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President's Comments:

Barb and I were in Panama City for a 50th reunion of my fraternity chapter during the last luncheon time frame and missed that first meeting at our new facility. However, by all accounts, it was a success. I've heard many positive comments, and the only negative comment I've heard is that the walk from parking to the facility was a bit long. We'll look into that to see if there is something that can be done to make the walk a bit easier.



A few weeks ago, I received a listing of 649 MOAA members living in our containment area who are not members of our chapter. I see names of several chapter members on that list, so there are about 645 remaining to recruit. 309 of those prospective members are MOAA Life Members. 90 are still on active duty, and 23 are former officers. 132 are auxiliary members.

For the last year or so, we have been mailing a copy of the Officers Call to about 35 names per month (for a three month period), from an old MOAA listing, both to make those folks aware of our chapter and to get the number of mailed Officers Call to the minimum needed for our bulk mailing. Our new member this month, COL George Dunn, USA (Ret), learned of our chapter through this mailing. Thank you for joining the chapter, Sir.

While mailing a copy of the Officers Call is certainly an effective way to make ourselves known, a personal phone call is an even better way. If you would be willing to make such a call, please let me know. I can sort the list I have by zip code and give you names and phone numbers of eligible members living in the same zip code as you live.

Speaking of recruiting, I received a check for the chapter for \$250 as part of the MOAA chapter recruiting program. That came about through the new members we have recruited in the last few months. And, for each new qualified chapter member we recruit, we will receive \$10....more if the new member is a Life MOAA member or a Premium MOAA member.

For your calendar, mark off 29-31 October to attend the MOAA Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel. I'll have more information on registration and reservations when MOAA makes it available and will pass that along when I get it.

Hope to see you at the June luncheon on the 19th.

Free Lunch Winners

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

New Member: COL George Dunn, USA (Ret)

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Please Note

On the reservation form the increase in price to **\$16.00** and the need to make reservations by **Tuesday** prior to the luncheon, in order to have the correct number of meals prepared.



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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

June 19th**Ms. Andrea Rand, MOAA****July 17th****Aug 21st****Sep 18th****Remembering POW/MIA****** 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.

June 1st

Monday

July 6th

Monday

Aug 3rd

Monday

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	- 224
Regular Members	- 148
Auxiliary Members	- 54
AuxMbr-Spouse	- 22
Inactive Members	- 0

Military Services:

Army - 61	USMC - 10
USAF - 39	USCG - 7
Navy - 31	NOAA - 0

5/23/2015



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Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**
Monthly Luncheon; 15 May 2015

Attended – 40: (41 reservations), 2 Member Guest, 2 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 1 No Shows

Pasadena Yacht Club

Meeting called to order at 11:30 by Vice President Glen Crabb

Glen led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

New members; COL George Dunn and wife Patricia

Guests of Pauline Mallory: Virginia Sue Cox and Ken Cox

Door Prize winner Sue Cox

50/50 split by Bill Lee and Pauline Mallory

After a break for lunch Glen Crabb introduced Ed Lillich who conducted the memorial ceremony, which included the reading of the names of chapter members who passed during the past twelve months. Taps was played by 1SGT Dave Mallory.

The meeting was then adjourned.



Executive Committee Meeting 4 May 2015

Perkins Restaurant

Seminole Fl

President Larry Fernald called meeting to order at 11:35

Invocation led by Ed Lillich

Motion made by Fran Shivers to approve the April minutes, second by Ed Lillich, approved.

Larry stated that we need a speaker for September, Andrea Rand of MOAA will be our speaker for June.

Larry gave the treasurers report and as president cannot make a motion to accept, indicated that he would accept a motion to accept treasurers report, so moved by Bill Eichholz and Evey Hamilton seconded.

Treasurers report approved, subject to audit.

Pauline Edwards has sent news releases noting new location for luncheons. Larry will update website noting new location. Evey Hamilton thanked Pauline Edwards for her hard work in securing Pasadena CC.

Ed Lillich and George Brown have attended JROTC graduation ceremonies at local high schools

Chris Lillich recommend calling members to remind them of new luncheon site. Ed Lillich and Ginni Eichholz will assist her.

Bill Lofgren certified the required audit of Treasurers report.

Ed Lillich made motion to approve Pasadena YC as permanent luncheon location, Ginni Eichholz seconded, motion was accepted.

Pete Dawson will chair nominating committee. Evey Hamilton and Bill Lofgren will assist.

After a recess for lunch meeting was adjourned.

Happy 240th Army Birthday!

Two hundred forty years ago, our nation's leaders established the Continental Army. Today, the Army is the strategic landpower of the joint force; called upon to prevent, shape, and win against our adversaries.

This year, we celebrate 240 years of selfless service to the nation. Selfless service is at the core of what it means to be a Soldier - putting the welfare of others ahead of oneself. The willingness of our Soldiers - to place themselves in harm's way and to protect our nation's freedoms - is what makes us the premier all-volunteer force. The Army has served proudly, faithfully, and selflessly for 240 years, and we remain steadfast in our commitment.

240 Years of Selfless Service to the Nation

The Army continues to serve the United States with extraordinary Soldiers, Families and civilians, who display exceptional character in defense of our nation. The Soldiers of the Continental Army helped forge a bond with Americans built on duty and victory, which sustains our profession 240 years later. As we answer the nation's call, we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice in our fight for freedom.

Which Power of Attorney Do I Need?

The most common type of power of attorney is a durable, general power of attorney, which transfers nearly every legal right a person has to another individual. There are special powers of attorney that can assign a limited right. Common special powers of attorney include: (1) guardianship, which is handy when leaving children in the care of someone else; (2) household goods, which allows someone to act on your behalf to both ship and accept household goods; (3) ID card, which allows dependents to process through DEERS without sponsor accompaniment; (4) military quarters, which is useful when clearing military quarters; (5) privately owned vehicle, which allows someone else to buy, sell and register a vehicle on behalf of the designator; (6) real estate, which allows someone to purchase any real estate on behalf of the designator; and (7) taxes, allows someone else to file your taxes. This is just a sample of the limited powers one can assign to another person.



This Marine Was The ‘American Sniper’ Of The Vietnam War

Long before Chris Kyle penned “American Sniper,” Carlos Hathcock was already a legend.

He taught himself to shoot as a boy, just like Alvin York and Audie Murphy before him. He had dreamed of being a U.S. Marine his whole life and enlisted in 1959 at just 17 years old. Hathcock was an excellent sharpshooter by then, winning the Wimbledon Cup shooting championship in 1965, the year before he would deploy to Vietnam and change the face of American warfare forever.

He deployed in 1966 as a military policeman, but immediately volunteered for combat and was soon transferred to the 1st Marine Division Sniper Platoon, stationed at Hill 55, South of Da Nang. This is where Hathcock would earn the nickname “White Feather” — because he always wore a white feather on his bush hat, daring the North Vietnamese to spot him — and where he would achieve his status as the Vietnam War’s deadliest sniper in missions that sound like they were pulled from the pages of Marvel comics.

White Feather vs. The General

Early morning and early evening were Hathcock’s favorite times to strike. This was important when he volunteered for a mission he knew nothing about.

“First light and last light are the best times,” he said. “In the morning, they’re going out after a good night’s rest, smoking, laughing. When they come back in the evenings, they’re tired, lollygagging, not paying attention to detail.”

He observed this first hand, at arm’s reach, when trying to dispatch a North Vietnamese Army General officer. For four days and three nights, he low crawled inch by inch, a move he called “worming,” without food or sleep, more than 1500 yards to get close to the general. This was the only time he ever removed the feather from his cap.

“Over a time period like that you could forget the strategy, forget the rules and end up dead,” he said. “I didn’t want anyone dead, so I took the mission myself, figuring I was better than the rest of them, because I was training them.”

Hathcock moved to a tree line near the NVA encampment.

“There were two twin .51s next to me,” he said. “I started worming on my side to keep my slug trail thin. I could have tripped the patrols that came by.” The general stepped out onto a porch and yawned. The general’s aide stepped in front of him and by the time he moved away, the general was down, the bullet went through his heart. Hathcock was 700 yards away.

“I had to get away. When I made the shot, everyone ran to the tree line because that’s where the cover was.” The soldiers searched for the sniper for three days as he made his way back. They never even saw him.

“Carlos became part of the environment,” said Edward Land, Hathcock’s commanding officer. “He totally integrated himself into the environment. He had the patience, drive, and courage to

do the job. He felt very strongly that he was saving Marine lives.” With 93 confirmed kills – his longest was at 2500 yards – and an estimated 300 more, for Hathcock, it really wasn’t about the killing.

“I really didn’t like the killing,” he once told a reporter. “You’d have to be crazy to enjoy running around the woods, killing people. But if I didn’t get the enemy, they were going to kill the kids over there.” Saving American lives is something Hathcock took to heart

“The Best Shot I Ever Made”

“She was a bad woman,” Carlos Hathcock once said of the woman known as ‘Apache.’ “Normally kill squads would just kill a Marine and take his shoes or whatever, but the Apache was very sadistic. She would do anything to cause pain.” This was the trademark of the female Viet Cong platoon leader. She captured Americans in the area around Carlos Hathcock’s unit and then tortured them without mercy.

“I was in her backyard, she was in mine. I didn’t like that,” Hathcock said. “It was personal, very personal. She’d been torturing Marines before I got there.”

In November of 1966, she captured a Marine Private and tortured him within earshot of his own unit.

“She tortured him all afternoon, half the next day,” Hathcock recalls. “I was by the wire... He walked out, died right by the wire. “Apache skinned the private, cut off his eyelids, removed his fingernails, and then castrated him before letting him go. Hathcock attempted to save him, but he was too late.

Carlos Hathcock had enough. He set out to kill Apache before she could kill any more Marines. One day, he and his spotter got a chance. The observed an NVA sniper platoon on the move. At 700 yards in, one of them stepped off the trail and Hathcock took what he calls the best shot he ever made.

“We were in the midst of switching rifles. We saw them,” he remembered. “I saw a group coming, five of them. I saw her squat to pee, that’s how I knew it was her. They tried to get her to stop, but she didn’t stop. I stopped her. I put one extra in her for good measure.”

A Five-Day Engagement

One day during a forward observation mission, Hathcock and his spotter encountered a newly minted company of NVA troops. They had new uniforms, but no support and no communications.

“They had the bad luck of coming up against us,” he said. “They came right up the middle of the rice paddy. I dumped the officer in front my observer dumped the one in the back.” The last officer started running the opposite direction.

“Running across a rice paddy is not conducive to good health,” Hathcock remarked. “You don’t run across rice paddies very fast.”

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

The Bottom Line - The Survey Says?



May 15, 2014

By Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret)

There's no doubt sequestration places uniformed service leaders in a difficult position, a position MOAA believes, if continued, would put national security at risk.

Sequestration has the Pentagon uniformed and civilian leaders attempting to balance a budget that is taking a topline cut of \$1 trillion over 10 years. Based on that burden, the Pentagon has put everything on the table to find savings — including the pay and benefits needed to sustain the all-volunteer force.

In a May 6 hearing, the Joint Chiefs testified side-by-side before the full Senate Armed Services Committee and unanimously defended pay and benefits proposals that “slow the growth” of personnel cost growth by shifting costs onto currently serving members and retirees and their families.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Army Gen. Martin Dempsey told the senators, “We’ve been tasked to reduce the defense budget by up to \$1 trillion over 10 years while upholding our sacred obligation to properly train, equip, and prepare the force.”

Dempsey said all of the Joint Chiefs and all of the services’ senior enlisted leaders support the proposals to “rebalance military compensation.”

But do the troops?

Several defense leaders in separate hearings said the servicemembers they’ve talked to are willing to accept pay and benefit changes as long as they can get the training and equipment needed to do their jobs.

This feedback flies in the face of recent survey data.

So who are these defense leaders talking to and what does the survey say? It appears they are not talking to servicemembers and their families who are taking online surveys.

MOAA conducted a compensation survey in March. Of the 4,700 currently serving members who responded, more than 65 percent indicated they were least satisfied with their basic pay.

In a survey conducted by The Washington Post and the Kaiser Family Foundation of Post-9/11 veterans and currently serving members, 83 percent indicated they do not favor the Pentagon’s FY 2015 proposals to cap pay, cut commissary benefits, and increase housing and health care costs.

A survey conducted by Military.com found 90 percent of active duty servicemembers rejected the proposed changes to pay and benefits issued by the Pentagon.

The Association of the United States Navy (AUSN) also conducted a poll. In the same hearing where the Joint Chiefs testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee, AUSN President Vice Adm. John Totushek, USN (Ret), said their survey found the same results as Military.com.

“We did a recent study basically asking people to tell us what they thought about the impending changes, and 90 percent of them didn’t like what was being proposed,” Totushek said. “What the chiefs are hearing might not be what’s really going on.”

Former U.S. Rep. and retired Army Lt. Col. Allen West, who sat on the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, called the Pentagon’s pay and benefit proposals “quite disturbing,” and continued, “We should not be forcing our men and women in uniform to choose between a paycheck and training.”

MOAA agrees.

The bottom line: What does the survey say? MOAA believes it’s pretty clear servicemembers and their families do not support these proposals. Fortunately, the House Armed Services Committee feels the same way.

MOAA Testifies on Veterans Health Care and Benefits

May 22, 2015

On May 20, Col. Bob Norton, USA (Ret.), deputy director of MOAA’s Government Relations Department, testified at a joint hearing before the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committees.

Norton outlined MOAA’s key concerns and recommendations to improve veterans’ access to VA health services, upgrade existing benefits, and extend special services to disabled servicemembers’ full-time caregivers.

Norton also presented MOAA’s recommendations on assuring aggressive implementation of the Choice Card for veterans stuck on waiting lists for VA care, and those who live at least 40 miles from a VA hospital or clinic.

MOAA was joined by the national commanders or representatives from the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Blinded Veterans Association, and partners from The Military Coalition: AMVETS, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association of America.

Norton described outsourced care as “a wobbly, three-layered cake: the first layer is local purchased care contracts, the second layer is the VA national patient-centered care contracts (PC-3), which got some primary care icing added on to the specialty care contract, and the third layer is the Choice Card

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Ed Lillich



David and Pauline Mallory



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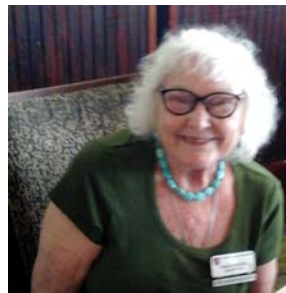
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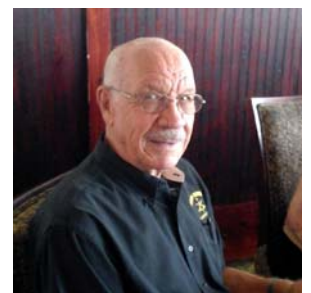
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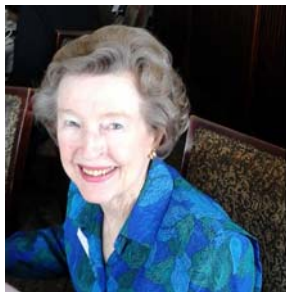
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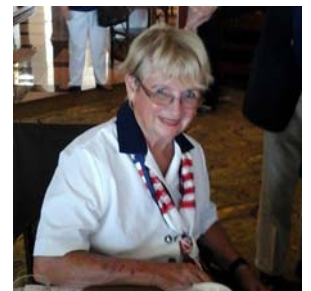
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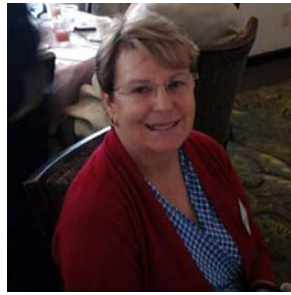


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Pauline Mallory



Right: MOAA convention, Jane Lee, Loretta Swit (Hot Lips from M*A*S*H) and Sherry Freese

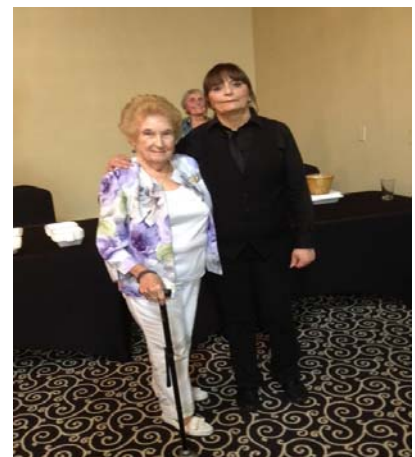


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Asa Myers and Bobbie Walters

**Military Officers Wives' Club
Installation May 12, 2015**



Pauline Edwards and Banquet Masters server Josie



American Sniper from Page 4

According to Hathcock, once a Sniper fires three shots, he leaves. With no leaders left, after three shots, the opposing platoon wasn't moving.

“So there was no reason for us to go either,” said the sniper. “No one in charge, a bunch of Ho Chi Minh's finest young go-getters, nothing but a bunch of hamburgers out there.” Hathcock called artillery at all times through the coming night, with flares going on the whole time. When morning came, the NVA were still there.

“We didn't withdraw, we just moved,” Hathcock recalled. “They attacked where we were the day before. That didn't get far either.”

White Feather and The M2

Though the practice had been in use since the Korean War, Carlos Hathcock made the use of the M2 .50 caliber machine gun as a long-range sniper weapon a normal practice. He designed a rifle mount, built by Navy Seabees, which allowed him to easily convert the weapon

. “I was sent to see if that would work,” He recalled. “We were elevated on a mountain with bad guys all over. I was there three days, observing. On the third day, I zeroed at 1000 yards, longest 2500. Here comes the hamburger, came right across the spot where it was zeroed, he bent over to brush his teeth and I let it fly. If he hadn't stood up, it would have gone over his head. But it didn't.” The distance of that shot was 2,460 yards – almost a mile and a half – and it stood as a record until broken in 2002 by Canadian sniper Arron Perry in Afghanistan.

White Feather vs. The Cobra

“If I hadn't gotten him just then,” Hathcock remembers, “he would have gotten me.”

Many American snipers had a bounty on their heads. These were usually worth one or two thousand dollars. The reward for the sniper with the white feather in his bush cap, however, was worth \$30,000. Like a sequel to Enemy at The Gates, Hathcock became such a thorn in the side of the NVA that they eventually sent their own best sniper to kill him. He was known as the Cobra and would become Hathcock's most famous encounter in the course of the war.

“He was doing bad things,” Hathcock said. “He was sent to get me, which I didn't really appreciate. He killed a gunny outside my hooch. I watched him die. I vowed I would get him some way or another.” That was the plan. The Cobra would kill many Marines around Hill 55 in an attempt to draw Hathcock out of his base.

“I got my partner, we went out we trailed him. He was very cagey, very smart. He was close to being as good as I was... But no way, ain't no way ain't nobody that good.” In an interview filmed in the 1990s, He discussed how close he and his partner came to being a victim of the Cobra.

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16 May 2015
- ◆ Eleanor Baney, Surviving Spouse
CAPT Sid Baney, USN (Ret)
May 12, 2015

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



Welcome Our New Members!

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**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)

Financial Report Summary for the Month of April

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,138.62
.... Donations	\$ 10.00
.... 50/50	\$ 25.00
.... Memorials	\$ 100.00
.... Expenses	\$ 0.00
.... HOT Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,273.62

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 770.00
.... Donations	\$ 12.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 782.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,557.91
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 485.00
.... Dues	\$ 55.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 1.13
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (463.75)
.... Supplies	\$ (14.88)
.... Post Office	\$ 0.00
.... Honraria/donations	\$ 0.00
.... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT	\$ (100.00)
.... Printing/mailing	\$ 0.00
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (407.52)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,112.89

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program for rural veterans and veterans stuck on long waiting lists.”

Because purchased care complements VA’s direct care system, MOAA recommends Congress engage the Commission on VA Care to map out a long-term strategy to integrate all aspects of VA managed care. Given the importance and scope of designing VA care for the 21st century, the Commission on Care should be given a year to develop a plan.

MOAA also urged Congress to support other changes to the way VA does business, including:

- Building up the capacity to deliver VA care more efficiently in its facilities by hiring and training more providers, fixing the scheduling system, and reengineering clinical space along the lines of leading civilian health care entities;

June Birthdays (61 to 87 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
01	Binzer	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Chancey	Frances	LTC	USA (Ret)
10	Crabb	Glen	CDR	USN (Ret)
29	Fine	A. Kenneth	MAJ	USA (Ret)
29	Harren	Robert	MAJ	USA (Ret)
9	Lewis	William	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
09	Palsha	Robert	LTC	USA (Ret)
27	Reed	Robert	LCDR	USN (Ret)
24	Stakk	Barbara	CPT	USA (Fmr)
22	Wadham	Peggy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
16	Wildes	Shirley	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF

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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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“I fell over a rotted tree. I made a mistake and he made a shot. He hit my partner’s canteen. We thought he’d been hit because we felt the warmth running over his leg. But he’d just shot his canteen dead.”

Eventually the team of Hathcock and his partner, John Burke, and the Cobra had switched places.

“We worked around to where he was,” Hathcock said. “I took his old spot, he took my old spot, which was bad news for him because he was facing the sun and glinted off the lens of his scope, I saw the glint and shot the glint.” White Feather had shot the Cobra just moments before the Cobra would have taken his own shot.

“I was just quicker on the trigger otherwise he would have killed me,” Hathcock said. “I shot right straight through his scope, didn’t touch the sides.”

With a wry smile, he added: “And it didn’t do his eyesight no good either.”

1969, a vehicle Hathcock was riding in struck a landmine and knocked the Marine unconscious. He came to and pulled seven of his fellow Marines from the burning wreckage. He left Vietnam with burns over 40 percent of his body. He received the Silver Star for this action in 1996.

After the mine ended his sniping career, he established the Marine Sniper School at Quantico, teaching Marines how to “get into the bubble,” a state of complete concentration. He was in intense pain as he taught at Quantico, suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, the disease that would ultimately kill him — something the NVA could never accomplish.

*“Saepius Exertus, Semper Fidelis, Frater
Infinitas”*

*“Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever”
United States Marines*

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- Recruiting more mental health providers and training them on the unique needs of veterans;
- Extending the time surviving spouses have to use new GI Bill “Fry Scholarships”;
- Authorizing VA benefits to Vietnam War “blue water” Navy veterans exposed to Agent Orange;
- Providing veterans status to career National Guard and Reserve members eligible for non-regular retired pay who are entitled to certain veterans’ benefits, but do not have active duty service under Title 10 orders; and
- Extending special services and support to the full-time caregivers of severely disabled veterans who served before Sept. 11, 2001.

Rep. Ralph Abraham (R-La.), chair of the House panel that oversees veterans’ disability assistance, questioned what could

be done to make further progress on the claims backlog. Norton said that new legislation, S. 1203, offers “practical, low-cost measures” aimed at further improving the claims system. Norton added that MOAA is working with the DAV and other groups to streamline procedures governing appealed claims, which currently take about three-years on average to resolve.

Norton described the plight of Coast Guard veteran Alexis Courneen who suffered a severe brain injury in service in 1999. Her husband Jason is her full-time caregiver, but the couple is ineligible for respite care, CHAMPVA, training, and a stipend under the Caregivers Act. Under current law, those benefits are only available to catastrophically disabled veterans who served after Sept. 10, 2001.

In response to Norton’s testimony that, “there’s no policy reason to exclude Alexis and Jason from Caregivers Act benefits,” Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) said that the committees were taking up the issue soon.

COAST GUARD PHARMACY

The Coast Guard must temporarily change the way pharmacy services are provided for active duty members, dependents, and retirees at Coast Guard dispensing locations. The Department of Defense (DoD) awarded a new TRICARE Pharmacy contract serving approximately 10 million beneficiaries. The contract implemented a new electronic medication reconciliation system. Unfortunately, this change is incompatible with current Coast Guard electronic governance of pharmacy services.

In order to protect patient safety, the Health, Safety and Work-Life Service Center (HSWL SC) will implement the following pharmacy guidance effective 26 May 2015:

Dependents and Retirees

Prescription medications from Coast Guard pharmacies will be temporarily suspended due to lack of electronic reconciliation capability. Dependents and Retirees continue to have access to the TRICARE pharmacy benefit. They will be referred to a local DoD Military Treatment Facility (where there is no additional co-pay), the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (otherwise known as Home Delivery; with no additional co-pay for generics); or a TRICARE participating retail network pharmacy, with a minimum \$8.00 co-pay for generics.

We anticipate normal pharmacy services will be restored in the future, to include electronic reconciliation capability for authorized customers

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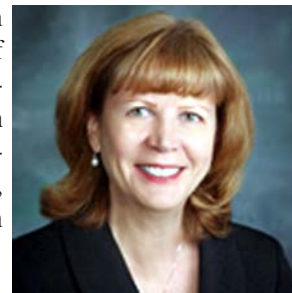
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Social Hour 11:00 to 11:45
Program Begins at 11:45**

Guest Speakers:

Ms. Andrea Rand

MOAA Scholarship

Andrea Rand, a Washington state native, earned a Bachelor of Arts in economics from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., and a Juris Doctor from Lewis and Clark College, Northwestern School of Law, in Portland, Ore.



Married to a Coast Guard officer, she practiced law in Illinois and Missouri and then on the staff of the Governor of Alaska. With a move to Rotterdam, The Netherlands, she joined the Army Judge Advocate General Corps civilian staff. She most recently was assigned to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, Administrative Law Division, at the Pentagon. Upon her departure she received the Army Superior Civilian Service Award.

Rand has a wealth of experience working with record management data systems and helping military personnel and their families with estate planning, state and federal tax return issues, and access to military benefits.

MOAA position: Development Director, The MOAA Scholarship Fund

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June

- 3: First Space Walk 1965
- 5: First Apple Computer sold 1977
- 6: D Day
- 14: Flag Day
- 14: U. S. Army established 1775
- 21: Fathers Day

Flag Day in United States

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.

What do people do?

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

