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President's Comments:

We are members of the St Petersburg Area Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (SPA-MOAA). As we seek new members for our Chapter, page 61 of our 2010 Directory provides us with information that we should pass on to our prospects.



On a national level, MOAA has achieved much to maintain and improve benefits for retired, active duty, surviving spouses, reservists, and national guard personnel. Our SPA-MOAA Chapter represents our interests at local and state level.

The following information from our 2010 Directory is provided as a refresher for you:

- I. The Chapter provides:
 - a. Association with fellow officers, warrant officers & surviving spouses.
 - b. Yearly roster of members & chapter information.
 - c. Monthly award winning newsletter, *Officers Call*.
 - d. Monthly luncheon: social, announcements, & program.
 - e. Member support, such as:
 - 1 Assistance to recent surviving spouse,
 - 2 Contact with & assistance to ill & incapacitated members,

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Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, MOAA's President, Headlines 22 January Banquet

VADM Norb Ryan, USN (Ret), has made room in his very busy schedule to attend the St Petersburg Area Chapter's Installation Banquet on 22 January 2011.

Admiral Ryan will accept the St Petersburg Area Chapter's Exceptionally Distinguished Service Award that evening. This award is the highest award that the Chapter can bestow upon an individual, and Admiral Ryan's superb leadership and stewardship of MOAA more than qualifies him for this prestigious award.

The Installation Banquet will be held at the Bayou Club in Largo on Saturday, 22 January 2011. The program begins at 6:30 PM. Cocktails will be available beforehand (from the Club bar, located just outside the banquet room).

ATTIRE: Requested attire is formal mess dress uniform, tuxedo, or coat and tie for men, and corresponding attire for ladies.

MENU: The menu choices are located on the back of this newsletter. Please select yours and notify Bill Bolin.

SIGN UP ON OR BEFORE 14 JANUARY 2011: Due to our contract with the Bayou Club, it is imperative that you sign up on or before 14 January. We may not be able to accommodate late reservations.

SIGN UP EARLY: We anticipate a big crowd. So, sign up early. The room only holds so many.

DIRECTIONS to the BAYOU CLUB: The Bayou Club is located at 7979 Bayou Club Blvd. To get there, go north on Starkey Road from Park Blvd (or south on Starkey Road from Bryan Dairy Road) to Bardmoor Blvd (there's a traffic light at that intersection). Go east on Bardmoor Blvd all the way to the end, where you will find a stop sign. After stopping, turn left and follow Bardmoor Blvd to the next stop sign. The club is straight ahead. Drive up under the veranda, and we will have valet parking available at no charge to you.

Please note that many GPS units will direct you to take Belcher Road. **DO NOT DO THAT.** Access to the Club may only be obtained by entering Bardmoor Blvd from Starkey Road.



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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 22nd Installation Dinner
February 18th Robert Hoyland, from USAA
March 18th
April 15th

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?
 Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
 MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246**

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 3rd Monday
February 7th Monday
March 7th Monday
April 4th Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- January thru May--Second Tuesday (except May 3)
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd
 Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or
 Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272

Bridge: (1st 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

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 318
 Regular Members - 220
 Auxiliary Members - 98
 Inactive Members - 6

Military Services:

Army - 75 USMC - 16
 USAF - 75 USCG - 7
 Navy - 49 NOAA - 0

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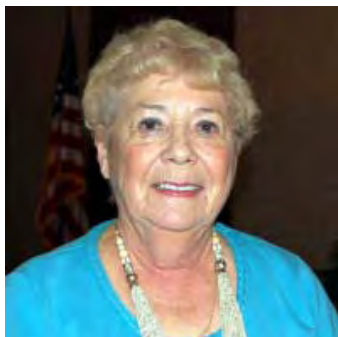
Monthly Luncheon; 17 December 2010

Reported by Chris Lillich

Attended – 84: (84 reservations), 8 Member Guests, 3 Chapter Guest, 4 Walk ins, 4 Cancel, 0 No Shows

President Ed Lillich called the meeting to order and ask Chaplain Brown to give the invocation. Following the invocation the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Announcements: Ed reminded the members of the installation of Officers and Advisory Board on January 22, 2011, at the Bayou Club. VADM Norb Ryan will be the keynote speaker and asked that everyone plan to attend the installation. He would also like to see as many members as possible attend the February 19, 2011 luncheon meeting to hear Robert Hoyland give a presentation on USAA.



There is still time to sign up for the convention cruise May 8, 2011. The convention price for a balcony cabin is \$2,400 and there are 9 left at this price. Go to <http://www.moaaf.org/Convention/Default.aspx> to make a reservation. Good news is that if you book now the Pentagon Federal Credit Union will give 5% cash back if you pay for the convention cruise with your free PenFed Platinum Visa Card, which will save \$120 on a \$2400 booking. For details go to: <http://www.moaaf.org/Convention/PenFedCashBack.htm>.

After introducing the head table, which included our speaker and his wife, Larry and Bonnie McConnell, Chris Lillich, George Brown, Paulette Carr and Terry Carr, each table introduced guests at their respective tables. Pauline and Fred Edwards are celebrating 60 years of marriage and Larry and Bonnie McConnell 38 years.

Leslie Poteat was the winner of the door prize and the 50/50 was won by Joan Landers and Fran Shivers.

Larry Fernald, immediate Past President, presented the slate of officers for 2011. Maj Gen Earl Peck made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation. With no one dissenting, the motion carried.

Anita Harrow thanked all those who have put in extra time in helping her with getting boxes out for the H.O.T. program. Anita read a letter from a commander thanking our chapter for all the boxes we have sent his troops throughout the year. She passed around a picture of a tree the commander made with tin cans and items that were in the boxes.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant Gatzke was introduced and thanked for coming to the luncheon to pick up the donations for the Toys for Tots Program.

Following lunch 1st Vice President Terry Carr introduced the speaker of the day, Chaplain (CAPT) Lawrence McConnell, USN (Ret). Chaplain McConnell presented a very thought provoking program which was very well received by all.

Following Chaplain McConnell's talk, Ed Lillich led the group in singing Christmas songs, putting us all in the Christmas spirit. Bill Lofgren accompanied the singers with his superb piano playing.

Next month's meeting will be our annual Installation Banquet, held on 22 January 2011 at the Bayou Club (see additional information on both the first and last pages of this newsletter).

Our honored guest and speaker at the Installation Banquet will be Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, USN (Ret), President of MOAA.

We expect a packed house, so please make your reservations early.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by Chaplain Brown.



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News Release

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December 17, 2010

VA Processes First Claims for New Agent Orange Presumptives New Program Speeds Approval for Vietnam Veterans

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has decided more than 28,000 claims in the first six weeks of processing disability compensation applications from Vietnam Veterans with diseases related to exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange.

“With new technology and ongoing improvements, we are quickly removing roadblocks to processing benefits,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “We are also conducting significant outreach to Vietnam Veterans to encourage them to submit their completed application for this long-awaited benefit.”

VA published a final regulation on Aug. 31 that makes Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam and who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease, or a B-cell (or hairy-cell) leukemia eligible for health care and disability compensation benefits. With the expiration of the required 60-day congressional review on Oct. 30, VA is now able to process these claims.

Vietnam Veterans covered under the new policy are encouraged to file their claims through a new VA Web portal at www.fasttrack.va.gov. Vietnam Veterans are the first users of this convenient automated claims processing system.

If treated for these diseases outside of VA's health system, it is important for Veterans to gather medical evidence from their non-VA physicians. VA has made it easy for physicians to supply the clinical findings needed to approve the claim through

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Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 6 December 2010 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by Charlene Sanders, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty one members were present including Carol Barnes, Bill Bolin, Terry Carr, Ed Conners, Maureen Conners, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Barbara Fernald, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel McGrath, Hazel Murphy, Johnnie Neville, Jim Patton, Earl Peck, Charlene Sanders, Violet Smith and Bobbie Walters.



Minutes of Previous Meeting: There being no additions or corrections, Charlene Sanders made a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the O.C., seconded by Violet Smith.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Dawson reported that the balance in the operating account is \$9,929.27. A check will be sent to the MOAA Scholarship Fund at the end of December. Earl Peck made a motion, seconded by Larry Fernald, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. The full report is found elsewhere in the O.C.

First Vice President's Report: Terry Carr has arranged to have Robert Hoyland, from USAA, as the speaker for the meeting on 19 February 2011.

HOT. All boxes have been sent to the troops for December. Bill Bolin suggested that the Chapter make a donation to Bob Williams of Wesley Chapel for all the supplies he has given our Chapter for the HOT. boxes. Bill Lofgren supported Bill Bolin in this suggestion. Inasmuch as we would have had to buy these items from the HOT. account if they had not been given to us, Larry Fernald made a motion to send \$500 to Bob, seconded by Earl Peck. Fred Edwards thought we should look into Bob Williams' other resources before making a donation. After further discussion a motion was made by Don Freese to table previous motion until more research could be done.

Officers Call: Jim Patton announced that Larry Fernald would be publishing the January newsletter due to his (Jim's) being out of country. Everyone was urged to get any news to Larry prior to the December Luncheon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith reported that she will be meeting with Colonel Beatty, 6th Medical Group Commander the first of February. Violet also gave a report on recent member deaths.

Visitation: Hazel McGrath said she had been in contact with most of those on the concern list and she will be sending Christmas Cards to all of them. We were informed during the meeting that Paul Finley had an appendectomy on this date.

Scholarship: Hazel Murphy has given scholarship information to Chuck Summers, a faculty member at Admiral Farragut Acad-

emy, who will give the information to those students who are eligible to apply for a scholarship.

TOPS: Carol Barnes has contacted the Florida Council T.O.P.S. representative CAPT Mike McHugh, USN (Ret), to obtain more information to help her in her role as chairman of the Chapter T.O.P.S. representative.

Membership: Larry Fernald reported that 86 members have yet to renew. He will make telephone calls to all those who have not renewed by the middle of January. Don Freese said we must concentrate on retention. We now have forty seven new members, 17 falling under the Give Me Ten program. MOAA is working on updating potential member lists prior to sending them to the Chapters. Lee Lange is aware of the problem of some on the list being incorrect and every effort is being made to correct this problem. Ed Lillich presented a check to the Treasurer for \$90.00 which had been received from Lee Lange for new members.

Historian: Maureen Conners has received all the scrap books and other memorabilia of the Chapter and is putting everything in order.

Veterans Affairs: Ed Conners is coordinating with the VA Hospital to provide a magic show to the veterans hospitalized there.

OLD BUSINESS:

The installation banquet will be at the Bayou Club on January 22, 2011 with cocktails at 5:45 PM and dinner at 6:45 PM. Earl Peck will be the Master of Ceremonies. VADM Norb Ryan will be the keynote speaker and a presentation will be made to him. Presentations also will be made to Anita Harrow and Violet Smith. Don Freese, Florida Council of Chapters President will install the officers. VADM Ryan will be arriving on Thursday, to attend the monthly Operation Helping Hand dinner at the Hailey Center and wishes to meet with the Reserve Commander and the National Guard Commander on Friday prior to the banquet. Ed Lillich is making arrangements for this meeting. Please get your reservations in early for the banquet. Presidents of other local chapters will be invited. Valet parking will be available.

Bill Lofgren will play background music at the December luncheon and will play Christmas songs for a sing-a-long. A Marine will be at the luncheon to except the Toys for Tots.

Don Freese again mentioned the Florida MOAA Convention Cruise May 8th- 15th, 2011 and said there is still time to make reservations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pete Dawson will send an honorarium to our November Paws for Vets Speaker. It had been voted on at a previous meeting that an honorarium would be sent to all speakers representing a 501c3 organization.

At the meeting in Washington, D.C. in November, MOAA approved a new organization called Voices for America's Military which is a 501c4 Social and Welfare organization for people who are not eligible to join MOAA. Dues will be \$15.00 per year and more information will be forth coming.

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**
From MOAA and other sources

As I prepare this article on December 15th, congress is racing to complete the lame duck session by the end of the week. What we know as of today is:

Medicare/TRICARE Cut Stopped

After a year of effort, four short-term delays, and 300,000 messages from MOAA members, the House and Senate finally agreed to a one-year fix for the 25% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors that had been set to take effect on Jan. 1.

The legislation also extends important relief from the Medicare cap on payments for physical, speech, and occupational therapy.

As this update was being written, the one-year patch was awaiting the President's signature.

While this is miles better than having to deal with another year of multiple month-to-month stopgap measures we saw throughout 2010, it's far from a permanent fix to the underlying statutory payment formula that causes the problem.

And that means Congress will have to act again before the end of 2011 to stop an even bigger cut – in the range of 30% – from taking effect on Jan. 1, 2012.

Meanwhile, Congress is still wrangling over the proposal to extend the Bush-era tax cuts for two years, and competing initiatives to fund the government for fiscal year 2011 – which actually started more than two months ago on Oct 1.

The House passed a \$1.1 trillion continuing resolution to address the latter need, which also included a two-year pay freeze for federal civilians. As this was being prepared, it was unclear whether the Senate would accept the House proposal or build its own plan and consume even more of the few remaining legislative days.

Defense Bill Toast?

The FY2011 Defense Authorization Bill – the most important bill of the year for our wartime military – may have been doomed by the continuing battle over the “don't ask, don't tell” provision.

On Thursday, the Senate failed on a 57-to-40 vote to bring the measure up for action – three votes short of the required 60.

The vote left the defense bill on life support, raising the serious prospect that 2010 will mark the first time in 50 years that Congress won't pass a defense authorization bill.

Failure to pass a defense bill poses significant risks for our troops and retirees, including termination of authority to pay



enlistment and reenlistment bonuses and imposition of a \$110 per day increase in inpatient hospital copays.

The House-passed continuing resolution to fund the government for 2011 would guard against some of the worst scenarios by including authority to renew bonuses and authorize a 1.4% military pay raise. But without a new defense bill, the Army won't get 7,000 more troops, currently serving people won't see any increase in family separation allowance or imminent danger pay, and retirees who need hospitalization will see significantly higher out-of-pocket costs, among many other things.

MOAA thinks it's unfathomable that legislators have left so much of the nation's important business unacted upon until the 59th minute of the 11th hour. We've seen many, many highly controversial issues included in various House or Senate defense bills of the past, but the threat of having no defense bill at all was always so dire that leaders found a way to either craft a compromise or delete the controversial provision.

It's astounding they couldn't find any solution other than burning the whole defense bill down.

Still, the legislative process can be amazingly resilient if leaders of both chambers and parties want it to be, and MOAA isn't ready to completely give up on any possibility of getting a defense bill passed in some form.

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HOT PROJECT Thanksgiving and Christmas Boxes

Reported by **Anita J. Harrow, Chairperson**

The HOT project is about to end another successful year of providing special appreciation and support to our many troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. The boxes packed for Thanksgiving and Christmas were filled with special items to hopefully bring some remembrances of the seasons to our young military men and women. In addition to the usual treats, the November boxes contained canned almonds, taffy, and boxes of Christmas cards so our troops could send greetings to families back home. Thanks to the many contributions from chapter members, the December boxes contained Christmas CDs, tree decorations, Christmas teddy bears (donated by the Beach Branch of All Children’s Hospital Guild), and approximately 200 signed Christmas cards with personal messages of appreciation.



Christmas Bear on an Afghan Mountain

As you can tell from the above letters, the HOT Project is making a difference in the lives of our young military men and women who are sacrificing so much for us. Thank you for your overwhelming support of our project during 2010. Let’s continue to work together to make 2011 the best year yet for Help(ing) Our Troops.

some I needed Christmas music to fill the office and the Rec center. ... Hope you and yours have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you again so very much for sending so many packages throughout my time here.”

Members of the HOT team and I are proud to be part of this very special project.

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Children waiting for the Bear

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“I really want to thank you for everything you do for the troops. I love serving my country in the military and in my community and people like you really make it one of the most rewarding jobs that is available in the world. We don’t need anything as compared to the people in Afghanistan but to know that you are supporting us means so much. I hope you don’t mind but I gave the bears and a lot of the candy to children outside our camp. I carried one of the bears to the top of our highest mountain on our camp at about 8,000 feet and on the way back down we ran into some kids and I gave one of them the bear and she was so happy. ... I handed out all the Happy Holiday cards and they really enjoyed reading them.”

I used the decorations for our office and in the MWR.”



“I just received our Christmas goodies! Thank you it was perfect timing we just started decorating. The CD’s are awe-

ful.”

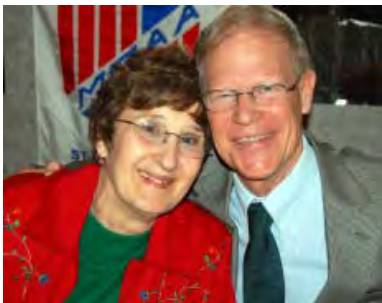
More Luncheon Photos



Clockwise from top left: Dick Koch; Joan Landers; Tootie Larkin; Marlene and John Talbitzer; Anne Isley; Frank Johnson and his granddaughter, Tiffany; and, above, Virginia Balke (right) and sister, Helen Hajek



Betty Finley with George and Dorothy Brown



Bonnie and Chaplain (CAPT) Larry McConnell, our speaker, on their 38th wedding anniversary (a potential new member for the Chapter)



Gunny Clint Gatzke accepting our Toys for Tots donations



Margaret and Earl Peck



Delores Nelson and her Mom, Madeline Secor



Left: Maxine and Fred Terry



Fred and Pauline Edwards



Richard Green



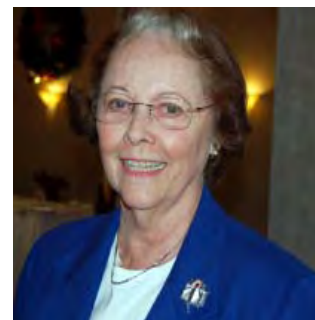
Leslie Poteat and Genevieve Poteat



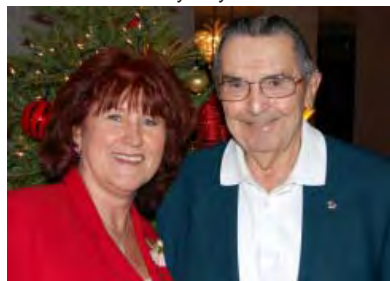
Hardy Bryan



Geri Boaglio with Jack and Kaari Shine



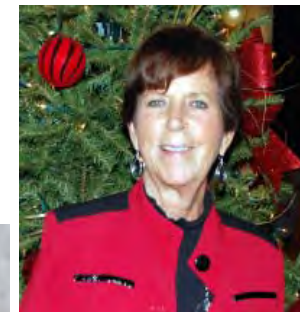
Johnnie Neville



Left: Penny and Bill Eisenhart
Lower Left: Violet Smith and Hattie Hunt



Bobbie Walters



Left: Marie Lorence and Amy Assoian



Standing, L to R: Jean Jessup and Anita Harrow. Seated L to R: Shirley Gieo and Martha Willis



Photos by Bill Lofgren





Financial Report Summary for the Month of November 2010

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (993.63)
..... Donations	\$ 150.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 240.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (195.58)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (769.21)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,229.10
..... Donations	\$ 843.00
..... 50/50	\$ 52.00
..... Memorials	\$ 150.00
..... Expenses	\$ (857.88)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,416.22

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 4,234.00
..... Donations	\$ 305.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,539.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 9,286.18
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 823.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 965.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 3.16
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (830.00)
..... Supplies	\$ (124.07)
..... Printing	\$ (000.00)
..... Post Office	\$ (44.00)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (150.00)
..... Nonrecurring Expense	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 9,929.27

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the new Web portal. These medical forms are also available at www.vba.va.gov/disabilityexams.

The portal guides Veterans through Web-based menus to capture information and medical evidence required for faster claims decisions. While the new system currently is limited to these three disabilities, usage will expand soon to include claims for other conditions.

Recruiting

We can all help in the recruiting of new members. If you know a retired or former military officer or surviving spouse who is not a MOAA member, invite them to a monthly meeting.

Exec Bd from Page 4

The President read a letter he had received regarding the JROTC Drill meet to be held in January 2011 asking for our monetary support. Pete Dawson made a motion to send \$100 to help defray the costs of the trophies. Larry Fernald seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Westminster Communities has invited us to use their facilities for a meeting and it was discussed that we might have an executive committee meeting there in the future and possibly have a wine and cheese get together for those members who would be interested in attending something of that nature and touring the facility.

There being no further business the benediction was rendered by Charlene Sanders and the meeting was adjourned. The next E.C. meeting will be January 3, 2011.

President from Pg 1

- 3 Career transitions (TOPS- The Officer Placement Service);
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 - b. Circulates its monthly glossy magazine, Military Officer;
 - c. Disseminates information of local interest.

The Eight Purposes of MOAA:

- ◆ To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and its flag.
- ◆ To defend the honor, integrity and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States.
- ◆ To advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country.
- ◆ To foster the integrity and prestige of uniformed services.
- ◆ To foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are to be drawn.
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TAPS

- Mrs. Lois Bihn, AuxMbr-AF, 28 November 2010
- Col Rodney P. Bricker, USAF (Ret), 28 November 2010
- Mrs. Florence Alpert, AuxMbr-AF, 1 October 2010

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

Sick List

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(Contact LCDR Hazel McGrath, 545-3884)

- ◆ LTC Sarah Niblack, USA (Ret)
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(61 to 92 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
15	Barnes	Carol	COL	USA (Ret)
17	Conforti	Thomas	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
25	Eisenhart	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
13	Fernald	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
31	Harrison	Christa	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
19	Jeffords	Joseph	CWO4	USN (Ret)
11	Jones	Thomas	LT	USN (Ret)
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
12	Niblack	Sarah	LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Palmer	Samuel	Col	USAF (Ret)
07	Patton	Charles	LTC	USA (Ret)
18	Ponder	Elza	CPT	USA (Ret)
26	Porter	Kathleen	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
06	Reinke	Leonard	Maj	USAF (Ret)
26	Rimby	William	LCDR	USN (Ret)
21	Smith	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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VADM Norb Ryan, USN, (Ret)

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