

One of MOAA's best.....



OFFICERS CALL

January 2018

President's Comments:

My thanks to all of you who attended our Dec 2017 Luncheon and those Chapter members who continue to support the organization with your dues and donations that support scholarships, Help our Troops, Heaven on Earth for Veterans, our Five Star *Officers Call* and other endeavors.



As the new year approaches, please be mindful that we need everyone to mail in their chapter renewal dues. We are required to report our 2018 membership roster (updated data base) NLT 15 JAN 2018 to MOAA. According to our Chapter Data Base Manager, Larry Fernald, at least 31 members have yet to renew their Chapter memberships. In early DEC, Larry, mailed out second letters requesting members to renew NOW! We need your help on this which may affect 2018 Chapter Level of Excellence submission, which I would like to submit NLT 15 JAN 2018. Please put your checks and renewal forms in the mail.

Next, at the luncheon on 19 JAN 2018 a new slate of officers for 2018 will be installed. We are indeed fortunate to have MAJ Carol Burgess, FL MOAA West Area VP who will preside as the installing official. Carol also serves concurrently as the President of the Hernando Chapter. This special installation luncheon will feature choices of either Prime Rib or Grilled Grouper and a special Chapter MOAA cake. Cost for this special event is \$30 per person. Call Pauline Edwards for your reservations and menu choice. See you at the luncheon and installation ceremony.

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Chapter dues renewal: As of 31 Dec, only 85% of our members have renewed. 31 members have not yet renewed. Please renew NOW to help us earn a \$250 bonus from MOAA. This will be the last *Officers Call* for those who have not renewed.

Chaplain's Corner

By SPA MOAA Assistant
Chaplain, Chaplain (CDR)
Glen Crabb, USN (Ret)

New Year's Celebrations

I don't know what your family does to bring in the New Year, but it is celebrated in many different ways around the world,



In Japan people dress in new clothes and decorate their houses with bamboo and pine branches—symbols of long life.

In Greece, the children leave their shoes by the fireplace, hoping St. Basil will fill them with gifts.

No matter how you and your family celebrate the New Year, it is good to remember that the times and seasons, including the New Year, are in God's hand (Psalm 31:15)

We have nothing to fear, for God's goodness is infinite. We can walk with God each day and join the the Psalmist in saying, "As for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, 'you are my God'" (v. 14).

Officers Call



Marvin J. Harris 5 Star Award-2016
Website Harris 5 Star Award-2016

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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer 11:00 - 11:45 luncheon; program 11:45 - 13:15; Pasadena Yacht Club, 6300 Pasadena Pt Blvd So, Gulfport, FL 33707

CALENDAR

January 19th, Friday: Installation Luncheon; Tampa Bay Watch, Mr. Peter Clark

February 16th, Friday:

March 16th, Friday:

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

Call: LTC Bill Eichholz, 289-8054

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 2nd, Tuesday (day change this month only!)

February 5th, Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

MOWC will meet on Tuesday, 9 January, at the Clearwater Yacht Club at 11:30 AM.

RSVP: Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146

Membership Info: Fran Chancey, 727-251-9653

Bridge: Third Thursday of each month at Treasure Island Club

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 197

Regular Members - 134

Auxiliary Members - 63

Military Services:

Army - 63

USMC - 7

USAF - 32

USCG - 7

Navy - 25

NOAA - 0

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Executive Committee Meeting

St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA;
4 December 2017

Reported by **Bill Eichholz, President**

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Eichholz who gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Eichholz asked for a motion to approval the Secretary's minutes from the NOV Executive Board meeting and the Luncheon as published in the *Officers Call*. Ed Lillich moved to approve the minutes and Pauline Edwards seconded the motion. Board approved the motion.



Treasurer Pete Dawson submitted a copy of the NOV 2017 financial report and discussed the categories of expenses and income. The Chapter Fund Raiser, "Oktoberfest" was discussed and after expenses, the Chapter netted \$1802 which will be placed in the Officer Call Booster Fund. Larry Fernald motioned to approve the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Seconded by Roger Popham. The Treasurer's report was approved subject to audit. Again, we discussed the need to find a replacement for Pete Dawson. At the DEC luncheon when we elect our chapter officers for 2018-2019, we will ask for nominations for Treasurer from the floor. If there is an interested party, the Executive Board will discuss this matter after the installation of Officers on 19 JAN 2018. Additionally, we discussed adding additional officers to the Chapter checking account based upon Pete Dawson's leaving the Treasurer's position and installation of new officers in 2018. Pauline Mallory volunteered to be a signatory for the Chapter's account. Bill Lofgren, Chris Lillich and Larry Fernald advised that this could only be done by a resolution of the Executive Board. Board agreed to take this up again after the installation of new officers at the FEB 2018 Executive Board meeting.

Regarding the election of new officers at our chapter DEC luncheon, Ed Lillich volunteered to preside as master of ceremonies. Also, the voting canvassing committee will consist of Roger Popham and Ed Lillich. Bill Eichholz stated he had asked COL Terri Coles at MOAA national to serve as the installation officer for the 19 JAN 2018. If she cannot perform this function, Larry Fernald advised that he will try to find a suitable replacement. Further, the board members were reminded of the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Luncheon. Presently, nine-chapter members will attend the ceremony. Glen Crabb reminded everyone that Toys for Tots will be held at the DEC luncheon, so bring your toys and donations.

Benediction was given by Glen Crabb.

Meeting adjourned by the President

Luncheon Meeting

St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA;
15 December 2017

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**

President Bill Eichholz called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. The invocation was led by Glen Crabb. After leading The Pledge of Allegiance, Bill introduced several guests, Maria Kern was the guest of our speaker, Jody Morelli and Helen Waller guest of Lt Col, USAF and Mrs. Heikki Joonsar.

Bill reminded us that the Florida FCOC Leadership Forum will be held 11 thru 13 January in Orlando.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Also, please send in your 2018 Chapter membership dues as soon as possible. Further, a second mailing for renewals has already been sent. Please renew NLT 15 JAN.

Door prize winner was Ken Fine. 50/50 winners were Tom Shupe and Dave Warren.

Chris Lillich presented the slate of candidates for Officers for 2018 and as well, Executive Board members for 2018-2019. Ed Lillich motioned to accept the slate as presented. Dave Warren seconded. Motion was voted on and accepted by acclimation of attendees.

Officers elected for 2018 are:

President, Bill Eichholz
First Vice, President Peter Gunderson
Second Vice, President Pauline Mallory
Secretary Ginni Eichholz

Executive Board members elected for 2018 – 2019:

Katie Crabb
Evie Hamilton
Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)

After a lovely lunch, Mrs. Jody Morelli gave a wonderful presentation on Salvador Dali. She was given a gift of MOAA glasses from our Chapter. Bill also thanked our group for the generous number of gifts for our annual Toys for Tots drive, sponsored by the US Marine Corp Reserves. Bill collected the gifts and will deliver them to the USMC. After the benediction led by Glen Crabb the meeting was adjourned.

The next luncheon will be 19 January 2019 at PYC when new officers are installed.

FCOC Leadership Forum

11-13 Jan 2018

Orlando, FL

Contact Bill Eichholz for further details (289-8054)



Legislative Update

From MOAA and other sources

TAX DEAL PASSES IN PACKED DECEMBER

December 21, 2017

With only a few days to spare, Republicans in Congress achieved one of their primary objectives for 2017. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed after months of backroom negotiations between key Republican leaders and White House officials and with the assistance of some political maneuvering to ensure only a simple majority was required.

The House passed its version of the legislation in mid-November, leaving the Senate to work out their kinks over the next few weeks. Final negotiations occurred rapidly in conference committee, providing precious little time for outside groups to influence the process or analyze the discussion outcomes

Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine), Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) provided for some entertaining debate that threatened to throw the bill off course in the weeks leading up to the final vote. With Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) home recovering from cancer treatments, the bill would have failed if more than one Republican senator voted in opposition. After a few concessions and some adjustments to the bill in conference committee, the bill passed both chambers strictly along party lines.

Now that President Donald Trump signed the bill into law, it is time to take stock of what provisions in the legislation could affect your finances. MOAA is pleased to report our advocacy efforts, in tandem with a handful of other stakeholder groups ranging from The Military Coalition to law firms, resulted in a handful of legislative victories in the bill.

Exception to the repeal of the moving expense deduction: While the deduction is generally suspended through 2025, the provision retains the deduction for moving expenses and exclusions for in-kind moving and storage expenses (and reimbursements or allowances for these expenses) for members of the armed forces (or their spouse or dependents) on active duty moving pursuant to a military order and incident to a PCS.

Striking the change to the exclusion of gain of sale of a principal residence: This provision would have lengthened the time requirements for principal residency in a home such that servicemembers, who move more

frequently than civilian counterparts, would not have any reasonable expectation of benefiting from tax-preferred gains on the sale of a home. The provision was dropped from the bill.

Striking the repeal of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC): The WOTC has been a critically important tool assisting in solving the problem of veteran unemployment. Department of Labor statistics show 35,904 veterans were certified for WOTC during the three-year period before the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011. By contrast, 278,611 veterans were certified during FYs 2013-15, an increase of nearly 700 percent. The provision repealing WOTC was dropped from the bill.

Adjustments to and extension of the medical expense deduction: Contrary to the original proposal to completely eliminate the medical expense deduction, the deduction floor will be decreased from 10 percent of adjusted gross income to 7.5 percent for 2017 and 2018. After that, it will return to the 10-percent floor.

While MOAA is pleased with these adjustments and grateful for the support of some key people on Capitol Hill, concerns remain. Start with the big-picture view. MOAA is very concerned about the long-term budget implications of the legislation. We mentioned the significant increase to the deficit last week, and there were not substantial enough changes in conference committee to alleviate those concerns. A Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) score of the legislation prior to conference committee suggested the deficit likely would increase by more than \$1 trillion.

Years of overseas military operations and growing entitlement expenses continue to increase our nation's debt, leading to Congress to make shortsighted, irrational budget cuts that fail to take into account national security and nondefense priorities. The national debt is a significant threat to national security, which MOAA regularly reminds lawmakers as the budget moves through the process.

A couple of individual provisions ought to catch your eye, too. The removal or adjustment of certain tax benefits could uniquely impact servicemembers because of the nature of a career in service. Such an occupation commands regular moves, different health care scenarios, and a strain on families, which prior tax benefits acknowledged.

Supporters of the legislation suggest the increase of the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for those married filing jointly will more than



cover the loss in benefit of itemizing some of the following deductions. That is a broad claim, and its veracity will be tested over the next couple of years.

The repeal of the deduction for alimony payments: The divorce rate of servicemembers, and ongoing debate over the fairness of the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act, warrants mention of this provision. Alimony payments no longer will be deductible for the payer spouse. The payments, however, will remain as tax-free income for the recipient. Note that this only applies to divorce or separation instruments executed after Dec. 31, 2018.

Adjustment of mortgage interest rate deduction: The bill reduces limit on deductible mortgage debt to \$750,000 for new purchases and refinancings (principal residence or otherwise) entered into after Dec. 15, 2017, and repeals deduction for interest paid on home equity debt, through 2025. The reduction might add just another reason for a current or former servicemember not to purchase a home.

MOAA's tax agenda for 2018 will follow the outcomes of this legislation. The financial well-being of those who commit years of service to our national security is important and will remain a legislative priority.

Further, now that Congress has shown its capacity to pass significant and expensive legislation under Republican control, the coming year might bring some interesting reform proposals. The government will have even less revenue to use thanks to the tax bill, so you can expect to see funding debates become increasingly difficult. Financial constraints likely will be at the forefront of defense bill talks and, thus, be on the top of MOAA's agenda as well.

MOAA SUPPORTS THE FAIR HEROES ACT

December 21, 2017

As 2017 draws to a close, MOAA gives thanks for our many partners with whom we work on our advocacy efforts. Our partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), for example, has helped us build support for changing the law to benefit young, medically retired veterans who have to pay more for their health insurance because of the severity of their injuries.

Many of the most severely wounded warriors qualify for both Medicare and for TRICARE. They earn TRICARE upon medical retirement, and if they cannot work for a sustained period of time, they qualify for Medicare before age 65.

An existing law, which should have been changed years ago, prevents these severely wounded warriors from using their TRICARE health benefit. This past month, MOAA, WWP, and others were instrumental in getting bipartisan legislation introduced in both the House and the Senate to increase health care opportunities for disabled veterans. The Fair Access to Insurance for Retired (FAIR) Heroes Act will allow veterans who were medically discharged to choose their health care coverage through Medicare or TRICARE.

However, they are in a catch-22: If they want to pay TRICARE Prime's lower premiums, they must decline Medicare Part B. But if they decline Part B, they lose all access to TRICARE For Life health benefits. Even if the wounded warrior declines Medicare Part B and later wants to reverse this decision, they are subject to a late enrollment penalty of 10 percent a year until they reach age 65. This is on top of already higher Medicare Part B premiums.

The financial impact for these individuals is great - and, keep in mind, most are younger in age, in their 20s and 30s. For example, Medicare Part B premiums total \$1,608 annually, whereas TRICARE Prime would be \$283 a year (for individuals). At these rates, over the course of 10 years, an injured retiree unable to work is required to pay over \$13,000 more than a typical retiree - a significant amount for someone on a fixed income.

This is a confusing system of health insurance coverage for this special group of retirees, many of whom are attempting to navigate the system while living with post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injuries. The FAIR Heroes Act gives them a choice to remain on low-cost TRICARE or stay on Medicare. Many would like to choose an option that best suits them and not be penalized in future years if they choose to opt out of Medicare.

Community support for this initiative played a pivotal role in recruiting member support - thank you all so much. This is a benchmark moment in a campaign for change that should have been made years ago.

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "Sure, buddy."

Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now let's try it again!"

Officer: "Soldier. Do you have change for a dollar?"

Soldier: "No, SIR!"





Herb Tondreau



Maria Kern and Jody Morelli



Pete Gunderson presenting the chapter glasses to Jody Morelli



Fran Shivers



Kathy and Pete Gunderson



Jim and Mary Jo Ward, with guest Helen Wallner (middle)



Jeanie and Roger Popham



Eric Anderson



Tom Shoupe



Sherry Freese



Pauline Edwards and Evey Hamilton

Photos by Bill Lofgren.
If you would like a copy of a photo,
please email Bill at
papabill77@outlook.com

Top Left: Toys
for Tots





Charles Lake



Dave and Carol Sjolund



Carol Barkalow



Dave Warren



Ellen Marie and Ken Fine



Ed and Chris Lillich



Glen and Katie Crabb



Ginni Eichholz and Laurie Lanier



Inne and Heikki Joonsar



Jo Ann Burch and Joanne Taylor

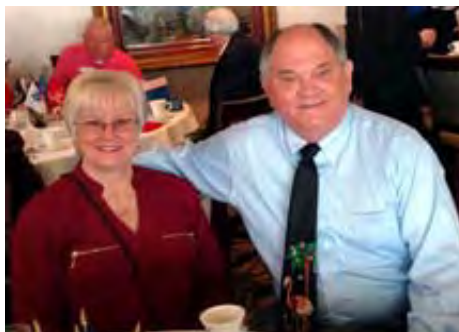


Terry Carr



Peter Hermann

Right: Barb and Larry Fernald



In Bill Lofgren's absence, photos take by Bill Eichholz.



2017 Scholarship Fund

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(Includes donations to National MOAA)

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\$3,525.00 as of 12/31/2017

Financial Report Summary for the Month of November 2017

Operating Income

..... Luncheon Income	\$ 892.00
..... Dues	\$ 720.00
..... 50/50	\$ 30.00
..... Miscellaneous Income**	\$ 00.00
..... Interest Earned	\$.56
..... Total Income	\$ 1,642.56

Operating Expenses

..... Luncheon Expense	\$ 860.17
..... Supplies	\$ 77.00
..... Honoraria/Donations	\$
..... Post Office	\$
..... Printing	\$
..... Other Organizations	\$
..... Memorials SF	\$
..... VA/JROTC	\$
..... Misc Expenses	\$
..... Total Expenses	\$ 937.17

..... Operations Cash Flow \$ 705.39

Operating Fund Summary

..... Starting balance	\$ 5,887.10
..... Cash Flow	\$ 705.39
Ending Balance	\$ 6,592.49

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,630.00
..... Donations and 50/50	\$ 800.00
..... Memorials	\$
..... Expended	\$
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,430.00

HOT/HOEV Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month (Rev'd) .	\$ 3,938.82
..... Donations	\$ 520.00
..... Expenses	\$
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,458.82

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month (Rev) ...	\$ 1,006.57
..... Donations (includes OktoberFest)	\$ 2,535.00
..... Ad Income	\$
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (315.96)
..... OktoberFest Expenses	\$ (533.00)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,692.61

SUBMARINES ARE SAFER THAN AIRCRAFT
THE PROOF IN THIS FACT IS THAT THERE ARE MORE AIRCRAFT
IN THE WATER THAN SUBMARINES IN THE SKY.



January Birthdays (66 to 95 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
15	Barnes	Carol	COL	USA (Ret)
18	Burch	Jo Ann	LTC	USA (Ret)
13	Fernald	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
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)
14	Schramm	Jean	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
24	Struchen	John	CPT	USA (Ret)

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Hamilton, Evey Mrs.
Harrison, Christa Mrs.
Holmes, Lee LTC
Kottich, Chuck COL
Lofgren, Bill Col
Mallory, Pauline LTC
Maxson, Paul Lt Col
Milford, John Lt Col
Misurca, A.J. 1st Lt
Neville, Johnnie Mrs.
Palmer, Stew Col
Popham, Jeanie Mrs.
Popham, Roger COL
Poteat, Gen Mrs.
Shoupe, Tom MAJ

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Fratangelo, Paul MajGen
Freese, Marc LtCol
Holecek, John LTC
Taylor, Joanne MAJ
Vaughn, Sid RADM
Vecchio, Joe MAJ
White, Jim COL

Member donations ONLY:
\$2,480 as of 12/31/2017

During the Vietnam war, a Lieutenant asked a Marine why he was falling back during a really fierce battle. "Didn't you hear me say that we're outnumbered 4 to 1?"
The Marine replied, "I got my four Sir."

Our Installing Officer:

MAJOR CAROL A. BURGESS, USA (Ret)

Carol Burgess enlisted in the U.S. Army in March of 1978, attaining the rank of Specialist 6th Class prior to being discharged to accept a Commission as a 1LT in the Army Nurse Corps. Military assignments include:

- Fort Devens, MA
- San Antonio, TX
- Fort Campbell, KY
- Fort Belvoir, VA
- Fort Benning, GA

Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) offices held include:

- President of the West Central Chapter 43 since 2012
- Area Vice President of the West Central District since APR 2017
- Chairman of Membership for North Florida since OCT 2017

MAJ Burgess' increasing responsibilities over the years with MOAA "has allowed her to meet many interesting military personnel and their spouses, greatly enlarging her military family." Her major goals include expanding and supporting our MOAA family.

Carol A Burgess Major, (Ret) USANC, currently resides in Brooksville, FL.

MOAA Scholarship Fund--Supported by YOU and OUR Chapter

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund was established in 1948 to provide educational assistance for children of military families. It is based on one of the association's founding principles that "education is the cornerstone of a strong democracy". It is supported by donations and bequests from MOAA members, chapters, corporations, and others.

The MOAA Scholarship Fund is a public, non-profit, charitable organization incorporated in Virginia and declared tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

As a group of soldiers stood in formation at an Army Base, the Drill Sergeant said, "All right! All you idiots fall out."

As the rest of the squad wandered away, one soldier remained at attention.

The Drill Instructor walked over until he was eye-to-eye with him, and then raised a single eyebrow. The soldier smiled and said, "Sure was a lot of 'em, huh, sir?"



**Florida Council of Chapters, MOAA, 2018 Convention
1-3 June 2018**



*You are cordially invited to join the
Florida Council of Chapters
for their
2018 Convention
at
Sanibel Harbor Marriott
Resort & Spa
Hosted by the Lee Coast Chapter*



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Welcome Our New Members!

- George Rabey, LT, USN (Ret), 1847 Shore Dr. S., Apt 819, S. Pasadena, FL, 262-748-7207
- Mrs. Kathy Rabey, AuxMbr-Spouse, same address and phone

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January Speaker: Mr. Peter A. Clark, Tampa Bay Watch

Peter A. Clark is the founder and President of Tampa Bay Watch. Under his leadership, the organization has coordinated more than 100,000 volunteers, installed 10,000 oyster reef units and 1,200 tons of oyster shell to create more than two miles of oyster shell reef communities, and planted more than 1,000,000 salt marsh grasses to restore 200 acres of coastal tidal ponds to Tampa Bay. In 2005, Tampa Bay Watch completed construction of the \$4 million marine and education center in Tierra Verde, Florida. Until 1993, Mr. Clark



served as Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Agency on Bay Management, an alliance of agencies charged with protecting the Bay. Mr. Clark has a BS in Marine Biology and over fifty professional publications on natural resource restoration, water quality and environmental planning. Mr. Clark also initiated the nomination, which ultimately led to the designation, of Tampa Bay into the EPA's National Estuary Program. Mr. Clark holds a US Coast Guard Captains License, received the Outstanding Environmentalist of the Year award from the Florida Marine Research Institute Environmental Excellence Awards program in 1994, and the NOAA Fisheries / American Fisheries Society Nancy Foster Habitat Conservation Award in 2005.

Peter will speak regarding Tampa Bay Watch's hands-on habitat restoration projects and environmental education programs, in particular, discussing our comprehensive restoration project at MacDill AFB.

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