



# OFFICERS CALL

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## President's Comments:

At the April luncheon it was a real pleasure to present the Distinguished Member award to Ed Lillich. Congratulations to Ed again. It was well deserved.

Our guest speaker, Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri was extremely informative and interesting. I thought his explanation of how the Pinellas County Sheriff's department differed from city police departments was especially enlightening.



At the April luncheon, you received a handout on our membership picnic planned for 27 April as well as a sign up sheet for what if any dish you are planning to bring I understand the sign up is going well and this should be a great deal of fun and a great opportunity to bring a prospective Chapter member.

Don Freese just returned from storming the hill in Washington. I hope he will tell us at the May luncheon that it was a great success. I caught a brief glimpse of him in the MOAA video taken at the event. If you received that video, it is close to the end and the glimpse is really brief. Thanks to Don and all who participated in this extremely important undertaking.

The May luncheon will be our annual Memorial Service led by Ed Lillich. If you can wear your uniform, please let Ed know. I hope to see everyone there.

## 2013 FCOC Convention

The Military Officers Association of Sarasota Chapter is pleased to serve as the host chapter for the FCOC 2013 Convention, 7 – 9 June 2013. We invite you to come and enjoy our hospitality, cultural treasures, and fantastic dining. Come early and stay longer, the hotel rates will remain at our low Convention rate for 2 days before and 2 days after the event.

We have chosen our theme as Under the Big Top in Sarasota. As you may know Sarasota has been the home of the circus for many years and we have an amazing treasure trove of attractions. Our most prominent is the Ringling Museum, with the Circus Museum's Tibbals Learning Center having the world's largest miniature circus, The Howard Bros. Circus Model. The model is a replica of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus from 1919 to 1938. It was created over a period of more than 50-years by master model builder and philanthropist Howard Tibbals. Plus, the Art collection of circus magnate, John Ringling. In addition to the Ringling, we have the beautiful Selby Botanical Gardens with a myriad of orchids, bromeliads and other beautiful plants. Take a Bay tour on the Sarasota Bay explorer and learn/see various kinds of plant and animal life.

Our hospitality committee will be ready to advise you on many of the other exciting places of interest, including an array of suggestions for restaurants, some offering special promotions for our attendees.

### SARASOTA OFFERS THE BEST OF EVERYTHING!!!!

Early reservations are a tremendous help to your convention planners. The reservation form and schedule of events can be found at <http://www.moaaf.org/Convention/Default.aspx>. More information is also available on line at <http://fcoc2013.blogspot.com> please check out this site.

Hotel reservation for the Hyatt Regency will be made by our reservations committee. Please indicate your wishes on the second page of the reservation form. This allowing the convention committee to make the reservations will save at least 12% off the cost of your room. Let us know if you have any special needs or desires.

Troy Scott and Linda Gould are the Co-Chairs for the convention. Troy can be reached at 941-379-3023 or [entscott@verizon.net](mailto:entscott@verizon.net) and Linda at 941-388-7149, or [llgould@aol.com](mailto:llgould@aol.com). They are happy to answer any questions.

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**Chapter Statistics**

Total Membership - 268  
 Regular Members - 171  
 Auxiliary Members - 97  
 Inactive Members - 5

**Military Services:**

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

4/25/2013

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

## CALENDAR

- May 17<sup>th</sup>**            **Memorial Service, MAJ Ed Lillich**
- June 21<sup>st</sup>**           **MG Karl Horst, US Cent Com**
- July 19<sup>th</sup>**           **Kerrie Witty, Regional VA Director**
- August 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\* Need a ride to the luncheon?  
 Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or  
 LTC Terry Carr 392-6524**

**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.

- May 6<sup>th</sup>**            Monday
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>**           Monday
- July 1<sup>st</sup>**            Monday

## MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

**Luncheons:**

- Next luncheon will be  
     May 14<sup>th</sup>                      Dolphin Beach Resort  
    4900 Gulf Blvd.  
    St. Pete Beach, FL

**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  
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## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

### Monthly Luncheon; 19 April 2013

**Attended – 70:** (72 reservations), 13 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The luncheon meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Thank you to all the members who brought guests to the luncheon today. Johnnie Neville had as her guest her daughter-in-law, Kimberly Neville.

1st Vice President Dick Koch introduced his wife Dale, his son Steve, and Lt. Sean McGillen of the Sheriff's Department and his mother Lynn. Frank Johnson had with him his son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Marsha Johnson, his granddaughter Danielle Johnson and friends Doris Snyder and Kim Scarborough. Terry introduced those seated at the head table with him that included; Chaplain Brown, Dick Koch and our guest speaker Sheriff Bob Gualtieri.

We were pleased to welcome our newest member, Shirley Wildes.

The door prize was won by Earl Peck and the 50/50 was shared by JoAnne Taylor and Earl Peck who donated his winnings to the HOT program.

Anita Harrow read excerpts from letters received from military personnel who recently received some of our HOT boxes. One of the men who wrote is from the St. Petersburg area. Both said that they are very appreciative of the time we take to send these boxes and our generosity. Anita also mentioned the article in the latest Officers Magazine which talked about our Chapter and the HOT program. It is on Page 41 if you missed it. Anita has been sending out HOT boxes for 5 years and we all thank her for her dedication to this program.

Past President Ed Lillich was presented with the St Petersburg Area Chapter Distinguished Member plaque. President Terry told Ed that he wasn't required to dress in uniform to receive the award, but it is worth mentioning that Ed had just returned from presenting the Chapter's certificate and award at Gibbs High School to the JROTC cadet at that school who exhibited the highest potential for military leadership in the current school year. Awards are given each year to cadets at Boca Ciega, Dixie Hollins, Gibbs and Admiral Farragut.

Paulette Carr urged all those present to attend the Picnic at Bay Pines Memorial Park on April 27 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be games and other entertainment and it will be a fun day.

Bill Lofgren invited everyone to the USO show at the Coliseum in St. Petersburg on Friday May 17 from 8:00 P.M. to



Midnight. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance and \$30.00 at the door. It is a 1940's Dance and Show with the G.I. Jive Band. There will be a dance contest with prizes, dance lessons, cash bar and a 50/50 drawing (cash only). No outside beverages or coolers are permitted. For ticketing and other information call 737-938-9683 or e-mail events@usotampabay.org. The coliseum is located at 535 4th Avenue N. St. Petersburg. This looks like a very fun evening and even if you don't dance you can enjoy the show and chat with other members of our Chapter.

Larry Fernald encouraged the Chapter members to attend the 36th Annual Florida MOAA Convention of the Florida Council of Chapters at the Hyatt Regency, Sarasota on June 7th to June 9th. You can get the application from the internet if you didn't pick one up at the luncheon, Guest speaker for the Military Ball will be John H. Tilleli, Jr. Chairman of the Board, MOAA.

Dick Koch thanked every one who greeted the WWII Vets at the Clearwater Airport on the 17th of this month when they returned from the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. To date 623 World War II vets have taken this trip. There will be trips on May 7th and June 4th which will make the total Vets taking advantage of this once in a life time experience at 863. He encourages the members to go out to greet the next groups when they arrive back in Clearwater. Check with him for arrival time if you would like to do this. Dick's phone number is found on page 31 of the directory.

Following lunch Dick Koch introduced Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri who was appointed to the position by the governor in November, 2011. He recently was elected to his first full term as Sheriff during the general election last November. Sheriff Gualtieri joined the Sheriff's Office in 1982 as a Deputy Sheriff in the Detention and Corrections Bureau. Later he became certified as a law enforcement officer and joined the Dunedin Police Department in 1983 and returned to the Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy in 1984. He has a B.A. from Eckerd College and in 2002 he graduated cum laude from the Stetson University College of Law. Sheriff Gualtieri said the Pinellas County Sheriff's office is a constitutional office, and is a stand alone entity which means the Sheriff answers to the residents of the county. He said that the Sheriff's department has a good working relationship with those involved in County administration.

Florida has 67 Counties and 67 Sheriffs. Pinellas County encompasses 24 individual cities of which 13 do not have its own police department, so those cities work with the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Department has three functions. (1) Law Enforcement (2) Operating the Jail and (3) Judicial Operations. The first function involves policing the unincorporated areas of the county and the thirteen cities not having police coverage and cover the areas from Tarpon Springs to Manatee and from the Gulf to Hillsborough County.

The second function comes under the detention and correction bureau. There is a daily population of 3000 inmates year round. The biggest portion of the Sheriff's budget goes toward

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this operation. It costs \$105.00 per day to house an inmate. Sixty Eight percent of the jail population are pre-trial detainees. Medical Care is also a big budget item There is a 242 bed infirmary staffed by medical personnel employed by the Sheriff's office. The third function of the Sheriff's department involves serving papers, writs and evictions, amounting to 100,000 a year, as well as appearances in court. There are 5 court houses and 50 sitting judges which makes this a very busy part of the Sheriff's daily involvement.

Sheriff Gualiteri is pleased to say that the budget has been reduced by 108 million dollars in the past four years without any reduction in the productivity of the Sheriff's Department and there has been a reduction of 12% in the crime rate. After a question and answer period President Carr presented the Sheriff with our traditional gift of glasses. He pointed out that Thank You is written in many different languages representing countries where many of our members have been assigned. Thank you Sheriff Gualiteri for a well presented and interesting program.

### **Executive Committee Meeting 1 April 2013**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1131 hours. The invocation was given by Ed Lillich and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Fifteen members were present to include: Virginia Balke, Bill Bolin, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Pauline Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Dick Koch, Bill Lewis, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Violet Smith and Joanne Taylor.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** Minutes were presented as printed in the Officers Call. Larry Fernald made a correction in the number of Chapter members reported of 291. This number included the Auxiliary spouses. Reportable number to MOAA includes Members and Auxiliary Members only and that total is 260. Hardy Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Larry Fernald. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Fernald reported that the Operating Account has a balance of \$8,502.80. Ed Lillich made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as given, seconded by Hardy Bryan. A full accountability of the report is found elsewhere in the O.C. Larry said that between 225 and 230 Officers Call are printed each month and the cost to print and mail is \$1.50 per copy.

**1st Vice President's Report:** The April 19 luncheon will feature Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri as the guest speaker. The May 17 luncheon is the Memorial Service and presented by Past President Ed Lillich. In June Major General Karl Horst COS, USCENTCOM will be the speaker and Kerrie Witty, Regional Director of the Veterans Administration will present the program for July The September luncheon is the annual POW program and in November we will hear Major General Mike Jones (Ret) who was General Petraeus's Chief of Staff. Jack Harris of WFLA will entertain us at our Holiday luncheon. Dick is making final arrangements for the August and October speak-

ers.

Due to an unexpected emergency and the need to leave the meeting early, Dick Koch asked to reconsider a motion made at the previous meeting. Permission granted. Dick presented a menu and change of venue for the installation dinner in January 2014 and asked the Executive Committee to reconsider part of the original motion. After discussion Larry Fernald made a motion that part of the original motion made in March remains as far as the installation banquet being held at the regular meeting time of our luncheons on the third Friday of January but that the incoming president in conjunction with the installation chairman determine the location of the installation. Ed Lillich seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority.

**2nd Vice President:** Joanne Taylor has been in contact with three prospective members and will have two of them at the April luncheon.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Visitation:** Virginia Balke called and /or sent cards to all those who have been reported to her as sick in the hospital or other care or homebound. Don Freese reported that Victor Wood, a Clearwater Chapter member and former St. Pete Chapter member passed away recently.

**Personal Affairs:** Violet Smith reported the recent death of Lt James St Pierre, USAF, pg 40 of the directory. All deaths are reported in TAPS.

**HOT** Anita Harrow reported that \$335.00 was collected from donations at the March luncheon for the Veterans Homeless Stand Down to be held in April. Five hundred vets are expected to attend the stand down and will be provided with breakfast and lunch as well as snacks given out by vendors. The Vets also will each receive a duffel bag filled with boots, socks, t-shirts and other items. Anita Harrow made a motion to become a partner with the VA next year and that the Chapter again collect cash donations and that the Chapter match the donation up to \$500.00. Larry Fernald seconded the motion. Following discussion Ed Lillich motioned to table the original motion. Hardy Bryan seconded the motion. A vote was taken to table the original motion and the motion did not pass by 5 in favor and 10 against. A vote was called on the original motion and it passed by majority.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**By-Laws/Policy Book:** Bill Lofgren presented his recommendations to changes in the Operations Workbook Worksheets as follows:

To delete the following Committees:

Life Member Emeritus- its duties to be folded into Awards .  
MacDill AFB Liaison .

Memorial -its duties to be added to Personal Affairs.

Personnel to be folded into Travel/Entertainment

Assitant Treasurer Retitle:From Special Project to Scholarship Committee

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# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## Storming the Hill

by Don Freese

Sherry and I joined representatives from all 50 states and Puerto Rico in attending the Military Officers Association of America's (MOAA) annual Council Presidents' Seminar in Alexandria, Va., April 15-18, 2013.



We met with council and chapter leaders for four days, including briefings on key legislative issues and meetings on chapter activities.

The key event was "Storming the Hill" on April 17, when more than 150 MOAA members including state leaders, MOAA national Board of Directors and headquarters staff, visited their congressional representatives, senators and staffers on Capitol Hill to ask them to be skeptical of claims that military personnel and healthcare costs are exploding and unsustainable. MOAA has participated in the annual "Storm the Hill" campaign since 1996 and has been recognized as one of the most effective lobbying organizations in the country.

Florida's three teams called on all 27 Congressman and both Senators. Jim Conner and I called on both Senators and 8 Congressman. We were well received by all but a real surprise was that Senator Nelson stepped out of a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing with Secretary of Defense Hagel and General Dempsey testifying to meet with us for about 10 minutes.

We asked for 5 things: (1) Do not support legislation that would change current law passed in 2003 that ties Military pay increase to the average Civilian pay increase that would reduce the 1.8 % military pay raise to 1.0 % as proposed by DOD. (2) Do not support legislation that would change current law that was just passed last year to raise Tricare Fees more than the COLA increase as proposed by DOD. Support, by co-sponsoring legislation, already introduced in both Houses that would (3) Eliminate the SBP/DIC Offset (Widows Tax), (4) Eliminate VA Disability Offset from Retirement Pay (Concurrent Receipt) and (5) Credit active duty time since 9/11/2011 to reduce the Reserve Retirement age for each 90 days served.

It was a real honor to be part of MOAA's One Powerful Voice and to represent you in Washington.



FCOC President Jim Conner, Past Chapter President and current MOAA National Board Member Don Freese and Senator Bill Nelson



Don Freese, Congressman Joe Garcia and Jim Conner



Jim Conner, Congressman Patrick Murphy and Don Freese



Tony Robertson, Congressman Trey Radel, Don Freese and Jim Conner



Don Freese, Jim Conner and Congressman Steve Sutherland II





Chaplain George Brown giving he invocation



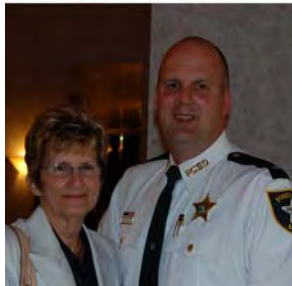
Guest Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri



Sheriff Gualtieri receiving chapter gift from Terry Carr



Terry Carr presenting past president Ed Lillich the Distinguished Member Award



Visitors Lynn Cook and son Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff Sean McGillen



1st VP Dick Koch with son Steve and wife Dale



Roger and Jeanie Popham



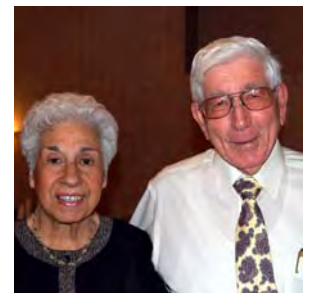
Guest Kimberly Neville Daughter-in-law of Johnnie Neville



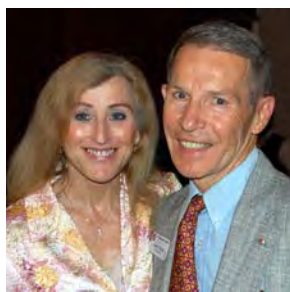
Glen and Katie Crabb and Joanne Taylor



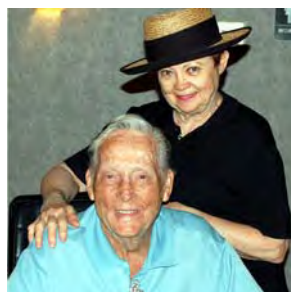
Left, guests of Frank Johnson; Standing L to R Marcia Johnson, daughter-in-law, Danielle Johnson, granddaughter, Doris Snyder, family friend. Seated L to R Stan Johnson, grandson, Kimberly Scarborough, daughter of Doris and Frank.



Isabel and Oz Osborn



Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



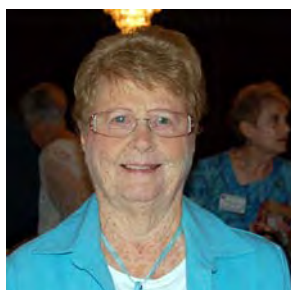
Wil and Bon Johnson



Ane Isley, Barb and Larry Fernald and Anita Harrow



Earl Peck receiving Door Prize from Lynn Bolin



Virginia Balke



Jim Garvey

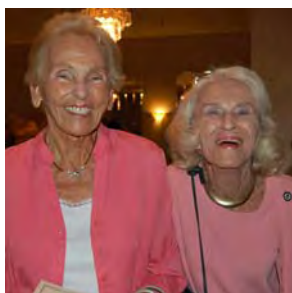


Peter Hermann



Dot Plummer





Evey Hamilton and Joan Landers



Paul and Betty Finley



Secretary Chris Lillich and Past President Ed Lillich



Violet Smith, Bill Lewis and Pauline Edwards



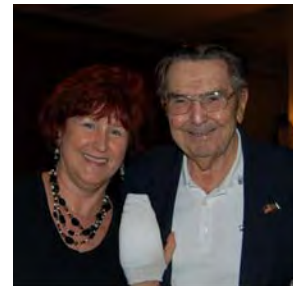
Earl and Margaret Peck



Chaplain George Brown and wife Dorothy



Lynn and Bill Bolin



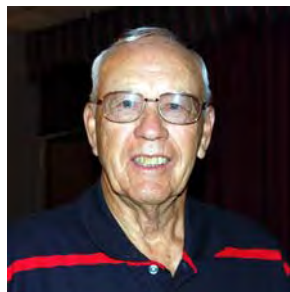
Penny and Bill Eisenhart



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Dick Koch and Cal Imboden



George Stenhjem



H. B. Love



Herb Tondreau



Fran Shivers



Paulette and President Terry Carr



2nd VP Joanne Taylor and Yvonne Hughes

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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Bill Beal



Fred Schlager



Treasurer Pete Dawson and Editor Jim Patton

**Photos by Bill Lofgren**



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Retiree Activities Committee to replace MacDill AFB Liaison

New Worksheets to be added:

Auxiliary Liaison

Bylaws, Policy Book and Operations Workbook

Help Our Troops (HOT)

Military officers Wives Club Liaison

Nominating Committee

TOPS

Don Freese made a motion to accept the recommendation made by Bill Lofgren. Larry Fernald seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority. Bill Lofgren will prepare an updated Operations Workbook to be distributed as needed to new board members.

**Vets of S. Pinellas Parade and Fair:** All spaces are filled in the parade. Don Schmidt, the Events Coordinator, thanked us for our support and our \$250.00 donation. We are asked to support the event by attending.

**Picnic:** To date only twenty five have signed up. Please sign up and invite a potential member. We need games to participate in. Please bring a folding chair as well as food to share. The picnic is April 27.

**Increase in luncheon prices:** An e-mail vote had been taken by the Executive Committee to increase the price of the luncheon due to the rising costs by Banquet Masters. To enforce this a motion was made by Larry Fernald and seconded by Bill Lofgen that we charge \$15.00 per meal for our luncheons at Banquet Masters. The motion passed by majority.

**HOT** Anita said that our Chapter is mentioned in the Officers magazine on Page 41. Thirty boxes went out in March and she and her committee are preparing boxes for the April shipment. One box came back from the March shipment because the base was no longer there. Anita is still looking for names of local men and women deployed abroad.

**Convention:** Don Freese urged everyone to get reservations in for the Sarasota Chapter's Florida MOAA convention. Sherry is seeking silent auction items for the 2014 convention to be held here.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ed Lillich announced that the first JROTC award given by the St. Petersburg Chapter would be awarded on April 11th. President Terry Carr will make this award.

There being no further business Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **HELPWANTED**

Do you want to get involved? We have the following needs;

Master-At-Arms; if interested contact Bill Lofgren for specific duties if this position.

Help with recording and writing minutes of Luncheon and Executive Board Meetings. Need someone to fill in when secretary is absent and possibly fill the position in the future.

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of February

#### **Officers Call Booster**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 59.94
..... Donations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Ads .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (357.98)
..... From Operations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (298.44)
59.94	

#### **HOT Fund**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,493.83
..... Donations .....	\$ 165.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 30.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (843.40)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,724.15

#### **Scholarship Fund**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 893.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 943.00
.00	

#### **Operating Account**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 9,591.48
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 666.00
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.28
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (580.00)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ (46.00)
..... Miscellaneous Expenses .....	\$ (119.40)
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 0.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ (590.00)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 8,923.36

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## Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Barber, Jon, LTC, USA (Ret), (Mary)**  
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- ◆ **Joonsar, Heikki, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), (Inne Lee)** 14032 89th Ave, Seminole, FL, 727-595-8774
- ◆ **Wildes, Shirley, Mrs. AuxMbr-AF,**  
11800 Park Blvd, #501, Seminole, FL, 727-391-8932
- ◆ **Hamilton, Evelyn “Evey”, Mrs., AuxMbr-A,** 11314 80th Ave N, Seminole, FL, 33772, 727-399-1272
- ◆ **Rafferty, John “Jack”, LCDR, USCG (Ret), (Barb)** 1216 S Missouri Ave #207, Clearwater, FL 33756, 518-424-5256
- ◆ **Kruck, John, CDR, USN (Ret) (Vickie),** 12541 Frank Dr S., Seminole FL 33776, 727-517-0557



## TAPS

- ◆ **St. Pierre, James E., Lt, USAF (Ret),** 24 March 2013
- ◆ **Dollahon, Jack, Lt Col, USAF (Ret),** 3 April 2013
- ◆ **Spears, Anse “Ed”, COL, USA (Ret),** 25 April 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

## 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**

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Carr, Terry LTC  
Dawson, Pete Maj  
DeArment, Hal COL  
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Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Finley, Betty Mrs.  
Freese, Don CAPT  
Gloe, Shirley Mrs.  
Harrison, Christa Mrs.  
Harrow, Anita Mrs.  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
Keene, Bernice Mrs.  
Kottich, Chuck COL  
Lee, Bill LCDR  
Lofgren, Bill Col  
Love, H. B. COL  
Milford, John Lt Col  
Misuraca, A. J. 1st Lt

Munchbach, Rose LTC  
Nelson, Landy COL  
Palmer, Stew Col  
Palsha, Robert LTC  
Patton, Jim CWO4  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen  
Sims, Bob Maj  
Smith, Violet Mrs.  
Spears, Thomas 2LT

### ••SILVER –

Green, Richard CWO4  
Lanier, Laurie Maj  
Myers, Asa Mrs.  
Sartorio, Sal, Maj  
Shine, John Col  
Tondreau, Herb CWO4

### ••BRONZE –

Cowardin, Peggy Mrs.  
Johnson, Frank LCDR  
Koch, Dick Lt Col  
Taylor, Joanne MAJ

Member donations ONLY:  
\$ 1,789 as of 4/25/2013

## May Birthdays (67 to 92 years)

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
26	Barton	Ann	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
11	Bax	Giles	COL	USA (Ret)
07	Bolin	William	CDR	USN (Ret)
08	Carr	Terry	LTC	USA (Ret)
29	Coates	Marie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
11	Comeau	Ronald	MAJ	USA (Ret)
04	Conners	Edwin	LT	USN (Ret)
22	Fine	Ellen Marie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
1	Hamilton	Evelyn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
23	Hintze	Claudie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
31	Humphrey	Marguerite	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
08	Landers	Joan	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
04	McDonough	Michael	LtCol	USMC (Ret)
24	Murphy	Robert	COL	USA (Ret)
03	Musselwhite	Charlie	CWO4	USA (Ret)
27	Myers	Ralph	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Pav	Peter	COL	USA (Ret)
31	Peck	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
10	Rafferty	John	LCDR	USCG (Ret)
27	Simmons	Donald	CWO4	USN (Ret)
02	Smith	Violet	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
24	Warren	Judith	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)

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### ••SILVER –

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Patton, Kathi Mrs.

### ••BRONZE –

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Scholarship donations have permitted us to complete our first \$25,000 scholarship, we began a second scholarship at the beginning of 2009 (to be completed by 2014). Each of these scholarships, managed by MOAA, will provide a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest free loan.

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Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Freese, Don CAPT  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
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Lofgren, Bill Col  
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Milford, John Lt Col  
Nelson, Landy COL  
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Peck, Earl Maj Gen

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Shutt, Richard CAPT  
Sims, Bob Maj  
Smith, Violet Mrs.  
Spears, Thomas 2LT

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Gioe, Shirley Mrs.  
Green, Richard CWO4  
Harrow, Anita Mrs.  
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The Captain called the Sergeant in. "Sarge, I just got a telegram that Private Jones' mother died yesterday. Better go tell him and send him in to see me."

So the Sergeant calls for his morning formation and lines up all the troops. "Listen up, men," says the Sergeant. "Johnson, report to the mess hall for KP. Smith, report to Personnel to sign some papers. The rest of you men report to the Motor Pool for maintenance. Oh by the way, Jones, your mother died, report to the commander."

Later that day the Captain called the Sergeant into his office. "Hey, Sarge, that was a pretty cold way to inform Jones his mother died. Couldn't you be a bit more tactful, next time?"

"Yes, sir," answered the Sarge.

A few months later, the Captain called the Sergeant in again with, "Sarge, I just got a telegram that Private McGrath's mother died. You'd better go tell him and send him in to see me. This time be more tactful."

So the Sergeant calls for his morning formation. "Ok, men, fall in and listen up." "Everybody with a mother, take two steps forward." "Not so fast, McGrath!"



## St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA Monthly Luncheon

Friday  
17 May 2013

Banquet Masters  
8100 Park Blvd.  
Pinellas Park, FL

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

Guest Spraker:  
Maj Ed Lillich, USA (Ret)

Subject:  
Memorial Service

Maj Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) will be leading our annual Memorial Service.



Ed served in the Army Infantry for 23 years and retired in 1977. Served tours in Korea, Vietnam (two tours) and Germany (two tours) as well as at major posts in the States. He became an Airborne Ranger at Fort Benning,

GA and became a Special Forces officer at Ft. Bragg, NC where he had been the Deputy Commander of the John F. Kennedy United States Army Center for Military Assistance. He commanded a Special Forces Company for eighteen months. He has been awarded two Bronze Star medals for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces; the Air Medal with "V" device; and three Meritorious Service medals. The Vietnamese Government awarded him the Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star for his service as a District Senior Advisor in Chung Tien Province VN.

After retirement he became the business manager of Admiral Farragut Academy and served in that position for twenty years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and a Master of Science Degree in Counseling and Guidance: and currently acts as a substitute teacher at this Academy.

He commands the Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard which presides at memorial services for veterans and participates in flag presentations and ceremonies to honor our countries Colors.

**Note:** All those who still are able to get into their uniforms are urged to wear them. Ed is looking for anyone interested in serving on the MOAA Honor Guard for this luncheon to come no later than 11:00 to be briefed on their duties. If you would like to do this please wear your uniform and bring cover, and white gloves if you have them.

### MONTHLY LUNCHEON

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- 8: VE Day
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- 17: G.I. Jive at The Coliseum
- 18: Armed Forces Day
- 27: Memorial Day

