

# Officers Call

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## President's Comments

I missed the April meeting but reports are that our guest speaker, St Petersburg Police Chief Anthony Holloway, was lively and informative. Many thanks to Chief Holloway for updating our membership on the state of law enforcement in St Petersburg.



While I was away, I had the opportunity to see again, first hand, how the military takes care of its own as our youngest daughter, married to an Air Force Officer, underwent surgery for stage 3 breast cancer. The medical team at the Travis AFB Hospital is efficient and professional. It is when facing situations like this that I am reminded that the military health care system is under frequent attacks by Congress to reduce costs and that MOAA remains a loud and strong voice against such cuts. When our 390,000 members speak, Congress listens. We don't always get exactly what we want from congress but the state congressional delegations will always know how MOAA stands thanks to the actions of MOAA Councils and Chapters. The April Issue of Military Officers Magazine lays out in detail the proposed TRICARE budget proposals that will increase user costs.

Please take a minute to think of who you know that would like to join our chapter for an upcoming meeting—sometimes all it takes is an invitation. We are always looking for good ideas for future guest speakers so if you have a suggestion please call Bill Eichholz at 727-347-9538.

The next Chapter meeting, on 20 May, will be our annual Memorial Service and we look forward to a good attendance. Many of us will wear our uniforms as a tribute to our fallen chapter members and spouses.

For our snowbird members we thank you for your continued support and hope your travels are safe. Stay in touch and we will see again soon.

Our Chapter is very fortunate to have an award winning newsletter and comprehensive annual Directory and member database. CWO4 Jim Patton and Lt Col Larry Fernald have for years made this happen and we applaud their dedication. Both Jim and Larry have requested that our Chapter find a member or spouse who could assume these responsibilities. They both will assist with the transition/training and of course will be no more than a phone call away. Call Jim at 727-642-7005 or Larry at 727-692-6237 for more information

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**Luncheon Meetings** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday — mixer 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15; Pasadena Yacht Club, Gulfport

**Luncheon Calendar**

- May 20th ..... Memorial Service
- June 17th ..... Susan A. MacManus, PhD, USF Professor
- July 15th
- August 19th

**Need a ride to the luncheon?**

Call COL Roger Popham, 498-6860

**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.

**Business Meeting Calendar**

- May 2nd ..... Monday
- June 6th ..... Monday
- July 5th ..... Tuesday

**MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB**

**Luncheons:**

**Next luncheon will be:** Tuesday, 10 May, 11:30 at Pasadena Yacht Club

**Luncheon Reservations:**

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146

**Membership Info:**

Fran Chancey 251-9653

**Bridge:** 3rd Tuesday of each month, 10:30 AM

Reservations or information: Evelyn Hamilton, 727-399-1272

**Chapter Statistics**

- Total Membership ..... 206
- Regular Members ..... 138
- Auxiliary Members ..... 43
- AuxMbr-Spouse ..... 25
- Inactive Members ..... 0

**Military Services:**

- Army ..... 61
- USAF ..... 34
- Navy ..... 26
- USMC ..... 7
- USCG ..... 8
- NOAA ..... 0

As of 24 April 16



## Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**

### Monthly Luncheon; 15 April 2016

**Attended:** 46 (45 reservations); 1 chapter guest; 4 walk-ins; 4 canceled

Luncheon was called to order by VP Bill Eichholz.

Invocation was led by Chaplain George Brown.

Pledge of allegiance led by Bill Eichholz.

New visitors were a lovely couple, John and Pat Strucken.

Hope to see them again next month.

HOEV received four baskets from HOT program. Thank you to folks who brought supplies. Remember you can bring food and cleaning supplies to any of our luncheons for HOEV.

Ed Lillich gave report on JROTC at Gibbs, Dixie Hollins, Boca Ciega and Admiral Farragut. Ed also briefed the group that Memorial service will take place for May 2016 luncheon in lieu of a guest speaker.

Fred Olsen spoke briefly on Honor flights with next Flight on 26 April. He also stated that flights are now available to Korean and Vietnam war veterans.

After a delicious lunch, St Petersburg's Police Chief since 2014, Anthony Holloway, served as our guest speaker. Chief Holloway began his career in policing with the Clearwater police department in 1985 and retired there in 2007 as Patrol Commander. He then accepted the position as Chief of Police, Summerville, MA in 2007. He rejoined the Clearwater police department as Chief in 2010 and was subsequently selected for his current post. Chief Holloway spoke on the state of policing in ST. Petersburg. The police department consists of 550 police officers and a total of 750 employees in a city population of 250,000 citizens. Also, approximately 25% of the force will retire within the next two years! The Chief has initiated a program for patrolmen to park, walk and talk in their zones of responsibility. Further, overall, the city crime rate is down 14%. Biggest issue in the community is property crime. Seventy to 80% is due to people leaving their cars unlocked, many with the keys left in the car. Approximately 155 guns stolen are the result of being left in cars. Home break-ins occur mostly in the Spring and Fall as snow birds travel. Chief stated that the Juvenile justice system is broken and that approximately 2% of juveniles are responsible for most of the current crimes. Chief Holloway's briefing was both entertaining, informative and he is a "straight shooter."

COL George Brown gave the benediction and Bill Eichholz adjourned the gathering.



### MOAA Executive Committee Meeting Perkins Restaurant, St. Petersburg, FL Monday, April 4, 2016

Recorded by Jean Popham

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by President Roger Popham. The Invocation was led by Chaplain Col. George Brown and the attendees together, pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### MINUTES

Larry Fernald motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting as recorded in *Officers Call*. The motion was seconded by Pete Gunderson and the minutes were accepted as written.

#### FIRST VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Bill Eichholz

Bill gave an overview of the next few months' upcoming scheduled speakers for the MOAA general meeting as follows:

April: Chief Anthony Holloway, St. Petersburg Police Department

May: Ed Lillich, To Conduct Memorial Service

June: Susan A. MacManus, PhD, Professor at USF, Department of Government and International Affairs

July: Work is in progress but not yet established

If anyone has "speaker" ideas to offer pertaining to the relevancy of our mission, please contact Roger Popham (941-780-0313) or Bill Eichholz (727-347-9538).

#### SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT – Pauline Edwards

Pauline reported one new member since last month, others in process. There were two "no-shows" for the last MOAA meeting and they did pay for the meal they had reserved. The news release is out and revisions have been made pertaining to the wording as suggested by President Popham.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald gave an overview of the Treasurer's Report. After discussion, a motion was made by Glen Crabb to accept the report as submitted, seconded by Ed Lillich, accepted; the report will be filed with these minutes. Discussion included:

This report does not reflect the "Officer's Call" printing cost. "No shows" will be required to pay for their reserved meals. Free lunch will no longer be offered. Chapter will assume the cost of the Speaker's meal. Heaven on Earth for Veterans (HOEV) payment for storage costs came from the HOT fund.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Legislative Liaison Plan for Our Chapter –

Bill Eichholz, Chapter liaison, will contact the Legislative Affairs Chairman of both Clearwater and Tampa Chapters to determine feasibility of having a joint plan. Bill and Ed Lillich will work together with Congressman Jolly.

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#### **Discussion and vote for future luncheon location:**

President Popham presented an overview of his research for consideration of other Chapter meeting locations, which were many. For each one, he presented issues regarding parking, cost, and the facility. After discussion within the Executive Committee, Ed Lillich made a motion to “*stay where we are,*” indefinitely. The question was then posed, “*do we need a general membership vote?*” It was determined this was an Executive decision.

Roger stated that the parking issue was resolved at Pasadena Club and the elevator in the back, along with convenient parking, is accessible for handicapped members to have easy access. The lunch price is \$22.00, all inclusive.

Evey Hamilton seconded the motion. There was a vote among those present to continue our meeting at the Pasadena Club, or go to the Bayou Club. The count was 9 to 5, respectively. The motion carried. We will continue to meet at the Pasadena Club.

#### **Welcome baskets for Heaven on Earth for Veterans (HOEV)**

##### **Fran Chancey**

Fran reported that the four baskets sponsored by MOAA and Grace Bible Church were completed. She had been given a budget of \$200, got toiletries and laundry supplies and a “welcome home” card for each basket, and had \$4.20 left over which she returned to the treasury. Grace Bible Church supplied grocery items for the baskets. Roger assumed responsibility to deliver the baskets to Sheila so she could give them to new veterans as they arrive at HOEV. Discussion included: saving funds by making our own cards. Violet suggested that we could get MOWC volunteers involved in that project; to deliver the baskets to new HOEV residents. There is a new effort to get more volunteers involved in our Club. Discussion pertaining to how safe it would be for female volunteers to deliver the baskets was addressed. Follow-up is necessary with Carol/Sheila before females will deliver.

##### **Recruiting**

The Executive Committee is open to any new ideas or past things that have worked to bring in new members to the St. Petersburg Chapter of MOAA. Calling and emailing prospective Chapter members will commence as soon as we receive the list from MOAA.

#### **Florida Council of Chapters Annual Conference – May 13-15, 2016, Lakeland, FL**

The Hampton Inn is quickly filling and reservations need to be made as soon as possible. Call the hotel directly at 863-603-7600 and ask for Mary Babylon. A block of rooms have been reserved. It was noted that this is to be an informal meeting; no coats and ties and Saturday night will be a 40s/50s/60s theme.

#### **Officer's Call Newsletter Editor and Database Manager positions available**

Jim Patton and Larry Fernald, respectively, have maintained these positions for a number of years. They have both done an exceptional job and we owe them a debt of gratitude. They have both requested replacements for their positions.

How do we move forward? After a lengthy discussion about software ability for the Database position, Pete Gunderson said he would research it and see if he can help there. Fran Chancey said it would be very easy for her to work on the *Officers Call* if it becomes absolutely necessary. Jim Patton is most concerned about the August newsletter as he will be away at the time of the deadline. Upon Roger's request, Larry will send a list of names of those who joined MOAA last year with a copy to Pete Gunderson.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **HOEV House Dedication – April 9, 2016**

Roger reported that a Heaven on Earth for Veterans house dedication will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. Congressman Jolly and other dignitaries are scheduled to be there. The address is: 1675 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL.

Ed Lillich reported JROTC awards will be presented in the near future. Admiral Farragut will receive theirs on May 3.

Pearl Harbor Day ceremony is the St. Petersburg MOAA Chapter responsibility this year. Roger will be coordinating the effort with the Clearwater MOWW Chapter.

There being no further business, the benediction was offered by Chaplain George Brown and the meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

#### **Heaven on Earth for Veterans Fund Raiser**

As you know, our Chapter voted to support Heaven on Earth for Veterans (HOEV), which is a non-profit organization founded by some of our Chapter members to provide low cost housing to veterans in need. HOEV will be hosting a fundraiser on May 11th from 6-9 PM at Simpatico Wines at 722 Pasadena Ave South. Entrance is \$15 per person at the door. There will be some great silent auction items, raffle and 50/50 prizes, wine by the glass, Hor d'Ourves, and a lot of fun. Come out and help support this very worthy cause. Hope to see you there.





# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other

## Panel Rejects Pay, Force Cuts



On April 20, the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee approved its version of the FY 2017 defense authorization bill (H.R. 4909).

The Subcommittee's mark differs significantly from DoD's FY 2017 defense budget proposal, and provides some early optimism on the 2017 pay raise and commissary issues.

Here's how the bill addresses several issues of MOAA interest:

- **Force Levels:** increases force levels above the DoD budget request by 20,000 for the Army; 15,000 for Army National Guard; 10,000 for Army Reserve; 4,000 for the Air Force; and 3,000 for the Marine Corps. Approves the DoD request to reduce Navy forces by 6,300.
- **Active Duty Pay Raise:** rejects the administration's proposal to cap the 2017 pay raise at 1.6 percent, and instead would provide servicemembers the same 2.1 percent pay raise experienced by the average American (as measured by the Employment Cost Index).
- **Commissary:** allows DoD to implement variable pricing strategies and "house brand" products at commissaries nationwide, but specifies current patron savings and satisfaction must be maintained, benchmarks for those measures must be established, and quarterly reports must be provided to track progress. MOAA appreciates the Subcommittee's extra efforts to preserve benefit value for patrons while pursuing system efficiencies.
- **Military Retirement:** adopts a DoD proposal for flexibility in paying a continuation bonus between eight and 12 years of service for members under the new blended retirement system (taking effect in 2018), but does not include other DoD proposals to delay the onset of government Thrift Savings Plan matching until five years of service, increase the maximum government match, and extend matching beyond 26 years of service.
- **Uniform Code of Military Justice:** adopts a long list of changes, including establishing new offenses involving use of government computers and credit card fraud, extending the statute of limitations for child

abuse, and improving transparency of court records.

- **Impact Aid:** provides \$30 million in assistance for local schools serving significant numbers of military children.

The Subcommittee bill did not address military health care or extension of authority to pay a Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) to survivors affected by the military "widows tax." Subcommittee Chair Rep. Joe Heck (R-Nev.) said both of those issues would be addressed next week during action on the bill by the full Armed Services Committee.

The full committee is set to take up the defense bill next Wednesday, April 27, and action by the Senate Armed Services Committee is scheduled to begin May 10.

## Time to End the Military "Widows Tax"

By Col. Steve Strobbridge, USAF (Ret)  
Director, Government Relations

No servicemember, active or retired, likes to contemplate their possible death.

But those with families do exactly that to shield their loved ones from the financial consequences of losing the head of household.

The significant majority of retiring members purchase the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) to provide their surviving spouse 55 percent of retired pay.

But what if the servicemember dies of a service-caused condition? Shouldn't the spouse get something extra in that circumstance?

In theory, they do, because the VA provides Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) — currently a little over \$15,000 a year — in such cases.

But there's a catch: If the deceased servicemember had SBP coverage, the law requires DIC to be deducted from it.

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That's right -- the SBP the retiree purchased gets cut by up to

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

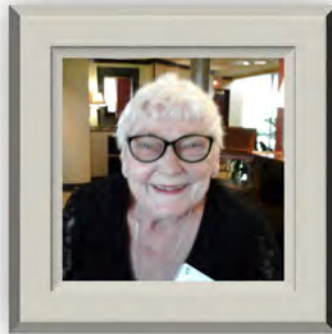
To keep up to date with current legislation and receive action notices from MOAA, log in to the following MOAA website:

<http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>





New member, Tom Shoupe



Fran Shivers



Stan and Ellen Beach



Bill and Ginni Eichholz



Ed and Chris Lillich



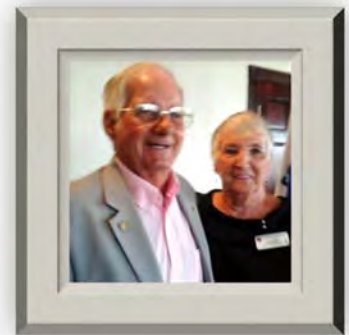
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While Bill Lofgren is recovering , photos were taken by Jean Popham



Fred Olsen, George Stenehjelm, and Peter Hermann

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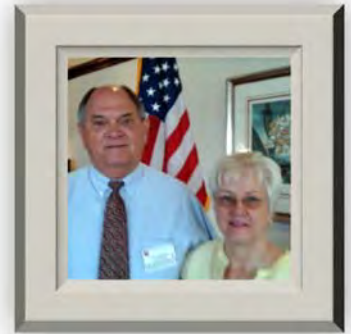
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Larry and Barb Fernald

Right: Pauline Edwards, Rose Munchbach, and Pete Gunderson



While Bill Lofgren is recovering , photos were taken by Jean Popham

**Photos**

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please email him at: [papabill77@outlook.com](mailto:papabill77@outlook.com)





## Memorial Day Remembrances, Salutes, and Activities in the Tampa Bay Area

(From [www.tampabay.com](http://www.tampabay.com))

### Let Freedom Ring An American Salute

Bust out your red, white and blues, music fans. The Florida Orchestra celebrates Memorial Day weekend with Let Freedom Ring: An American Salute, three concerts of patriotic favorites including *Colonel Bogey March*, *Stars and Stripes Forever*, *National Emblem March*, *Liberty Bell March* and *St. Louis Blues March*. Jeff Tyzik conducts the performances at 8 p.m. Friday at the David. A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts in Tampa, 8 p.m. Saturday at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg and 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. \$15-\$45. (727) 892-3337. [floridaorchestra.org](http://floridaorchestra.org).

### Celebrate Sacrifice

Under the direction of Stephen P. Brown, the Dunedin Concert Band presents a musical salute to Memorial Day and acknowledges the significance of President Lincoln's assassination occurring so close to the date of the holiday. Free. Pioneer Park, Main Street and Douglas Avenue, Dunedin. (727) 812-4530. 3 p.m. Sunday.

### Bay Pines VA Memorial Day Ceremony

Fox 13 Anchor Kelly Ring serves as Emcee over the event with featured speakers including U.S. Rep. David Jolly, representatives from the VA, musical performances, firing salute and taps performance. Shuttle service provided from parking lot to cemetery. Sign-language interpreter for hearing impaired. Free. C.W. Bill Young VA Medical Center and National Cemetery at Bay Pines, 10,000 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg. (727) 319-6479. 10 a.m. Monday.

### Memorial Day Military Appreciation

Military members and up to three dependents are entitled to free admission to the zoo with a Department of Defense photo I.D. \$24.95, \$22.95 seniors, \$19.95 ages 3-11, 2 and younger free. Lowry Park Zoo, 1101 W Sligh Ave., Tampa. (813) 935-8552. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday.

### Tampa Bay Rays

Sunday, celebrate Memorial Day Weekend with a pre-game Salute to Veterans. Children ages 14 and younger get a free camo T-shirt. It's also Family Fun Day with post game activities including Kids Run the Bases and the DJ Kitty Dance Party with mascots and entertainers. A \$29 ticket package includes a seat in the lower level and a commemorative Rays Challenge Coin. Stick around after the game for a concert by Cody Simpson. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit [raysbaseball.com/special-events](http://raysbaseball.com/special-events). Ticket prices vary by game. Tropicana Field, 1 Tropicana Drive, St. Petersburg. Toll-free 1-888-326-7297. 1:10 p.m. Sunday.

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### Memorial Day Sunset Ceremony

Honor those who have lost their lives fighting for our country at this ceremony with a color guard performance, music, a keynote speaker and wreath presentation. Free. Largo Central Park, 101 Central Park Drive, Largo. (727) 587-6740. 7 p.m. Monday.

### War Memorial Dedication

In honor of Memorial Day and fallen military service members, this ceremony dedicates a monument honoring Pinellas County military service members who died during the Gulf War Era. Free. War Veterans Memorial Park, 9600 Bay Pines Blvd., St. Petersburg. (727) 453-3065. noon Monday.

### Memorial Day Ceremony

The public is invited to join members of the Korean War Veterans Association Suncoast Chapter 14 and city officials to honor the lives and memories of those who have defended America. Free. Freedom Lake Park, 7770 52nd St., Pinellas Park. (727) 541-0895. 11 a.m. Monday.







### Welcome Our New Members!

- **Struchen, John, CAPT, USA (Ret),** (Pat Christ), 1023 Tarpon Drive, Treasure Island, FL 33706, 202-870-8895



### Sick List

Cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.  
(Contact **Mrs. Virginia Balke, 544-3598**)

- ◆ Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)



### TAPS

**Walters, Barbara G. "Bobbie", Mrs.,**  
AuxMbr-A, 31 March 2016

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

### 2016 Scholarship Fund Donors

**Gold- \$100+; Silver- \$50 to \$99; Bronze-Up to \$49**

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### May Birthdays

(64 to 91 Years)

Day	L NAME	F NAME	RANK	SVC
1	Ammon	Robert	CDR	USCG (Ret)
11	Bax	Giles	COL	USA (Ret)
07	Bolin	William	CDR	USNR (Ret)
08	Carr	Terry	LTC	USA (Ret)
11	Comeau	Ronald	MAJ	USA (Ret)
22	Fine	Ellen Marie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
1	Hamilton	Evelyn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
23	Hintze	Claudie	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
08	Landers	Joan	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
11	Langston	Gregory	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
04	McDonough	Michael	LtCol	USMC (Ret)
03	Musselwhite	Charlie	CWO4	USA (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)

### 2016 Help Our Troops 2016 Heaven on Earth Donors

**Gold (\$50+); Silver (\$25-49); Bronze (\$1-24)**

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- Neville, Johnnie Mrs.
- Palmer, Stew Col
- Patton, Jim CWO4
- Patton, Kathi Mrs.
- Popham, Jeanie Mrs.
- Popham, Roger COL

Poteat, Gen Mrs.

- Quattromani, Tony LTC
- Schoepfner, John Maj Gen
- Sims, Bob Maj
- Smith, Violet Mrs.
- Talbitzer, John LT
- Vitters, Cindy LTC

**••SILVER –**

- Bax, Giles COL
- Butler, Jerry COL
- Hansen, Gidge CPT
- Terry, Maxine Mrs.
- Tondreau, Tunny CWO4
- Walters, Bobbie Mrs.

**••BRONZE –**

- D'Louhy, Jacque Mrs.
- Edwards, Richard CAPT
- Fratangelo, Paul MajGen
- Vecchio, Joe MAJ

\$1,840 as of 4/24/2016



**Financial Report Summary  
for the  
Month of  
March 2016**

**HOT Fund**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 6,054.75
..... Donations.....	\$ 50.00
..... 50/50.....	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses.....	\$ (200.00)
..... HOT Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 5,854.75

**Scholarship Fund**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 407.00
..... Memorials.....	\$ 0.00
..... Donations.....	\$ 100.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month.....	\$ 407.00

**Operating Account**

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1,344.57
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 730.00
..... Dues.....	\$ 000.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 471.00
..... Interest Earned.....	\$ 0.57
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ ( 870.41)
..... Supplies.....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office.....	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$ 0.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ 101.20
..... Memorial to SF.....	\$ 0.00
..... Printing/ mailing .....	\$
..... Newsletter Costs .....	\$
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month.....	\$ 1,640.77

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**Memorial Day Ceremony**

This salute to Memorial Day includes patriotic songs, key-note speech, POW/MIA Missing Man Remembrance Celebration, wreath presentation, rifle salute and taps. Free. Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 U.S. 301 N, Tampa. (813) 744-5502. 11 a.m. Sunday.

**We Are A Blue Star Museum**

Military personnel, including the National Guard and Reserve and their families, get free admission to the museum from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Military I.D. required. \$25, \$20 seniors, \$10 students. Free admission Mondays to art museum only. Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota. (941) 359-5700. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday.

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\$15,000. For most enlisted retirees, that wipes out most or all of the survivor's SBP.

Is the government entirely unfeeling about this? No, they kindly refund a pro-rata share of the member-paid SBP premiums (without interest) for the lost SBP amount.

Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) and Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) have introduced bipartisan legislation to end this so-called SBP-DIC widows tax and authorize payment of both SBP and DIC when military service caused the member's death.

Nelson, a former Florida insurance commissioner, has said, "It would be illegal for any insurance company to say it wouldn't pay on a life insurance policy because the policyholder had other coverage."

That's not the only irony SBP-DIC widows face. Several years ago, a court ruled dual SBP- and DIC-eligible survivors can receive both benefits — provided they remarry after age 57.

So — incredibly — current law punishes these survivors financially for remarrying before age 55 (they lose both SBP and DIC in that case) and also punishes them financially (by continuing the widows tax) if they don't remarry after age 57.

Congress long has recognized the unfairness of the widows tax. Several years ago, Congress authorized a Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) as a partial rebate for SBP-DIC widows. The SSIA is \$275 a month this year, and will rise to \$310 next year, when it will make up for about 25 percent of the widows tax.

The intent, as expressed by previous House Armed Services Committee Chair Ike Skelton (D-Mo.) was to continue raising the SSIA as a means of eventually phasing out the widows tax.

But the authority to pay SSIA ends as of Oct. 1, 2017 — which means Congress has to act this year to keep SBP-DIC widows from losing the current \$310 monthly allowance.

MOAA stormed the Hill last week to urge legislators to end the widows tax or, at the very least, extend and continue increasing the SSIA.

The vehicle to do that is the FY2017 defense authorization bill, which the House and Senate will be considering over the next month.

- See more at: <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/As-I-See-It/Time-to-End-the-Military-%E2%80%9CWidows-Tax%E2%80%9D.aspx#sthash.4RyXF2lu.dpuf>

## 2016 Florida Council of Chapters Convention Agenda

The convention will begin Friday with a visit to historic Summerlin Military Academy founded in 1887 as the first public high school located in Bartow, Florida, and attended by 500 high school cadets.

The venue will relocate to the Sun 'n Fun campus and the Central Florida Aerospace Academy. CFAA is a high school curriculum focused on aviation and boasts a 100% graduation rate. Approximately 450 students attend CFAA.

The day will end with a reception featuring exciting entertainment.

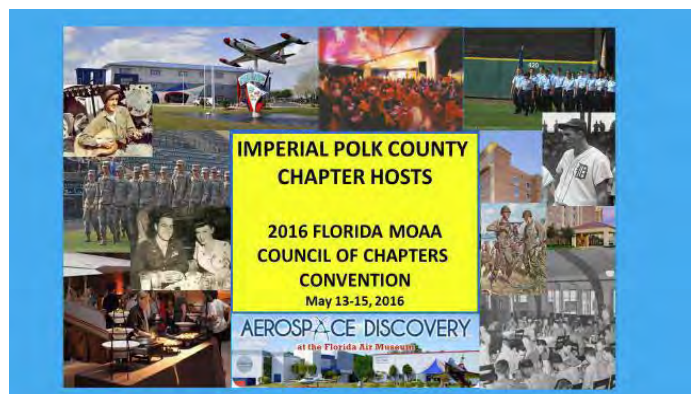
Saturday will begin with breakfast meeting in a chow hall utilized by aviation cadets during WW II. There will be a presentation on the history of Lodwick Field and the Detroit Tigers 100 year presence in Lakeland.

An educational fair will feature career academy achievements by middle and high school students. A number of other organizations and entities will be present demonstrating their support of the military and veterans.

The Saturday evening event will be a 1940's, 1950's 1960's Hangar Canteen extravaganza. Dig out your old uniform(s)- Class A, B, fatigues, flight suit, party suit, whatever. Enjoy the sounds of a popular Swing Band playing the period music. You will not forget this evening.

Sunday morning Memorial Service will take place in lovely Veterans Memorial Park. Rules of the Conference:

- No civilian suits, coats or ties.
- Transportation will be available to all venues.
- Hampton Inn will be the primary hotel for billeting.
- Room block for May 13-15, 2016.
- To make reservations call the hotel directly: Mary Babylon, Sales Manager, Hampton Inn & Suites, Lakeland South-Polk Parkway, 3630 Lakeside Village Blvd, Lakeland, FL 33803 Tel 863-603-7600 Fax 863-603-7601







# St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

## Monthly Luncheon

Friday

20 May 2016

**Pasadena Yacht Club**  
**6300 Pasadena Point Blvd. South,**  
**Gulfport, FL**

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

### Chapter Annual Memorial Service

Our May luncheon is a memorial service honoring the memory of chapter members who have passed away during the preceding 12 months.

*In Loving Memory* 

Please wear your uniform if you are able. We would like as many folk as possible to participate in this ceremony.

This service will be led by MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret).

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, 20 May 2016

**Pasadena Yacht Club**  
**6300 Pasadena Point Blvd South., Gulfport, FL**  
 • Reservations MUST be in by Tue, 17 May 16

Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

Each reservation **\$22:**

Salmon w/tropical fruit salsa: \_\_\_\_\_

Lasagna: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL: House salad, rolls & butter, rice pilaf, green beans, tea and coffee and Sherbert for dessert**

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## May

- 3: National Teachers Day
- 5: Cinco de Mayo
- 8: Mother's Day
- 12: International Nurses Day
- 21: Armed Forces Day
- 30: Memorial Day

