



OFFICERS CALL

ST. PETERSBURG AREA CHAPTER,
Military Officers Association of America
PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL 33734



**VOL X No. XI ★★★★★ Five Star Chapter:2000, 2002-10 ★★★★★ November 2011
Winner Print Media 2006; 1st Runnerup 2010; Winner 2010 Communications Award**

President's Comments:

On October 20, 2011, MOAA issued a Call to Action. Colonel Lee Lange II, USMC (Ret), MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs Department, wrote a column entitled, "It is Time for Grassroots Support." It follows:



These days, there's a lot of talk about changing our earned benefits – and not for the better. It's time to push back. Providing grassroots support for MOAA's legislative goals has long been an important goal for chapter members. Chapter members' support has played a big part in many of MOAA's legislative wins during the last 10 years.

Legislators listen to chapter members who are their constituents. Some chapter members have personal relationships with legislators that national MOAA will never be able to duplicate. This gives chapter members a great opportunity to let legislators know how they feel. Contact your legislators in their state or district offices, and find where they stand on the proposed changes to military retirement and our earned benefits.

See President Pg 8

INSIDE:

Calendar and Contact List	Page 2
Luncheon Minutes	Page 3
Executive Committee Minutes	Page 3
Ballot for 2012 Officers	Page 4
Notice Auxiliary Fall Coffee	Page 4
Legislative Update	Page 5
Luncheon Photos	Page 6-7
Financial Statement	Page 8
Birthdays	Page 9
TAPS	Page 9
New Members	Page 9
Sick List	Page 9
Donations	Page 11
Upcoming Luncheon Information	Page 12

Travels

By Ed Lillich

Our Council of Chapters President, Don Freese and his shipmate, Sherry, recently took a trip that encompassed five chapter visits and two State Conventions. Chris and I joined them at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort on 9 October for the South Carolina Bi-Annual State Conference. We received a welcome to Myrtle Beach from its Mayor, John Rhodes. This was followed by an outstanding presentation from General Robert Reed, USAF (Ret), on Myrtle Beach AFB (then & now). It is now a community like the Villages, but not as extensive. COL Barry Wright, USA (Ret), MOAA representative, talked about membership as he said we have over 370,000 members in MOAA but only 65,000 affiliated with chapters. We must get to work. Don, Sherry, Chris and I closed out Monday with the rest of the attendees by watching a live pirate show and enjoyed a pirate's feast. Arghh!. The next morning the SC Adjutant General, inspired us with the organization and activities of his command, the SC National Guard. The Guard is made



up of citizen soldiers who have community building skills which they can use to develop infrastructure, while they play the fighting role. The active forces and the National Guard "civilian soldiers" provide skilled teams on the battle fields.

Next we traveled to Columbus, GA for the 2011 Georgia Convention. We attended the ice breaker where Don and Sherry renewed memories with old acquaintances and Chris and I met new attendees. We were welcomed by the Mayors of Columbus and Phoenix City. The Council held a very impressive memorial service on Friday, the business meeting followed. A tour of The National Infantry Museum was the highlight. It even contains a rifle range where we were invited to try our hand at firing weapons in a training simulator, just like the

See Travels Pg 9



Officers Call

Print Media Winner- 2006

Print Media 1st Runner-Up - 2008 & 2010



-*Officers Call* is published monthly by The St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA, Inc. P.O. Box 7054, St Petersburg, FL 33734. Articles in *Officers Call* are the sole opinion of the authors and do not necessarily reflect policies or opinions of the publisher. Mailed as third class mail at the Manasota Post Office, Permit #1533. Printed by Creative Technology of Sarasota, Inc.

- Editor – CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG (Ret) 393-4160
- Photos – Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret) 528-3946

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DIRECTORS

President- MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) 546-2246
 1st VP- LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret) 392-6524
 2nd VP- LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret) 266-4380
 Secretary- Mrs. Chris Lillich Spouse-A 546-2246
 Treasurer- Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret) 894-3761

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

2011 & 2012—

Maj Gen John Schoeppner, USAF (Ret) 407 694-4573
 Col Charlie Parsons, USAF (Ret) 522-8198
 Mrs. Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A 865-6083

2010 & 2011 —

Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret) 528-3946
 1LT Hazel Murphy, USANC (Fmr) 347-5195
 Mrs. Johnnie Neville, AuxMbr-AF 522-5685

Immediate Past President

Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) 522-6237

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advertising CDR Bill Bolin, USNR 584-1595
 Auxiliary Liaison ..Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N 367-9050
 Awards Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF 525-1688
 Bylaws/Policy Bk ..LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC 360-2936
 Chaplain COL George Brown, USA 866-6859
 Data Base Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF 522-6237
 Electronic InfoLt Col Larry Fernald, USAF 522-6237
 Historian: CDR Maureen Conners, USN 347-7976
 HOT Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N ... 367-9050
 JROTC MAJ Ed Lillich, USA 546-2246
 Law: CAPT Don Freese, USN 360-3102
 Legislative: CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG 393-4160
 MacDill Liaison ...Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A 595-5543
 Master at ArmsCWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG 821-7365
 Membership LCDR Bill Lee, USN 266-4380
 Memorial Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A 595-5543
 Newsletter CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG 393-4160
 Nominating Cmte . Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF 522-6237
 Personal Affairs Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A 595-5543
 Programs LTC Terry Carr, USA 392-6524
 Publicity: Mrs. Chris Lillich 546-2246
 Reservations CDR Bill Bolin, USNR 584-1595
 ROWC Liaison Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A 595-5543
 Scholarships: 1LT Hazel Murphy 347-5195
 TOPS COL Carol Barnes, USA 381-2334
 VA Vol Svc LT Ed Conners, USN 347-7976
 Vet Liaison MAJ Ed Lillich, USA 546-2246
 Visitation LCDR Hazel McGrath, USN 545-3884

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 300
 Regular Members -199
 Auxiliary Members -101
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

Army - 67	USMC - 15
USAF - 64	USCG - 9
Navy - 44	NOAA - 0

10/24/2011

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

CALENDAR

November 18th LtGen Marty Steele, USMC (Ret)

December 16th

January 21st Installation Dinner

February 17th

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?**

**Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
 MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246**

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.

November 7th Monday

December 5th Monday

January 2nd Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- November Luncheon 8th at Banquet Masters
- December Luncheon 13th at Isla Del Sol
- January Luncheon 10th at Banquet Masters
- February Luncheon 14th at Banquet Masters
- March Luncheon 13th at Dolphin Inn

Luncheon Reservations:

Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272 or
 Maureen Conners, 347-7976

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2464

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

Having trouble reading the *Officers Call*? Have a home computer?

Did you know that if you were to subscribe to the *Officers Call* via email that you could, using your computer, easily enlarge the pages and even selectively print out a page or more? Or, just read or print it all out in color!

To subscribe to the electronic version of *Officers Call*, and save valuable funds for your Chapter, call Larry--727-522-6237.



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>



Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Monthly Luncheon; 21 October 2011

Attended – 52: (57 reservations), 2 Member Guests, 2 Chapter Guests, 2 Walk in, 3 Cancel, 4 No Shows

These luncheon minutes were prepared by; Paulette Carr, Pete Dawson and Charlie Parsons due to Chris Lillich's absence. Chris was under the weather and trying to get well before their departure for San Antonio for the MOAA National convention.



The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich. The invocation was given by Ed Lillich. Ed led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ed introduced the head table which included; First Vice President Terry Carr, Chaplain George Brown, Retired Master Sergeant, USAF Walter Lamerton, Jr., United Services Organization and Mrs. Elizabeth Lee, spouse of a MOAA member, Major Steven Lee. Mrs. Lee previously worked for the USO headquarters.

Ed Connors made an announcement concerning new Veterans Administration changes regarding qualifying for service connected disabilities. He has pamphlets available regarding these changes and urged people to review these changes because many people are not aware that they may qualify for additional compensation.

This year's Veteran's Day commemoration will be at Lake Seminole Square on November 11th with an honor guard, program and lunch. A signup sheet was made available for those interested in attending. Please contact Bill Bolin if you are interested in attending.

Don Freese introduced upcoming new member Jim Garvey. Frank Johnson introduced his son, Stan Johnson. George Stenehjem, a chapter member and also a member of the Twin City Chapter of Minnesota has returned to Florida.

The winners of the door prize were Meredith Crook, Hazel McGrath and Yvonne Hughes. The candy was won by Barbara Stakk.

Bill Lofgren announced the nominations for the Officers and the Executive Advisory Board 2012/13; President, LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret), 1st VP, LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret), 2nd VP, MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret), Secretary Mrs. Chris Lillich, AuxMbr A, Treasurer Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret). Executive Board through December 2012; Mrs. Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A, Col Charlie Parsons, USAF (Ret), Maj Gen John Schoeppner, USAF (Ret) and through December 2013 Mrs. Virginia Balke, AuxMbr-A, LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret) and CPT Barbara Stakk, USA Fmr. Charlie Parsons moved to close the nominations, Pete Dawson seconded the motion.

Anita Harrow of the Help Our Troops project said there is only one unit left in Iraq. The packages will soon be going

only to Afghanistan. The next box packing will be a combination packing and coffee on November 16th at the Paradise Isles Towers. Please bring Christmas cards, Santa hats, Christmas CDs.

Don and Sherry Freese recently returned from attending both the South Carolina and Georgia MOAA conventions. Major General Joel Lynch warned the attendees that there are two "Category 5 storms approaching MOAA." Don urged those with internet access to sign up to receive MOAA's regular alerts for quick action. A Congressional super committee made up of six Democrats and six Republicans has the job of cutting 1.2 trillion dollars over the next ten years in spending. On January 1st there could be a 30% cut in payments to doctors who accept TRICARE, unless Congress reverses the upcoming Bill. We need to let our senators and representatives know our feelings on these proposals.

Terry Carr introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Walter Lamerton, of the USO Board of Governors who is working on project Tampa USO, at the Tampa International Airport. Mr. Lamerton spoke of the history of the USO and its great work over the past seventy years. Mr. Lamerton introduced Elizabeth Lee who previously worked for the USO headquarters in Washington, DC, which serves 160 centers around the world.

George Brown remembered how the USO assisted him with reservations in Europe, and Dorothy Plummer shared that she met her husband at a USO dance! Many remembered Bob Hope and his shows all over the world.

The request for approval of a new facility in Tampa will be voted on by the USO Board of Governors during the first week in November. Space has been allocated at the airport and they have agreed to build out the area. An average of 800 people a day are expected to be served at the Tampa Airport. This endeavor will be supported solely by contributions. The annual budget is estimated to be \$315,000. It is hoped that 100,000 supporters will be recruited by the end of this year. More information or to register your support can be found at www.projecttampa.org. Also by calling (727)389-3278.

Ed announced that LtGen Marty Steele is the speaker next month. We wish Chris Lillich a speedy recovery so that we may have presentable minutes next month.

The benediction was given by Chaplain George Brown and the meeting was adjourned.

Executive Committee Meeting 3 October 2011

The meeting was called to order at 1130 hours by President Ed Lillich. Ed gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Nineteen members were present including Carol Barnes, Bill Bolin, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Jean Jessup, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel McGrath, Hazel Murphy, Johnnie Neville, Charlie Parsons, Jim Patton and Violet Smith.

Charlie Parsons made a motion to accept the minutes of the

See Minutes Pg 4



CALLING ALL SPAMOOA AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Spouses and Surviving Spouses

Join us for our

Fall COFFEE

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

And help prepare items for
HOT Christmas Boxes

at

10355 Paradise Blvd.
Treasure Island, Fl. 33706

RSVP no later than Thursday, November
10, 2011

Anita Harrow 367-9050

tharrow@tampabay.rr.com

Violet Smith 595-5543

alexgrammie@tampabay.rr.com

BALLOT FOR 2012 OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DEC 16, 2011

Complete & bring to Nov.18th or Dec. 16th luncheon meetings, or mail to the Chapter P. O. Box.

President: LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret)

1st Vice Pres.: LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret)

2nd Vice Pres.: MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret)

Secretary: Mrs. Chris Lillich, AuxMbr-Spouse

Treasurer: Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)

Executive Advisory Board

(Term Expires December 31, 2012)

Mrs Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A

Col Charlie Parsons, USAF (Ret)

Maj Gen. John Schoeppner, USAF (Ret)

(Term Expires December 31, 2013)

Mrs Virginia Balke AuxMbr-A

LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret)

CPT Barbara Stakk, USA Fmr

I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED

Signature: _____

I accept the slate except as indicated:

Minutes from Pg 3

previous meeting as printed in the Officers Call. Anita Harrow seconded the motion and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report was given by Pete Dawson who reported a balance in the operating account of \$7971.71. Terry Carr made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bill Lee. Bill Bolin was thanked for the excellent job he did in obtaining \$400 for ads in the O.C. This amount paid for the cost of printing the O.C. for October. We also received donations to the HOT program in the amount of \$1,000.00. An entire accounting of funds is found elsewhere in the O.C.

First Vice President Terry Carr reported that LtGen Marty Steele, USMC (Ret) will be the November luncheon speaker. Terry is coordinating with a youth singing group for the December luncheon. The Installation banquet will be on January 21, 2012 at the Feather Sound Country Club and cost will be approximately the same as last year. The Admiral Farragut Academy Honor Guard will present the colors.

Committee Reports:

Visitation: Hazel McGrath reported on those who are ill and shut in. Please refer to the sick list found in the O.C.

Auxiliary: Anita Harrow thanked Ed for the POW/MIA program at the September luncheon. She thought it was well organized and presented and the focus was completely on who we were thinking about. She suggested that this year's program serve as a model for future POW/MIA presentations. Ed offered to present the program again for the 2012 POW/MIA luncheon. The next Auxiliary meeting will be a coffee on November 16. Anita is planning to have all the auxiliary members who attend help pack the Christmas boxes for the troops. This should be a great, fun meeting. There is a notice in the O.C. regarding the coffee.

HOT: Twenty boxes were sent to the troops in September at a cost of \$403.30. Anita may not send boxes in October because of troop movement and lack of new addresses. Anita thanks everyone who donated funds to the HOT program. Sherry Freese held a yard sale which yielded \$50.00 which she gave to the HOT fund. In addition the woman who purchased the items made a \$200 donation to the program.

The dentists who have contributed items for the boxes will be invited to the November luncheon and presented with a certificate. Those members who collected the items will be called up to help with the presentation. Dentists being honored and members are Dr. David Zabrocki and Bill Bolin; Dr. David Brown and Peggy Cowardin; Timothy Flaherty and Don Freese and Rowland Family Dentistry and Ed Lillich.

Photographer: Bill Lofgren will make copies of pictures which appear in the Officer's Call for any one who does not have e-mail and asks that they in turn donate to HOT in lieu of paying him for the photos.

OLD BUSINESS:

See Minutes Pg 8





MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**
From MOAA and other sources

Committee Leaders Offer Contrasting Benefit

Inputs

The Hill committee leaders owed inputs to the Super Committee tasked with cutting the deficit by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years. MOAA has obtained copies of two Armed Services Committee leaders' letters that offer markedly different inputs on military retirement and health care benefits.



More than two pages of House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon's (R-CA) letter were devoted to defense of military retirement and health care programs. He highlighted a long list of the unique demands and sacrifices required of the military that aren't demanded of civilians, and said military retirement and health care systems "should reflect that reality."

On retirement, McKeon said bluntly, "We strongly oppose the recommendations of [recent] proposals that the military retirement system should be more like civilian retirement plans. These proposals do not assess the impact of such changes on either the retention of the current or future all-volunteer military."

"Changes to TRICARE For Life must also be examined with caution. Some have suggested a combinations of changes to both TRICARE For Life enrollment fees and pharmacy copays, which would constitute a substantial double hit on the TRICARE For Life population. Likewise, if Medicare Part B enrollment fees are also increased, the TRICARE For Life beneficiaries will absorb a third increase in their health care costs."

His letter also noted with irony that, "The President and some in Congress have proposed exempting any reforms to veterans' health care benefits. As a result, those who served less than 20 years in the military would not be asked to contribute to deficit reductions, but those who served in the military for 20 or more years would."

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Armed Services Committee, expressed similar concerns about further cuts to the defense budget in general, but expressed willingness to consider some changes recommended by the President and others in recent months.

He said the President's proposal to establish an annual enrollment fee for TRICARE for Life "is a reasonable step and should be considered." On proposed pharmacy copay increases, McCain's letter said, "While generating savings from the TRICARE pharmacy benefit is feasible, I recommend you consult with DoD."

Citing another proposal to force working-age retirees out of TRICARE Prime and into TRICARE Standard, his letter said, "I recommend the [Super Committee] give this proposal, and the other CBO options involving TRICARE reform, consideration in coordination with DoD."

On military retirement, McCain said he would vigorously oppose any recommendation to change the retirement system for currently serving or currently retired members. But he said, "I...support the President's proposal to establish a commission to review military retirement benefits, and I believe such a commission, and a BRAC-like approach to its recommendations, should also consider changes to the current, largely-outdated military compensation system."

MOAA is surprised and disappointed by these recommendations, especially since Sen. McCain was one of the champions of repealing REDUX when that 1986 retirement cutback ended up hurting retention and readiness in the late 1990s.

We strongly disagree with establishing a TFL enrollment fee, curtailing retirees' eligibility for TRICARE Prime, and subjecting military retirement and compensation programs, even for future entrants, to a BRAC-like legislative plan that can force dramatic and ill-advised changes with little opportunity for debate or amendment. The REDUX experience showed that grandfathering the current force to whack future service entrants' retirement only delays the inevitable adverse retention and readiness effects.

Senate Leaders Open Door for Cuts

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Sen. Carl Levin's (D-MI) letter to the Super Committee, like McCain's, supported White House proposals aimed at making military benefits more like civilians', by imposing a significant enrollment fee for TRICARE For Life, raising TRICARE pharmacy copays as high as \$40, and convening a commission to curtail the value of the military retirement system.

Levin went a step further, saying, "I support the President's proposals, and suggest that the scope of the commission be expanded to encompass all aspects of military compensation, including the current system of basic pay, allowances (including the housing allowance), special and incentive pays, and health care, as well as the tax treatment of the various components of military pay."

Like McCain, Levin said that the current force should be grandfathered against retirement changes. He also said that future increases in the TFL enrollment fee should be tied to whatever index is used to increase the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee.

MOAA is shocked and dismayed that the leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in contrast to the inputs from the House Armed Services Committee, have embraced initiatives whose stated purpose is to reduce the difference between military and civilian benefits.

The past decade of war has underlined more than ever that military service is radically different from civilian work

See Legislature Pg 9



Terry Carr introducing guest speakers



Walter Lamerton, guset speaker



Elizabeth Lee speaking about the USO



Charlie Parsons



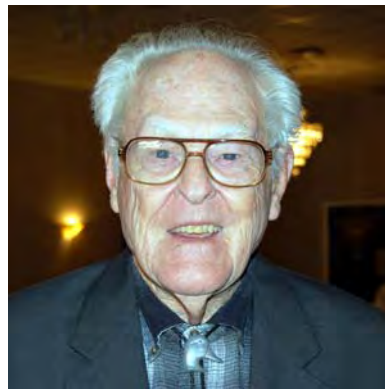
Elizabeth Lee, Ed Lillich and Walter Lamerton, deciding who gets the glasses



Jane and Norm Belson



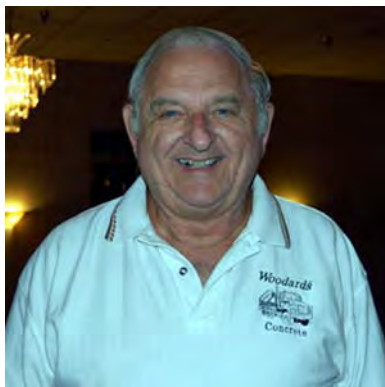
Visitor Jim Garvey



Carroll Andrews



C. J. and Dottie Brauner



Fred Schlager



Henry Martin and Tootie Larkin



Buzz Hanson and Denise Lujan

Photos by Bill Lofgren





Terry and Paulette Carr



Maureen and Ed Connors



Sherry and Don Freese



Maureen and John Talbitzer



George Stenehjerm



Anita Harrow



Basil Burrell



Frank Johnson and son Stan



Hazel Murphy



Pauline and Fred Edwards



Jim Wilson and Meredith Crook



Cal Imboden

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



President from Pg 1

More importantly, stay informed. Read MOAA's weekly Legislative update. Most of you do that right now. If you don't, sign up online.

Next, read Washington Scene and mail in the tear-out letters and legislative postcards in the Military Magazine. Respond to legislative alerts, and get other chapter members to do the same. Doing these things will help MOAA protect the earned benefits of all servicemembers.

Minutes from Pg 4

Bill Bolin reminded everyone of the Veterans' Day program at Lake Seminole Square on November 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. There is no charge for the luncheon. Please call Bill for a reservation.

The nominating committee is still seeking someone to fill the position of Secretary. Please see Larry Fernald or Bill Lofgren if you are interested in taking this position over.

Second Vice President and Membership Chair Bill Lee reminded everyone of the Officers' Call at John's Pass VFW on November 14th at 5:30. Please call Bill Lee or Ed Lillich if you plan to attend. Invitations will be sent to arrive by the end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liaison: Violet Smith made a motion to give a MOAA pin to all new members beginning in October. The cost of the pin to be added to the amount charged for the name badge. Anita seconded the motion and motion carried. The initial cost to join the chapter would then be \$28.00 which includes \$20.00 for annual membership and \$8 to cover cost of badge and pin. Don Freese will take some pins to the South Carolina and Georgia conventions.

By Laws/Policy Book: Fred Edwards presented a proposal to convert the current 501 c (19) to a 501 c (3) organization. After discussion, Fred Edwards made a motion that Don Freese discuss this possibility with Maj Gen Joe Lynch, MOAA General Counsel. Bill Lofgren seconded the motion and motion passed. Don will be attending the Georgia State convention where General Lynch will be speaking and he will have an opportunity to talk with him at that time. Don has been asked to give a report of the findings at the next Executive Committee meeting.

President Lillich informed the E.C. of the resignation of Charlene Sanders as Assistant Chaplain. He will write a letter of commendation to Charlene for all the support and service she has rendered to the Chapter in assisting with the Chaplain duties.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1230 hours. Ed Lillich gave the benediction.

The next E.C. meeting will be Monday, November 7, 2011.

Financial Report Summary for the Month of September 2011

Officers Call Booster

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (1,717.52)
.... Donations	\$ 50.00
.... Ad Income	\$ 480.00
.... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (378.80)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (1,566.32)

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 715.47
.... Donations	\$ 1,033.00
.... 50/50	\$ 60.00
.... Memorials	\$ 60.00
.... Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,868.47

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,247.00
.... Donations	\$ 200.00
.... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,447.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 8,421.75
.... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 630.00
.... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 55.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 35.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 1.38
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (630.00)
.... Honoraria/Donations	\$ 0.00
.... Supplies	\$ (393.11)
.... Printing	\$ 0.00
.... Post Office	\$ 53.31
.... Memorial to HOT	\$ 60.00
.... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
.... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 35.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 7,971.71

#Navy Slang; 2-6-10: A term used to motivate someone that is not pulling their weight, as in: "It's gonna take 2 surgeons 6 hours to remove 10 inches of my boot from your @\$"



**Bring this ad in for a FREE
chocolate pretzel!**

**Larry G. Butterfield
Debbie Butterfield
Owners / Managers**

KILWIN'S of JOHN'S PASS BOARDWALK
160 John's Pass Boardwalk • Madeira Beach, FL 33708
Phone: (727) 397-9800 • Fax: (727) 397-9802
Email: LarryButt@netzero.com



November Birthdays

(56 to 97 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
26	Alvarez	Jeanne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
05	Anderson	Patricia	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
30	Barnes	Van	1LT	USA (Fmr)
22	Blatt	Donald	LTC	USA (Ret)
21	Brauner	Clarence	COL	USA (Ret)
22	Christner	Alan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Cowsert	Mary	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
11	Dollahon	Jack	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Flint	John	Col	USAF (Ret)
07	Garbutt	Susan	Maj	USAFR
01	Hansen	George	CPT	USA (Fmr)
15	Hughes	Dennis	LT	USN (Ret)
28	Jones	Ethel	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
09	King	Monroe	CAPT	USN (Ret)
07	Larkin	Florence	1LT	USA (Fmr)
05	Lorence	Marie	LTC	USA (Ret)
03	Maratos	Stanley	Col	USAF (Ret)
16	Milford	John	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
10	Myers	Asa	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
12	Nolan	Richard	Col	USAF (Ret)
26	Penny	John	LCDR	USN (Ret)
19	Rohatsch	Ralph	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
21	Sears	Claire	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
27	Taylor	Dorothea	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
13	Vaughn	Sidney	RADM	USCG (Ret)
27	Walters	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A



TAPS

Thankfully, no one.

Officer: "Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?"
 Soldier: "Sure, buddy."
 Officer: "That's no way to address an officer! Now, let's try it again!"
 Officer: "Soldier. Do you have change for a dollar?"
 Soldier: "No, SIR!"

Banquet Masters

Conference Facilities & Accommodations
for parties of 30 to 700

All Catered Affairs From 2 to 10,000

WEDDINGS • CORPORATE CATERING
BANQUETS • PICNICS

(727) 541-1582 FAX (727) 546-6258

www.banquetmasters.com

8100 PARK BLVD N. • SUITE 201 • PINELLAS PARK, FL 33781

Stephen E. Fisherkeller



Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.
(Contact **LCDR Hazel McGrath**, 545-3884)

- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **CAPT Stephen Starwyck**, USN (Ret)
- ◆ **CDR Alda Haley**, USN (Ret)
- ◆ **LTC Rose Munchbach**, USA (Ret)
- ◆ **Mrs. Clarada Pribble**, AuxMbr-MC
- ◆ **Lt Col Sky Crowell**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **Col Mildred "Gene" Butler**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson**, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ **Mrs. Joan Landers**, AuxMbr-A
- ◆ **COL Anse "Ed" Spears**, USA (Ret)



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Schramm, Jean, Mrs.**, AuxMbr-AF, 1191 Red Maple Circle NE, St Petersburg, FL 33703-6318, 727-527-2206

Legislature from Pg 5

experience, and the military retirement and healthcare package is the primary career incentive for top-quality people to endure those extraordinary sacrifices for 20-30 years.

We're pleased that House Armed Services Committee Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon's letter to the Super Committee spent two pages expressing similar concerns about the longer-term dangers of undermining this core career incentive package.

As our President Ed Lillich states in his column we need to follow these actions of congress and make our voices heard.

Travels from Pg 1

soldiers use. Chris and I were happy to get back to our "home", that being Ft Benning, the Home of the Infantry. However, we both remarked that it has gotten too big. We liked it better as a smaller post. We did pass some familiar haunts, like the Infantry School where Chris worked while I was in Basic and Ranger Training, but now that the Armor School has been imbedded in Ft. Benning it is one huge post. Saturday morning Maj Gen Joe Lynch, MOAA General Council, gave a very interesting talk on happenings in D.C. Following his speech, he installed the officers for the coming year.

2012 Retiree COLA Released

Military and federal civilian retirees, survivor benefit annuitants, disabled veterans and Social Security recipients will see a 3.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment in January, their first since 2009. The 3.6% COLA will be effective Dec 1 and will be reflected in January retired pay, SBP, Social Security, and VA disability compensation checks.



PICK A SQUARE!

Freedom Square...It's all in the Lifestyle.



FREEDOM SQUARE
SEMINOLE
BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

A Life Care Retirement Community
Exceptional Experiences Every Day™
7800 Liberty Lane, Seminole, FL 33772
www.brookdaleliving.com

When it comes to superb retirement accommodations and a lifestyle to match, it's Freedom Square or Nowhere!
It starts with the location. Freedom Square retirement community is conveniently situated across from Seminole Mall, and far enough inland to be in a non-evacuation zone. And what about the name? Freedom Square means freedom from home maintenance, cooking, cleaning and local travel with chauffeured transportation to destinations throughout Pinellas County.

- Spacious apartment homes
- Four levels of care
- Financial plans to protect your assets from future healthcare costs

CALL (727) 398-0244
TO SCHEDULE A VISIT.

Lake Seminole Square, Where People Make the Difference.

- Luxury Resort Living**
 - Clubs • Trips • Socials • Arts and Crafts Library • Beauty Shop • Country Store
- Chef Prepared Meals**
 - Five Distinctive Dining Rooms
- Two Private Dining Rooms • Deli & Country Store
- Sports and Recreation**
 - Indoor Heated Swimming Pool/Spa
 - Exercise Room with Indoor Walking Track and Equipment
- Lady Lake Pontoon Boat – Gazebo and Dock
- Peace of Mind**
 - Five Distinctive Purchase Plans
 - Maintenance-Free Lifestyle
 - Priority Access to Quality Health Care



LAKE SEMINOLE SQUARE
SEMINOLE
BROOKDALE SENIOR LIVING

A Waterfront Retirement Community
Exceptional Experiences Every Day™
8333 Seminole Boulevard, Seminole, FL 33772
www.brookdaleliving.com

CALL (727) 392-3932

FOR MORE INFORMATION TODAY!

★ Active Living for Retired Military ★ and surviving spouse

WESTMINSTER COMMUNITIES
IN ST. PETERSBURG
WESTMINSTER SUNCOAST
WESTMINSTER SHORES
WESTMINSTER PALMS



Distinguished Service Award

To honor those who served our country, we offer this financial incentive to retired military or surviving spouse.

Eligibility requirements apply.

For more information, call June at 727-867-4074

Come for the Lifestyle. Stay for a Lifetime.™



WESTMINSTER COMMUNITIES OF FLORIDA

www.WestminsterRetirement.com



Thank You
*for your commitment
and dedicated service
to your country.*



BAY PINES
Federal Credit Union



VALIANT VETERANS™

A Life Enrichment Program for Veterans and their spouses, friends and family members

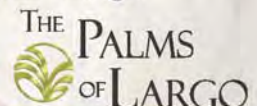
Join us for monthly meetings with our veterans **on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.**

Enjoy guest speakers, entertainment, USO shows and more! Refreshments served.

The Palms of Largo Campus
300 Lake Avenue NE • Largo

Call today for information and meeting location.

(727) 437-1600



RETIREMENT LIVING AT ITS BEST!
In the heart of Pinellas County

www.thepalmsoflargo.com
Assisted Living Facility License #9570, #8113



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>



If you wish to donate to one of our funds, please send the check to SPA-MOAA, PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL 33734 or better yet, bring it to the next luncheon.

2011 Help Our Troops Donors

Gold (\$50 & more); Silver (\$25-49); Bronze (\$1-24)

••GOLD –

Alvarez, Jeanne Mrs.
Belson, Norm MAJ
Bolin, Bill CDR
Burrell, Basil CWO3
Carr, Terry LTC
Christie, Robert LtCol
Dawson, Pete Maj
Edwards, Fred LtCol
Edwards, Pauline Mrs.
Eisenhart, Bill Col
Fernald, Larry Lt Col
Finley, Betty Mrs.
Freese, Don CAPT
Freese, Sherry Mrs.
Gilchrist, Gary Lt Col
Harrison, Christa Mrs.
Harrow, Anita Mrs.
Hoover, Richard Capt
Isley, Anne Mrs.
Kottich, Charles COL
Landers, Joan Mrs.
Lee, Bill LCDR
Lillich, Ed MAJ
Lofgren, William Col
Love, H. B. COL
Misuraca, A. J. 1st Lt
Munchbach, Rose LTC
Nelson, Landy COL
Neville, Johnnie Mrs.
Palmer, Stew Col

Parsons, Charlie Col
Patton, Jim CWO4
Peck, Earl Maj Gen
Poteat, Genevieve Mrs.
Schoeppner, John Maj Gen
Shine, Jack Col
Sims, Robert Maj
Smith, Violet Mrs.
Talbitzer, John LT
Wall, Ted LTC
Walters, Barbara Mrs.

••SILVER –

Baney, Eleanor Mrs.
Eisenhart, Bill Col
Green, Richard CWO4
Lanier, Laurie Maj
Plummer, Dot Mrs.
Sartorio, Sal Maj

••BRONZE –

Balke, Virginia Mrs.
Finley, Paul LCDR
Hunt, Hattie Mrs.
Lawson, George Col
May, Linda Mrs.
McGrath, Hazel LCDR
Penny, John LCDR
Shivers, Fran Capt

Member donations ONLY:
\$ 3,052 as of 10/24/2011

2011 Scholarship Fund Donors (Includes donations to National MOAA)

Gold (\$100 & more); Silver (\$50-99); Bronze (\$1-49)

••GOLD –

Carr, Terry LTC
Edwards, Fred LtCol
Fernald, Larry Lt Col
Freese, Don CAPT
Harrow, Anita Mrs.
Hoover, Richard Capt
Isley, Anne Mrs.
Landers, Joan Mrs.
Lofgren, William Col
Love, H. B. COL
Munchbach, Rose LTC
Murphy, Hazel 1LT
Nelson, Landy COL
Neville, Johnnie Mrs.
Palmer, Stew Col
Parsons, Charlie Col
Patton, Jim CWO4
Peck, Earl Maj Gen
Schoeppner, John Maj Gen

Sims, Robert Maj
Smith, Violet Mrs.
Talbitzer, John LT

••SILVER –

Lee, Bill LCDR

••BRONZE –

Baney, Eleanor Mrs.
Brown, Gary B Gen
Dawson, Pete Maj
Eisenhart, Bill Col
Green, Richard CWO4
Hamilton, Rosemary Mrs.
Lawson, George Col
Lillich, Chris Mrs.
McGrath, Hazel LCDR
Monty, Dorothy Mrs.

Member donations ONLY:
\$2,452 as of 10/24/2011

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.

2011 *Officers Call* BOOSTER Donors

Gold (\$50 & more); Silver (\$25-49); Bronze (\$1-24)

••GOLD –

Carr, Terry LTC
Dawson, Pete Maj
Edwards, Fred LtCol
Fernald, Larry Lt Col
Freese, Don CAPT
Hoover, Richard Capt
Isley, Anne Mrs.
Lee, Bill LCDR
Lillich, Ed MAJ
Lofgren, William Col
Love, H. B. COL
Munchbach, Rose LTC
Nelson, Landy COL
Neville, Johnnie Mrs.

Palmer, Stew Col
Parsons, Charlie Col
Patton, Jim CWO4
Peck, Earl Maj Gen
Schoeppner, John Maj Gen
Sims, Robert Maj
Smith, Violet Mrs.
Talbitzer, John LT

••SILVER –

Baney, Eleanor Mrs.
Eisenhart, Bill Col
Green, Richard CWO4

••BRONZE –

Lanier, Laurie Maj
Lawson, George Col
McGrath, Hazel LCDR

Member donations ONLY:
\$1,213 as of 10/24/2011

For Fish, Steak Pasta & Chops We are Tops!

Serving the beaches since 1992



Breakfast * Lunch * Dinner

Beer • Wine • Cocktails

Happy Hour 5 - 7 pm

Early Bird Menu 4 – 6 pm

Open 7 Days 7 am - 11 pm

Voted Best Greek & Best Family Value

5799 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach

Across Gulf Boulevard, just

North of the SIRATA

727 360-1029

Thru June 2011



St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday
18 November 2011

Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd
Pinellas Park, FL

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

Guest Speaker:

LtGen Marty Steele, USMC (Ret)

Lieutenant General Martin R. Steele, USMC (Ret) was born in Philadelphia, PA and raised in Fayetteville, AR. General Steele enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in January 1965. During his initial tour at Camp Pendleton, he was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. Subsequently assigned as a Corporal to the Officer Candidates School, General Steele was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in January 1967. He rose steadily in the ranks.



After serving in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, General Steele took over as Director of the Warfighting Development Integration Division at Quantico. In 1993, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned duty as Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Quantico in June of that year and was selected in November 1994 for promotion to Major General. He served as the Director of Strategic Planning and Policy, U.S. Forces Pacific, from 1995 to 1997. He was then promoted to Lieutenant General and assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans, Policies and Operations at HQMC. Upon retirement in 1999, General Steele became President and CEO of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City, the largest naval museum in the world. Currently, General Steele is the CEO of Steele Partners, Inc. and a Managing Partner of Uncommon Leadership, LLC.

General Steele's personal decorations include: The Defense Distinguished Service Medal; The Distinguished Service Medal; The Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal; Navy Commendation Medal with gold star; and The Combat Action Ribbon. Equally notable are his academic achievements: a BA degree from the University of Arkansas, MA degrees from Central Michigan University, Salve Regina College and the Naval War College. He is a distinguished graduate of the Armor Officer Advanced Course, an honor graduate of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and graduate of the Naval War College.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, November 18th 2011

Banquet Masters

8100 Park Blvd, Pinellas Park, FL

• **Reservations MUST be in by Wed, November 16th**

Name: _____

Each reservation \$12:

Roast Turkey: _____

Stuffed Flounder: _____

Cobb Salad : _____

CLIP and MAIL, with check payable to:
SPA-MOAA,

Mail to;

CDR William Bolin, Sr.

1711 Patlin Circle, S.

Largo, FL 33770

For a RIDE,
call either:

CDR Bill Bolin, 584-1595 or wmbolin@aol.com
MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246

November Events:

- 6: Daylight Savings Ends
- 10: U S Marine Corp Est 1775
- 11: Veteran's Day
- 14: Officers Call, VFW John's Pass
- 24: Thanksgiving Day



Dues renewal notices have been mailed.

Please renew early.



Visit our Chapter Web Site =>

