard, General Earl Peck made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Sherry Freese, and nominations were closed. General Peck made a motion to elect the slate by affirmation, seconded by Anita Harrow and motion passed. Elected are: LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret), President, LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret), 1st Vice President, MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret), 2nd Vice President, Chris Lillich, AUXMbr-Spouse, Secretary and Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret), Treasurer. The Executive Advisory Board with term expiration of December 31, 2012 include; Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A, Col Charlie Parsons, USAF (Ret) and Maj Gen John Schoeppner, USAF (Ret). Term expiration of December 31, 2013 include Virginia Balke, AuxMbr-A, LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret) and CPT Barbara Stakk, USA (Fmr).

Larry Fernald said that our installation banquet speaker will be Lt Gen Richard Y. Newton, III, USAF, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Director, Air Force Staff, HQ USAF/CVA. Please make your arrangements to attend the installation banquet which will be held at Seminole Lake County Club on January 21, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

Captain Boorda spoke briefly about Toys for Tots and thanked

everyone for their generosity. Toys for Tots has been sponsored by the Marine Corps Reserve for over 40 years. Today 80,000 toys have been delivered and in the past two days 120,000 were delivered. From 15,000 to 20,000 children will get 3 to 4 toys this year. Captain Boorda is an active duty Marine and serves as an Inspector/Instructor with the Reserves. Thirty active duty Marines support Hillsborough and Pinellas County and they have many duties to include conducting funeral services and providing honor guards at sporting events.

Council President Don Freese gave holiday greetings from the council and an update on the Give Me Ten contest. We are vying with Ohio for the distinction of winning the contest. At the present moment we are ahead of Virginia and one behind Ohio for our size Chapter. Note: At the close of our luncheon meeting six signed up for Give Me Ten. Don and Sherry Freese and Ed and Chris Lillich attended the Helping Hand dinner at Haley VA Hospital. They were able to talk with those who are recovering from head wounds and nervous system wounds and it was very heart wrenching. There were 300 people present and Coalition Officers, headed by a Norwegian General, served the food. Don said that Helping Hand is a wonderful program and he urged everyone to take advantage of the monthly dinners to meet and thank the service personnel, who are being helped to recover from their wounds, for their sacrifices. Santa Claus was present and he gave out gifts to all the children. All of the active duty wounded were presented with a Kindle.

Following lunch we were entertained with Classical and Christmas songs presented by the Seminole High School Choral Group, directed by Daryl Yasay.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting

**5 December 2011**

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours and he gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifteen members were present including Bill Bolin, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Jean Jessup, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Charlie Parsons, Jim Patton and Violet Smith.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Don Freese made a motion to accept the minutes as recorded, seconded by Anita Harrow. A correction was made by Larry Fernald changing the word *will* to *may*. Minutes were approved by the Executive Board as corrected. Bill Lofgren thought the Secretary was doing a good job in reporting precise and accurate minutes and she was thanked by the Executive Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Dawson reported a balance of \$10,915.42 in the operating account. This increase from last month's report is due to membership dues coming in. The Treasurer will send the balance of the Scholarship Fund to the Scholarship Committee for our yearly contribution. A full ac-

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counting of all funds is found elsewhere in the Officers Call.

**First Vice President's Report:** Arrangements have been made for a Marine representative to pick up the Toys for Tots at the December luncheon meeting. Bill Lofgren suggested that everyone try to buy American made toys.

**Second Vice President's Report:** Bill Lee was pleased that from the eight members who attended the officers call at John's Pass on November 14, five members joined our Chapter. All are members of National MOAA, so we didn't gain any Give Me Ten members. That means that we are still behind Ohio for the most in the nation for paid GMT members in 2011. Don Freese signed his son-in-law for a membership in National, but we still need more GMT to win the prize.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Newsletter:** Jim Patton reminded everyone that all articles must be in to him by the Monday following the luncheon as he needs to get the information to the printer in a timely fashion in order for them to print the O.C. and mail it to our members to receive them the first week of the following month.

**Auxiliary:** Anita Harrow said there will be a spring coffee for Auxiliary members and plans are already being discussed.

**H.O.T:** Anita Harrow verified with the post office that all 72 boxes she sent this month were sent to valid addresses at the time they were sent. There is always a possibility that there might be base closures before the boxes arrive and in that case some may be returned. Marc Freese has been very obliging in accepting boxes and giving them to the proper people. He will keep us apprised of any change of address for himself. Due to the closings there will be no boxes sent at the end of December and probably not again until the end of January when the Valentine's boxes will be prepared.

**Nominating:** Ballots are still being accepted. Elections will be held at the December luncheon meeting. Larry Fernald will handle the elections..

**Membership:** Eighty Chapter members still have not renewed for the next year. Two indicated they are resigning when this year's membership runs out.

**Council President:** Don Freese announced that Dottie Snyder, wife of John Snyder, Florida Webmaster and President of the Mayport Chapter, passed away on December 4. Last week Don and Sherry Freese went down to South Dade in the Homestead area for a revitalization of that Chapter. He said the spouses that were there were very important to the meeting. He has done four revitalizations to date.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**Pinellas Park Parade:** Larry Fernald will have four chairs in the truck for riders. The truck will be decorated with lights and will have the American Flag and Chapter Flag flying. Ed and Chris Lillich will attend the mandatory meeting of the Parade committee on Monday, December 5 and will let all parade attendees know by e-mail all the pertinent data.

**Installation:** Terry Carr gave the price breakdown for the installation banquet as Prime Rib or Honey Spiced Chicken, \$34.00 and Baked Stuffed Flounder is \$37.50. Don Freese made a motion to accept the prices as offered, seconded by Larry Fernald. Motion passed. (*Note flyer on page 12 all meal prices are \$34.00*)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**Wait Staff Gratuity:** Larry Fernald made a motion, seconded by Violet Smith that \$150 be allocated to Bill Bolin for distribution to those who provide service to us at Banquet Masters for our monthly luncheons. Motion passed.

There being no further business Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

The last Executive Committee meeting for the present board will be held at Perkins on January 2, 2012.

### The Coast Guard We Once Knew

I liked standing on the bridge wing at sunrise with salt spray in my face and clean ocean winds whipping in from the four quarters of the globe - - the cutter beneath me feeling like a living thing as her engines drove her swiftly through the sea.

I liked the sounds of the Coast Guard - the piercing trill of the boatswains pipe, the syncopated clangor of the ship's bell on the quarterdeck, the harsh squawk of the PA system, and the strong language and laughter of sailors at work.

I liked CG vessels — nervous darting 255s, plodding buoy tenders, and light ships, sleek 327s and the steady solid hum of the twin engines on the HH16E.

I liked the proud names of Coast Guard ships: USS Bayfield, USS Cavalier, USCGC Taney, USCGC Cosmos, the Wind class Icebreakers and the USCGC Bibb just to name a few.

I liked the lean angular names of CG "shallow water cutters" the 82 footers, Pt Hudson, Pt Lookout, Cape Trinity and the Cape Higgon, named for locations around the states. I liked liberty call and the spicy scent of a foreign port.

I even liked the never ending paperwork and all hands working parties as my ship filled herself with the multitude of supplies, both mundane and to cut ties to the land and carry out her mission anywhere on the globe where there was water to float her.

I liked sailors, officers and enlisted men from all parts of the land, farms of the Midwest, small towns of New England, from the cities, the mountains and the prairies, from all walks of life. I trusted and depended on them as they trusted and depended on me - for professional competence, for comradeship, for strength and courage. In a word, they were "shipmates"; then and forever.

I liked the surge of adventure in my heart, when the word was passed: "Now set the special sea and anchor detail - all hands to mooring stations for leaving port," and I liked the

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## MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

By Col. Steve Strobridge,  
USAF-Ret.

As we come to the end of 2011, many are thinking we had a successful year and dodged some really bad things that could have greatly affected the military community.



A year ago, the president's deficit commission proposed freezing military pay, whacking military retirement, dramatically raising health care costs for retired servicemembers of all ages, eliminating commissaries, and much, much more.

After 12 months of hand-wringing over how Congress might act on those proposals and what the grossly misnamed congressional "super committee" might suggest, it seems we've come to the end the year with no such changes.

But if that's what you're thinking, you are wrong, wrong, wrong.

The \$460 billion defense budget cut enacted in August 2011 is going to affect you and your family. We just don't yet know exactly how badly.

A Pentagon-proposed plan to implement the cuts is sitting on the president's desk, and all indications are that a large share will come from people, compensation, and health care programs. Within the next two months, that plan will be all over the news.

And that's not all.

The super committee's inaction means a budget sequester aimed at cutting almost another \$500 billion from the defense budget over the next 10 years is already in motion to take effect a year from now.

Many in Congress are up in arms over what cuts that deep will do to national security, but there are just as many who are determined to have the cuts come from the Pentagon rather than other programs.

What's at stake? COLAs to all federal annuities, TRICARE, TRICARE For Life, major force and compensation cuts, commissaries, exchanges, family-support programs, and just about every military program you and your family use.

If you survived the budget cuts of the 1970s, '80s, or '90s, you know how bad those were. But they were nothing compared to the budget pressures we're all going to face over the next four or five years.

We congratulate ourselves on our successes of the past decade — which were due to the power of MOAA members' grassroots input to their legislators.

This year, members set an all-time record on that score, sending more than 1.3 million messages to their elected officials via media we can count.

That total includes more than 820,000 emails sent through MOAA's website, blasting past last year's previous record of 499,000.

But it will take a far broader effort to avoid budget disasters in the years ahead.

First, there are high-powered, well-connected, well-heeled lobbyists fighting (and making hefty political contributions) to preserve their shares of the budget pie — at your expense.

Second, if you look past the impressive 820,000 MOAA-generated emails, you find only 67,000 individuals generated all of those messages.

In other words, most of MOAA's legislative effort is being carried by less than 20 percent of its members.

Are the other 80 percent oblivious to the threat? Do they think, "It's just politics and will blow over like most of the threats of the past 10 years have?" Do they assume their input wouldn't make a difference?

**Regardless of the reason, the complacency and inertia of "the other 80 percent" is the biggest budgetary threat to you and your family.**

**If you're in that 80 percent, you're your own worst enemy. Your continued inaction will jeopardize not only your family and your future but also the families and futures of your brothers and sisters in arms.**

**The issue here isn't ensuring the military community takes no budget hits. The nation's budget problems are such that no segment of America will escape taking some significant hits.**

**The issue is resisting taking a disproportional share of hits simply because those with other interests are more active and better connected and have deeper pockets.**

**If you're not getting involved to defend what your service and sacrifice has earned — and actively seeking to motivate others to protect theirs (and yours) — you're helping paint the target on your COLAs and health care and on the troops and their families and your own family's future well-being.**

**Consider yourself warned.** *Emphasis added by Editor*

TALLAHASSEE — The 2012 edition of the Florida Veterans' Benefits Guide has been released by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The 24-page guide, sponsored by the Florida Veterans Foundation, provides information about federal and state veterans' benefits and how to obtain them.

"As we strive to expand our outreach efforts, this guide becomes a primary tool in our arsenal to advocate for our state's veteran population," said Mike Prendergast, FDVA Executive Director.

Copies of the guide are being distributed to county veteran service offices, and VA facilities. An interactive version is available online at [www.FloridaVets.org](http://www.FloridaVets.org). or for more information or to request a guide, call (850) 487-1533



Chorus Director Daryl Yasay introducing the chorus



Seminole High School Chorus



Terry Carr introducing chorus director Daryl Yasay



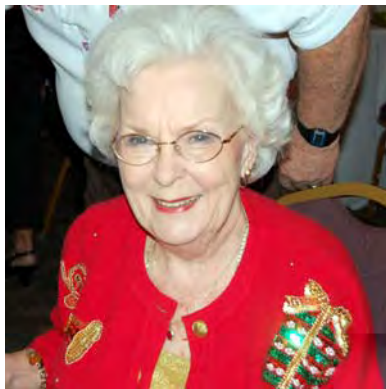
Barbara Adams and Vonnie Bennett



John Arcand



New MOAA member Capt Phillip Boorda, USMC with Ed Lillich



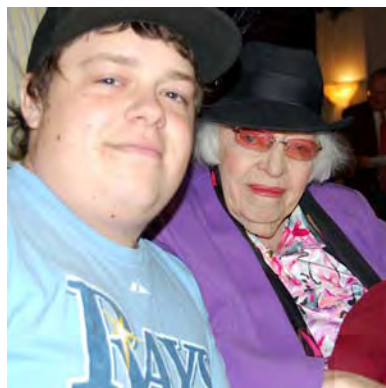
Visitor Sarah Jane Cross



Mike and Julie Day with visiting friend David Blazuk



New member Kervin George



Zachary Wilson with Meredith Crook



Penny and Bill Eisenhart



Jacqueline D'Louhy and Joan Landers

Photos by Bill Lofgren





Kathryn Roy



Luncheon attendees listening to Chorus



Ed Riley and daughter Pat Riley



Neal and Lee White



New member Tom Schaeffer and Bill Lee



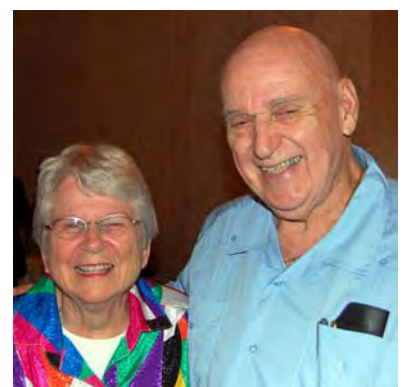
Frederick and Maxine Terry



Karen Starr and Joanne Taylor



Hazel Murphy and Johnnie Neville



Anne Isley and Basil Burrell



Ed and Maureen Connors



Barb Fernald and Barbara Stakk



Linda and Pete Dawson

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](mailto:LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com)



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Taylor, Joanne MAJ  
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Member donations ONLY:  
\$ 4,682 as of 12/20/2011

### Coast Guard from Pg 4

infectious thrill of sighting home again, with the waving hands of welcome from family and friends waiting pier side. The work was hard and dangerous; the going rough at times; the

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of November 2011

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ (1,785.72)
..... Donations .....	\$ 500.00
..... Ad Income .....	\$ 240.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (390.25)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (1,435.97)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,250.17
..... Donations .....	\$ 780.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 35.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (403.30)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,250.17

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,812.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 1,129.00
..... 50/50 Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 3,941.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 8,304.07
..... Monthly Luncheon .....	\$ 905.00
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parting from loved ones painful, but the companionship of robust CG laughter, the “all for one and one for all” philosophy of the sea was ever present.

I liked quiet mid-watches with the aroma of strong coffee and PBJ sandwiches — the lifeblood of the CG permeating everywhere.

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*As a retired Coastie this brings back a lot of memories. I hope as you read it, you were able to recall some of the great memories you have from your years of service.*

*Jim Patton, Editor*







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- ◆ **Starwyck, Stephen L., CAPT, USN (Ret),**  
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(51 to 92 years)

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25	Eisenhart	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
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10	Kirkland	Douglas	CDR	USN (Ret)
28	Kottich	Charles	COL	USA (Ret)
14	Lakey	Pearl	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
30	Martin	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
14	Neville	Alice	Mrs.	LifeAuxMbr-AF
16	Palmer	Samuel	Col	USAF (Ret)
07	Patton	Charles	LTC	USA (Ret)
18	Ponder	Elza	CPT	USA (Ret)
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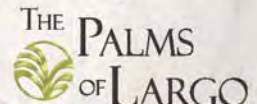
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Making Jamaica on 6 October, she took on 826 pounds of flour and 68,300 gallons of rum.

Then she headed for the Azores, arriving there 12 November. She provisioned with 550 pounds of beef and 64,300 gallons of Portuguese wine.

On 18 November, she set sail for England. In the ensuing days she defeated five British men-of-war and captured and scuttled 12 English merchant ships, salvaging only the rum aboard each.

By 26 January, her powder and shot were exhausted. Nevertheless, although unarmed she made a night raid up the Firth of Clyde in Scotland. Her landing party captured a whisky distillery and transferred 40,000 gallons of single malt Scotch aboard by dawn. Then she headed home.

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## 2012 Installation Ceremony and Banquet

**Saturday**  
**21 January 2012**

**Seminole Lake Country Club**  
**6100 Augusta Blvd**  
**Seminole, FL 33777**

**6:00 PM to 10:00 PM**  
**Program Begins at 6:45PM**

**Guest Speaker: Lt Gen Richard Y. Newton,**  
**III, USAF, Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, USAF**

Attire: Formal military uniform, tux, or coat and tie comparable formal attire for the spouses.

**Lt Gen Dick Newton** oversees the administration and organization of the Air Staff, which develops policies, plans, and programs; establishes requirements; and provides resources to support the Air Force's mission. He also serves as Deputy Chairman of the Air Force Council, and is the Air Force accreditation official for the international Corps of Air Attache's.



Gen Newton was born at Forbes AFB, KS, and graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1978. His commands include the first B-2 squadron, a B-1B operations group, and a B-52 wing. He has held several positions at the Air Staff, including Deputy Director for Strategic Plans and Future Systems for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. He has served in several joint assignments, including the executive assistant to the Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J5), as well as the Director of Strategic Plans and Policy (J5) at U.S. Strategic Command.

Gen Newton is a Command Pilot with over 2,900 hours in a variety of aircraft, including the B-2, B-1B, B-52, and T-38.

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