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President's Comments:

Great News!

I have some great news to report this month.

First, Mrs. Anita Harrow has agreed to chair the Help Our Troops Committee. With Anita's leadership, that great program will be resurrected and we will, once again, be sending needed items to an Air Force Forward Air Control unit in Afghanistan that we support.



Thanks to Generals Peck (Maj Gen Earl and Lt Gen Allen), we are in the process of re-establishing contact with that unit. Due to timing, when our HOT program went into a hiatus and the (then) unit rotated back to the States, we lost our contact. That should be resolved shortly, though. And, once we re-establish contact and find out just what it is that the troops need, we will put out the word and start shipping those supplies as quickly as we can.

As soon as I get that updated list, I will post it on the Chapter website. Therefore, please check the website at www.MOAAStPeteArea.com for this updated list—and check back often, since the list may, and probably will, change.

Now for the next piece of good news: CAPT Don Freese, USNR (Ret), has been elected as the Vice President of the Florida Council of Chapters, MOAA. Don was elected to fill the remaining one year term of the former Vice President, who was elected to the position of President.

And the final piece of good news is that the St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA, was selected to host the Florida Council of Chapters 2009 convention. As you may know, several months ago, the Chapter Executive Committee authorized us to explore the possibility of hosting the 2009 convention. After reviewing the information gathered, the EC voted to seek the 2009 convention. We did that on 2 May at the 2008 Convention and were successful.

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Our June Speakers:

Wallace Hopkins, FACHE,

Bay Pines VA Healthcare System Director

Mr. Wallace M. Hopkins was appointed Director of Bay Pines VAHCS on March 20, 2005. Mr. Hopkins began his VA career in 1975 as an Administrative Officer in Research at the Augusta, Georgia, VAMC. During the next 30 years, Mr. Hopkins served in increasingly more responsible administrative positions in Washington, Indiana, and Minnesota. He became the Director of the Brockton/West Roxbury VAMC in 1988. In 1990, he moved to Waco, Texas, serving as Director there until 1996. Before coming to Bay Pines, he was the Director of the Amarillo, Texas VA Health Care System.



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Panama Canal



Chapter Panama Canal Cruise, October 19 - November 3, 2008:- Please contact either Don Freese or Larry Fernald for information on the cruise. Or, better yet, contact MOAA Travel, Kay Judge, at 800-211-5107, Ext 450. Book early for the best cabins and rates.



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The Buzz

Chapter Happenings and Items of Interest

Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)

522-6237 or Larry246MOAA@sprynet.com

■ **Did You Know:** Retired military are entitled to one free pair of eye glasses each calendar year. To take advantage of this entitlement, take your eye glass prescription to the Optometry Clinic at the MacDill Base Hospital. The Clinic is open Monday thru Friday. Clinic hours are 0800 to 1630. For additional information call 813-827-9132.

■ **Col Al Neville, USAF (Ret)**, has designed a new color name tag for Chapter members, a sample of which is included below. If you would like a color name badge, please contact Al at the number to the left. Each name tag is \$5.00 (plus \$1.00 for mailing if you so chose). (Even though the picture below may not be in color, the name tag has a color MOAA logo and a brown pelican with the writing in black.)

■ **Name Tag Magnets:** If you have lost your magnet, and would like a new one, please contact Al Neville at the number to the left. He has some and will arrange to get you one.

■ **2009 Chapter Directory:** If you have not yet received your new Directory (with the pink cover), please contact Al and he will see that you get one.

■ **Your Chapter donated \$200** to the Bay Pines Summer Student Volunteer Program. These funds assist high school students who volunteer at Bay Pines over the summer months.



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China Observations

By Margaret and Earl Peck

For those of you who missed the April luncheon, I discussed with attendees the trip Margaret and I took to China last summer, not as a travelogue but as backdrop for the musings, conclusions, and ideas we derived from observations, conversations, and pre- and post-trip research. President Larry thought I should convey those thoughts to all of our sophisticated, national security-minded readers.

First of all the road to China is long! The travel agency would have made it worse by routing us by way of Minneapolis and Narita - more than twenty-seven hours elapsed time with plane changes in Minnesota and Japan! However, we foxed 'em by repositioning ourselves to Chicago, spending the night in the Airport Hilton, and catching the non-stop 14 hour flight to Beijing the next day! Of interest is the fact that our flight to Beijing was entirely in daylight - great circle north of Alaska and south through Siberia - taking off at dusk and landing at dusk!

We spent five days in Beijing doing all the touristy things from climbing the Great Wall to visiting all the temples and palaces of bygone emperors, to strolling through Tiannemen Square. It



was significant to learn that the only thing anyone there knew about the Tiannemen confrontation and massacre they learned from visitors like us! Not a word critical of the central government appears in Chinese media. From there we flew to Shanghai, a truly impressive city with glitzy steel, aluminum and glass skyscrapers on one side of the river contrasting with the old staid British and French structures on the other. While there we took the bullet train - 200 kph - to Suzhou, the Venice of the East and silk capital of the World. In the silk factory (great Mongolian barbecue lunch) we went through the entire process from silkworms to silk garments. As with all stops, there was the ubiquitous shopping opportunity!

From Shanghai we flew to Wuhan, a little village of eight million souls on the Yangtze River, where we embarked on a 5-day river cruise to Chongqing. The cabin we were initially assigned was smaller than our closet at home so we splurged and upgraded to a spacious suite. The river cruise became the most enjoyable part of the entire trip! Enroute we passed through the Three Gorges Dam, the largest project of that sort in the history of the earth. It dwarfs Hoover and Grand Coulee and will eventually supply electricity to much of north-east China. More than a million peasants were relocated to make way for the huge man-made lake behind the dam. They

were moved up the hills into subsidized apartments and seemed relatively satisfied.

In Chongqing (formerly Chungking and the largest city in the PRC with 33 million people stacked up!) we found museums dedicated to Vinegar Joe Stillwell and to the Flying Tigers. They are still honored for the help they gave in the war with Japan. After dinner on the same day we arrived we flew to Xian where the highlight was the Terra Cotta army created by one of the emperors to protect him after death from the netherworld. Then it was on to Guilin, a charming little city in south China where we picked tea at a place that looked like the beginning of the Ho Chi Minh trail. Oddly, the Flying Tigers are still remembered fondly here, too!



Then we flew to Hong Kong where, as some of you know, there are a few shopping opportunities! Strangely, even though now part of the PRC, we had to go through immigration and change money. As you might guess, Margaret managed to drop a few coins on presents for our large menagerie back home! I had visited Hong Kong during the Viet Nam War, but if anything it's shinier and more cosmopolitan now - an obviously prosperous place!

From Hong Kong we went nonstop to Chicago, rested a night again, and flew to TPA the next day. All in all, the entire trip was long, interesting, sometimes arduous, mostly enjoyable, and certainly educational.

Some observations: We worry a lot about finding "Made in China" on so many everyday items, but you should know that of the five internal flights we took in China, four of the airplanes were made in Seattle!

Mao Tse Tung is still revered in China despite his encouragement or at least tolerance of the Cultural Revolution. China is fortunate that Deng Xiaoping succeeded Mao rather than Madame Mao who would have continued the assault on the traditional culture. Instead, Deng introduced a measure of capitalism, which has led to increased productivity and affluence.

The Chinese regard themselves as the "Middle Kingdom". Everything else is peripheral. Anything ever owned by any emperor is regarded as properly part of China. So it isn't just Taiwan, it's Burma, much of the Indonesian Archipelago, and much of Siberia. As for Taiwan, there are more than 1,000 surface-to-surface missiles on the mainland opposite the island. Fortunately, I believe the newly elected KMT govern-

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Luncheon Meeting; 16 May 2008

Reported by Basil Burrell

Attended – 64: (69 reservations), 31 Members, 9 Auxiliaries, 15 Spouses, 4 Member Guests, 5 Chapter Guests
 [(2) Walk-ins, (7) No-shows, (0) Cancellations]

Today promised to be an interesting meeting. The folks who attended the Florida Council Convention are back with awards for the Chapter's activities this past year and we have an interesting speaker. And to top it off, we are holding our Memorial Ceremony to honor our members who have passed as well as our veterans and their service to our country. For me it was an especially nice day because RADM Sidney Vaughn USCG (Ret) attended today's meeting. When he called me he expressed some concern about being old. We don't see many Coasties here and if it wasn't for Fred Schlager, I would usually be the lone ranger. Our guest speaker was CDR G. Todd Prestidge, who came with his charming and beautiful wife Kathy, in time for us to enjoy a very pleasant social hour. In the midst of all the pleasantries, we found that we lacked the necessary laptop and power point projector. Fortunately the Coast Guard answered the call and CDR Prestidge called his Exec to bring the equipment before the meeting got underway. LTjg Wally Kohlman came to the rescue just in time.



Our President Larry Fernald got the meeting started by asking Chaplain George Brown to give the Invocation. Larry then led us in the salute to our Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to our Country. Incidentally, George was accompanied by Dorothy and their granddaughter, Shaquita Brown. Larry spoke about our success at the Convention where we received an award for the most attendees from any Chapter. We also received an award from MOAA national for our Military Message Center or MMC. And that is not all, we got a second place for Officers Call, our newsletter. Larry proudly announced that the 2009 Convention was won by our Chapter thanks in large part to the great presentation by Larry and Don Freese. The 2009 Convention is to be at the SIRATA BEACH RESORT on St. Pete Beach the first weekend in June 2009. As related by Don Freese, these dates are memorable because D-Day, the invasion of Europe, occurred on 6 June 1944; June 6 also marked the defeat of the Japanese navy at Midway in which our naval aircraft sank three Japanese carriers in 1942. That pretty much decimated the naval power of Japan and we should also mention that the liberation of Rome occurred on this date. Larry welcomed guests, returning members and first time attendees. Then the moment that many were awaiting: Larry called for the drawings for the door prize and equity distribution. I do have a complaint about the equity distribution. Marie Lorence prom-

ised me a winning ticket. It didn't happen Marie! Larry announced that MOAA/Flag lapel pins are available from Violet Smith for \$5.00 each or 2 for \$9.00. Larry also said that he could provide a real bargain at the quantity price of 3 for \$17.00. Now that is a deal that you don't want to enjoy missing out on! The HOT program has a Chairman, Anita Harrow. She will need help so volunteers are needed to assist Anita with things such as delivery of boxes to the Post Office and other tasks. Larry decided that it was time for lunch so we took a break in the meeting.

After a very nice lunch, Larry introduced our speaker CDR Todd Prestidge USCG. CDR Prestidge is Commanding Officer of the USCGC RESOLUTE, home ported at the south moorings of St. Petersburg Coast Guard Base. The Resolute is a 210 foot ship with a crew of about 80 personnel total. The ship was originally built for a complement of about 40 but because of their present mission a larger crew is necessary. The ship has a helicopter deck that is frequently used for other purposes such as providing space for would-be migrants. CDR Prestidge regaled us with some sea stories; now you must understand that when something is called a sea story it is undeniably true even if it can't be verified. Sailors never tell tall tales. Anyway to return to the story, the crew of the RESOLUTE on occasion has the opportunity to employ gunfire to halt drug smugglers in go-fast boats. This helps break the monotony of the long patrols. A favorite way to smuggle drugs is on shrimp boats. CDR Prestidge says that LTjg Kohlman always volunteers to be the boarding officer when shrimp boats are involved. Apparently he loves the pungent odor of rotten shrimp. See what I mean that sailors always tell the truth! Now let's get back to the helicopter pad mentioned above: When a boat or boats carrying several hundred illegals are stopped, in most cases the boats are not seaworthy and the people embarked in them must be transferred to the RESOLUTE. The only place for the hundreds of people is the helicopter deck which is rigged with a canvas awning and rudimentary sanitation facilities. It is easy to imagine the chaos with 300 or 400 people crammed on the heli deck or the fantail of the ship. If Cuban nationals are picked up, the "wet foot-dry foot" policy applies. They are brought to the United States and issued a "credit card" with \$10,000.00 loaded in it that can be used at the rate of \$2,000.00 per month for 5 months. After that is used I suppose they are eligible for welfare. CDR Prestidge took some questions from the members and turned the meeting back to Larry.

The Memorial Program was started by Shaquita Brown, George's granddaughter, who sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" for us. George then led us in the "Call To Remembrance" in which the members participated. The Guard of Honor came to attention and rendered the right-hand salute while Ed Lillich read the names of all our departed members and spouses from the past year. 1SG Dave Mallory, USA (Ret) played TAPS. The salute was dropped by the Honor Guard and Chaplain Brown said the meditation. With Carroll Andrews playing the piano we all joined to sing "God Bless America."

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.





LEFT: Our speaker, CDR Todd Prestidge, USCG, and his lovely wife, Kathy

RIGHT: George and Dorothy Brown, and their granddaughter, our soloist, Shaquita Brown



Al Neville and Bettye Phillips



Pauline Edwards and Felicia Bradley



Two of our Coasties: Sidney Vaughn and Basil Burrell



Fran Shivers, Bob MacPherson, and Janice Mogan



LEFT: Newly promoted LTjg Wally Kohlman (who saved the day when I forgot to bring a laptop and projector)



Fred Edwards and Earl Peck





China, from Pg 3

ment in Taipei will more competently deal with Beijing.

The Chinese armed forces are changing. They are deemphasizing the ground forces and modernizing their air and naval forces. They expect to challenge the United States for hegemony in the Western Pacific.

The Chinese people seem relatively happy with their government. They just wish they had a voice. They wish they had what we call First Amendment freedoms - assembly, speech, petition and press. The country remains an enigma - a Leninist government with an agrarian and semi-capitalist society. In my view, those contradictions cannot persist forever.

My final thought for you is that MOAA as an organization dedicated to insuring the adequacy of national security forces, will face great challenges in the next administration as pressures build to undercapitalize our strategic forces - those we'll need to cope with a building China and a resurgent Russian military - to say nothing of a potentially irrational Iran and North Korea.

Speakers, from Pg 1

Mr. Hopkins earned a Master of Science Degree in Health Care Administration in 1976 from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas and attained Fellowship in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in 1990. He was an Air Force Officer and had a Vietnam combat tour from 1972-1973.

Jayne Blacklin, LCSW

OEF/OIF Program Manager

Mrs. Jayne Blacklin, a licensed clinical social worker, has worked at Bay Pines for over 15 years. She received her Masters degree from the Florida State University. Prior to her role as an OEF/OIF Program Manager, she was the supervisor for Social Workers in the Medical and Surgical areas. As Program Manager, she oversees services and outreach efforts directed toward OEF/OIF veterans.



President's, from Pg 1

Normally, for a Chapter to host a convention, there is a two year lead time. All activities to host begin 2 years before the convention date with the selection of a host Chapter. In our case, though, no one had stepped forward to host the 2009 convention at the 2 year point.

In a nutshell, we did 15 months of work in 2 months to get to the point where we are today, making us 3 months ahead of the normal time line.

So, just where and when is the 2009 Florida Council of Chapters Convention? And, who is heading the effort?

The answers to those questions are: 5-7 June, 2009, at the Sirata Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach with Don Freese chairman.

Don has assembled a cadre of folks to work on key items, but he/we will need much more help as time progresses. If you would like to help, please let Don, or me, know.

I'll see you at the 20 June luncheon—and bring a prospective new member or two.

For this month's **MOAA Legislative Updates**, please see the MOAA website at:

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The Battle of Midway, June 4 to 7, 1942

By Don Freese

The Battle of Midway arguably started with the December 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor by 420 Japanese aircraft launched by Admiral Yamamoto from six aircraft carriers, the Akagi, Kaga, Soryu, Hiryu, Skokaku and Zuikaku.

Although the “Day of Infamy,” as President Roosevelt so elegantly described it, was one of the worst days in American Military History with 2,390 men, women, and children killed, 21 ships and 323 aircraft sunk, destroyed or severely damaged, the Japanese did not put Pearl Harbor out of action nor damage any of the Pacific Fleet's 3 aircraft carriers, Lexington, Enterprise and Saratoga. Luckily, they and their escorts were not at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked. Yamamoto's worst fear before the war started, was that America “was a sleeping giant” that he preferred not to wake up; that fear had been realized. America was awake!

The Japanese had not been stopped in the building of their “East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere” since it began in 1882. The Imperial Japanese High Command did not believe Yamamoto and planned to continue their advance westward in 1942. They were surprised on April 18, 1942 when Lt Col James H. Doolittle, USAAF launched 16 B-25s from the Navy's 5th Pacific aircraft carrier, Hornet, to bomb Japan (Hornet and Yorktown were transferred from the Atlantic Fleet after December 7). The raid caused relatively little damage but was a huge morale boost to Americans and an embarrassment to the Japanese High Command which had told the Japanese people that their home islands were safe from attack.

Many in the Japanese High Command believed that the Doolittle attack was launched from a secret American Base in the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, not from an aircraft carrier. Therefore, to continue their westward advance, they decided to capture Dutch Harbor in the Aleutians, Port Moresby in New Guinea, and Midway Island within bomber range of Pearl Harbor. They believed if they took all three the Hawaiian Islands would soon fall and America would sue for peace on Japanese terms.

Yamamoto assembled an armada of 176 ships including the 6 carriers that had attacked Pearl Harbor to carry out the invasions. He made his first mistake when he divided his force into three groups and thought the American Carriers would be in Hawaiian waters to protect Hawaii from invasion.

But America had an even bigger surprise, we had broken the Japanese Naval Code and Admiral Nimitz knew Yamamoto's attack plan. Nimitz did not know where the three attack fleets were, or how they planned to attack, but he knew what they planned to do. Nimitz decided to defend all three invasions and dispatched American forces to the Aleutians, Coral Sea and to Midway.

The Japanese invasion of Port Moresby started with an aircraft attack launched from the carriers Skokaku and Zuikaku. The Japanese were surprised by American aircraft launched from the carriers Yorktown and Lexington in the Battle of Coral Seas, May 7 to 8, 1942. This was the first carrier versus carrier battle in history, and the first in which neither fleets saw each other. Although the Lexington was sunk May 8, 1942, and Yorktown was severely damaged (the Japanese thought she was sunk) both the Skokaku and Zuikaku were taken out of action (both were sunk in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, June 19, 1944) and the invasion of New Guinea was eventually abandoned.

Nimitz dispatched a surface naval force to defend Dutch Harbor but stationed his 3 aircraft carriers, Enterprise, Hornet and the repaired, not sunk, Yorktown under the command of Admiral Jack Fletcher (Admiral Halsey was in the hospital with Shingles) to attack the Midway invasion force which he knew would attack as soon as June 1, 1942.

The Japanese launched their invasion and aircraft attack on June 4, 1942, from the carriers Akagi, Kaga, Soryu, and Hiryu. Yamamoto did not know the American carriers were waiting for him. Nimitz and Fletcher sprung their trap at 0530 when an American PBY Catalina search plane located the Japanese fleet.

Many books have been written and many movies have been made about what happened next, but less than 6 months after the “Day of Infamy” four of the six Japanese aircraft carriers that attacked Pearl Harbor (Akagi, Kaga, Soryu, and Hiryu) had been sunk and the other two, Skokaku and Zuikaku were out of action. The Yorktown was lost, but the Japanese never took Midway, Dutch Harbor, or Port Moresby. They were stopped at Midway, and Yamamoto withdrew to apologize to the Emperor and the Japanese High Command.

The Japanese dream of an East Asia Co Prosperity Sphere ended at Midway. Although the Japanese fought on for more than 3 years, they were never on the offense again. In less than 6 months, an awakened “Sleeping Giant” had risen from the bloody waters of Pearl Harbor and begun the American drive eastward that ended September 2, 1945, with the complete and unconditional surrender of Japan.

I know that many of you fought in WWII and were there when it happened! As someone who was born in 1941, I can only marvel at your strength, wisdom, and courage! Thank you!

God Bless the “Greatest Generation” and all those who have served and are currently serving in their “Greatest Generation!”

(Facts for this article are from multiple reliable sources including the Department of the Navy and the Naval Historical Center.)





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 5 May 2008 Reported by D. Kay Benson, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald, at 11:30. Ed Lillich gave the Invocation. Larry led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Twenty (20) members were in attendance: D.Kay Benson, George Brown, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Fred and Pauline Edwards, Bill Eisenhart, Bob Eynatten, Larry Fernald, Paul Finley, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Ed Lillich, H.B. Love, Hazel McGrath, Janice Mogan, Al Neville, Earl Peck, and Don Simmons. Minutes of April 7, 2008 meeting were approved as printed in the Officers Call. Treasurer's report was approved, after clarifying that the bulk mail permit was for the OC. Earl made the motion with Don F. seconding.



Ed discussed the Memorial for May 16th. He passed around the program and rang the bell for all to hear. He requested all to wear their uniforms with cover if possible. Janice reported that Don Freese is the Vice President of the Florida Council, as announced at convention.

Don F. has purchased a bulk permit for the mailing he is planning. He passed around the envelope that Al has designed. He told us about a website that will check the correctness of addresses in our data base. Each incorrect address costs us \$1.07.

Larry asked Earl to write a summary of his excellent talk on his China trip for the June OC. After much discussion about the need for a HOT chairman, Anita explained what PIT (Paradise Island Towers) can and can not do. They need someone to pick up the goodies, store them until delivery to PIT and then be able to take the completed boxes to the Post Office. Don S., Don F. and Ed volunteered to handle all of that until Kiwanis can be contacted to help permanently. Ed will contact Kiwanis. Earl will re-establish contact with the troops. Anita said she would be the chairman of HOT with all the promised help.

We are within \$200 of meeting our MOAA scholarship commitment of \$25,000 in 5 years. Discussion about pins and amount needed to qualify for a pin. Requested that Stew contact MOAA National to find the answer.

Ed reported that all is doing well with JROTC. Awards have been presented to Dixie Hollins and Boca Ceiga. Awards will be presented to Gibbs on May 13th and Admiral Farragut May 16th. Don F will join Ed at Admiral

Farragut. Larry read a "Thank You" note from Gene Butler. When we ate lunch Don F and Larry discussed the plans for the 2009 convention June 5-7th. Applications will be two pages: one to keep and one to mail back. Seminars are in the planning stage. Budget concerns and seed money were discussed. We are at the nine month part with 13 months to go. This year's convention was good, but we will do BETTER. Larry is the Area Vice President for the Florida Council.

Committee Reports: At convention Fred gave an excellent speech in favor of Don F as Vice President for the Florida Council. Pete requested a total of \$200 for the Bay Pines VA student program. Ed made the motion with Don S. seconding, motion passed. Hazel expressed thank you for all the donations to Bay Pines VA. Al has extra copies of the directories. Don is still working on transportation to the port for the Cruise. So far we have 14 attendees but many expressed interest at the convention. Bob reported that Banquet Masters has changed the Chef salad into a Cobb salad. Our Chapter won three awards at convention: Runner up for OC, Honorable Mention for MMC and most attendees – 16. Betty Finley is collecting for a 50/50 silent action to be held during the Military Ball of 2009 convention.

George Brown said the Benediction and meeting was adjourned at 1300.

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RIGHT: Ed Lillich and Janice Mogan



Welcome New Members!

Sadly: None



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Thankfully: None

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| Balance, Beginning of Month..... | \$1,581.65 |
| Donations..... | \$ 25.00 |
| Advertising Income..... | \$ 360.00 |
| Printing Expenses..... | \$ 282.17 |
| Postage Expenses..... | \$ 175.00 |
| Balance, End of Month..... | \$1,509.48 |

HOT Fund

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance, Beginning of Month..... | \$3,171.30 |
| Donations..... | \$ 50.00 |
| 50/50 Income..... | \$ 46.00 |
| Balance, End of Month..... | \$3,267.30 |

Scholarship Fund

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|----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance, Beginning of Month..... | \$1,479.00 |
| Donations..... | \$ 337.00 |
| Memorial Donations..... | \$ 46.00 |
| Balance, End of Month..... | \$1,846.00 |

Operating Account

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|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Balance, Beginning of Month..... | \$3,557.10 |
| Monthly Luncheon..... | \$ 729.00 |
| Dues/Give Me 10..... | \$ 35.00 |
| Miscellaneous Income..... | \$ 18.52 |
| Luncheon Expense..... | \$ 700.00 |
| Supplies Expense..... | \$ 832.20 |
| Postage Expense..... | \$ 253.93 |
| Printing Expense..... | \$ 96.50 |
| Memorials Expense..... | \$ 30.00 |
| Other Organizations Expenses..... | \$ 00.00 |
| Balance, End of Month..... | \$3,557.10 |

June Birthdays (73 to 92 years)

| Day | L Name | F Name | Rank | SVC |
|-----|--------------------|--------|------|-----------|
| 10 | Balke, Dale | | COL | USA (Ret) |
| 29 | Fine, A. Kenneth | | MAJ | AUS (Ret) |
| 19 | Fontana, Raymond | | LT | USN (Ret) |
| 10 | Hadley, Dorothy | | Mrs. | AuxMbr-N |
| 29 | Harren, Robert | | MAJ | USA (Ret) |
| 04 | Hoddinott, June | | Mrs. | AuxMbr-A |
| 27 | Jenkins, John | | CDR | USN (Ret) |
| 01 | Kaniss, Margery | | Mrs. | AuxMbr-A |
| 11 | Kometas, Ermene | | Mrs. | AuxMbr-A |
| 28 | Miller, Katherine | | Mrs. | AuxMbr-A |
| 09 | Palsha, Robert | | LTC | USA (Ret) |
| 24 | Plummer, Willis | | CWO2 | USN (Ret) |
| 04 | Stafford, Margaret | | COL | USA (Ret) |
| 22 | Wadham, Peggy | | Mrs. | AuxMbr-A |

Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.
(Contact LCDR Hazel McGrath, 545-3884)

- * Mrs. June Vernon, AuxMbr-N
Page 44, 2008 Directory
- * LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC (Ret)
Page 23, 2008 Directory
- * CWO4 Robert E. Hodgen, USAF (Ret)
Page 27, 2008 Directory
- * LTC Richard H. Natzke, USA (Ret)
Page 35, 2008 Directory
- * Col Rod Bricker, USAF (Ret)
Page 18, 2008 Directory
- * Madeline I. Secor, AuxMbr-AF
Page 40, 2008 Directory
- * Dot Plummer, AuxMbr-USN
Page 37, 2008 Directory



AUXILIARY NEWS

Reported by
Anita J. Harrow, Auxiliary Liaison

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Each year the May luncheon meeting includes a ceremony honoring SPAMOAA members who have passed away. This year's Memorial Program once again proved to be a very beautiful event. The opening solo by Ms Shaquita Brown of the Battle Hymn of the Republic (COL George Brown's beautiful granddaughter), the special words of our Chaplain, the tolling of the bell by our Guard of Honor all sharply dressed in uniforms, and the rendition of Taps by 1SG David Mallory all helped to make this year's ceremony a very special tribute to our deceased members.

Though the Memorial Service has great meaning to all of us, it is especially meaningful to auxiliary members who take great comfort knowing their loved ones are remembered in such a special way. In addition to the ceremony, each auxiliary member was presented with a red carnation symbolizing "a life and love remembered".

Therefore, on behalf of auxiliary members, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and all SPAMOAA members who worked to plan and present this outstanding Memorial Program.



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Harrow, Anita Mrs.
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Nelson, Landy, COL
Neville, Al Col
Palmer, Stew Col
Peck, Earl Maj Gen
Smith, Violet Mrs.

••SILVER –

Nolan, Richard Col

••BRONZE –

Baney, Eleanor Mrs.
Brink, Charles LtCdr
Nelson, Tony LTC
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Simmons, Don CWO4

**Includes \$200 from the ROWC)
\$1,991 as of 5/19/2008**

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••GOLD –

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Nolan, Richard Col
Palmer, Stew Col
Peck, Earl Maj Gen

••BRONZE –

Edwards, Fred LtCol
Landers, Joan Mrs.
McGrath, Hazel LCDR
Merritt, Ron COL
Shields, Roger COL
Weatherby, Shirley Lt Col

•• SILVER –

Baney, Eleanor Mrs.
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Harrow, Anita Mrs.
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**\$325 (Non-Chaper members,
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Total \$1,180 as of 5/19/2008

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Neville, Al Col
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Eynatten, Bob CAPT
Harrow, Anita Mrs.
Lorence, Marie LTC
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Retired Officers Wives Club News

Luncheons will resume on Tuesday, 14 October 2008.

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL: Lt Col. Rose Munchbach, USA (Ret) 727-397-4146.

FOR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CALL: Martha Willis 727-579-4116.

BRIDGE: 1st Weds. of each month 10:00 AM at Banquet Masters 8100 Park Blvd. Pinellas Park.

FOR BRIDGE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL: Evelyn Hamilton 727-399-1272 or Margaret Peck 727-525-1688

The Retired Officers Wives Club is pleased to announce the new board of officer's for 2008-2009. Six elected members were installed on May 13th and proudly accepted their positions to perform the duties required of them for the coming year. Please see Page 11 for a photo and listing of the new officers.

New ROWC Officers



Pictured from right to left are: President, Monyeen Everett; Vice President, Amaryllis Maratos; Recording Secretary, Jean Clark; Treasurer, Barbara King; Corresponding Secretary, Asa Myers; Co-Treasurer, Anne Reilly; and Installing Officer, Jane Gaugh. Congratulations to all.

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Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd.

• Reservations by Wednesday June 18th

Your name: _____

Each reservation \$11:

Chicken Cordon Bleu: _____

Lemon Crumb Scrod: _____

Cobb Salad: _____

*** CLIP and MAIL, with check to:

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**For late reservations &/or a RIDE,
call either:**

CAPT Bob Eynatten 360-4637

OR

Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237



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

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.

CALENDAR

June 20th, Friday, 11:00 Wallace Hopkins, Director Bay
Pines VA & Kristine Brown, Asst Director

July 18th, Friday, 11:00 TBA

August 15th, Friday, 11:00 TBA

September 19th, Friday, 11:00 TBA

October 17th, Friday, 11:00 TBA

November 21st, Friday, 11:00 TBA

June 9th Monday (Second Monday)

July 7th Monday

August 4th Monday

September 8th (Second Monday)

October 6th Monday

November 3rd Monday

ROWC

- **Luncheon** – (2nd Tuesday) 11:30, lunch 12:30
Reservations: LTC Rose Munchbach 397-4146
- **Membership:** Martha Willis 579-4116.

Bridge – (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM
Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.
• Reservations: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272, or
Margaret Peck 525-1688

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

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