

# OFFICERS CALL

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Military Officers Association of America  
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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)

For the first time in years, your Chapter and MOAA national are growing again.

Why are we growing again? First, because MOAA is One Powerful Voice for our active, National Guard, reserve, retired service members and their families. Second, because MOAA members are a fun group of people who enjoy the camaraderie of a common bond of military service at our monthly meetings as evidenced by increasing attendance, averaging over 100 for our last three meetings



But most important is that MOAA can now market to all officers at all stages of their career from cadets and midshipman, newly commissioned, career active, career reserve and guard, former officers, retired and their families and not just retired as the former name, TROA, inferred.

We learned from Assistant Sec. Def., Reserve Affairs Tom Hall at the Installation that the only difference between active forces and reserve forces is their rotation into the War on Terror zones in the CentCom Operational Areas. Active forces are planned to deploy one year in three and reserve forces one year in five. It is not your weekend a month and two weeks a year guard and reserve anymore. Your chapter has two drilling reserve members, LCDR Matt. Poage, USN and Maj Marc Freese, USMC my son. As far as I know they are the first drilling reservists to join our chapter. There are a lot more in the area and our objective this year is to attract as many of them as we can.

Your Chapter and MOAA national by policy does not take a position on the debate in Washington, and across the nation, on the "Surge of Troops" plan. But we do support our troops (our HOT program is an excellent example of our support) whether we "surge" or not wherever they are! HOT has been extremely successful and rewarding as well as the Scholarship Program with over \$12,000 donated by our members and friends. The Executive Committee voted to continue these two programs in 2007. We hope your participation continues as well.

God Bless Our Troops!

Don Freese

### CAPTAIN ELISABETH A. PEPPER

#### U. S. COAST GUARD

Captain Beth Pepper is the Deputy Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg, a merger of Marine Safety Office Tampa and Group St. Petersburg. The Sector is responsible for all Coast Guard missions along the west coast of Florida. In that capacity, Captain Pepper serves as the alternate Captain of the Port, Federal On-Scene Coordinator, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, Search-and-Rescue Mission Coordinator, and Officer-in-Charge Marine Inspection, leading eight Coast Guard Cutters, five Coast Guard Stations, an Aids to Navigation Team, and more than 700 active duty and reserve members. In 2006, Sector St. Petersburg conducted 1245 search-and-rescue cases, saving more than 300 lives and \$5 million in property; 1850 vessel safety and security exams; and 2142 law enforcement boardings. She also serves the Coast Guard as a Military Judge.



Captain Pepper is a 1981 graduate of the College of William and Mary, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Management. She was commissioned in 1984 upon graduation from Officer Candidate School, Yorktown, Virginia. She received her juris doctor degree in 1993 from the University of San Francisco School of Law and is admitted to practice in the State of California.

Captain Pepper has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, two Coast Guard Achievement Medals (with Operational Distinguishing Device), three Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbons (with Operational Distinguishing Device), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and several unit awards.

Captain Pepper played rugby for 18 years, earning four National Club Championships and two MVP selections. She played for the United States at the 1994 World Cup in Edinburgh, Scotland, where the United States won a silver medal. Since her retirement from playing, she has coached the U.S. Under-23 National Women's Team, the Combined Services National Women's Team, and the women's teams at Stanford University, the College of William and Mary, and the University of Maine at Orono.



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## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 326  
 Regular Members - 239  
 Auxillary Members - 87

### Military Services:

Army - 85	USMC -16
USAF - 78	USCG - 8
Navy - 51	NOAA - 1

2/23/07

## From the Editor

### COL Roger J. Shields, USA (Ret)

### From the Editor

• **The Annual President's Meeting** of the Florida Council of Chapters was held on 10 February 2007 near Jacksonville. Attending was Don Freese, Chapter President; Roger Shields, Council Secretary and Fred Edwards, Council Past President. One purpose of the meeting was to reiterate the importance of urging our Florida members of MOAA to attend the Convention Cruise on May 10-14 2007 at sea aboard the Carnival motor vessel "Celebration". We hope that you will dust off your valid passport and join in the fun and the opportunity to relax with MOAA members from Florida as well as with the President of MOAA, VADM Ryan.



Sign up soon. Information and applications will be available at the next Chapter luncheon on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

• **A Wild Chapter Luncheon** featured an Elvis Presley impersonator – and he could really sing like Elvis! Many of our members took the opportunity to dance with their wife – or with someone's wife or widow. Those inclined toward stodginess shed their armor and became terpsichores under "Elvis" spell! Come join us at our monthly luncheons. You may be pleasantly surprised to enjoy good meals at low prices, good company, good entertainment and a genuinely good time! The information is available on Page 11 of this Officer's Call.

• **More Members?** As Don Freese pointed out in recent President's Messages, our chapter has been adding more members lately. Unfortunately, we have also lost some members through their moves to other states and to illness and death. Our losses may accelerate as we grow older. Our traditional friends in Congress may fade away and we have seen how some of the newer members play the game of cutting the benefits of our veterans, retirees and their widows. Who will fight off the attempts to "save money" by cutting our earned benefits? We must do better in attracting new people to continue the fight.

## Our Auxiliary Members

Our Auxiliary members make up almost a third of our 320+ chapter membership. An Auxiliary is the surviving spouse (male or female) of a regular member of MOAA or, if not an actual member, a uniformed officer who would have been qualified for membership. A regular member is an active, retired or former member of one of the seven uniformed services (includes reserve and National Guard) – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, NOAA or Public Health Service.

Auxiliary members can serve as officers of our chapter, D Kay Benson is our Secretary; as standing committee chairs, Violet Smith is chair person of Personal Affairs, Memorials and handles our ID renewal notification; Martha Willis (along with a number of spouses) is the greeter and hostess at our luncheons; and all members are encouraged to participate in the chapter operations. All members, officers and their spouses as well as auxiliary are invited to attend our monthly Executive Committee meetings and to contribute material to our monthly newsletter, Officers Call.

The chapter needs your talents and participation. Together we have won four straight 5 Star Awards and hope to make it five in a row for 2006.





# NOAA COMMEMORATES ITS 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

AND

## THE NOAA COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS CELEBRATES ITS 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

**FINDING OUR WAY: CHARTING AND NAVIGATION** – NOAA’s roots are planted in America’s oldest scientific agency: The Survey of the Coast. Created in 1807 by President Thomas Jefferson to provide nautical charts to the American maritime community for safe passage into American ports and along our extensive coastline, this earliest agency laid the groundwork for a legacy of products to enhance the safe and efficient navigation of our Nation’s waterways. From the original mandate to survey the U.S. coastline, our charting and coastal mapping pieces have grown. Today, NOAA’s Office of Coast Survey holds more than 20,000 historical nautical charts and continually updates its collection of 1,000 current charts.

As our country grew westward in the 19th century, surveys were conducted around the nation. To ensure that maps and charts would align with one another, surveyors needed a common reference system. Following the high standards for accuracy and scientific integrity of the first Survey of the Coast Superintendent Ferdinand Hassler, a national geodetic control network was built. Today, we manage this network, the National Spatial Reference System, providing a consistent coordinate system for position (latitude and longitude), elevation, distance, and direction between points, and how these values change over time.

**MONITORING OUR WEATHER** – In 1870, the first government agency to provide weather observations and warnings was established within the U.S. Army. The Weather Bureau began in 1890, when Congress transferred these services to the Department of Agriculture. Building on the innovative ideas of men like Brigadier General Albert J. Myer and Cleveland Abbe, the Weather Bureau published its first Washington, DC weather map, established the first hurricane warning service, and began regular kite observations within its first thirty years of existence. From these “firsts”, this service would evolve its scope and capacity, becoming the National Weather Service in 1970.

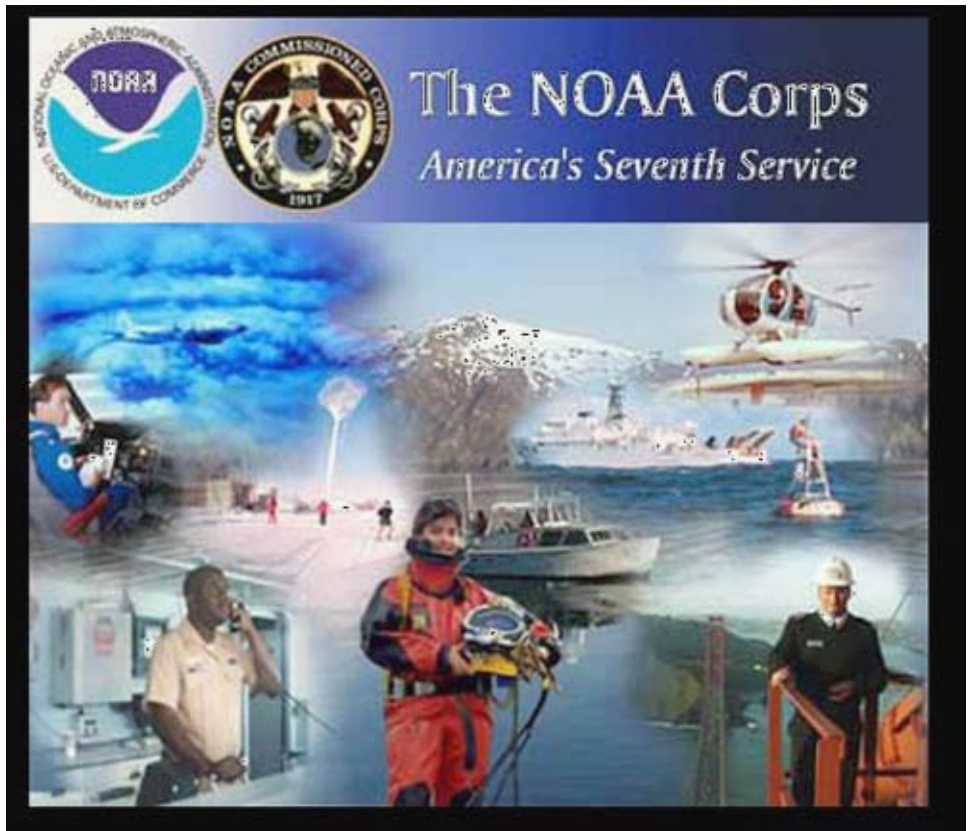
Today, we are the primary source of weather data, forecasts, and warnings for the United States. Television weathercasters and private meteorology companies prepare their forecasts using our information. We are also the official voice for issuing warnings during life-threatening weather events in the United States.

**TAKING TO THE SKIES: SATELLITES** – Our satellite operations grew out of the country’s early space program and a desire to study our planet from a vantage point high in the sky. The first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched in 1960. While in orbit for 78 days, TIROS-1 generated 23,000 pictures of the Earth,

enhancing our understanding of meteorology and expanding our view of our planet, its natural wonders, and its place in the heavens.

Today, NOAA’s system of 16 satellites keeps watch over the Nation, providing information for forecasting weather, studying ocean and coastal regions, detecting forest fires and volcanic eruptions, monitoring the ozone hole and the space environment, and much more.

**PROTECTING FISHERIES AND MARINE MAMMALS** – The fishing industry has been important to the United States since the



country’s earliest days. Formal efforts to protect fisheries date back to 1871, with the establishment of the Nation’s first Federal conservation agency: the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries. This agency was charged with protecting and preserving “the Food Fishes of the Coast of the United States”.

This agency also applied systematic scientific studies towards the management and conservation of marine mammals. Efforts such as those to conserve the northern fur seals of the Pribilof Islands were based on studies examining the impacts of human activity on the larger ecosystem. This work led to the North Pacific Fur Seal Treaty of 1911, the first international treaty for wildlife conservation and a forerunner of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972.

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## Luncheon Meeting; 16 February 2007

Reported by **Basil Burrell**

**Attended—92:** Members—39, AuxMbrs-12; Wives—17, Guests—22, Walk-ins—2, No shows—(0), Cancellations—(2)

It was quickly obvious that we were going to have a crowd of Elvis fans today. The final count was about 92 I believe. The banquet room filled up rapidly; even before 1130 hours. Unfortunately, still have some folks who fail to register with Bob Eynatten and this, as usual, caused some problems with sufficient seating and Banquet Masters' servers had to scurry around to make up seating and meals for all the folks.

It all worked out finally and everyone was seated and fed. I believe we had a record number of guests of members and new members. I regret that I did not get their names but want to assure them that we are pleased to have them at our luncheon.

Maybe we can somehow in the future arrange to have the guests and new members names recorded so we can give them credit for their attendance. Now I don't mean monetary credit so don't get your hopes up.

Our esteemed President Don Freese finally opened the luncheon meeting at 1150 hours by giving the Invocation. Our Chaplain, George Brown, was a little late because of

Dorothy's illness, he was teaching a Black History Week class. Don then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. Don welcomed all, especially guests and new members, to the luncheon. The door prize and equity distribution numbers were called and the prizes handed to the lucky winners. There were four equity distribution winners today because of the large number of attendees. Lunch was then served and then the the music started and out came Elvis in all his splendor. That is, if you call his costume splendor. I believe that a lot of people enjoyed the show. It certainly was loud enough and probably the people in Clearwater heard some of it. I am saying all this because Don promised me that if I didn't like the show he would buy my lunch. He didn't say which lunch!

A lot of the ladies got a personal song from Elvis and some of them, like Carolyn Shields, had their picture taken with him. A good time was had by everyone, even those who didn't care for Elvis when he was alive. I went out and bought a CD of Elvis because I didn't remember how he sounded. The real Elvis had a much better voice than I remembered. You must realize that I do not have any musical abilities whatever so take my opinion with a grain of salt.

After Elvis concluded his show, Don closed the meeting by asking George Brown to give the benediction.

**Basil**



We had Elvis for our Luncheon



Our overflow head table: Sherry and Don Freese,  
Chaplain George Brown  
Carolyn Shields reports on our HOT program





Claudett Bisson & Herb Trondreau



Pat & Stew Palmer



Natalie & Dick Oliver



Elvis "working the crowd" - Ed Diedo and Ann Isley



Sara, Christian, Matt and Joe Rymer,  
D. Kay's daughter and family

## THE BUZZ

### COL Roger J. Shields, USA, (Ret)

**The Congress** – Have you noticed that certain candidates for Congress fall in love with veterans at pre-election time? After the election the same former candidates, now Senators or Representatives, have a sudden loss of memory. They forget the promises that they made to our veterans. They ignore us until the next election season. To “save money” some take it away from the vets to fund their pet boondoggle projects. We, the vets, have a legitimate weapon to educate our congresspersons. It’s our voting power. When we were on active military duty we learned to take care of our troops and their concerns. We have the same obligation today. Congress understands, respects and fears the power of the vote. Let’s all resolve to find prospective members (voters). Help our Membership person, Janice Mogan by bringing prospects to our luncheons and assist her in “making the sale”.

**Monthly Luncheons** – Most attendees at our February luncheon would agree that it was good fun. For some people however, it was an aggravation since the seating problem is still with us. For many months and years a table near the entrance was reserved for those members who have Luncheon duties to perform. CAPT and Mrs. Bob Eynatten, LTC Marie Lorence, Martha Willis, CWO and Mrs. Basil Burrell and other helpers have found at times that other members have occupied the table reserved for them. One solution may be to set one more table than required to seat those without reservations. Your ideas are welcome.

**Convention at Sea** – Give yourself a break from your routine and worries. Join in the fun as the Florida Council of Chapters and the Jacksonville Chapter present a Convention at Sea from 10-14 May, 2007. Information sheets and applications are available at our next luncheon and on the internet. Go to [www.moaafl.org](http://www.moaafl.org) and find “Convention 2007” to download the necessary forms and info sheets. As our Navy members say, “Fair Winds and Following Seas. . . “

### Copies of Basil's excellent photos

If you would like an electronic file of your photograph (herein or if taken of you by Basil), contact Al Neville at 727 522-5685 or [www.nevil45@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:www.nevil45@tampabay.rr.com)





# HOT - Help Our Troops - HOT

Donations have been received for the jellybean and Peeps drive. The first batch of jellybeans is packed and ready to be sent to our adopted Air Force unit in Afghanistan. Keep in mind that our unit supports all branches of the US Military including Navy Seals! Also being sent are cute stuffed animals donated by an Auxiliary member and a Teddy Bear donated by "Elvis" at our last luncheon. Easter candy is also ready to ship.



All of the donations throughout the year have enabled us to send 210 boxes thus far. As well as the MOAA St. Petersburg Area Chapter, friends of HOT have given substantial amounts in cash and goodies. The Clearwater Chapter of Military Widows and our ROWC have been faithful donors in their support of HOT. Jodi Bennet, one of DKay Benson's fellow members of a Civic Board, has been diligently working for HOT and she has collected donations from several merchants. Also, thanks to Tracy L. Carson, Violet's daughter, for mailing toiletries to her mother for donation to HOT. During a recent visit to St Augustine, the owner of a Comfort Inn donated a carton of shampoo. It happens that he is a retired USAF officer and although not now a member of MOAA, he supports the Ancient City Chapter of MOAA with their Help Our Troops project.

Yes, word is spreading about the St Petersburg Area Chapter of MOAA and Operation HOT! Thank you.

**Carolyn Shields**



Dolly and Bert Couture



Hazel McGrath & Bill Eisenhart  
(Note Hazel's "Key to the City of St Petersburg")



Carolyn Shields gets a "teddy bear" for out troops



Recent New Member - Martha Sumpter

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\$730 as of 02/23/07

## Members Helping Members

Last month, I received a call from Martha Sumpter asking if MOAA could help her. She found out that she had been removed from Tricare For Life and switched to Medicare Part D without her authorization and lost her Tricare Prescription benefit December 31. .

Martha had already talked to Medicare and was told that she was not alone and that thousands had been switched and that it would be months before she could be switched back.

I immediately put Martha in touch with Violet Smith who put her in touch with MOAA national in Washington for help? I also mentioned Martha's problem to new Chapter member, Jack Shine. Jack happens to be a volunteer with (SHINE, no relation, Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders.)

Jack contacted Martha and within a week the local SHINE office had put Jack in touch with a Medicare representative in Atlanta that corrected Martha's problem effective January 31.

If you are like me you get multiple invitations to "free" Medicare Part D Seminars that attempts to switch you from one insurance companies Medicare Part D prescription plan to their plan. Martha never went to one of these seminars and did not switch but even so RX America switched her. Thousands of others were too.

This is just another indication of why it is important to be a member of both MOAA national and your St. Petersburg Area Chapter. I am confident that MOAA national will look into the problem of the thousands that were switched but it will take time. It took Jack less than a week to fix Martha's problem.

Thank you Jack and SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

Don Freese, President



Melody & Marc Freese

## Welcome our new members!



**Col William N. Drake, USA (Ret) (Derri)**  
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**Col John "Jack" Shine, USMC (Ret) (Kaari)**  
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(The Shines are in Glenview, IL Mar 10 thru October)

**Maj Raymond A. Holzwart, USMC (Ret)**  
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## February 2007 (As of 22nd)

Operating Account: Feb 1st	\$2,704.04
Income:	\$1,580.00
Expenses:	\$1,658.40
Cash Flow (Out)	(\$78.40)
Operating funds:	\$2,625.64

Scholarship Fund:	
Feb 1st	(\$125.00)
Donations:	\$540.00
Expended	\$0.00
Feb 22nd	\$415.00

Help Our Troops Fund:	
Feb 1st balance	\$1,673.39
Donations:	\$582.30
50/50:	\$0.00
Total In:	\$2,255.69
Expended:	\$546.57
Feb 22nd balance	\$1,709.12

Maj. Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)  
Treasurer O





## Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 5 February 2007

Reported by **D Kay Benson, AuxMbr-AF**

The meeting was called to order by President Don Freese, at 11:30 am. George Brown led us in the Invocation and Don Freese led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Fifteen members were in attendance: H.B Love, Matt Poage, Stew Palmer, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Brent Gudmundson, Earl Peck, Marie Lorence, Basil Burrell, Tom Harrow, Bob Eynatten, Roger Shields, George Brown, Janice Mogan and D. Kay Benson. Minutes of January 8, 2007 were approved as printed in the Officers' Call.

Installation Dinner was a sell-out with 120 attending. Don has contacted Linda Davis for next year's speaker. He suggested that we change the day from Friday to Saturday so working people would be able to more easily attend. Next year's Installation Dinner will be January 19, 2008. "Give Me Ten" had 18 for 2006 and 1 for 2007. Data base has been updated. We have 322 members with only 3 who do not belong to MOAA National. Five Star application and copies of our Officers' Call have been mailed to MOAA National.

All non-members will be receiving the Officers' Call via e-mail. This has resulted in a \$100 savings for the month of February. Many thanks were given to Al Neville (who was not present) for his hard work on decreasing the size of the OC so it can be more easily downloaded on dial-up. It was decided that having the OC available at our luncheons instead of mailing them, was not a cost saver. Advertising is the same as last month. Tom has applied to be the Area Vice President for the Central Area. Earl moved that the board endorse his application. It was seconded by Larry. Motion passed.

2008 Nomination Committee will be Tom Harrow, Violet Smith, Carolyn Shields and Bob Eynatten. 2008 Awards Committee will be Earl Peck, Fred Edwards and Brent Gudmundson. Janice charmed the board with her Rosie the Riveter "We Can Do It" sign, new business cards and "Super Bowl" ring. She encouraged all to attend the George Washington Dinner at her Church. She has been working on getting new members. Don has 2 new members. 22 were dropped from our rolls with 32 new members making a total gain of 10 in membership. She had a ¼ page ad from Bay Pines.

Larry announced that The Elvis Guy, Bruce Nye will be the February program. He has made several calls for future speakers. The Treasurer's Report was read by Don and approved as read. Reducing the printing costs of the OC will help to reduce expenses. Earl suggested that we budget projects like the Installation dinner in advance so that extra charges can be included in the cost per dinner instead of the club picking up the difference. Don and Pete will do a budget. Our tax exemption expires in 2011. Discussion as to whether our luncheon should be tax exempt. If not – we will have to increase the price to cover the tax.

Help Our Troops will be collecting Jelly Beans for their Easter boxes. Roger suggested that we use Banquet Master for the Installation Dinner instead of one of the Yacht Clubs. Cost of the dinner, Valet Parking and seating limitations were the reasons.

Tom reported that per Capt Marshall we had donated \$3,860, 41 for the 2006 scholarship fund. We sent in \$2,700 to meet the \$5,000 pledged. Now we have \$1,560.41 in the 2007 scholarship fund. Tom had questions about their accounting. Earl also had questions about their accounting. Tom will call and inquire. Tom read a letter he drafted thanking members for their donation. It was noted that starting in 2006 IRS will require all to have written confirmation of any donations. Tom made a motion to send his letter to members who have made donations to the scholarship fund. Larry seconded and the motion passed. Tom's letter was given to Don.

Tom passed around the JROTC MOAA Medal and Certificate. He attended the JROTC competition; Clearwater won. Tom sent a thank you note to the Color Guard for the Installation Dinner.

No Publicity Report. Violet sent her report since she was in Washington DC. She attended the Health Care Consumers Advisory Council meeting held on Jan. 23, 2007. Many changes are taking place at the MacDill hospital; new facility expected to be completed in 2009. There have been some deletions to the Formulary. When in doubt, call the pharmacy. The Air Fest will take place March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>. Next meeting of the council is scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Hospital Briefing Room.

No other Committee Reports. National MOAA is planning a Job Fair to be held in Tampa. And the Annual Meeting of National MOAA will be held in Tampa this November.

New Business: Tom asked if his request of \$100 for JROTC should be tabled again. It was tabled.

At 1300 President Freese called on George Brown for the Benediction and then adjourned the meeting.



Dot Plummer

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March 2007

## March Birthdays

(62 to 95 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
23	Allen, James		CPT	USA (Ret)
27	Choronenko, Iwan		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
16	Curran, Henry		LTJG	USN (Fmr)
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21	Hatfield, John		CAPT	USN (Ret)
17	Hundley, Charles		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
18	Hunt, Elly		Mrs.	AuxMbr
16	Isley, Anne		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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15	Kilroy, Edward		Maj	USAF (Ret)
08	Prall, Thomas		LTC	USA (Ret)
02	Reischmann, Richard		Maj	USAF (Ret)
22	Roberson, Harold		Col	USMC (Ret)
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## MOAA Legislative Update February 2007

Edited by Col Roger Shields, USA (Ret)  
Senate Champs Fight TRICARE Fee Hikes

On Feb. 15, MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan, Jr. (USN-Ret) joined Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE) at a press conference to announce the senators' introduction of their "Military Health Care Protection Act" (S. 604). S. 604 would: **Establish** in law the unique role of military health benefits in offsetting the extraordinary demands inherent in a military career. **Establish** that, in addition to their cash cost-shares, military people pre-pay large up-front premiums for their lifetime health coverage through decades of service and sacrifice. **Bar** the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee and TRICARE pharmacy copays from being increased in any year by a percentage that exceeds the percentage increase in military retired pay. **Bar** TRICARE Reserve Select premiums from being increased by a percentage that exceeds the most recent basic pay increase. **Bar** any enrollment fee for TRICARE Standard or any increase in the TRICARE Standard inpatient copay.

Last year, a similar initiative by Lautenberg and Hagel was crucial in defeating large TRICARE fee hikes. Both spoke passionately at yesterday's news conference about their continued determination to reject and defeat the latest defense budget proposal, which assumes TRICARE costs would be cut \$1.8 billion in FY2008 by raising fees for retirees under age 65 by up to \$1,000 a year. Hagel, who sits on the Armed Services Committee, called the proposal "ridiculous." Lautenberg pledged to use his seat on the Appropriations Committee to prevent the fee hikes.

VADM Ryan and Mr. Joe Barnes, National Executive Secretary of the Fleet Reserve Association, expressed their associations' and The Military Coalition's gratitude to the two senators and pledged support to promote and enact the new bill. Please take a moment and send your senators a MOAA-suggested message urging them to cosponsor [S. 604](#).

**Editor Comments:** Here we go again! The MOAA website has a suggested message to our senators. Please help our supporters to make the case for a vote for S. 604. Neither of our Florida Senators are co-sponsors at this writing. **RJS**



Left: Earl Peck & Larry Fernald

### NOAA, from Pg 3

Over a century later, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service continues the legacy of its ancestor, taking a rational, scientific approach to the difficult, often contentious issues, of living marine resource management, seeking to balance competing public use and enjoyment of these resources, while preserving their biological integrity and sustainable use.



**STUDYING IT ALL: NOAA RESEARCH** In 1882, the *USS Albatross* became the first government research vessel built exclusively for fisheries and oceanographic research. Over the course of three decades, the *Albatross* discovered more new marine species than any other research vessel and launched a future for our research programs and our fleet of research vessels.

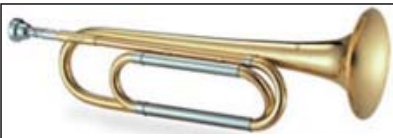
**THE NATION'S SEVENTH SERVICE: THE NOAA CORPS** The smallest of the Nation's seven Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service (PHS) Corps, and NOAA Corps), the Commissioned Officer Corps of the Coast and Geodetic Survey was created in May 1917 following the entry of the U.S. into World War I. Most of the Corps' served in both World War I and World War II, and are transferable to the Department of Defense whenever needed.

Today, NOAA Corps Officers are an integral part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Officers can be found operating one of NOAA's 18 ships or 14 aircraft to provide support to meet NOAA's missions. Duties and areas of operations can range from launching a weather balloon at the South Pole, conducting hydrographic or fishery surveys in Alaska, maintaining buoys in the tropical Pacific, flying snow surveys and into hurricanes.

Serving as a separate Line Office within NOAA – the Office of Marine and Aviation Operations – the NOAA Corps' current authorized strength is approximately 300 officers. The two senior officers in the Corps are the Director, a Rear Admiral (O-8), and the Director of the Marine and Aviation Centers, a Rear Admiral (Lower Half) (O-7). There are no enlisted or warrant grades within the NOAA Corps. The NOAA Corps uses the same rank structure, and similar uniforms as the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.



Ernestine Rembert and Janice Mogan



# TAPS

All doing well as of February 25, 2007

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Business Meetings** are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the  
month 11:30-12:30 at Perkins Restaurant on the NE  
corner of Starkey Rd. & Park Blvd., Seminole.

## CALENDAR

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** Captain Beth Pepper,  
USCG, Deputy Sector Commander

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** Captain Phil Kenul CO,  
NOAA aircraft operations, MacDill AFB.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** Memorial Service and  
MAJ Jay Hebert, USA, Islam and Terrorism.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** CDR Henderson, NOAA  
(Ret)

**July 21<sup>st</sup>, Friday, 11:00** TBA

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** TBA

**Need a ride to lunch?**

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**March 5<sup>th</sup> Monday;**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday;**  
**May 7<sup>th</sup> Monday;**  
**June 4<sup>th</sup> Monday;**  
**July 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday;**  
**August 6<sup>th</sup> Monday.**

## ROWC

**Luncheon** – (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) 11:30, lunch 12:30

- Reservations: LTC Rose Munchbach 397-4146  
Membership: Martha Willis 579-4116.
- **13 MAR. 2007** - Shells, 17855 Gulf Blvd. No. Redington  
Beach. Program: Steve Middents (Music)
- **10 APR 2007** Treasure Island Tennis & Yacht Club 400  
Treasure Island Causeway, Program: Fashion Show by  
Inspirational Elegance of Indian Rocks
- **8 May** at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. PPK, Program:  
Audubon Society Slide Show & the ROWC Installation.
- **Summer recess**-June through September

**Bridge** – (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM  
Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.  
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