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President's Comments:

Anyone who missed the June luncheon meeting missed a real treat. I believe our guest speaker, MG Karl Horst, Chief of Staff, USCENTCOM, was as good a speaker as any we have had. I hope we can get him to return in the not too distant future. General Horst informed us he is a life member of MOAA, and that, by the time you read this, he will have retired after serving this great Country on active duty for 40 years. We bid him God Speed in his future life, and thank him for his service.



Paulette, I and more than 20 other members recently represented our Chapter at the Florida Council of Chapters convention 7-9 June in Sarasota. We all had a great time and I am sure took mental notes on those things that went well and those we can improve on to make the 2014 Convention, which we will host, even better than the one we hosted in 2009. Preparations are already well underway and I hope all can attend. We already have a number of committed attendees from several Chapters throughout Florida and other states.

As Bill Lofgren mentioned at the June luncheon we still have vacancies for the Master-at-Arms and Hospitality Committee Chair positions. We have received volunteers for Hospitality,

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HOT PROJECT

SPECIAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Reported by Anita J. Harrow

Every day our young deployed military men and women willingly go into harms way in a gallant effort to ensure the freedom enjoyed by Americans here at home. All the letters received from our troops thank us for bringing them comfort and “a little bit of home”. So our HOT project team continues to work hard to build a “bridge of appreciation” between our heroes in Afghanistan and our chapter and community members.

As I have said before, the more we talk about our project, the more support we receive not only from our members, but from our friends and neighbors in the community. So once again, Sherry Freese is talking and doing! With Sherry’s help the St. Petersburg Bridge Club of Pinellas Park and the Pasadena Card Club organized fundraisers again this year to help our troops. The support from these two groups was overwhelming raising \$767 and lots of treats and toiletries for our boxes.

A special thanks to the Pasadena Card Club, Board of Directors President Dianne Pryor and Directors David Switzer and Elaine Garofalo, and the St. Petersburg Bridge Club, Board Member Charles Gill, and Directors of the Game, Mariane Timmons and Gretchen Funk whose hard work and dedication made the fundraisers such a tremendous success. Not to be forgotten are all of the people from the two clubs who so generously donated to HOT.

Once again, a heartfelt thanks to our members and our friends at the card clubs for helping to ensure that the troops who receive our boxes know they are in our thoughts and prayers and that their sacrifices are greatly appreciated!

Working together as SPAMOAA members and our special community partners, the St. Petersburg Bridge Club of Pinellas Park and the Pasadena Card Club we can continue to have a successful project.

So, KEEP THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS COMING!

And

Keep talking Sherry!



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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

July 19th **Kerrie Witty, Regional VA Director**

August 16th

September 20th **MAJ Ed Lillich, POW/MIA**

October 18th **Pam Dubov, Property Appraiser**

**** 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.

July 1st Monday

August 5th Monday

September 3rd Tuesday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
Tuesday October 8th

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Norma Cox, 727-466-1652

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 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership	- 266
Regular Members	- 170
Auxiliary Members	- 96
Inactive Members	- 5

Military Services:

Army - 64	USMC - 13
USAF - 50	USCG - 7
Navy - 34	NOAA - 0

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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Monthly Luncheon; 21 June 2013

Attended – 65: (63 reservations), 3 Member Guest, 2 Chapter Guests, 3 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 1 No Shows

The June luncheon meeting was called to order by the president. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.



Those seated at the head table were, guest speaker Major General Karl Horst, President Terry Carr, 1st Vice President Dick Koch and Chaplain Brown.

Ann Dollahon was introduced as the newest Auxiliary Member, along with her guest and caregiver Wanda Matthew. Other guests included Dick Koch's wife Dale, his son Steve and his grandson Jeremy.

The door prize was won by Roger Popham, one of our newer members. The 50/50 was split between JoAnne Taylor and Jim Patton.

Anita Harrow, (*our HOT lady*), had a table at the convention in Sarasota and she shared with everyone there her book filled with thank you notes, e-mails and letters of appreciation from our service personnel who have received all the boxes our Chapter has been sending to them. Anita brought the book to the luncheon meeting and urged everyone to read some of the messages. She was happy to report that one of the Marine units we support is coming home in July. Anita thanked everyone for all they have done for the HOT program. The program will be winding down as our young warriors come home and we will be looking for another project.

To put her other hat on, that of Auxiliary Liaison, Anita said that the Auxiliary members will be storming the hill in Washington, D.C. on July 17th to talk with all the legislators on the SBP-DIC offset, asking them to have the legislation changed. Please read Anita's article in this O.C. You will find names of the Senators and Representatives from Florida and she encourages everyone to pick up the phone and call these people.

Remember, MOAA is One Powerful Voice.

Ann Isley told the members of two shows, Opera Idol and The Media, both of which will be over by the time this O.C. is published, but she encourages all of us to take advantage of the offerings by the St Petersburg Opera throughout the season.

George Brown mentioned the Information Day being held at MacDill at Seascapes on Thursday the 27th from 11:30 to 3:30. If you were not planning on going this year please look for the dates for next year as it is a worthwhile, information gathering time well spent.

Don Freese, Co- Chairman of the Convention Committee for 2014, has already received notice of intent from many people for the convention to be held at the downtown Hilton on June 6 through 8. The cost is \$93.00 per night, he has a great team in place to present a memorable convention and he urges everyone to get their reservations in early. Our convention will coincide with the 70th anniversary of D-Day and the 72nd anniversary of the Battle of Midway. Ellen Fine made a quilt to be auctioned off and is in the process of making another quilt from convention shirts of years past. If you have a convention shirt you would like to contribute please call Sherry Freese, see page 27 of the directory for her phone number. We will be using the emblems of the shirts and this quilt will be raffled off.

First Vice President Dick Koch introduced our guest speaker, Major General Karl Horst, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Central Command at MacDill. Although General Horst said to Dick "*don't bother with the long introductions but simply say, he is just an ordinary soldier.*" Dick went on to tell us of some of General Horst's awards, education and assignments. General Horst began his military career as an 18 year old Private, enlisting in the Army on June 22, 1973. He later attended the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Ft. Belvoir, VA. You will find some of the General's bio in the June O.C., but the internet has much more information about him. You will soon learn that he is not "just an ordinary soldier". Dick said that General Horst has met everyone of the Honor Flights returning to the airport carrying our World War II veterans who were privileged to take a trip to Washington D.C. for a day and shakes everyone's hand.

General Horst began by saying that he is Army Strong and a life member of MOAA. Forty years ago he took office as an active duty Private in the Army and today this will be the last speech he gives while on active duty as he will retire on June 22, 2013, and he said he could not think of a better organization to present his final public appearance. General Horst said he has lived every day of his military career by following the Seven Army Values and they have always steered him in the right direction. They are Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage. He further went on to say; Always be aware of your environment and the people around you; be respectful of others - make those who work *with* you and those who work *for* you feel like they are part of your team; manage expectations - yours and those around you; live by a set of values; have a creed or ethos that guides your everyday activities; be clear and concise, written or oral, and lead by personal example; don't forget where you come from and how you got there; and, maintain a healthy sense of humor and use it liberally.

General Horst gave us a brief rundown of the 22 places under CENTCOM and the current situation. General Horst said we all should be PROUD of the men and women out there and he said thank you to MOAA members for all their support. We should be proud to be MOAA members because our voice is extremely

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which I will announce soon; however, a Master-at-Arms is still desperately needed. If anyone has any questions on this position, or would like to volunteer, please contact either Bill or me.

Our speaker for the July luncheon will be Regional VA Director, Kerrie Witty. We heard her speak in Sarasota and look forward to her visit with us. I hope to see you there.

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important. General Horst and his wife will remain in the Tampa community. He will continue to meet all future Honor Flights to greet the men and women of the Greatest Generation and to thank them for their service.

Following the question and answer period, Terry presented the General with the traditional gift of drink glasses and pointed out the various thank yous in many languages to which the General replied Danke, Merci, Gracias. And to General Horst we say Thank You, Good Luck in your retirement and please visit us again soon.

The July 19 luncheon meeting will feature Kerrie Witty, Regional VA Director. Please make your reservations early and get all your questions ready. This sounds like a program right down our alley.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting 3 June 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1130 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated by all. Twenty one Members were present to include; Virginia Balke, Bill Bolin, George Brown, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Maureen Connors, Pete Dawson, Pauline Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Sherry Freese, Anita Harrow, Dick Koch, Bill Lewis, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton, Barbara Stakk, Violet Smith and Joanne Taylor.

Secretary: Hardy Bryan made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in the Officers Call and Ed Lillich seconded the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report was given by Pete Dawson. Balance in the operating account is \$10,621.81 as of May 31, 2013. Please see entire report elsewhere in the O.C. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

1st Vice President: Dick Koch said an Honor Flight was due in to Clearwater airport at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday the 4th of June. The next flight is scheduled for September, two in October and one in early November. Dates will be published in the O.C. Times of return are unpredictable due to weather conditions, but approximate times will be published if possible.

Dick said that in addition to the scheduled speakers already announced for June, July and September he has arranged for

Pam Dubov, Pinellas County Property Appraiser to speak in October about the legislation approved by the State of Florida dealing with the new exemptions for combat veterans with combat related disabilities. In November we will hear MG Mike Jones (Army Ret) and in December Jack Harris from WFLA will be the speaker. December is also Toys for Tots month. The installation banquet will be January 18, 2014 and details will follow.

2nd Vice President: Joanne Taylor will have potential members at the next two luncheons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Visitation: Virginia Balke has been in contact with all those that she knows are sick or confined to home or nursing facility. Hazel McGrath would like to have visitors. Hazel is at Freedom Inn across from Bay Pines Hospital.

HOT Anita Harrow reported that one addressee has returned home to St. Petersburg, but a new contact name was given for that unit. Anita will have a HOT display for the SPAMOOA table at the Sarasota FCOC convention. Anita reported that the Pasadena Card Club and St. Petersburg Bridge Club donated cash and items for the HOT boxes. Sherry Freese said both groups are very excited to be a part of this worthy cause. A thank you note was received from Marc Freese, hopefully his last as he has just recently returned from deployment.

Both of the above mentioned card clubs donated a total of \$722 and three car trunks full of items for the HOT boxes.

Publicity: Pauline Edwards sent thirteen news releases for June.

JROTC: Ed Lillich said all medals have been awarded to all the high schools at their scheduled awards day ceremonies.

Convention Chair: Don Freese will have a table at the Sarasota Convention with information about the 2014 convention, along with the sample convention shirt. Ads will be placed in the Georgia and South Carolina convention booklets this year. The Sarasota convention is expected to have 200 attendees. Don is looking for a couple to stay in the hospitality suite for the 2014 convention. Please contact him if you are interested and for further details.

Membership: Don Freese said we have a list of prospective chapter members and he suggested that we mail the newsletter to a selected list to see if we can generate interest. This met with the Executive Committee's approval.

NEW BUSINESS Please let President Carr know if you are interested in serving as Master of Arms or the Hospitality Committee Chair. Also looking for someone to sit in to learn Secretary's position for next year.

Bill Bolin received information on Liberty Manor for Vets and he thought this might possibly be worthy of our support. The organization said they would like to have a speaker at our next E.C. meeting. Don Freese suggested that Bill look into this

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Will Women Serve in Combat?

More combat positions could be open to women by 2016. DoD released information on reviews of physical and other standards that could open up as many as 240,000 military positions (about one-fifth of the active-duty force) that have been off-limits to women.



Women currently make up about 15 percent of the military.

Despite the announcement, Pentagon leadership made it clear that they will move cautiously. They also noted that after the reviews are complete some positions will likely remain open only to men.

“We are taking a very deliberate, very measured and very responsible approach to this,” said Col. Jon Aytes, head of the military policy branch for the Marine Corps. He added the Corps wanted to ensure that “we don’t set our female Marines up for failure by not adequately preparing them.”

In January, after years of debate and legal challenges, former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen Martin Dempsey, (USA) announced DoD would lift the 1994 combat exclusion policy barring women from front-line, direct ground combat units.

The decision was fueled in part by the recognition that women played a critical role in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, where commanders stretched the rules to allow them to bear arms and support combat units.

The biggest challenges by far will come in the Army and Marine Corps, where positions in infantry, artillery and armored units could open to women if they pass “gender-neutral” physical tests and other requirements.

“The infantry is the Marine Corps. This is huge news,” said Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.), a former Marine artillery officer who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. “This is a big shock to the Marine Corps culture and history. We will see if it works.”

The House-passed defense bill includes a provision introduced by Hunter dictating gender-neutral standards for military positions.

Each of the four armed services, as well as special operations command, were required to outline their review plans this May for ending longstanding restrictions barring women from direct ground combat positions, with full implementation by 2016.

The services may request certain exemptions from gender integration after completion of their reviews. In announcing the plans, Dempsey said that the onus would be on the services to

prove why an exception keeping a particular position closed to women was warranted.

The transition is just getting started, but MOAA will keep a close eye on the process to ensure that fighting effectiveness and equity among servicemembers are preserved

Dole Foundation Helps MOAA Help Caregivers

March 8, 2013

MOAA received a Dole Foundation Innovation Grant this week to help a new MOAA project — developing “Tips for Lifelong Caregiving,” an on-line guide aimed at assisting caregivers of wounded, ill and injured servicemembers with financial, legal and other issues affecting their lives and well-being.

“We are honored to receive this grant to help us deliver much-needed support to the selfless caregivers who are sacrificing so much of their own lives to care for our wounded, ill and injured heroes,” MOAA President Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, Jr. said. “In addition to information collected from six years conducting symposia and roundtable discussions, we are working with the caregivers themselves to craft a guide that builds on the lessons they’ve learned to ease the path for others.”

MOAA is working on the project with two initial partners: USAA is providing expertise in the area of financial information, products and services, and the American Bar Association is adding its expertise in legal issues.

The Dole Foundation also announced this week that Google, Inc. has agreed to provide digital support services to MOAA and other Dole Foundation grant recipients.

MOAA will provide the labor, project management and hosting support to develop and implement the on-line guide. The tool will be available to the public and will augment existing programs sponsored by the Dole Foundation, DoD, VA and other agencies and individuals supporting caregivers.\

Topics covered in the Guide will include:

- Medical-disability insurance and benefits programs, including DOD, VA, Medicare-Medicaid, Social Security, caregiver support, aid and attendance, in-home and nursing care, and retirement and survivor programs
- Guardianship and fiduciary matters
- Powers of attorney
- Advance directives
- Legal pro-bono services and resources

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MG Karl Horst and Terry Carr



Guest Speaker MG Karl Horst



Chaplain George Brown



2nd VP Joanne Taylor



Lynn Bolin and Door Prize winner Roger Popham



Bill Lewis and 50/50 winner Jim Patton



Bill Lewis and 50/50 winner Joanne Taylor



1st VP Dick Koch and grandson Jeremy



Mike and Kay McDonough



Vicki and John Kruck



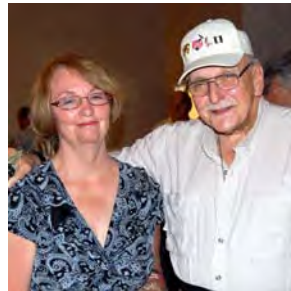
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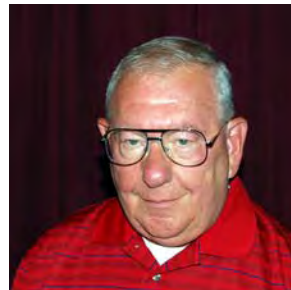
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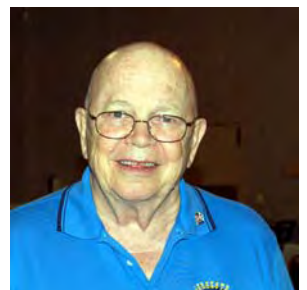
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Anne Isley, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich and Paulette Carr



Bill Lee

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:

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Ann Dollahon and companion Wanda Matthews



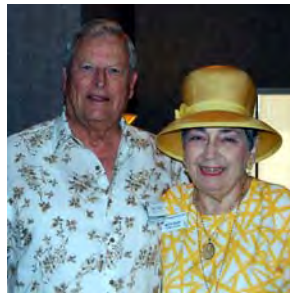
Ed and Chris Lillich



The Koch family; grandson Jeremy, 1st VP Dick, wife Dale and son Steve



Bill and Margaret Lewis



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Glen Crabb



Anne Isley and Johnnie Neville



Will Johnson



Rose Munchbach



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Sherry Freese and Dot Plummer



Basil Burrell



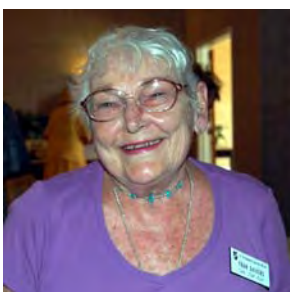
Jeanie and Roger Popham



Bill Lewis and Pauline Edwards



Fred Schlager



Fran Shivers



Isabel and Oz Osborn



Cal Imboden



Richard Green



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further as to their non profit status and financial statements and report his findings at the next E.C. meeting. Bill will look into this as suggested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Barbara Stakk was welcomed back after of a period of absence due to back surgery.

Hardy Bryan stopped by the USO at the Tampa airport on one of his recent trips and said it was a very nice facility. It is open to both active and retired personnel. Each plane coming in, carrying a military person, is met by a representative of the USO. Please stop by the facility when you are at the Tampa airport.

George Brown said MacDill will have an Information Day on the 27th of June at Sea Scapes from 1100 hours to 1600 hours. Sea Scapes is located on the beach by the Family Camping area.

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

HELPOUR SURVIVING SPOUSES LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Reported by Anita Harrow, Auxiliary Liaison

Surviving spouses continue to receive reduced compensation under the current law allowing DIC offset. On July 17, 2013, MOAA and its Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee will visit the Hill to educate congressional legislators on the impact of the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset and to gain support for the legislation before Congress.

Current law prohibits the full amount of both SBP and DIC payment to survivors. That is, the SBP annuity is reduced by the amount of the DIC payment. New legislation (H.R. 32 and S. 734) has been introduced to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset.

MOAA and the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) need our support and are asking all chapter members interested in helping surviving spouses to raise their voices and contact legislators.

Call MOAA's toll-free direct line to the congressional switchboard at (866) 272-6622, ask to connect to your legislator's office, and speak with the legislative assistant or military legislative assistant for:

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R)
U.S. Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R)
U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D)
U.S. Congressman Bill Young (R)
U.S. Congressmen Gus Bilirakis (R),
U.S. Congresswoman Kathy Castor (D)

Let our legislators know how important this issue is and encourage them to support S. 734 and H.R. 32.

Let's work together to make a difference!

CALL TODAY

Financial Report Summary for the Month of May

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (30.74)
..... Donations	\$ 0.00
..... Ads	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (343.95)
..... From Operations	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (374.69)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,493.68
..... Donations	\$ 0.00
..... 50/50	\$ 48.00
..... Memorials	\$ 90.00
..... Expenses	\$ (726.60)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 905.08

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,074.00
..... Donations	\$ 10.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,084.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 8,122.35
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 950.00
..... Dues	\$ 15.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 3,000.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.42
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (927.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ (88.79)
..... Post Office	\$ (31.15)
..... Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (90.00)
..... Printing/ mailing	\$ (330.02)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 10,621.81

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- Wills
- Financial-estate planning

Delivery of the initial digital guide is planned for the end of June 2013.





Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

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)

Tell us your story

What does it mean to be a star, to stand out from the crowd? Whether you served on a naval ship or received a decorated medal as a symbol of duty, as an officer, you led the way for others.

If you have an enticing story, we invite you to join the discussion. MOAA is producing a video collection of veteran's stories. Are you or do you know of someone willing to share their story of service and sacrifice?

The process will involve a MOAA video crew visiting you to document your story. The subject must be a national MOAA member and willing to appear on camera.

Email a short summary of your story to tellyourstory@moas.org

You may also leave a message at (703) 838-5806 or send mail to:

Tell Us Your Story video, Dept 05

MOAA

201 N Washington Street

Arlington, VA 22214-2539

We know MOAA members have incredible stories that are seldom shared with the public. We're looking to change that and document our veterans' stories for years to come.

HONOR FLIGHT

The total number of World War II veterans taken to Washington for free by the Honor Flight of West Central Florida is 782. There are four flights remaining for calendar year 2013. All of these flights will transport 80 veterans to Washington so the senior military heroes can see the memorials built on the National Mall as a tribute to their service.

The next flight will be Tuesday, Sept. 17. Two flights are currently scheduled for October, Tuesday, Oct. 8 followed by Tues-



TAPS

- ◆ Johnson, Frank R. Jr., LCDR, USN (Ret),
8 June 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

July Birthdays (60 to 95 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
27	Billington	Norton	LTC	USA (Ret)
20	Bryan	Hardy	LTC	USA (Ret)
08	Freese	Donald	CAPT	USN (Ret)
23	Johnson	Willis	CPT	USA (Fmr)
02	Lofgren	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
8	Mallory	Pauline	LTC	USA (Ret)
02	McGrath	Hazel	LCDR	USN (Ret)
26	Montrem	Helen	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
19	Murphy	Hazel	1LT	USANC (Fmr)
04	Nelson	Landy	COL	USA (Ret)
21	Oliver	Richard	LT	USN (Ret)
25	Patton	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
30	Popham	Roger	COL	USA (Ret)
02	Poteat	Genevieve	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
05	Sanders	Charlene	Capt	USAF (Ret)
14	Shivers	Frances	Capt	USAFR (Fmr)
04	Talbitzer	John	LT	USN (Ret)
21	Vision	Michael	CDR	USN (Ret)
03	Ward	Wayne	CPT	USA (Ret)
20	Willis	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

day Oct. 29. The final flight for this year will be Saturday Nov. 9. No flights are scheduled for July or August due to the oppressive heat.

All flights are currently scheduled to depart from and return to St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport.

Honor Flight has been notified by a nursing group at Bay Pines VA Hospital that they intend to raise the \$25 thousand needed to sponsor the October 29th flight and provide guardians to assist the veterans.

If you would like to participate in greeting the returnees at the Return Parade, the arrival time of the various flights fluctuates based on the schedules of the commercial airlines. The FAA has to work the charter flights into the commercial scheduled system. However, arrival is usually after 7:30 PM and could be as late as 9:30 PM. Ed Lillich would be an up-to-date source as he commands the color guard that leads the parade.

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TRICARE Dental Contract Extended

TRICARE announced that they have extended the current TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) contract – set to expire on September 30 – through December 31 of this year.

The move will bring it in-sync with the other healthcare contracts on a calendar year versus fiscal year basis.

The contract extension will bring no change in premiums or scope of benefits. However, the annual maximum allowable charge for enrollees in the Enhanced program will be increased to \$1,500 for this period. Those in the Basic program will see their maximum increase to \$1,250.

Those who have already reached their annual maximum can ask their dentists to resubmit claims.

Although the maximums are being increased, enrollees won't be asked to pay a higher deductible. As a result of the contract extension beneficiaries won't see their deductible start over on October 1; it will be extended until the end of the calendar year.

Delta Dental of California administers the current contract, and has been awarded a new five year contract that begins on January 1, 2014.

One important change coming to the TRDP is a requirement to pay via an electronic funds transfer (ETF) or government allotment. This change will come into effect for all beneficiaries on October 1, 2013.



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Monthly Luncheon

**Friday
19 July 2013**

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

Guest Spraker:

Kerrie Witty, Regional Dir VA

Subject:

Veterans Administration

Kerrie Witty was appointed as Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St Petersburg, Florida on May 11, 2010.

In this position she is responsible for administering non-medical benefits to nearly 1.6 million veterans and their families residing in the state of Florida. These programs include disability compensation and pension, vocational rehabilitation and employment, and loan guaranty.



Prior to this position, Ms. Witty was Director of the VA Regional Office in Los Angeles, California and Providence, Rhode Island. Ms. Witty began her VA career in June 1991 as a Veterans Claims Examiner at the VA Regional Office in Portland, Oregon. While working in this office, she progressed through the positions of Senior Veterans Claims Examiner and Rating Specialist. She later served as a Management Analyst in the Central Area Office in Livonia, Michigan and the Office of Field Operations in VBA's Central Office in Washington, DC. before serving as Veterans Service Center Manager in the VA Regional Offices in Lincoln, Nebraska and Chicago, Illinois.

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