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President's Comments:

I have received a number of comments from members that our April luncheon speaker was as good as any we have had. It was a real treat and an emotional one to hear from someone who was on site when the planes hit the towers in New York on 09/11. All of us who have ever experienced combat understand Mike Fineo's question he keeps asking himself as to why his friends' lives were taken and his was spared.



As I announced at the luncheon, our Chapter desperately needs someone to step forward and take Bill and Lynn Bolin's place at the check-in table and to receive reservations for the monthly luncheons, even if on a temporary basis. Please let me or Bill Bolin know if you are willing or have any questions.

I also announced at the April luncheon that I have appointed a committee to make nominations for next year's officers and board members. Ed Lillich has agreed to head the committee and Bill Lofgren and Anita Harrow have agreed to serve. Please let them know if you would be willing to serve your Chapter.

I received and passed on to our Treasurer a check in the amount of \$180.00 from MOAA National for our 2013 Chapter recruit-

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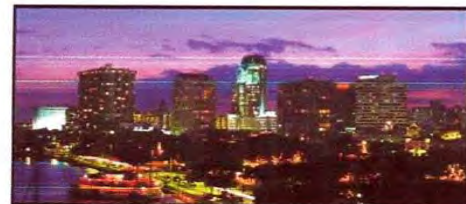


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in
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for the
2014
FCOC Convention
6-8 June 2014**



Should you have any questions about the registration process, or the convention in general contact;

Larry N. Fernald, Lt Col USAF (Ret)

Convention Chair

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727-692-6237

URGENT Help Needed

Lynn and Bill Bolin have been handling the reservations for our monthly luncheons for many years. Effective with the June luncheon they will be unable to continue this necessary job. We desperately need someone to step up and fill this position. If you are interested please contact Bill and he can explain the requirements of the job.



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

CALENDAR

- May 16st** Memorial Service
- June 20th** Lt Col Joyce Nader, C.A.P.
- July 18th** Lt Col Carol Barkalow, Heaven on Earth for Veterans
- August 15th** Brian Boyd, Intelligence Briefing

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

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

- May 5th** Monday
- June 2nd** Monday
- July 7th** Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday May 13th Banquet Masters
 1130 hours 8100 Park Blvd.
 Pinellas Park

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Evelyn Hamilton, 727-399-1272

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

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 247
 Regular Members - 160
 Auxiliary Members - 87
 Inactive Members - 1

Military Services:

Army - 67 USMC - 11
 USAF - 46 USCG - 7
 Navy - 29 NOAA - 0

4/24/2014



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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Monthly Luncheon; 18 April 2014

Attended – 61: (57 reservations), 1 Member Guest, 2 Chapter Guests, 4 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 0 No Shows

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

Seated at the head table were; President Carr, 1st Vice President Glen Crabb, our guest speaker Michael Fineo, Major Scott Macksam, USA (Ret) and Chaplain Brown.



2nd Vice President, Joanne Taylor, introduced our newest member JoAnn Burch and Terry Carr introduced Niki Wilson who is the head of Raymond James Veterans Network. Niki spent seven years in the Navy.

Betty Finley won the door prize and Cal Imboden and Peter Hermann split the 50/50.

Anita Harrow, the HOT lady, thanked Bill Lofgren for going to Wesley Chapel to obtain all kinds of things for the boxes that she sends to the troops, and especially a thank you for the cigars. Anita discovered the trick to sending chocolate was to wrap it in newspaper, so she wrapped all of the chocolate in the comic strips. Not only would they receive non melted chocolate, but a few chuckles.

Scott Macksam, who is on the Board of Trustees of the St Petersburg Museum of History encouraged everyone to visit the American Soldier Exhibit at the Museum. There are 116 poster sized photos of history from combat photographers from the Civil War to the Iraq War. This is the first time the exhibit has been in Florida. The museum made a major renovation to accommodate the exhibit. The exhibit has been in every Presidential library except Nixon's. The museum is located on the Pier approach.

Larry Fernald reported that at the present time we have 130 registered for the convention. More volunteers are needed to help at the convention. Please call Violet Smith if you can help out. The convention is at the Hilton in downtown St Petersburg June 6-8. Sherry Freese had the quilts to be raffled off on display and she announced that she has sold \$1,000 in tickets. The Quilts were made by Ellen Marie Fine. Terry asked everyone to put in an effort to attend the convention. He reminded all those volunteering for the convention to remain after the meeting for a group picture to be put in the souvenir book.

Following lunch Glen Crabb introduced our speaker, Michael Fineo, a former resident of Long Island, New York now lives in Safety Harbor with his wife, Roxane, and their three children. Michael currently works for The Edwards Group in St. Petersburg and is on the Vestry of The Church of The Holy Spirit in Safety Harbor. Michael worked on Wall Street with offices in

The World Trade Center.

Michael began his speech with "Why me?". "Why me?" is a question often posed to God by people forced to endure hardships. But Michael said he asked the question because he survived the catastrophe while others perished. It was a typical beautiful day when, at 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the first tower, knocking him out of his chair. A fireball hit the lobby and exploded. They were fortunate to not lose lights and phones, however. The second explosion made the building unsteady and he and his colleagues gathered wet napkins and began the process of walking down the stairs from the 25th floor to street level. At the 16th floor they found another, not commonly known, stairwell at the same time the second tower was hit. It was at that point that they realized what was happening. At the 12th floor they heard an order to get off the stairs and after allowing the fire department to go up the stair, Michael and his group descended the rest of the way down. When they reached the mezzanine they saw the daylight and were met by police and other emergency personnel who escorted them out of the Trade Center. What they saw was unstable buildings, windows blown out and utter chaos, and dust. His mind couldn't believe what his eyes were seeing. People were jumping out of the building, looking out the windows and running in the streets. Michael proceeded down the promenade toward the Hudson River headed for the pier. Michael's main concern was to get off Manhattan as quickly as possible so he boarded a ferry to New Jersey. It was hours after the towers went down that he could speak with his wife, Roxane. The next day he found a ride home. It was an emotional homecoming and he was overcome with joy and thanked God and saw every aspect of his life as a precious treasure. He drove to church the next day to attend mass and all emotions poured out. Guilt — he was reunited with family, but others didn't have that privilege. "Why me?" What makes me so special. Life gradually got back to normal. Michael lives with this experience everyday of his life. He has invisible wounds that never heal. He feels he is speaking for people who didn't survive and said it is an honor to share his story with us. He closed saying "To all heroes today, before and since 9/11, thank you so much for your courage in protecting your family and nation."

To Michael we say thank you for sharing your story with us. It was an honor to have you share it with us.

After a resounding applause to Michael, President Carr presented him with the traditional gift and invited anyone who had questions to talk with Michael after the meeting.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

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**Discover The Benefits Of Life
 Membership In MOAA.**



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ing program. It is now time to focus on our 2014 recruiting program. Let us all work to make it our best recruiting year ever.

The FCOC Convention continues to draw ever closer and our work continues to make it the best ever. Please continue and encourage MOAA members you know to attend. I am confident it will be a great success

We will have our annual Memorial Service at our May luncheon meeting, led by Ed Lillich. If you can wear a uniform, please let Ed know. I hope to see everyone there.

Executive Committee Meeting 7 April 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1140 hours. Bill Lofgren gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was repeated. Fourteen members were present to include Bill Bolin, Terry Carr, Glen Crabb, Pauline Edwards, Larry Fernald, Sherry Freese, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Ozzie Osborn, Robert Palsha, Roger Popham, Violet Smith and Joanne Taylor.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Larry Fernald to accept the minutes as published in the Officers Call. Bill Lofgren seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the operating account is \$5,196.87. A full accountability of all accounts can be found elsewhere in the O.C. The report was approved by the President, subject to audit.

1st Vice President's Report: Glenn Crabb said the program for May will be the annual Memorial Service to honor our Chapter members who have passed away since last May. Lt. Col. Joyce Nader of the Civil Air Patrol will be the speaker in June. Glenn has a tentative speaker for the July luncheon and Brian Boyd will give an Intelligence briefing in August. September will be the POW/MIA awareness luncheon and the speaker is to be determined, and the Proclamations will be read and the POW table will be on display.

2nd Vice President: JoAnne Taylor has been speaking with several who are interested in joining our Chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith reported that Fran Shivers is at Bon Secours Manor. If anyone would like, they may send a card to her there.

HOT: Anita is sending the Easter boxes to the troops. She sent two boxes to forward units which contained toiletries and extras. Items needed are tooth paste, tooth brushes and up-to-date magazines such as "Men's Health".

Publicity: Pauline Edwards sent 12 news releases locally and 43 news releases to out of town newspapers regarding the upcoming convention.

JROTC: Ed Lillich sent in his report that all medals and cer-

tificates have been delivered to Boca Ciega, Gibbs, Dixie Hollins and Admiral Farragut Academy in preparation of their awards ceremonies.

Convention 2014: Larry Fernald reported that he has received \$11,415 income which includes advertising and registration fees. He estimates that expenses for the souvenir book will run between \$3100 and \$3650 depending on the final number of pages. The pages in the entire book will be glossy. Larry received a letter from Sandra Bradbury, Mayor of Pinellas Park, to be included in the book. A motion was made by Larry Fernald that the Chapter pay for a full page ad for the HOT program. Anita Harrow seconded the motion and the motion carried. Larry said Barry Wright and MOAA Travel will hold seminars at the convention. Violet Smith is in need of more volunteers and if you are interested in being a volunteer for the convention please give her a call. There will be a convention committee meeting immediately following the April luncheon. A group picture will be taken of all current volunteers and all are asked to wear the blue convention shirt.

There being no further business, Bill Lofgren gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned. The next Executive Committee meeting will be May 5.

Re-enroll in TRICARE Prime

More than 170,000 TRICARE Prime beneficiaries were forced out of Prime and into TRICARE Standard on October 1, 2013 as a result of changes made in the most recent round of TRICARE contracts.

The contracts reduced Prime Service Areas to within 40 miles of a military hospital, clinic, or base closure site.

The FY 2014 Defense Authorization Act grandfathered many of those affected by the reduction in Prime Service Areas. Specifically, it offered coverage to former Prime beneficiaries if they:

Live in a ZIP code that was a Prime Service Area as of Sept. 30, 2013; and

Live within 100 miles of a military medical treatment facility

Roughly 76,000 beneficiaries meet the requirements to be "grandfathered" into TRICARE Prime and are eligible to re-enroll if they choose.

TRICARE officials announced the long awaited re-enrollment procedures this week.

On April 28, TRICARE will mail instructions to affected beneficiaries. They have until June 30th to re-enroll in the program.

To re-enroll, the beneficiary must submit an enrollment form, waive the drive time standards, and choose a Primary Care Manager (PCM) inside an existing Prime Service Area. The TRICARE contractors in your region will help you find an available PCM. Enrollment forms will be available at www.tricare.mil/forms/.

Eligible beneficiaries will be re-enrolled retroactively effective October 1, 2013, and are responsible for paying enrollment fees. Any claims processed during the retroactive period will be re-processed as TRICARE Prime claims.



MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Who'll Provide Care When Military Caregivers Can't?



Many of the nation's "hidden heroes" are parents in their 50s and 60s.

By Richard Harris | April 14, 2014

America's 5.5 million military caregivers — called "hidden heroes" in a recent Rand Corporation study — are toiling and sacrificing under the radar. More than a million of them (spouses, parents and friends) care for the post-9/11 wounded warriors, who are often young and unmarried.

But what happens if you've survived serious injuries in Iraq or Afghanistan only to require a lifetime of medical and family care — perhaps due to a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) — and your primary caregiver is a boomer parent who may be starting to slow down?

Steven Schulz, a Marine Corps Corporal, sustained serious wounds and lost 90 percent of his frontal lobe following a roadside bombing near Fallujah in 2005, his second deployment in Iraq. "When he was injured I was 49 and thought I'd have lots of time," says his mother Debbie, of Friendswood, Texas. "I'm 58 now and the ticking of the march of time gets a little louder each decade. That is the elephant in the room: What happens when I'm gone?"

She's among a group of military caregivers, known as Elizabeth Dole Foundation fellows, who flew to Washington this month to lobby Congress for legislation to provide more support to these types of remarkable men and women. (That foundation's mission is to care for military families.)

These caregivers also attended last Friday's White House announcement on new government and private efforts to assist military caregivers in several ways, such as:

- Peer-to-peer support forums offered by the Department of Defense at every military installation around the world to serve wounded warriors and their caregivers
- A new website to provide free legal, financial and social resources
- An online guide helping caregivers with contingency planning and decision making
- Expanded training for caregivers through Easter Seals
- A pilot initiative by the Chamber of Commerce, called Hiring Our Heroes, to help caregivers find work.

Compared to other Washington events I've attended as a journalist for NPR and ABC over the years, this gathering in the East Room looked a little different.

There was the bipartisan group of leaders from business and nonprofits who'd signed on.

But most striking was the star power on stage, all women, calling for the country to recognize and get behind the nation's military caregivers: Two First Ladies (Michelle Obama and Rosalynn Carter); a Second Lady and military mom, Jill Biden and former Senator Elizabeth Dole, whose eyes were first opened to the challenge of military caregiving when her husband, former Senator Majority Leader Bob Dole, returned from World War II and spent nearly a year at Walter Reed with severe injuries.

Michelle Obama and Jill Biden launched the Joining Forces initiative three years ago this month to help bridge the gap between the civilian and military communities.

Mrs. Obama candidly described the enormous sacrifices made by military caregivers this way: "They report more strains on their relationships at work and at home than non-caregivers. Often their own health suffers, and they are at higher risk for depression. And there are financial consequences, too. Military caregivers wind up missing as many as three or four days of work a month — that's if they have a job or can keep a job. So that means lost income as well."

As she listened to the First Lady, Jenny Jeffery, 50, from Harrison Ohio, broke down in tears, all too aware of these effects.

Jeffery, also a Dole fellow, was forced to leave her job after her husband, Mark — a former contractor in Taji, Iraq — twice set the house on fire, first forgetting which buttons to push on the microwave and later, not remembering he had left something on the stove.

After surviving an electrocution during an accident in Iraq, Mark was left with no short-term memory. He suffers from TBI and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from his previous military service there.

Like Schulz, Jeffery worries about what will happen when she's not around. "I'm 50 and Mark is 53. With his health issues, I will probably outlive him, at least that's what I hope because I don't know what to do for him if I'm not here. That's a heavy burden to put on my daughter," she says.

The physical and emotional toll on caregivers sometimes prompts what's known as a "secondary PTSD."

Jeffery says she's been the recipient of black eyes and bruises from her husband, who is prone to flashbacks and nightmares. So she is grateful that Mark's service dog, a Golden Retriever/Yellow Lab mix has developed a unique skill. "When Mark has nightmares, the dog will get on top of him in bed and start licking him. This will wake Mark and calm him down," notes Jeffery.

Perhaps the most high-profile attention ever given to military caregivers came at the end of President Obama's State of the Union address in January. That's when he told the story of

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Chaplain George Brown delivering the Invocation



Guest speaker Michael Fineo



Guest speaker Michael Fineo receiving chapter gift from Terry Carr



Visitor Scott Macksam from the St. Petersburg History Museum



New member JoAnn Burch and 1st VP Joanne Taylor



Cal Imboden receiving 50/50 winnings from Bill Lewis



Lynn Bolin presenting Door Prize winnings to Betty Finley



Guest Niki Wilson



Katie and 1st VP Glen Crabb



Convention chairs Larry and Barb Fernald



Peter Hermann and H.B. Love



Vicky and Bob Reed



Anne Isley, Bill and Margaret Lewis



Jim and Barbara King



Margaret Peck, Anita Harrow and Chris Lillich



Sherry Freese with the convention quilts. Have you purchased your raffle tickets yet?



Kathi and Jim Patton

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: LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com





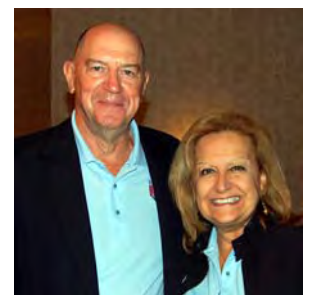
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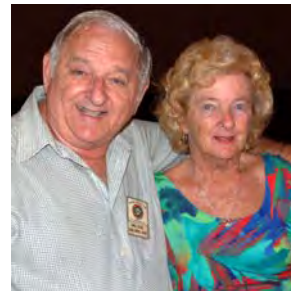
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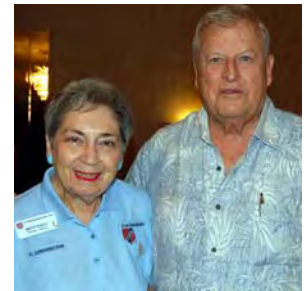
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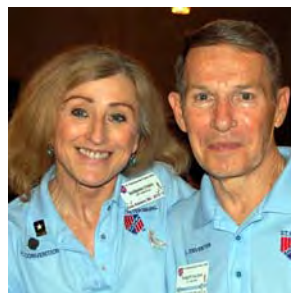
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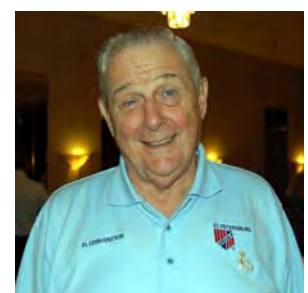
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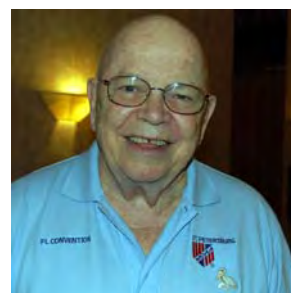
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Bill and Ginni Eicholz



Ellen, the quilt lady, and Ken Fine



Bill Lee



Robert Palsha and Ed Lillich



Our happy reservationists Bill and Lynn Bolin, they will not be able to continue this job starting in June, so we desperately need replacements for this important job.



George Stenehjerm



Jeanie and Roger Popham



Violet Smith

Photos by Bill Lofgren



THE HAT

I have a Vietnam veteran hat. Yesterday, I wore it when I went to Walmart. There was nothing in particular that I needed at the world's largest retailer but, since I retired, trips to Wally World to look at the Walmartians is always good for some comic relief. Besides, I always feel pretty normal after seeing some of the people that frequent the establishment.

But, enough of my psychological fixes.

While standing in line to check out, the guy in front of me, probably in his early twenties, asked, "Are you a Vietnam Vet?". "No" I replied. "Then why are you wearing that hat?" "Because I couldn't find my hat from the War of 1812." I thought it was a snappy retort. "The War of 1812 huh." the Walmartian queried, "When was that?". God forgive but, I couldn't pass up such an opportunity! "1936." He pondered my response for a moment and responded, "Why do they call it the War of 1812 if it was in 1936?" "It was a Black Op. No one is supposed to know about it." This was beginning to be way too much fun. "Dude! Really!" he exclaimed. "How did you get to do something that COOOOL?" I glanced furtively around me for effect, leaned toward the guy and in a low voice said, "I'm not sure, I was the only Caucasian on the mission." "Dude!," he was really getting excited about what he was hearing. "That is seriously awesome! But, didn't you kind of stand out?". "Not really, the other guys were wearing white camouflage." The moron nodded knowingly. "Listen man," I said in a very serious tone, "You can't tell anyone about this. It's still Top Secret and I shouldn't have said anything." "Oh yeah," he gave me the "don't threaten me look." "Like, what's gonna happen if I do?". With a really hard look I said, "You have a family don't you? We wouldn't want anything to happen to them would we?". The guy gulped, left his basket where it was and fled through the door.

By this time the lady behind me was about to have a heart attack she was laughing so hard. I just grinned at her. After checking out and going to the parking lot I saw dimwit leaning in a car window talking to a young woman. Upon catching sight of me he started pointing excitedly in my direction. Giving him another 'deadly' serious look, I made the "I see you" gesture. He turned kind of pale, jumped in the car and sped out of the parking lot.

What a great time! Tomorrow I'm going back with a Homeland Security hat.

Whoever said retirement is boring just needs the right kind of hat.

Care Givers from Pg 4

Sgt. First Class Cory Remsburg, the Army Ranger nearly killed by a massive roadside bomb during his 10th deployment to Afghanistan.

During the speech, Cory sat between the First Lady and his dad/caregiver, Craig, who helped his son stand to offer a "thumbs up" to an emotional, bipartisan standing ovation.

"Cory's story is the model," Mrs. Obama told the caregivers at the White House last week, mentioning family, friends, charities and employers who had joined with Craig and his wife, Annie, to help Cory on his long road back.

Annie Remsburg ultimately quit her Kelly Services job to help Cory with his physical therapy full-time, though she is now back with the flexibility to leave to care for Cory when necessary. Craig has received time off from his employer, Telgian, a provider of safety and security services. Cory lives in a specially-equipped home near them.

Sadly, however, even models have setbacks. Not long after the First Lady's remarks, Cory was in the ER in Arizona. "He was thinking he could move from point A to point B, fell and hit his head," his father told me. "Someone with TBI can't do that too many times."

Craig Remsburg is 58; Annie is 63. "Probably every week, we talk about what will happen to Cory [when we're not here], Craig says. "Cory yearns for independence, but for the foreseeable future, he's going to need 24/7 care and will need help downstream."

That story is repeated countless times in homes across America.

And at the White House event, with the military caregiving fellows looking on, the First Lady did something publicly that few in Washington ever do: she urged them to "hold our feet to the fire, give us feedback, criticize us, poke us."

Debbie Schulz, says the plea will be respected. "You can bet we will do that. Caregivers will keep prodding and poking because we've learned through advocacy, you can really help your cause," says Schulz. "I'm a squeaky wheel, I'm a real advocate. I'm not afraid to call Washington."

Sandwich generation issues only add to the burdens of many boomer military caregivers. Aside from their wounded warrior children, aging parents and ill spouses demand their attention.

"I don't think the civilian part of the country understands what military caregivers go through," says Jenny Jeffery. "I hope we can bridge that gap."

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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.





TAPS

- ◆ Hoover, Richard, Capt, USAF (Fmr), 3/9/2014
- ◆ Andrews, Carroll T., Lt Col, USAF (Ret), 4/14/2014

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
- ◆ COL Frederick Terry, USA (Ret)
- ◆ CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)
- ◆ BG Paul Smith, USA (Ret)
- ◆ Capt Frances Shivers, USAFR (Fmr)

May Birthdays (62 to 90 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
11	Bax	Giles	COL	USA (Ret)
07	Bolin	William	CDR	USNR (Ret)
08	Carr	Terry	LTC	USA (Ret)
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
11	Langston	Gregory	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
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)

Financial Report Summary for the Month of March

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,338.76
.... Donations	\$ 272.00
.... 50/50	\$ 48.00
.... Memorials	\$ 30.00
.... Expenses	\$ (579.91)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 3,108.85

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 850.00
.... Donations	\$ 250.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,100.00
0.00	

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 5,669.95
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 943.00
.... Dues	\$ 0.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 480.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 0.86
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (792.00)
.... Honotia/donations	\$ (100.00)
.... Post Office	\$ (29.40)
.... Other Organizations	\$ (61.25)
.... Installation Expense	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT	\$ (30.00)
.... Printing/mailling	\$ (548.77)
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (335.52)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,196.87



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ Mrs Lois Layton, AuxMbr-N, 5228 Denver St NE, St Petersburg, FL, 33702, 727-528-9596
- ◆ Mrs. Carol Hoover, AuxMbr-AF, 1 Marina Terrace, Treasure Island, FL 33706, 727-360-6240
- ◆ Capt Paul “Buck” Williams, USAFR (Ret), 5687 MLK Street So., St Petersburg, FL, 33705, 727-864-3483
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The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation calling on: people to observe National Maritime Day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes or other suitable places; and government officials to display the flag on all government buildings on National Maritime Day.

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St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA Monthly Luncheon

Friday
16 May 2014

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 Speaker:
Maj Ed Lillich, USA (Ret)
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 Chief Of Staff 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.

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- 6: Nurses Day
- 9: Military Spouses Day
- 11: Mother's Day
- 17: Armed Forces Day
- 17: Operation Helping Hand Dinner, Tampa
- 22: National Maritime Day
- 26: Memorial Day

