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President's Comments:

Back in April in this column, I asked you to tell me what you did in your spare time. My thoughts were to publicize and spread the volunteer activities of our members so that if one of you should be looking for something to fill your spare time, you would have some insight as to the opportunities available and have a friend already in place to aid you in getting established. So far, I have only heard from one chapter member, and I asked him to provide that information in a short article for the Officers Call. I also said that I would share my volunteer activities with you as an ice-breaker, so to speak. So, if Jim has enough room in this edition, you will see what Barb says occupies the majority of my spare time. And, if not this month, then next.



The Chapter nominating committee has begun what should be an easy job of putting together a slate of officers for the coming year. However, despite the wealth of experience we have in the Chapter, it invariably becomes a chore to put that slate together, sometimes taking right up until the election in December to complete. I think too many of you remember that adage taught to us from day one of our military career--don't volunteer for anything.

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Anita J. Harrow, Chairperson
HOT Project



Having been the HOT Project chairperson since the summer of 2007, I have had the privilege of serving with four outstanding SPAMOOA presidents, Don Freese, Larry Fernald, Ed Lillich and Terry Carr. I have served with "a passion" and done everything to ensure H.O.T. was a highly visible and successful project. Now I feel it is time for me to reclaim the space in my dining room, hall closets and storage room where the post office priority boxes and supplies were kept and to move on to new challenges. I am, therefore, resigning as chairperson of HOT.

Every month for the past seven and a half years I have been actively involved in putting together priority boxes and writing mailing labels, shopping for treats and toiletries, creating special monthly letters with messages of thanks for our military men and women, packing as many as 28 to 55 boxes per month, loading them into a car or truck, taking them to the post office and mailing them to FOBs in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition to the work of ensuring our troops received toiletries and treats, I kept accurate records of expenses to ensure contributions from members were being spent as intended then forwarded the receipts to Pete for reimbursement. Though my service to the HOT Project was a great deal of work, it was a "labor of love" !

Over the years there were many members who came to help with the H.O.T. Project. Though I cannot begin to mention everyone who helped make our project successful, I need to mention a few who provided continual support. Our Auxiliary Members came each year to write notes in at least three hundred Christmas cards to be put into the boxes and Joan Landers and Alice (Johnny) Neville faithfully helped write the customs forms each month. Larry Fernald who during the first couple of years brought not only his big truck to haul boxes to the post office, he brought Christopher, his grandson, who help load the boxes onto the truck and unload the boxes at the post office. Several times during each year Bill Lofgren drove to Wesley Chapel to pick up truck loads of special treats the H.O.T. Project could never have

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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer
11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;
Pasadena Yacht Club, Gulfport

CALENDAR

- July 17th Carol Barkalow, HOEV
- Aug 21st CDR Victor Rivera, USCG
- Sep 18th
- Oct 16th

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?
Call: Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237**

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 6th Monday
- Aug 3rd Monday
- Sep 8th Tuesday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
Tuesday Oct 13th TBD
1130 hours

Luncheon Reservations:

- Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
Barbara Walters, 727-595-4619

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:30 AM

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 226
Regular Members - 149
Auxiliary Members - 54
AuxMbr-Spouse - 23
Inactive Members - 0

Military Services:

Army - 61 USMC - 10
USAF - 39 USCG - 7
Navy - 32 NOAA - 0

6/25/2015

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Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**
Monthly Luncheon; 19 June 2015

Attended – 45: (46 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The June luncheon meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald at 11:45. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Larry then introduced the head table consisting of 1st VP Glen Crabb, Chaplain George Brown and guest speaker Andrea Rand.



Larry then welcomed first time attendees: Troy Shoulders and Dr. Don Dorr; also recognized was returning member Patsy Anderson.

Door prizes winners were Jeanie Popham and a second door prize, of a free luncheon donated by Larry Fernald, was Pauline Mallory. The 50/50 was split between Denise Hanson and Fran Shivers.

We then broke for lunch following which Larry introduced our speaker Andrea Rand. Andrea is the MOAA Development Director, in that position she leads a small staff that handle the MOAA Scholarship Programs. She explained the various programs and those who are eligible to apply. After a short question and answer session, Larry presented her with our chapter gift.

It was announced that the next meeting will be on 17 July at Pasadena Yacht Club.

Chaplain George Brown gave the Benediction and the meeting was adjointed.

Executive Committee Meeting 1 June

Meeting called to order by President Larry Fernald at 11:30. George Brown led the invocation. Larry Fernald led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made to accept minutes as published by Bill Lofgren, 2nd by Bill Eichholz. Motion approved.

Treasurers report accepted subject to audit.

Larry received MOAA recruiting list. Sending copies of Officers Call to approximately 50 names on the list each month for two months.

Bill Lewis submitted his resignation as the 50/50 ticket sales person. We will need a replacement for Bill.

Pauline Edwards has sent press releases.

Rose Munchbach has been hospitalized.

Roger Popham gave a report on residents of Britt House working with Heaven on Earth for Vets.

Violet Smith has communicated with the widow of Col David Briggs and offered assistance with military matters should it be needed.

National MOAA meeting will be in Orlando Oct 29-31. The term “Auxiliary Members” will be changed to “Surviving Spouse Members.” More on this as MOAA makes it available.

Five Star Level of Excellence nomination package has been sent to MOAA for consideration. After the benediction, the meeting was adjointed.

President from Pg 1

On behalf of the nominating committee, I am asking you to put that age-old practice aside and step up to a position in OUR chapter leadership. It’s fun; it’s rewarding; and it’s easy. And, there are quite a few positions available--mine, for instance.

Our Chapter Level of Excellence Award package was submitted to MOAA for consideration in awarding the 5 Star Award. As you know, we have consistently won the award since 2002, and we have a very strong award package this year. Hopefully, those who do the judging will agree with me that we deserve another 5 Star Award.

In closing, I will put another plug in for chapter leadership. Please consider stepping up and helping run the chapter. Call the Nominating Committee Chair, Pete Dawson, and volunteer.

Free Lunch Winners

(With respect to Robert Heinlein and Milton Friedman, there really is a FREE lunch)

New Members:

- **CDR Troy Shoulders, USN (Ret)**
- **Mrs. Katie Crabb, AuxMbr-Spouse**

Sponsors:

- **CDR Glen Crabb, USN (Ret)**

Volunteer Activities--Larry Fernald

As many of you know, I love to fly. In fact, I’ve been flying for two months shy of 46 years. And, with over 16,000 hours in the air, I still can’t get enough. So, I found a volunteer organization that allows me to continue flying, many times without having to pay for it, which is always a good thing considering the cost of renting a plane these days. That organization is the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

CAP is an official auxiliary of the United States Air Force, residing under the Air Education and Training Command’s (AETC) Air University at Maxwell AFB, AL. Soon, CAP will reside under Air Combat Command (ACC).

CAP dates back to the late 1930’s when civilian pilots argued for a role in the defence of our Country. As a result, CAP was

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afforded to buy. Maureen Connors kept her sorority busy purchasing powdered drink mix each month for the boxes, Sherry Freese brought cash donations each year from two bridge clubs, Marc Freese made sure our mailing list stayed current, and local dentists supplied the H.O.T. Project with toothpaste and toothbrushes each month for seven years. I must not fail to mention the two wonderful people at the Treasure Island Post Office, Dave and Carol, who helped me with the boxes every month. It was a privilege working with such a great team!

I want to thank everyone who in some way contributed to this special “labor of love”. Together I am convinced we have brought some “sunshine” into the lives of our troops overseas. The many letters, cards, and certificates of appreciation we received are evidence our troops knew they were not forgotten. Every time I received a letter or card I put it into a notebook, H.O.T. MAIL: LETTERS FROM THE TROOPS. Many of you have taken the time to browse through the book of letters I displayed at our monthly meetings and at several of the Council of Chapters State Conventions. Even now reading the letters of thanks from out troops never fails to make me proud of the tremendous contributions our project made. Following are just a few excerpts from the letters received:

“Your continued efforts for our troops remains amazing; these young men and women will never forget your efforts!” Major USMC;

“Everyone loved the stuff you sent...it was all so awesome. You have no idea how much your thoughtfulness means to us.” Transport Nurse

“Thank you for the care packages. They were greatly appreciated and made a very positive impact on the morale of our troops. Some of our troops are on their first deployment; others have deployed many times in this war. Again, thank you sincerely for remembering these American troops who give so much for their country every day.” Chaplain (Colonel) USArmy.

“Just wanted to say thank you for the care packages to my squadron a few weeks ago. They devoured everything! Chaplin

“Your packages found the men of the Ranger Regiment operating under dire circumstances beyond the call of duty, enduring adversity and losses from the front line. Your show of support brought smiles to the faces of seasoned operators and young team leaders. On behalf of the Rangers here going out when the sun goes down to take the fight to our enemy nightly and those we’ve lost in the last year, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.” T. Nicholus

I have many more letters from our troops that serve as evidence that the H.O.T. Project has been appreciated and has successfully accomplished its mission during these seven and a half years. With the new expanded focus of serving local veterans through Heaven on Earth for Veterans and periodically supporting the Helping Hands Project of the Tampa MOAA Chapter, H.O.T. will continue to be an important chapter project serving both our troops and our veterans in need.

Thank you for trusting me to serve as chairperson of this important and fulfilling responsibility that provided me with so much joy and with an opportunity to help those who do so much for our country. I trust a new chairperson will come forward to continue our chapter project and carry it to new and higher plateaus.



The Surviving Spouses of MOAA The Heart Behind One Powerful Voice®

DATE: June 19, 2015
TO: Chapter and Council
Auxiliary Liaisons
FROM: Surviving Spouse Advisory
Committee (SSAC)
SUBJECT: ‘Auxiliary Liaison Excellence Award’

By Gail Joyce, vice chair, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

In April, members of the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee voted to change their name to the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC). This column was renamed to reflect that change. The Auxiliary Liaison Excellence Award also will be renamed following MOAA’s Annual Meeting in October.

The Auxiliary Liaison Excellence Award is presented each year to a surviving spouse (formerly auxiliary) liaison who has demonstrated superior performance in recruitment and retention, representation, and leadership. Eleanor Layman, the 2014 recipient, represented both the Maryland Council of Chapters and the Fort George G. Meade (Md.) Chapter.

Last year, the SSAC received seven nominations for this award for outstanding service to a local chapter or council or both. Each nomination packet was excellent, making the final choice difficult.

Some liaisons spearheaded letter-writing campaigns about survivor legislative issues and served on the board of directors

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Congress Divided on Future of Commissary

The House and Senate have approved their versions of the defense bill, and they don't see eye to eye on the commissary.

The Senate

The Senate unfortunately took aim at the commissary system in its version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Senate lawmakers cut \$322 million from the commissary budget. A cut this big will lead to increased prices, reduced operating hours and days of operation, and a reduction in store staff.

Also tucked inside the bill was language allowing DoD to increase prices in stores to cover costs.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) sponsored an amendment to restore the \$322 million funding and to strike language that would allow DoD to adjust commissary prices, but her amendment did not come to a vote.

Even though her amendment wasn't voted on, as Vice Chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Mikulski rejected the commissary cut and provided full funding.

Civics 101: What does that mean?

Every year Congress works on two major types of legislation: authorization bills and appropriation bills.

Authorization bills tell federal departments (like DoD) and agencies what to do. Appropriations bills fund federal agencies. Appropriations bills distribute money to federal departments, agencies, and programs. These bills tell DoD how much they can spend and where the money will go.

Currently, the money for the commissary is in the Senate appropriations bill but the authorization to spend it is not in the Senate authorization bill.

The House

The House passed its version of the authorization bill in May. In it, House lawmakers rejected the cuts to commissary funding. The House defense appropriations bill included full funding for the commissary in the budget.

What's Next?

The Senate is currently working on its version of the defense appropriations bill. Once passed, it will go to conference where differences between the House and Senate bills must be resolved.

The defense authorization bill is also headed to conference. We are hopeful that funding for the commissary subsidy will be restored during this process.

Ultimately, without the funding, the cost of operating the commissary will slowly shift to you, the shopper.



MOAA thanks Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) and Mikulski (D-Md.) for leading the charge to prevent privatization of commissaries

Top Docs Squash Privatization Talks

The military's top doctors told lawmakers they do not support proposals to privatize TRICARE. In Congressional testimony, senior military medical leaders addressed health care reforms recommended by the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission (MCRMC). The report, released earlier this year, recommended privatizing TRICARE and creating a new Joint Readiness Command. Although the surgeons general all expressed appreciation for the time and effort put forward by the MCRMC, they were unanimous in rejecting the TRICARE privatization proposal. They cited several reasons for rejecting the proposal, including increased costs and the negative impact to readiness training. Under the MCRMC proposal, known as TRICARE Choice, millions of TRICARE beneficiaries would move to commercial, private sector health plans. The plans, administered by the Office of Personnel Management, would be similar to those offered to federal civilians. According to the MCRMC, TRICARE Choice would give servicemembers and their families more choices in health care coverage. However, the commission says that military families would pay up to four times more in health care costs. According to Army Surgeon General Patricia Horoho, TRICARE Choice "would negatively impact the readiness of our entire health care team and present financial challenges for active duty families and retirees." Having TRICARE compete with the private sector "would drive up administrative costs and significantly detract from the operational mission of our medical facilities," said Air Force Surgeon General Mark Ediger. "It is critical to understand that our direct health care system connects with the battlefield and exists to provide health readiness to our soldiers and their families," said Horoho. "This is what separates us from the civilian health care system." This message echoes what MOAA President, VADM Norb Ryan, USN (Ret) told lawmakers in February. Ryan said that problems with TRICARE "can be addressed in a systemic manner without resorting to its elimination." The surgeons general also rejected the creation of a new Joint Readiness Command, saying that current and existing reforms are providing the desired changes. The surgeons general said the recent establishment of the Defense Health Agency (DHA) aims to standardize common or shared services between the three military medical commands, such as a joint Health Information and Technology service. MOAA agrees, and has consistently said that the largest barrier to an efficient and highly reliable health care organization is the three-service system. Instead of creating a far-reaching command tasked with handling the entire scope of joint readiness, MOAA suggests building upon the current DHA structure and establishing a unified medical command with a single budget authority, one that can reduce redundancies and produce cost savings. MOAA ap

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Chaplain George Brown delivering the invocation



Guest speaker Andrea Rand



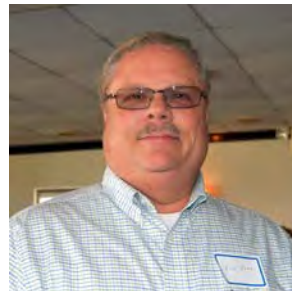
President Larry Fernald and guest speaker Andrea Rand



Larry Fernald presenting Andrea with Chapter gift



Returning member Patsy Anderson



1st time visitor Dr Don Dorr



1st time visitor Troy Shoulders



Pauline Edwards presenting Jeanie with 1st Door Prize



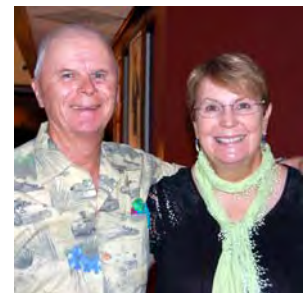
2nd Door Prize Pauline Mallory with Larry Fernald and Pauline Edwards



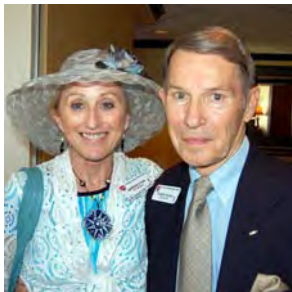
Bill Lewis presenting Denise Hanson with 1st 50/50 winning proceeds



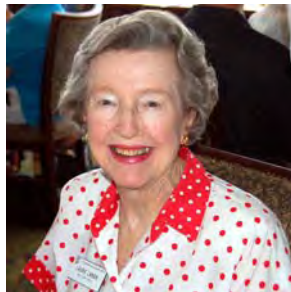
Bill Lewis presenting Fran Shivers with 2nd 50/50 winning proceeds



David and Pauline Mallory



Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



Laurie Lanier



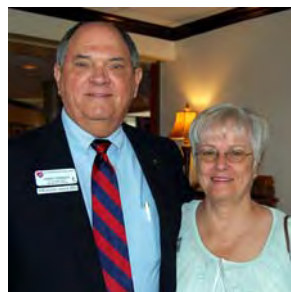
Richard Green



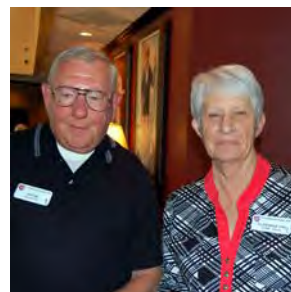
Margaret and Earl Peck



Maureen Conners and Joanne Taylor



Larry and Barb Fernald



Ken and Ellen Marie Fine



Sherry Freese





Betty and Paul Finley



Master-at-Arms Peter Gunderson



Joan Landers



Dick Oliver



Buzz and Denise Hanson



Martha and John Schoeppner



H. B. Love



Treasurer Pete Dawson



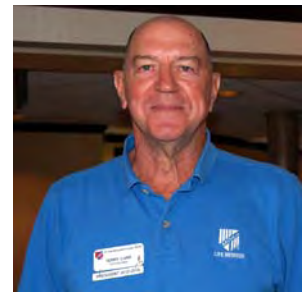
Fran Shivers



Jeanie and Roger Popham



Glen Crabb



Terry Carr



Jim Patton and Violet Smith



Carol Barkalow and Sherry Freese



Virginia Balke

Photos

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please notify him of your correct email address at the following email address: lofgrenlepc@earthlink.net

Photos by Bill Lofgren



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for their chapter or council. Other liaisons organized Veterans Day events and special recognition dinners for surviving spouses, communicated by phone or email with chapter members and the committee, wrote articles for chapter and council newsletters, and recruited new members from other community organizations. Each was invaluable to a council or chapter.

Members of the SSAC will review all of the packages and select the winner. MOAA will provide transportation, food, and lodging for the honoree to attend the 2015 MOAA Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., held Oct. 30-31, where the winner will receive this special award. I can't think of a better way to say thank you to a valued member of your team!

The criteria and guidelines for this award include excellence in recruiting and retention, representation, and leadership responsibility. In the nomination letter for Eleanor Layman, the council president writes, "Suffice it to say, Eleanor gives new meaning to the term 'value added' when discussing the benefits of having auxiliary membership active in chapter and council affairs."

No one knows the talents and leadership of our surviving spouse liaisons better than MOAA's council and chapter presidents. Members of the national board of directors and SSAC members also may nominate a surviving spouse liaison. We encourage you to identify and nominate outstanding surviving spouses in your state's council and chapter system. (Please note that a former SSAC member must wait three years after leaving the committee before he or she can be nominated for the Auxiliary Liaison Excellence Award.)

Visit MOAA's website to view and download the criteria and nomination forms. The deadline to submit nomination packets is Sept. 10.

Help Our Troops (HOT)

The SPA-MOAA Executive Board voted to support Heaven on Earth, a St Petersburg based support organization for veterans.

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2015 Help Our Troops 2015 Heaven on Earth Donors

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••GOLD –

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Smith, Violet Mrs.

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Hansen, Gidge CPT
Hermann, Peter Col
Hetherington, Chuck Col
Lewis, Margaret Mrs.
Reed, Bob CDR
Sartorio, Sal Maj
Taylor, Joanne MAJ
Terry, Frederick COL
Tondreau, Herb CWO4
Warren, David LTC

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Hamilton, Rosemary Mrs.
Schlager, Fred CWO4

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Edwards, Pauline Mrs.
Fernald, Larry Lt Col
Flint, John Col
Isley, Anne Mrs
Landers, Joan Mrs.
Lofgren, Bill Col
Love, H. B. COL
Milford, John Lt Col
Neville, Johnnie Mrs.
Palmer, Stew Col
Patton, Jim CWO4
Patton, Kathi Mrs.
Peck, Earl Maj Gen
Schoeppner, John Maj Gen
Smith, Violet Mrs.

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••SILVER –

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Sims, Bob Maj

••BRONZE –

Edwards, Richard CAPT
Eichholz, Bill LTC
Gioe, Shirley Mrs.
Hermann, Peter Col
Kirkland, Doug CDR
Quattromani, Tony LTC
Reed, Bob CDR
Sartorio, Sal Maj
Schlager, Fred CWO4
Tondreau, Herb CWO4
Warren, David LTC





TAPS

Thankfully, no one.



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Shoulders, Troy CDR, USN (Ret)**
9880 E. Bay Avenue, Seminole, FL
33776, 619-254-8324
- ◆ **Crabb, Katie, Mrs., AuxMbr-Spouse**
(see pg 23 of 2015 Directory)

**Every member get a new member
and get a free lunch!**

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)**
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Bobbie Walters, AuxMbr-A**

July Birthdays (53 to 97 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
2	Ashley	Kristine	LTC	USAR (Ret)
20	Bryan	Hardy	LTC	USA (Ret)
10	DeWitt	Patricia	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
3	Dillon	William	MAJ	USA (Ret)
02	Lofgren	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
8	Mallory	Pauline	LTC	USA (Ret)
7	Matthews	Paul	CDR	USN (Ret)
02	McGrath	Hazel	LCDR	USN (Ret)
26	Montrem	Helen	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
21	Oliver	Richard	LT	USN (Ret)
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05	Sanders	Charlene	Capt	USAF (Ret)
14	Shivers	Frances	Capt	USAFR (Fmr)
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03	Ward	Wayne	CPT	USA (Ret)

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Financial Report Summary for the Month of May

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,308.62
.... Donations	\$ 10.00
.... 50/50	\$ 22.00
.... Memorials	\$ 100.00
.... Expenses	\$ 0.00
.... HOT Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,440.62

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 770.00
.... Donations	\$ 0.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 782.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,077.89
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 608.00
.... Dues	\$ 0.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 250.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 0.00
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (616.00)
.... Supplies	\$ (72.00)
.... Post Office	\$ 0.00
.... Honraria/donations	\$ 0.00
.... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT	\$ (100.00)
.... Printing/mailing	\$ 0.00
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (358.31)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 4,789.58

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The boy takes the quarters and leaves the dollar.

‘What did I tell you?’ said the barber. ‘That kid never learns!’

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store & says ;

‘Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?’

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COLA Watch

The April Consumer Price Index of 231.520 increased slightly from last month, but remains 1.2 percent below the FY 2014 COLA baseline.

The Consumer Price Index for May 2015 is scheduled to be released on June 18, 2015.

Note: Military retiree COLA is calculated based on the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Works (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. Monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere

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born one week prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, and over the course of the war years, CAP pilots are credited with over 500,000 hours of flight time, and with sinking two enemy submarines, not to mention saving hundreds of crash victims.

CAP has three missions: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs, and Emergency Services.

CAP cadets range in age from 12 to 21, with senior members being 21 to older than me. Today, CAP is 57,263 members strong, with 23,607 being cadets.

You do not have to be a pilot to belong to CAP. There are opportunities for everyone. If you like to fly, but are not a pilot, there are positions that put you in the right seat of a Cessna. If you do not like to fly, there are radio operator jobs, mission planning jobs, staff assistant jobs, and there are a myriad of ground and air search and rescue jobs available. Or, you can work with cadets in a number of positions.

CAP observes military customs and courtesies. CAP members earn rank and awards, and wear uniforms similar to USAF uniforms.

So, what exactly does CAP do? CAP performs aerial search and rescue mission, ground search and rescue missions, aerial photography missions, drone training for the USAF, training for interceptor aircraft for USAF, and a host of other missions. Did you know that CAP was the first aircraft airborne over the twin towers on 9/11? Did you know that CAP was a major player in the Deepwater Horizon recovery and prevention effort? How about hurricane Andrew? Katrina? Yep, CAP was there and played a big part.

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Budget Shortfall Threatens Veterans Health Care

June 26, 2015

The VA is facing a \$2.6 billion budget deficit this year, according to VA officials. Sloan Gibson, Deputy Secretary of the VA, told lawmakers the department needs the money to bridge the gap of the projected shortfall.

According to Gibson, the budget deficit is largely a result of increased demand for care outside of VA facilities and the rising costs of expensive hepatitis C treatments. A full round of hepatitis C treatments can run upwards of \$100,000.

But Congress may not be so quick to hand over the money. Citing a “startling lack of transparency and accountability,” House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Jeff Miller (R-Fla.) told Gibson he was frustrated with cost overruns and delays with other VA projects, notably construction projects at medical facilities in Colorado.

VA officials also discussed their efforts to improve Community Care Programs. Including the Veterans Choice Program, seven different programs provide non-VA care. Each program

comes with a different authorization process and a different set of authorities.

Gibson stressed that the outside care programs need to be reconciled and streamlined. He also asked the committee to remove some of the congressionally placed restrictions on how the VA can spend money on Community Care Programs. Without the budget flexibility, Gibson said the VA “will have to deny care to veterans, a position we don’t want to be in.”

MOAA believes Congress must work with the VA to ensure the department has the necessary resources to meet veterans’ health care needs.

Used Car Salesperson

Were you ever a used car salesperson? We are looking for a person with the talent to sell our 50/50 raffle tickets guaranteeing each and every person a winning ticket. Bill Lewis has submitted his resignation from this position, and as you know if you attend the monthly luncheons, he has the reputation of guaranteeing a winner ticket to each purchaser. The straw hat does not come with the job.

Seriously we need someone to step forward to fill this job. The job entails sitting at the registration table and selling tickets to members as they enter. It is a great opportunity to meet our members and once the luncheon starts the job is almost over as you can join your table until time to award the prizes.

This is a great opportunity for a couple to work together for the good of the chapter.

Coach Bobby Ross had put together the perfect Lions team. The only thing he was missing was a good quarterback. He had scouted all the colleges, and even the high schools, but he couldn’t find a ringer quarterback who could ensure a Super Bowl win. Then one night, while watching CNN, he saw a war-zone scene in Bosnia. In one corner of the background, he spotted a young Bosnian soldier with a truly incredible arm. He threw a hand grenade straight into a 15th-story window 200 yards away — ka- boom! He threw another hand grenade into a group of 10 soldiers 100 yards away — ka-blooey! Then a car passed, going 90 mph — bulls-eye! “I’ve got to get this guy!” Ross said to himself. “He has the perfect arm!” So, he brings him to the States and teaches him the great game of football, and the Lions go on to win the Super Bowl for the first time in history. The young Bosnian is lionized as the Great Hero of football, and when Ross asks him what he wants, all the young man wants to do is to call his mother. “Mom,” he says into the phone, “I just won the Super Bowl.” “I don’t want to talk to you,” the old woman says. “You deserted us. You are not my son.” “I don’t think you understand, Mother!” the young man pleads. “I just won the greatest sporting event in the world. I’m here among thousands of my adoring fans.” “No, let me tell you,” the mother retorts. “At this very moment, there are gunshots all around us. The neighborhood is a pile of rubble. Your two brothers were beaten within an inch of their lives last week, and this week your sister was assaulted in broad daylight.” The old lady pauses, and then tearfully says “...I’ll never forgive you for making us move to Detroit



St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA Monthly Luncheon

**Friday
17 July 2015**

**Pasadena Yacht Club
6300 Pasadena Point Blvd. South,
Gulfport. FL**

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

Guest Speakers:

Carol Barkalow

Heaven On Earth For Veterans



Lieutenant Colonel, retired, Carol Barkalow graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in May 1980 as a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery. After three years she switched her branch to the Transportation Corps. She has held a variety of command and staff positions including Staff Officer, Company Commander, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army; Battalion Executive Officer, Plans and Operations Officer, and Battalion Commander. In addition, she served as a Division Transportation Officer with the 24th Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm. Lieutenant Colonel Barkalow retired on 1 September 2002 after more than 22 years of service.

Born in Freehold, New Jersey, Lieutenant Colonel Barkalow grew up in Clifton Park, New York and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Military Academy.

In 1990, Lieutenant Colonel Barkalow published a book, *In the Men's House*, detailing her four years as a member of the first class of women to graduate from West Point. The book also highlights her first eight years of active duty service. Stories, photos, and interviews with LTC Barkalow have been published in numerous publications and she has been interviewed on many popular TV shows. LTC Barkalow has also testified to Congress on the subject of women in combat. In 2010 she was inducted, as a member of the first class, into her high school's Athletic Hall of Fame and in June 2013, she was again honored, as a member of its inaugural class, as a distinguished graduate of her high school. In 2012 she was honored by the Florida Business Professional Women's Association as a "First Woman of Tampa Bay."

In 2013, Carol co-founded an organization, Heaven on Earth for Veterans, Inc, focused on providing safe, affordable, furnished living quarters to military veterans in need of housing. She also currently works part time for Pinellas County Human Resources and lives with her spouse in St Pete Beach.

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, July 17th 2015

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