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President's Comments:

I thought our annual memorial observance at the May luncheon meeting was as good as any we have had. Thanks to George, Ed and everyone else who participated. Thanks also to the Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard for another outstanding job.



At the May luncheon, Don Freese reported on MOAA's recent Storming the Hill effort. I have received reports that effort has met with some success and that MOAA scored an early win in the defense bill process when a key House panel's draft of the FY 2014 Defense Authorization Bill rejected administration proposals to cap military pay raises and dramatically increase TRICARE fees. Let us all wish MOAA continued success in our dealings with the Congress.

At the last EC meeting, I appointed Bill Lofgren to head the nominations committee for 2014. Members are Anita Harrow and Pete Dawson. Please let them know if you are willing to serve. I also announced at the May luncheon, we still have vacancies for the Master-at-Arms and Hospitality Committee Chair positions. Please let me, one of the EC members, or one of the nominating committee members know if you would be willing to serve in either of these important positions.

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Memorial Service

Our memorial service this year included Honor Guard members of our chapter and the Honor Guard from the Pinellas County Veterans Council. The ceremony opened with COL George Brown leading in the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, followed by MAJ Ed Lillich reading the names of those remembered, as LTC Terry Carr tolled the bell. 1SGT David Mallory of the PCVC then played TAPS and the PCVC Honor Guard performed the folding and presentation of the flag ceremony.

The ceremony was unique this year, as we had a husband and wife participate. Chapter member LTC Pauline Mallory was a member of the MOAA Honor Guard and her husband 1SGT David Mallory a member of the PCVC was the bugler.



MOAA Honor Guard;
Maj Gen Earl Peck, Lt Col
Larry Fernald, CAPT Don
Freese, LTC Pauline
Mallory and LTC Terry
Carr



PCVC Honor Guard;
Charles Rubado, David
Mallory, Tina Crisp and
HerbKarreck



Chapter member LTC
Pauline Mallory and
husband 1SGT David
Mallory



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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

June 21st MG Karl Horst, US Cent Com

July 19th Kerrie Witty, Regional VA Director

August 16th

September 20th

**** 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.

June 3rd Monday

July 1st Monday

August 5th Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be **October 8th**

Luncheon Reservations:

Jackie Bohnker, 812-4868 or
 Dot Plummer 586-1447

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 - 267
 Regular Members - 171
 Auxiliary Members - 96
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

Army - 64	USMC - 13
USAF - 50	USCG - 7
Navy - 35	NOAA - 0



Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Monthly Luncheon; 17 May 2013

Attended – 71: (70 reservations), 3 Member Guest, 7 Chapter Guests, 3 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The May luncheon meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr. George Brown gave the invocation. Colors were presented by the Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Seated at the head table were; President Carr, Chaplain George Brown, and Ed Lillich.



Jean Jessup and June Simon were welcomed back to our luncheons and Tom and Lauri Spears were also introduced. Other guests included; Gladys Hamilton, a friend of Sherry Freese, and Herb Karkheck, Tina Crisp, David Mallory and Charlie Rubado, members of the PCVC Honor Guard.

John Kruck was introduced as our newest member and Buzz and Denise Hansen were introduced as newly-weds.

The door prize was won by Margaret Lewis and the 50/50 was split by Joan Landers and John Kruck.

Don Freese told the members it was still not too late to get reservations in for the 2013 convention in Sarasota and urged those who had not made reservations to do so immediately. The convention will be June 7-9 at the Hyatt, Sarasota. Our chapter will host the 2014 convention June 6-8. Don also said that it was a great experience to Storm the Hill and would like to see more Chapter members doing so. If you are ever in Washington call on one of our representatives as they will be happy to speak to you. Florida had three teams and called on 29 members. Don's team called on 10 members. We represent MOAA on behalf of the military - past, present and future.

Terry Carr announced that the nominating committee is Bill Lofgren, Anita Harrow and Pete Dawson. If anyone would like to run for office please see or call one of these three. Immediate position open is Master at Arms.

Following lunch, Master of Ceremonies, COL George Brown, USA (Ret) opened the Memorial Service by leading the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Following the Call to Remembrance in which all the members participated, George introduced MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) to read the names of on the roll call of our honored comrades. Those remembered were Lt Col Leroy Atkinson, Lt Col Schuyler Crowell, Mrs. Nancy Jeffords, Col John Augustine, Mrs. Pearl Lakey, CWO4 Joseph Jeffords, III, Lt Col Thomas Conforti, CDR Alda Haley, LCDR Charles Brink, Mrs. Clarada Pribble, Mrs. Frances Williams, Col George Criss, LtCol Theodore Wall, Col Edward Caton, Mrs. Vernice Hoodecheck, LT Raymond Fontana, Mrs. Elsie Slicker,

Lt Col Ronald Wildes, Jr., Lt Col Charles Hundley, Col William Nichols, Lt James St. Pierre, Lt Col Jack Dollahon and COL Anse "Ed" Spears. LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret) was the Bell Toller. The Chapter Honor Guard consisted of: Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret), CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret), Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) and LTC Pauline Mallory, USA (Ret).

After the reading ISGT David Mallory, USA (Ret) played TAPS. The Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard did the Flag Fold/ Presentation and retired the colors.

Chaplain Brown gave a Meditation and led the singing of God Bless America.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Executive Committee Meeting 6 May 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1120 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Members in attendance included; Bill Bolin, George Brown, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Maureen Conners, Pete Dawson, Pauline Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Bill Lewis, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren and Violet Smith.

A motion was made by Hardy Bryan to approve the minutes of the 1 April 2013 Executive Committee as printed in the Officers Call. Motion was seconded by Larry Fernald and motion passed.

Pete Dawson reported a balance of \$8,122.35 in the operating account. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit. A full accountability can be found elsewhere in the Officers Call.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: Pauline Edwards sent twelve news releases to various newspapers.

By Laws/Policy Book: Bill Lofgren presented the changes in the Operations workbook for approval.

Don Freese made a motion to accept the revised operational workbook as presented and Violet Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Larry Fernald made a motion that each area of the workbook be reviewed for corrections and amendments on a bi-annual basis at the first meeting in October. Ed Lillich seconded the motion and motion carried.

HOT The St. Pete Bridge Club will again hold charity games to raise money for HOT. Don Freese said money has already been raised. As you travel this summer and stay in motels and hotels remember to take the complimentary toiletry items that you do not use and give them to Anita Harrow for the HOT boxes.

Membership: Don Freese said that MOAA has 400,000 mem-

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bers of which 90,000 currently are serving. Currently 340,000 MOAA members are not Chapter members. MOAA will pay Chapters \$10 for each MOAA member they get to join a Chapter. The best way to recruit is by word of mouth. MOAA will also pay up to \$250.00 to help cover expenses for ads in newspapers. New membership packets have been sent out. The Storming of the Hill went well and the Florida representatives were well received. Please refer to the May O.C., page 5 for Don's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hardy Bryan commended the picnic committee for a very nice get together at Bay Pines Memorial Park and suggested that this should be an annual event. There were 35 in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Carr appointed Bill Lofgren, Anita Harrow and Pete Dawson as the Nominating committee for the Officers and Executive Advisory Board for 2014. Please see one of these three if you would like to be an officer or be on the Executive Advisory Board.

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

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

The installation of the Officers for the 2013 - 2014 took place at the Dolphin Beach Resort on 14 May 2013.

President - Bobby Walters

Vice President - Susan Zysk

Recording Secretary - Zonna Crayne

Corresponding Secretary - Asa Myers

Treasurer - Jackie Bohner

The next luncheon will be held on **8 October 2013**

HELP WANTED

As mentioned in the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting, the Operations Workbook has been updated. This is reflected in the updated list of Committee Chairs listed on page 2. We have vacancies for the following committees; Hospitality, Master at Arms and VA Medical Center Volunteer Services Coordinator. If you have any interest in in these committees contact Bill Lofgren and he will provide you with a printout of the duties for each of these openings.

In addition Bill and the nominating committee are looking for members who are interested in running for office or serving as a member of the Executive Board.

We will also be looking for a secretary, if you might be interested give Chris Lillich a call and she can explain the duties and if interested you can work with her to see if you might be interested on taking on the is position.

These positions give you a chance to serve the chapter.

President from Page 1

Paulette and I will attend this year's FCOO convention 7-9 June in Sarasota along with several of our other chapter members. As you know our chapter will host the 2014 convention, and plans for that continue.

Our speaker for the June luncheon will be MG Karl Horst, Chief of Staff, US Central Command. I hope to see you there.

D-Day

The Normandy landings, codenamed Operation Neptune, were the landing operations of the Allied invasion of Normandy, in Operation Overlord, during World War II. The landings commenced on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 (D-Day), beginning at 6:30 am British Double Summer Time (GMT+2). In planning, as for most Allied operations, the term D-Day was used for the day of the actual landing, which was dependent on final approval.

The landings were conducted in two phases: an airborne assault landing of 24,000 British, American and Canadian airborne troops shortly after midnight, and an amphibious landing of Allied infantry and armoured divisions on the coast of France starting at 6:30 am. Surprise was achieved thanks to inclement weather and a comprehensive deception plan implemented in the months before the landings, Operation Bodyguard, to distract German attention from the possibility of landings in Normandy. A key success was to convince Adolf Hitler that the landings would actually occur to the north at the Pas-de-Calais. There were also decoy operations taking place simultaneously with the landings under the codenames Operation Glimmer and Operation Taxable to distract the German forces from the real landing areas.

Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Forces was General Dwight D. Eisenhower while overall command of ground forces (21st Army Group) was given to General Bernard Montgomery. The operation, planned by a team under Lieutenant-General Frederick Morgan, was the largest amphibious invasion in world history and was executed by land, sea and air elements under direct British-American command with over 160,000 soldiers landing on 6 June 1944: 73,000 Americans, 61,715 British and 21,400 Canadians. 195,700 Allied naval and merchant navy personnel in over 5,000 ships were also involved. The invasion required the transport of soldiers and materiel from the United Kingdom by troop-laden aircraft and ships, the assault landings, air support, naval interdiction of the English Channel and naval fire-support. The landings took place along a 50-mile (80 km) stretch of the Normandy coast divided into five sectors: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword.

New Members

Do you know a current or former officer who is eligible to join MOAA or a current MOAA member who is not a chapter member? Invite them to our next luncheon.



MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

TRICARE Fees, Pay Cap Rejected

After a flurry of activity by the House Armed Services Committee subcommittees, the FY 2014 Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 1960) is beginning to take shape.

The Military Personnel Subcommittee completed its work Wednesday, May 22nd and provided some early optimism regarding military pay and health care fees — the top issues MOAA addressed during our recent Storming the Hill efforts.

The panel rejected the Pentagon proposal to cap the military pay raise for 2014 below the rate of private-sector pay growth. The Pentagon recommended a pay raise of just 1 percent, compared to the 1.8-percent pay raise required by current law.

The subcommittee also rebuffed DoD's attempt to raise TRICARE Prime enrollment fees and pharmacy copayments and to establish enrollment fees for TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Standard.

The lone fee increase allowed under the committee's draft is an increase of the TRICARE Prime copay for doctor visits from \$12 to \$16. This change is within the Pentagon's existing authority; whereas the other proposed increases would require a law change.

Subcommittee Chair Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) dismissed the Pentagon's TRICARE fee increases in his opening comments, saying: "Congress spoke last year and the year before on this issue. So I find it difficult to understand the department's continued effort to increase these fees especially when the department's estimates of health care cost growth have been wrong. They have continued to reprogram money from the defense health program for other purposes."

A significant section of the draft bill included provisions to strengthen the Pentagon's efforts to control the growing sexual assault problem and provide victims greater legal assistance.

Other key personnel-related provisions include:

- continued force reductions within established FY 2013 drawdown plans
- report on the new Defense Health Agency
- review of the Integrated Disability Evaluation System
- protection of child custody arrangements for deployed servicemembers
- efforts to improve academic achievement and transition of military dependent students
- prohibition of further base realignments and closures action



But this is just the beginning of the process. The full committee is scheduled to consider the defense bill June 5, with the Senate starting the process shortly thereafter.

Another key caveat is the committee's draft assumes the spending cuts triggered by sequestration will not take effect. If Congress and the administration fail to agree on how to de-trigger sequestration, deeper cuts will be required.

MOAA appreciates subcommittee leaders supporting those who serve and have served the nation.

Stolen Valor Act Passed

On Monday, May 21st the House of Representatives passed H.R. 258, the Stolen Valor Act. The bill makes it a crime for a person to profit by misrepresenting his or her military service or eligibility for military awards or decorations.

The Senate quickly followed suit and passed the bill by unanimous consent Wednesday. The president is expected to sign the bill into law shortly.

The original Stolen Valor Act, passed in 2005, made it illegal to lie about your military decorations. But in 2012, the Supreme Court ruled that, however contemptible it is to lie about receipt of military decorations, it's an unconstitutional abridgment of freedom of speech to make such lies illegal.

The new Stolen Valor Act has a narrower scope — it makes it illegal to gain money, property, or other tangible benefits by fraudulently claiming to have received military awards or decorations.

MOAA thanks Congress for taking action on this important issue. We believe this new legislation strikes the proper balance between preventing unscrupulous gain from false statements while protecting individual freedoms that generations of uniformed servicemembers have fought to preserve.

Health Reform and You

National health care reform — officially known as the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) — is the most ambitious piece of health care legislation since the establishment of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965.

Passed in 2010, we're only eight months away from many of the law's major provisions coming online.

The legislation aims to expand access to health care coverage to uninsured Americans through:

- an individual mandate requiring adults to have health insurance or pay a fine;
- an employer mandate requiring firms with 50 or more employees to offer coverage or pay a fine;
- a requirement that each state establish a health insurance exchange or accept a federally estab-

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Chaplain George Brown giving he invocation



1SGT David Mallory playing TAPS



Flag Folding ceremony



Ed Lillich presenting the folded flag



Terry and Paulette Carr



Barb and Larry Fernald



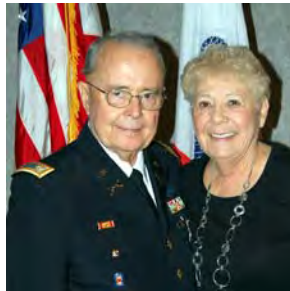
Don and Sherry Freese



George and Dorothy Brown



Earl and Margaret Peck



Ed and Chris Lillich



Isabel and Oz Osborn



Ken Fine



Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



Wil and Bon Johnson



Van and Carol Barnes



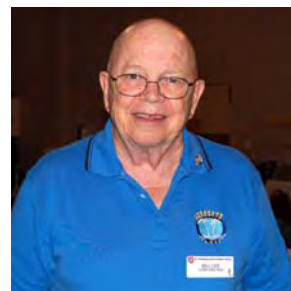
John Barber



Newlyweds Buzz and Denise Hanson



Charles Lake



Bill Lee



Dot Plummer

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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Photos by Bill Lofgren



June Simon



Bridge group; Visitor Gladys Hamilton, Sherry and Don Freese, Joan Landers and visitor Pat Anderson



Glen Crabb



Paul and Betty Finley



Penny and Bill Eisenhart



Paulette Carr, Bill Lofgren and Anita Harrow



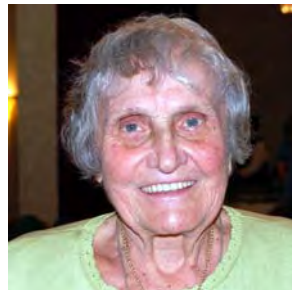
Margaret and Bill Lewis



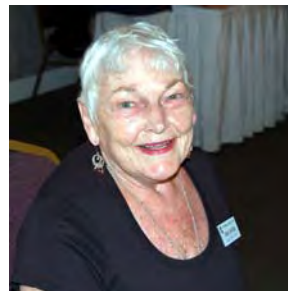
John Kruck



Stan Maratos



Rose Munchbach



Fran Shivers



Ralph and Asa Myers



Bill and Lynn Bolin



Jean Jessup



Bobbie Walters



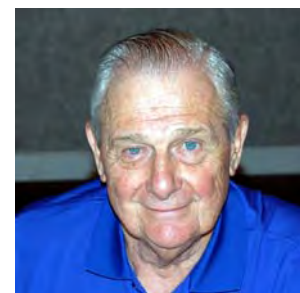
Lauri and Tom Spears



Anne Isley and June Simon



Lynn Bolin, Violet Smith, Pauline Edwards, Chris Lillich, Anita Harrow and Anne Isley



Pete Dawson



Legislature from Pg 5

lished exchange in which individuals and small businesses can buy coverage; and

- an expansion of Medicaid eligibility to cover greater numbers of lower-income people.

Another major goal of the ACA is to implement new health delivery reforms that would bend the health care cost curve down and reduce costs over time.

Supporters believe realigning the delivery system to drive out inefficiencies in the health care system will reduce costs and improve quality of care. The five areas for system reform included in the law are:

1. payment reform
2. primary and preventive care
3. measuring and reporting quality
4. administrative simplification
5. health information technology

But how will these changes affect military and VA beneficiaries?

By law, TRICARE (including TRICARE For Life) beneficiaries and veterans enrolled in the VA health care system are exempt from the direct impacts of the ACA. TRICARE and VA health care meet the minimum essential health care coverage requirements, and in general the ACA does not affect the administration, health care benefits, eligibility, or cost to beneficiaries of these two systems.

Talking Dog for Sale

A guy is driving around the back woods of Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: "Talking Dog for Sale"

He rings the bell and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there. "You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the Lab replies. After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing a dog talk, he says "So, what's your story?" The Lab looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA and they had me sworn into the toughest branch of the armed services ... The United States Marine Corps... You know one of their nicknames is "The Devil Dogs."

"In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies for eight years running, but the jetting around really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the Corps (8 dog years is 56 Corps years) and signed up for a job at the airport

Financial Report Summary for the Month of April

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (95.84)
..... Donations	\$ 410.00
..... Ads	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (344.90)
..... From Operations	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (30.74)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,600.41
..... Donations	\$ 314.11
..... 50/50	\$ 60.00
..... Memorials	\$ 60.00
..... Expenses	\$ (540.84)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,493.68

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,474.00
..... Donations	\$ 600.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,074.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 8,382.55
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 1,010.00
..... Dues	\$ 205.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 70.55
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.37
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (795.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ (37.00)
..... Post Office	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ (92.19)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (60.00)
..... Printing/mailing	\$ (562.93)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 8,122.35

to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings and was awarded a batch of medals. I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog. "Ten dollars," the guy says. "Ten dollars? This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a liar! He never did any of that crap. He was in the Navy!"





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)

Birth of the U.S. Army

Founded in June 14, 1775

When the American Revolution broke out, the rebellious colonies did not possess an army in the modern sense. Rather, the revolutionaries fielded an amateur force of colonial troops, cobbled together from various New England militia companies. They had no unified chain of command, and although Artemas Ward of Massachusetts exercised authority by informal agreement, officers from other colonies were not obligated to obey his orders. The American volunteers were led, equipped, armed, paid for, and supported by the colonies from which they were raised.

In the spring of 1775, this “army” was about to confront British troops near Boston, Massachusetts. The revolutionaries had to re-organize their forces quickly if they were to stand a chance against Britain’s seasoned professionals. Recognizing the need to enlist the support of all of the American seaboard colonies, the Massachusetts Provincial Congress appealed to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to assume authority for the New England army. Reportedly, at John Adams’ request, Congress voted to “adopt” the Boston troops on June 14, although there is no written record of this decision. Also on this day, Congress resolved to form a committee “to bring in a draft of rules and regulations for the government of the Army,” and voted \$2,000,000 to support the forces around Boston, and those at New York City. Moreover, Congress authorized the formation of ten companies of expert riflemen from Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, which were directed to march to Boston to support the New England militia.

George Washington received his appointment as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army the next day, and formally took command at Boston on July 3, 1775.



TAPS

- ◆ French, Georgia, Mrs, AuxMbr-A, 5 May 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

June Birthdays (55 to 97 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
01	Binzer	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
10	Crabb	Glen	CDR	USN (Ret)
6	Crayne	Zonna	Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Fine	A. Kenneth	MAJ	AUS (Ret)
9	Garvey	James	Capt	USAF (Ret)
29	Harren	Robert	MAJ	USA (Ret)
04	Hoddinott	June	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
03	Jessup	Jean	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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Flag Day

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted “the American continental army” after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the President’s discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day. Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is at Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the “Centennial” parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events.



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"Yes, I know Boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Air Force.

What did they say if you came in late there?

"They said, "Good morning, General."





St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
21 June 2013

Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd.
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11:45 AM - 1:15 PM
Social Hour 11:00 to 11:45
Program Begins at 11:45

Guest Spraker:
MG Karl Horst, USA

Subject:
USCENTCOM

The speaker for the our June meeting will be Maj. Gen. Karl Horst, Chief of Staff, U.S. Central Command at MacDill AFB.



General Horst came to USCENTCOM in 2011 from Washington where he was the Commanding General of the U.S. Army Military District of Washington and Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region.

He received his bachelor's degree and commission in the Infantry from the United States Military Academy in 1978, after enlisting in the Army June 22, 1973, and attending the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Ft. Belvoir, VA.

General Horst's key staff assignments include an assignment on the Army staff as aide-de-camp to the Army Chief of Staff, and a joint and NATO assignment as special assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe. He served as the Chief of Staff, 82d Airborne Division; then as the Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg. In his last joint assignment he served as the Director for Operations, Plans, Logistics and Engineering, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, VA.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), the Legion of Merit (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), and the Bronze Star Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters). He has earned the Expert Infantryman Badge, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Combat Action Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, and the Army Ranger Tab.

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- 4: Battle of Midway Begins 1942
- 6: D Day
- 7-9: FCOC Convention
- 14: Flag Day
- 14: U. S Army 238th Birthday
- 16: Father's Day
- 22: GI Bill Signed 1944
- 25: Start of Korean War 1950

