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President's Comments:

It was great to have a large number of our members at our December luncheon meeting including; new member Susan Langston and her daughter, Kelsey, who is one of our Chapter's scholarship recipients. We all enjoyed Jack Harris, our speaker, who answered everyone's questions on a far reaching range of topics.



It was fun to celebrate the Christmas season at our December luncheon by singing a few Christmas carols. Thanks to Bill Lofgren for another excellent job on the piano. Thanks also to all who brought a gift for Toys for Tots. That will help greatly to make some deserving children have a better Christmas than they would otherwise. I am writing this on Christmas Eve, and I hope every Chapter member has the best Christmas and holiday season they can possibly have.

As my second year as your Chapter President draws to a close, I would like to once again let everyone know what a privilege and honor it was to represent you and to lead the Chapter to what I believe was another highly successful year. Thanks to every member of the executive board for your service. Special thanks to Chris Lillich for another excellent job as Chapter Secretary.

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Help Our Troops

Anita Harrow, Chair



During the month of November, the HOT project shipped thirty three (33) boxes to troops in five different units in Afghanistan packed with treats, toiletries, and a special greeting for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Christmas boxes will be mailed the first week of December containing holiday cookies and candies and will include 170 Christmas cards signed by friends.

In previous years, I was mailing 50-60 boxes monthly to 9 and sometime 10 forward operating bases. With the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan and the expectation of additional troop withdrawals in 2014, our mail listing is shrinking. And if we can believe what is printed in the Tampa Bay Times there could be a complete withdrawal in 2014.

The mission of our HOT project is to support our troops and our chapter has accomplished this by the monthly mailing of care packages. There are, however, other ways we can serve our troops overseas as well as at home. Over the years with the help of chapter members our project has established a large group of community contacts who share our commitment to helping our troops. This overwhelming support of our members as well as others in the community signifies a strong interest in giving back to our military men and women. Therefore, it is important that under the aegis of our HOT project we continue to ship care packages as long as troops are deployed overseas and to seek other ways to help troops both overseas as well as at home.

In April, 2013, during one of our luncheon meetings members made generous donations enabling HOT to contribute \$335.00 to help fund the annual Bay Pines VA Stand Down for Homeless Veterans November of this year, I had an opportunity to attend one of the monthly dinners sponsored by Operation Helping Hand, sponsored by the Tampa Chapter of MOAA and to witness the tremendous service provided to wounded heroes and their families. Under the aegis of HOT Sherry Freese and Ellen

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

CALENDAR

January 17th VADM Norb Ryan, Jr., USN (Ret)

February 21st

March 21st Dick Crippen, Tampa Bay Rays

April 18th

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?
 Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
 LTC Terry Carr 392-6524**

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.

January 6th Monday

February 3rd Monday

March 3rd Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday January 14th Banquet Masters
 1130 hours 8100 Park Blvd.
 Pinellas Park

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Evelyn Hamilton, 727-399-1272

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

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

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 266
 Regular Members - 167
 Auxiliary Members - 99
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

Army - 66	USMC - 13
USAF - 50	USCG - 7
Navy - 31	NOAA - 0

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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Monthly Luncheon; 20 December 2013

Attended – 76: (75 reservations), 3 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 4 Walk in, 1 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The December luncheon meeting was called to order by President, Terry Carr at 1145 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and all repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

The head table consisted of President Terry Carr, 1st Vice President Dick Koch, Chaplain George Brown, Mrs. Paulette Carr, wife of Terry Carr and the guest speaker, Jack Harris.



George Brown announced that everyone was invited to go to the MacDill hangar either on the 21st or 28th of December from 1000 hours to 1600 hours for a tour of the KC135.

Sherry Freese had tickets for the two quilts to be raffled off at the 2014 convention at the Hilton in June. One quilt is a queen sized in the Log Cabin pattern and the other is full size designed from previous convention shirt logos. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Please see Sherry for tickets.

Anita Harrow, the “HOT” lady, read a note that began “Greetings From the Front” which was a thank you from all the troops in the unit for the Christmas box and all other boxes they have received from the Chapter and letting us know how appreciative they are to be thought of and to receive the wonderful boxes. Anita also read a tear jerker poem written by a Lance Corporal. Anita received a very well deserved round of applause for all the work she has done with the HOT program.

President Carr extended a warm “welcome back” to Marie Lorence who had been home bound for quite some time. Guests included Yvonne Hamilton, daughter of Evie Hamilton and Dick Koch’s guests, Grandson Jeremy who is home for the holidays from the Air Force Academy, Son, Steve and a very good friend and former St. Petersburg dentist, Dr. Keith Eastern. New member Susan Langston and her daughter Kelsey were welcomed by the President.

Larry Fernald announced there would be a brief meeting after the luncheon of all those who are working on the 2014 convention. He also announced that 73 have not renewed for 2014 and unless they did we would be placed in a different category and we would like to maintain our current membership status if at all possible.

The names of the nominated officers and advisory committees were announced and a vote was called for. General Earl Peck made a motion to approve the entire slate by acclamation. The installation luncheon will be January 17, 2014 at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club with social hour at 1100 hours and lunch to be served at 1145 hours. Price of the luncheon is

\$25.00 which includes valet parking. Please make your reservations and your choice of menu by calling Bill Bolin or sending in the reservation form to him as soon as possible. Reservation form, phone number and address can be found in the December issue of the O.C.

The door prize was won by Ann Isley and the 50/50 was divided between Neal White and Paulette Carr. Congratulations to all winners.

While waiting for the salads to be served, Bill Lofgren played Christmas songs on the piano and everyone joined in the singing.

Following lunch Jack Harris gave a short rundown of his experience during his military service and thanked all the veterans present for their faithful service and said that they were all today’s Heroes. Then he turned the tables and asked the membership to ask him questions of any topic they wanted him to talk about. Because so many people had questions, he offered to stay after the luncheon to talk with them. Terry presented Jack with the traditional drink glasses.

Terry thanked everyone for their support during his two years as President and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting 2 December 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1135 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Eighteen members were present to include: Virginia Balke, Bill Bolin, George Brown, Basil Burrell, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Glen Crabb, Pete Dawson, Pauline Edwards, Dick Koch, Bill Lewis, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Robert Palsha, Barbara Stakk, Violet Smith, and Joanne Taylor.

Secretary’s Report: Hardy Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous E.C. as printed in the Officers’ Call. Ed Lillich seconded the motion and motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Pete Dawson reported a balance in the Operating Fund of \$10,282.94. In the past month we received \$955.00 in receipt of dues and \$180 for the sale of shirt sales. The Treasurer’s report was accepted subject to audit.

1st Vice President: Dick Koch presented the budget for the installation luncheon on January 17, 2014. The luncheon fee is \$25.00 and includes valet parking. Dick Koch said that Admiral Ryan would be the Keynote Speaker for the Installation Dinner. Future programs include CAPT Robert Silah for the February meeting, Dick Crippen of the Tampa Bay Rays in March, currently April is open, John Wilson from Channel 13 will give a Memorial Day program in May. Speakers for the balance of the year have not been determined at this time as Dick and Bill Lewis are looking for speakers who they think will help draw new members to the Chapter.

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President from Page 1

Our Chapter lost some great members this past year, but thankfully there have been others willing to step up and provide leadership. I am confident you will give the same support and commitment to next year's leaders, and I hope it will be the best year ever for our Chapter. If you have not renewed your annual membership, please do so at your earliest convenience. To speak with one voice and support our MOAA leaders in Washington has never been more important.

Our installation service will be a luncheon this year and will be held at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club on January 17th, beginning at 11:15 am. Our speaker is Admiral Ryan, CEO of MOAA, who always does an excellent job in inspiring us as we begin another year. I hope to see everyone there.

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2nd Vice President: Joanne Taylor had breakfast at Bob Evans with a group of veterans but there were no officers present on that date. She will be going again and taking brochures and applications hoping to get some officers to come to the December meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOT: Violet Smith gave the report for Anita Harrow which report is found elsewhere in the Officers Call.. A total of thirty three boxes were sent to troops in five units and the December boxes will be going out the first week of December.

Liaison: Violet Smith reported one death in the past month, CAPT Richard Shutt, USN (Ret).

Publicity: Pauline Edwards sent out 15 news releases. She was interviewed by Kris Ann Hegle, one of the contributing editors for the Officers Magazine, and the article will appear soon in one of the upcoming publications.

Pauline will have convention shirts for sale at the next luncheon.

Awards Committee: Pete Dawson and Violet Smith met and their recommendations are: James Patton for the Distinguished Member Award and Larry Fernald for Life Member Emeritus. A motion was made by Ed Lillich, seconded by Hardy Bryan to approve said nominations. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Bill Lewis that Dick Koch submit his travel voucher for his expenses to attend the Winter conference in Ocala to the Executive Committee for reimbursement, at which time the amount of said allowance will be determined. Violet Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Pete Dawson, seconded by Barbara Staak, to give a \$50.00 Christmas gift to our waiter, Scott Williams. Motion passed.

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

The next E.C. meeting will be January 6, 2014.

HOT from Pg 1

Fine donated pillow cases to Operation Helping Hand which were gratefully received. Both the Stand Down and Operation Helping Hand fit the mission of our HOT project and would be a good way to expand our support for our troops; our participation could be an annual monetary donation and/or annual or periodic contributions of special items such pillow cases, helmet liners, quilted or knit lap blankets, items for gift bags given to homeless veterans at the Stand Down and to wounded heroes at the monthly dinners, etc.

I will continue to seek ways for HOT to serve our troops overseas as well as at home and will make recommendations to the 2014 Executive Committee to support both the Stand Down and Operation Helping Hands and other appropriate outreach activities that fit the mission of HOT are identified.

1200 Trees and One Historic Voyage

By LT Stephanie Young, USCG

December 9, 2013—On most days, Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw keeps Great Lakes channels and harbors open to navigation to meet the region's winter shipping needs. Saturday was not like most days.

Mackinaw served once again as this year's "Christmas Ship." Loaded with more than 1,200 Christmas trees, the icebreaker payed homage to an annual Chicago tradition from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Herman Schuenemann, captain of the original Christmas Ship, delivered fresh evergreens and wreaths for the holiday season from Michigan to Chicago for more than 30 years. On Nov. 23, 1912, Schuenemann was at the helm of the fabled Christmas Ship the Rouse Simmons, transiting from Michigan. On that day, Schuenemann, the Rouse Simmons and 16 crew were lost in a storm between Kewaunee and Two Rivers, Wis.

During its transit to Chicago this year, the crew of Mackinaw held a solemn tribute and dropped a wreath into the waters near the resting place of the Rouse Simmons, which was located in 1971. Chicago's boating community has re-enacted the landing of the Rouse Simmons in Chicago for the past 14 years through Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee. Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee is comprised of all facets of Chicago's boating community, including: the International Shipmasters' Association; Chicago Marine Heritage Society; Navy League of the United States; Chicago yacht clubs; Friends of the Marine Community; Chicago Yachting Association, Cruise Ship Mystic Blue; and others.

The trees, purchased by Chicago's Christmas Ship Committee, were offloaded by members of the Coast Guard and local youth volunteers, including Sea Cadets, Venture Crews, Sea Scouts and Young Marines.

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Defense Bill Reaches Finish Line



While the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 attracted the most attention in Washington this week, the FY 2014 defense authorization bill (H.R. 3304) cleared on Thursday night keeping intact the 52nd consecutive year of a defense bill passage.

The Senate cleared a final procedural hurdle on Wednesday to limit debate and ensure no amendments were brought forward for consideration so the Senate could make it home for the holidays.

The bill authorizes nearly \$527 billion in defense base budget spending with over \$80 billion for overseas contingency operations.

The final bill includes:

Military Pay Raise: The bill omits a critical provision that would have guaranteed service members a 1.8 percent pay raise in accordance with private sector wage growth. Without that protection, the President’s executive authority, transmitted to Congress in September, will set the 2014 military pay raise at 1 percent.

End Strength: The bill authorizes just over 1.36 million active duty personnel, a reduction of over 40,000 from FY 2013 levels.

Executive Compensation Reform: Caps private sector compensation on DoD contracts at \$625,000 and allows for the cap to be adjusted based on the Employment Cost Index (why would congress allow defense contractors to see an increase of 1.8 percent, but cap military pay at 1.0 percent? It’s baffling).

TRICARE: The bill flatly rejected all administration proposals to establish or increase TRICARE fees. It also included a grandfather clause for TRICARE beneficiaries affected by the reduction in Prime Service Areas. Those who were removed from of TRICARE Prime coverage will now have a one-time option to remain in the program. Finally, it requires a study of TRICARE compound pharmacy policy.

Military Sexual Assault: The bill includes over 30 provisions that strengthen measures to combat military sexual assault within the chain of command.

Special and Incentive Pays: Provides one year extensions to several special and incentive pays.

BRAC: Prohibits the Pentagon from initiating another round of BRAC.

Disability Evaluations: Requires the Secretary of Defense to review the backlog of pending Integrated Disability Evaluation System cases and outline steps to eliminate the backlog.

The defense bill fell short on many MOAA-supported issues. The bill did not include provisions to:

End the SBP-DIC offset

Expand concurrent receipt

Expand Applied Behavioral Analysis TRICARE benefit

Establish that career reservists with no active duty service are deemed veterans of the armed forces

Allow a special needs trust for survivor benefit annuities

These provisions, along with restoring full COLAs for military retirees under 62 will be among MOAA’s legislative priorities in 2014.

TFL Mandatory Mail-order Rx Coming

Beginning February 14, 2014, TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries will be required to fill maintenance medication prescription refills through the TRICARE Home Delivery (mail-order) pharmacy system. Beneficiaries may opt out after using the mail-order refill system for a one year trial period.

The change stems from the FY 2013 defense authorization bill. In a bipartisan compromise to avoid large, across-the-board TRICARE pharmacy copay increases, Congress included a mandatory mail-order requirement to offset the cost.

The mail-order pharmacy system lowers costs for both beneficiaries and DoD. A 90-day refill of generic medication is free through the mail-order pharmacy, but costs \$5 per 30 day refill at a retail drug store. For brand name medications the cost is \$13 for a 90 day refill through mail-order versus \$17 for a 30 day refill at a retail store.

The mandate applies to maintenance medications only. Initial prescription can be filled at a retail store, and beneficiaries can fill up to two 30-day refills at a retail store during the transition.

Beneficiaries living near a military hospital or clinic can continue to fill their prescriptions there and do not need to enroll in the mail order program. Additionally, nursing home patients and those with other prescription coverage are also exempt.

TRICARE will begin reaching out to affected beneficiaries over the next month. You can enroll online or over the phone at 1-877-363-1303.

Individual waivers to opt out of the requirement may be granted on a case-by-case basis due to personal need or hardship, emergency, or other special circumstance.

Trees from Pg 4

During a ceremony at the west end of Navy Pier, the first tree was presented to a representative family. The remaining trees were then loaded onto trucks for distribution by 18 local community organizations to more than 1,200 deserving families throughout Chicago.

With their Christmas Ship mission complete, Mackinaw set out to keep commerce moving after moving the hearts of the Chicago community.



Chaplain George Brown giving the invocation



President Terry Carr presenting Jack Harris with chapter gift



Guest speaker Jack Harris



Lynn Bolin presenting Anne Isley with her Door Prize winnings



Carol and Van Barnes



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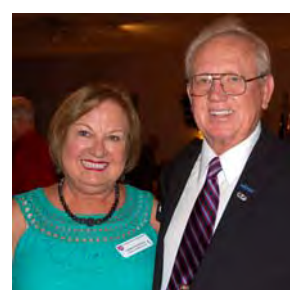
Anita Harrow reading a letter from a receipt of a HOT box



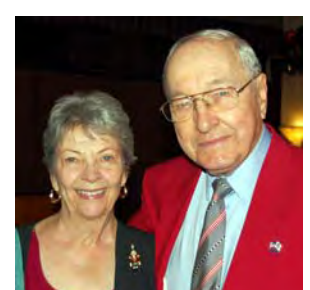
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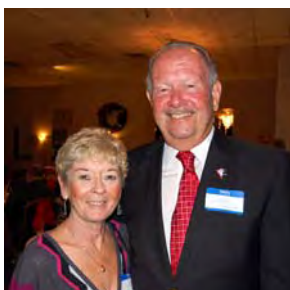
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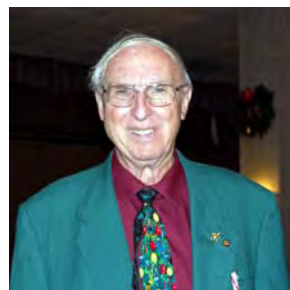
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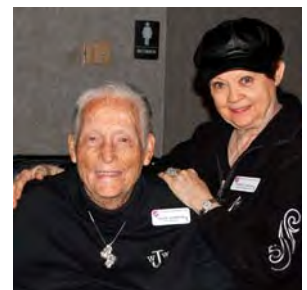
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Son, Steve, Grandson Jeremy and 1VP Dick Koch



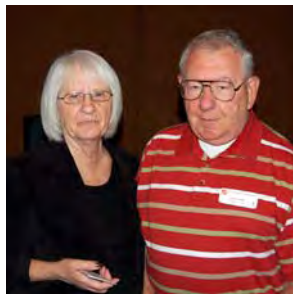
Will and Bon Johnson

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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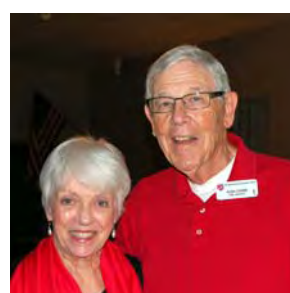
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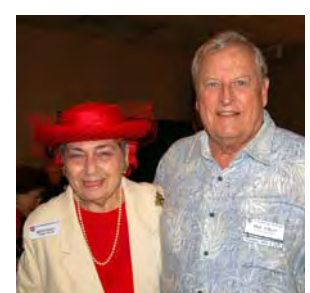
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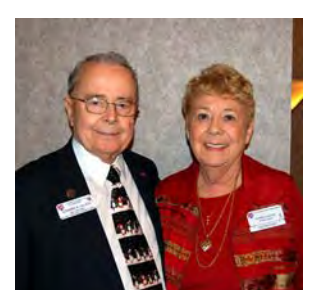
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TERMINATION OF VEHICLE DECAL PROGRAM

Effective July 1, all bases that fall under Navy Installations Command are no longer requiring vehicle decals. The news came via a fleet wide message issued May 29. They've already been eliminated at Air Force and Army bases and the Coast Guard will stop issuing them on January 1, 2014. The Marine Corps is still hashing out its plan to do so. The decals, only in use stateside, have become a security threat and a liability, officials say. In the U.S., post-9/11, decals present problems for base security. They are easily counter-feited, for one. Also, some servicemenbers sell their cars to civilians and don't remove the stickers, said Ray Salamy, Deputy Program Director for Anti-terrorism at Navy Installations Command. "Decals posed a Trojan horse for us," he said. As a bonus, cutting decals will save \$750,000 annually.

Effective March 15, Air Force personnel at many Air Force Installations no longer have to register privately owned vehicles on base. According to Air Force officials, the expense and administrative burden are not justified by the benefits. In Fiscal Year 2004 and 2005, the Air Force spent approximately \$364,000 and \$738,000 respectively to print DD Form 2220s (vehicle decals).

Many Air Force installations began eliminating registration requirement two years ago. Hill AFB, Utah was the first, eliminat-

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As a special treat, we are making arrangements to attend the Tampa Bay Rays major league game on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested, and there is a large enough group, we will make arrangements and provide you with details.

For your convenience, we have made arrangements with the hotel to book your room through us saving you approximately 18%. You will see a place on the registration form to indicate your arrival and departure dates. Room rates are valid for three days prior and three days following the convention, subject to room availability.

The registration form is available on the St Petersburg Area Chapter website at; <http://moaastpetearea.com> or by contacting Larry Fernald at the number or email listed below.

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Should you have any questions about the registration process, or the convention in general contact;

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- ◆ **Secor, Madeline, AuxMbr-AF**, 8 March 2013
- ◆ **Shutt, Richard, CAPT, USN (Ret)**, 8 November 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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

- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG**
- ◆ **COL Frederick Terry, USA (Ret)**
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)**



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Susan Langston, Capt, USAF (Fmr)**, 1840 72nd Ave NE, St Petersburg, FL 33702, 727-528-9596
- ◆ **Marion Fink, AuxMbr-AF**, 7625 Sun Island Dr So., South Pasadena, FL 33707, 727-346-5664

January Birthdays (63 to 94 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
22	Anderson	Patsy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
15	Barnes	Carol	COL	USA (Ret)
20	Crowell	June	Mrs	AuxMbr-AF
25	Eisenhart	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
13	Fernald	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
9	Fraser	Jean	Mrs.	AuxMbr-CG
31	Harrison	Christa	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
10	Kirkland	Douglas	CDR	USN (Ret)
28	Kottich	Charles	COL	USA (Ret)
17	Maxson	Harry	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
14	Neville	Alice	Mrs.	LifeAuxMbr-AF
16	Palmer	Samuel	Col	USAF (Ret)
07	Patton	Charles	LTC	USA (Ret)
18	Ponder	Elza	CPT	USA (Ret)
14	Schramm	Jean	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
21	Smith	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

Financial Report Summary for the Month of November

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (1,341.93)
..... Donations	\$ 345.00
..... Ads	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (330.93)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (1,327.86)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,031.66
..... Donations	\$ 1,768.00
..... 50/50	\$ 48.00
..... Memorials	\$ 60.00
..... Expenses	\$ (441.03)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,406.63

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,320.00
..... Donations	\$ 770.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,090.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 9,378.15
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 675.00
..... Dues	\$ 955.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 180.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 0.73
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (708.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ (11.90)
..... Post Office	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ 0.00
..... Printing/mailing	\$ (186.04)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 10,282.94

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Scholarship donations have permitted us to complete our first \$25,000 scholarship, we began a second scholarship at the beginning of 2009 (to be completed by 2014). Each of these scholarships, managed by MOAA, will provide a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest free loan.

Decals from Pg 8

ing the requirement for decals in June 2006. AF senior leadership states: “after Sept. 11, 2001, security at all Department of Defense installations requires 100 percent ID card checks of drivers at the installation gates. The use of vehicle decals is redundant since ID card checks are arguably more effective verifying the authority of a driver to enter the base. Vehicle decals are force protection vulnerability. They are easily counterfeited, moved from one car to another or found in used car parking lots.”

Added note: Most Air National Guard Bases are continuing to use the decals. Additionally, some active duty bases are also continuing use of the decals. For example, Patrick Air Force Base in Florida

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Vice Admiral Norbert R. Ryan, Jr., USN (Ret)
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VADM Ryan is a 1967 graduate of the United States Naval Academy and a graduate of George Washington University with a Master of Science Degree in Personnel Administration as well as the Senior Officials in National Security Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Ryan has commanded aviation units at the squadron, wing, and fleet levels and has directed the Navy's Office of Legislative Affairs. He served as the 52nd Chief of Naval Personnel before retiring and assuming his current position in September 2002.

Admiral Ryan was named 2010 Association Executive of the Year by *Association TRENDS*, a national trade publication. He is the first military officer to win this award in its 32-year history.

Under Ryan's leadership, MOAA has been named a "Top Lobbyist" by *The Hill* newspaper for the past six years, and the only military service organization so listed for the last three years.

The Admiral and his wife Judy have two adult children and one grandchild and reside in Fairfax Station, Va.



January

- 1: New Years Day
- 6: Epiphany
- 10: First Meeting UN General Assembly 1946
- 15: First Super Bowl 1967
- 20: Dr Martin Luther King Day

