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President's Comments:

I think we had a great event at the Armed Forces History Museum. This was a first on many fronts. For one, I was told it was our Chapter's first joint meeting with the Clearwater Chapter. Thanks to Paulette and all the members of both Chapters involved in the planning effort. Mr. John Piazza, founder and current President of the



museum continues to do a marvelous job in sharing our Country's military history with all those fortunate enough to visit this facility. Thanks also to the guides who added so much to this experience. Perhaps we should make this at least an annual event. Enjoyable events such as this should help to build our Chapter membership.

I also enjoyed our guest speaker at last month's luncheon. It is evident he has a passion for improving the lives of soldiers who have lost a limb in service to our Country.

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Auxiliary Corner

Auxiliary members have a reason to celebrate this year. Ten years ago, MOAA formed a study group to look at auxiliary issues and how MOAA could better meet the needs of this important membership group. Soon after, the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) was formed, and auxiliary liaisons were appointed in many chapters. Today, 116 auxiliary liaisons are serving as chapter leaders, and 15 are part of council leadership teams. You have chosen to continue your spouse's dedication, service, and loyalty to this country. You've supported military families, planned events, managed projects, raised funds, and given comfort and help to other military spouses who have suffered the same loss as you. You have advocated maintaining and improving the benefits promised to servicemembers. Now MOAA's membership has voted and approved a proposed bylaw change, granting the vote on national MOAA issues to auxiliary members and allowing auxiliary members to serve on MOAA's board of directors.

Earlier in 2012, we told you about four areas of concern regarding auxiliary members. They are low attendance at chapter events, an aging population, difficulty in recruiting new members, and the continuing inequity of the Survivor Benefit Plan/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (SBP/DIC) offset for military spouses who choose not to remarry. We suggested several ways to attract new auxiliary members to chapters, including program variety that appeals to all age groups, organizing activities such as trips to local points of interest that include auxiliary members, and supporting meaningful projects that serve the needs of military families and engage younger auxiliary members.

Because the SBP/DIC offset was the biggest concern, the AMAC has chosen it as its next national project. Congress has acknowledged the gross inequity that allows spouses age 57 or older who remarry to retain the benefits their late spouses earned but forces unremarried spouses to continue to have their SPB annuities reduced dollar-for-dollar by receipt of DIC payments.

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**Dues renewal notices have been mailed.
Please renew early.**



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Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 299
 Regular Members - 193
 Auxiliary Members - 106
 Inactive Members - 4

Military Services:

Army - 68 USMC - 14
 USAF - 61 USCG - 9
 Navy - 41 NOAA - 0

10/25/2012

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 16th **Steven E. Hitchcock, Esq**
December 21st **Miss Florida, Laura McKeeman**
January 19th **Installation Banquet**
February 15th **Linda Gould, 2013 Convention**

**** 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.

November 5th Monday

December 3rd Monday

January 7th Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 November 13th Doubletree Beach Resort
 17120 Gulf Blvd.
 North Redington Beach

Luncheon Reservations:

- Jackie Bohnker, 812-4868 or
 Dot Plummer 586-1447

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

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

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

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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Monthly Luncheon; 19 October 2012

Attended – 55: (51 reservations), 1 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guest, 10 Walk in, 1 Cancel, 5 No Shows

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and all members Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Terry introduced the head table which included along with him, Chaplain George Brown, 1st Vice President Bill Lee and our speaker for the day Dr. Sam Phillips.



New member Army Captain Will Johnson, a World War II veteran was accompanied by his wife Bon.

Guests included Duane and Isabel Osborn and Sharon Anderson, a guest of Bernice Ripson.

George Brown announced the Retiree Day at Mac Dill, which was taking place on 20 October 2012.

Dick Koch reported that the next Honor Flight will be October 30, and they will have 75 World War II Veterans aboard to fly to Washington D.C. to view the memorials, Dick urges all those eligible who have not taken this trip to sign up for the next one. It is expected that there will be 6 to 8 missions in 2013.

The October flight will be the last one for 2012 as the monument tours are closed to large groups from the 1st of November to the end of March. He encourages everyone to meet the flight when it comes in to the Clearwater Airport. It is expected that the flight will arrive approximately 2020 hours (8:20 p.m.). Around 400 to 500 people show up at each arrival to welcome these veterans who never received a big welcome when they returned home the first time.

Terry Carr then conducted an auction of a TROA coffee mug and TROA coasters. Each item brought \$10.00 and the money will be turned over to the HOT program. Convention shirts for the 2013 convention in Sarasota can be ordered for \$30 and will be delivered to those who order early by Colonel Linda Gould when she comes to speak at our February meeting. If you are interested in ordering one, but didn't get a chance to do so at the meeting please call Terry Carr, page 23 of the Officer's Directory.

The door prize was won by Glenn Crabb and 50/50 was split between Bill Lee and Earl Peck.

The President announced that Anita Harrow is in need of beef jerky and non religious Christmas cards for the December HOT boxes.

Paulette Carr was thanked for doing such a great job with the coffee held recently at the military museum. Those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the tour and coffee.

Following lunch, 1st Vice President Lee introduced Dr. Phillips

who received his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Rutgers University in 2007. He became a certified prosthetist in 2002 and a fellow of the Academy of Orthotists and Prosthetists in 2006. He was the founding Dean of Orthotics and Prosthetics at St. Petersburg College, overseeing the development of the only orthotics and prosthetic training program in Florida, which became the largest baccalaureate training program in the U.S. by 2007.

Dr. Phillips moved to the Veterans Administration in 2009 to spend more time in research, specifically working on a new robotic arm called the DEKA project. Fondly known as Luke, named after Luke Skywalker, this popular robotic arm was funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the U.S. Army Research Office is seeking funding for more research and development to help people restore their functionality, especially for those who have suffered upper extremity amputations.

Dr. Phillips presented a power point demonstration showing different movements of the arm, and also the capabilities of the functional fingers. Newer designs will allow multiple grips and the fingers can be manually moved for use in various activities. Silicon gloves are made to cover the robotic hand and are tinted in color to give the hand a natural look. It is also possible to sew hair onto the glove for a more natural look.

Many clinics are available to Veterans who have suffered amputations to include a summer sports clinics which include; archery, seated javelin throws, rock climbing, wheel chair races, surfing and sailing.

There is also a winter sports clinic which is held in Breckenridge, Colorado. The Golden Age Games and Wheelchair Games will be held in Tampa this year and volunteers are needed to help. If anyone is interested in helping call Bill Lee and he will give you a contact number for Dr. Phillips. Following the question and answer period President Carr presented Dr. Phillips with our Chapter gift of drink glasses.

The Chapter now has a portable microphone with speaker which was passed from member to member to ask questions or make statements. This worked very well and everyone was able to be heard.

Bill Lofgren, Chairman of the nominating committee said that nominations for office would be taken from the floor at the November meeting and voting will be at the December meeting. In order to nominate someone from the floor you must first solicit that person's permission and that person must be willing to be nominated and to serve in the office to which he/she would be elected. In addition if you will be presenting a nomination you must inform the President. Ballots will be published in the Officers Calls and also available at the door.

There will be a Veterans' Day ceremony at Bay Pines at 10:00 on November 11.

The November 16th luncheon speaker will be Attorney Stephen Hitchcock who will speak on Veterans' benefits.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

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President from Pg 1

Paulette and I will be proud to represent this great Chapter at MOAA's Annual Meeting and Levels of Excellence Awards Dinner 29-31 October in Washington, D.C. At the dinner we will receive the 5-star award for the Chapter.

Officers and Executive Advisory Board members for next year were listed in last month's OC. At the November luncheon, nominations from the floor will be asked for. Anyone wishing to make a nomination from the floor should first make sure the person they plan to nominate is agreeable to serving in the position being nominated for. Ballots for the election will be included in the OC for this month and next month.

Please continue to work on new members for our Chapter. We have been fortunate to bring in several new members this year; however, I have regrettably signed too many condolence letters for members who have departed our ranks.

Our November luncheon speaker is Attorney Steven Hitchcock, who will speak to us about our veteran's benefits. I hope to see you there as this is one you won't want to miss.

Save the Date

January 19, 2013 our annual Installation Dinner will be held at the Hilton in Downtown St. Petersburg.

BALLOT FOR 2013 OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DEC 21, 2012

Complete & bring to Nov. 16th or Dec. 21st luncheon meetings, or mail to the Chapter P. O. Box.

President: LTC **Terry Carr**, USA (Ret)

1st Vice Pres.: LT Col **Dick Koch**, USAF (Ret)

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

Secretary: Mrs. **Chris Lillich**, AuxMbr-Spouse

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(Term Expires December 31, 2013)
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CPT Barbara Stakk, USA Fmr

(Term Expires December 31, 2014)
CDR Maureen Conners, USN (Ret)
Mrs Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC
Lt Col Bill Lewis, USAF (Ret)

I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED

Signature: _____

I accept the slate **except** as indicated:

Auxiliary Corner from Pg 1

SBP is income insurance purchased by the military retiree through monthly payments over a period of years. The AMAC will plan and execute a campaign to build support for eliminating the offset. We need help to launch a well-organized plan in early 2013. Please email ideas to your AMAC representative or to auxiliarycommittee@moaa.org.

As auxiliary members, we need to commit to do all that we can to promote MOAA's goals and issues in our chapters and communities. Together, we also can persuade Congress to eliminate the SBP/DIC offset.

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Executive Committee Meeting 1 October

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr. Chaplain George Brown gave the Invocation, followed by all repeating the Pledge of Allegiance. Seventeen members were present including; Bill Bolin, George Brown, Basil Burrell, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Pete Dawson, Pauline Edwards, Larry Fernald, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Charlie Parsons, Jim Patton, John Schoeppner, Barbara Stakk and Violet Smith. Tracey Carson, Violet Smith's daughter, was a guest.

Motion made by Hardy Bryan, seconded by Larry Fernald to accept the minutes as published in the O.C. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by Pete Dawson. The current balance in the operating account is \$8,768.39. A full report of all accounts is found elsewhere in the O.C. Chris Lillich made a motion, seconded by Ed Lillich to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion passed.

1st Vice President's report: The October luncheon speaker will be Mr. Samuel Phillips. Orthotics and Prosthetics. November, a speaker from Florida Joint Public Policy for the Elderly will give us updates on benefits for Veterans and the December Speaker will be Laura McKeeman, current Miss Florida. We also will have a Marine representative to accept our donations of Toys for Tots. Please remember to bring in a new, unwrapped toy or game to donate to this worthy cause. Colonel Linda Gould will be the speaker in February and she will talk about the 2013 Sarasota convention.

Committee Reports:

Pauline Edwards was introduced and welcomed as our new Publicity Chairman. Pauline sent out twelve news releases announcing the October luncheon meeting.

Violet Smith talked with Ron Wildes and his wife and she suggested that Chapter members send an e-mail to Ron as he would enjoy hearing from them.

Data Base chairman Larry Fernald will send the dues notices this week.

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

As I See it -Something's Happening Here... Wake Up!

October 11, 2012

By Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF-Ret.



You don't have to be of the Vietnam generation to remember the Buffalo Springfield lyrics, "Something's happening here ... what it is ain't exactly clear," as it's been replayed on radio, on TV, and in the movies for almost 50 years.

But if you've been observing military budgeting over that period, then it doesn't take a flashback to see exactly what's going on now.

As every war has wound to an end, there's been a rush to gain a "peace dividend" by cutting the military — reducing forces, capping pay raises, closing bases, cutting benefits, and so on.

And whenever we've run into periods of national budget austerity, it's been the same story.

Think of it as a roller coaster.

In the early 1970s, we moved to the all-volunteer force and plussed up first-term military pay. After the war, we whacked military people programs until retention crashed in the late '70s.

Then we scrambled to fix that by plussing up pay and benefits in the early 1980s, only to resume capping pay raises, cutting retirement, downsizing forces (after Gulf War I), delaying COLAs, and kicking older retirees out of military health care over the next 15 years until retention problems cropped up again in the late 1990s.

For the past decade-plus, Congress has worked to redress those problems — restoring pay comparability, restoring military health care coverage for older retirees, and repealing the ill-advised retirement cuts for post-1986 entrants.

That sensitivity to military needs has been compounded because we've also been at war for the past decade, with the sacrifices of military service prominently reflected in every morning paper and evening news broadcast.

That empathy has led to a variety of additional major improvements, including dramatic compensation upgrades for disabled retirees and surviving spouses and major new GI bill benefits that can be transferred to family members.

So much for the past 50 years; let's focus on right now.

Today's troops and families have borne a vast burden of war-time sacrifices not experienced since World War II.

But from a compensation and benefits standpoint, most of them have known nothing but improvements — rather big ones, at that. They're pretty happy with the current package and are

mostly oblivious about the years of legislative battles it took to get there.

Even among older members with longer memories, enactment of TRICARE For Life, elimination of the retired-pay offset for more severely disabled retirees, and elimination of the age-62 benefit reduction for survivors now are mostly taken for granted. Many feel safe that Congress has recognized these benefits were hard-earned by their extended service and sacrifice in uniform.

If you're among them, let me remind you the past decade has been the exception, not the rule.

The gains we've made are not safe, and those who think politicians aren't likely to change their minds about funding them are naive. It's happened multiple times before, and it's more than likely to happen again.

Remember the roller coaster analogy?

The peaks of the early 1970s and mid-1980s were followed by the crashes of the late 1970s and late 1990s as wars ended and budget crunches changed national funding priorities.

Now with the troops home from Iraq, most Americans thinking we should get out of Afghanistan, and the nation facing fiscal problems far worse than those of the '70s and '90s, we're again at the peak of the military funding roller coaster.

With stomach-churning funding cuts coming every 20 years or so, anyone paying attention to history can see things aren't looking good for the "20-teens."

If you think the military — or any other group of Americans, young or old, rich or poor — will be exempt from some pretty significant sacrifices over the rest of this decade, you're deceiving yourself.

Does that mean we roll over and give up? Absolutely not.

But it means we're going to have to pull out all the stops to avoid having military people hit with disproportional sacrifices. In adding up who has sacrificed what, the equation must include not only the extraordinary sacrifices inherent in decades of military service but also the financial sacrifices already incurred due to past rounds of budget cuts (such as forfeiting thousands a year in retired pay from having retired after years of depressed pay raises).

But it's going to be an extraordinarily tough battle.

It's no accident government leaders targeted the defense budget for half of the cuts under current sequestration law. Many in the country see military (war) spending as draining funds from other pressing needs and see the end of the war as the golden opportunity to do some reallocation.

And history shows clearly that all the people who felt "nothing's too good for the troops" in wartime always start thinking "my gosh, look at those rich military benefits" when the next budget crunch comes.

So when the fight to do right by military families comes to a head (and it's starting in earnest right now), are you among the

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Chaplain George Brown



1st VP Bill Lee introducing guest speaker



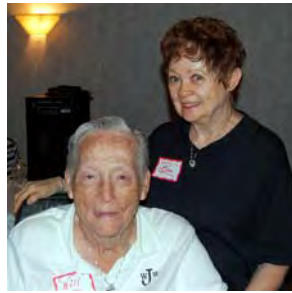
Guest speaker Dr Sam Phillips



Terry Carr presents Dr. Phillips with chapter gift



Bill Lewis our 50/50 ticket salesman



New members Will and Bon Johnson



Duane "Oz" and Isabel Osborn



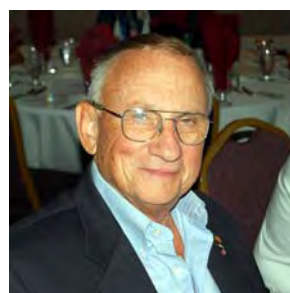
Bernice Ripson and Guest Sharon Anderson



Pauline Edwards and Violet Smith



Don and Eleanor Simmons



John Schoeppner



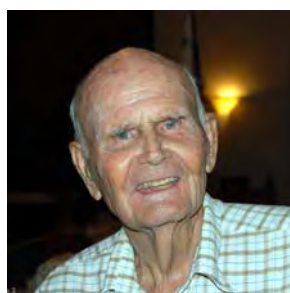
Jeanne Alvarez and Guest Georgia French



George Stenehjem



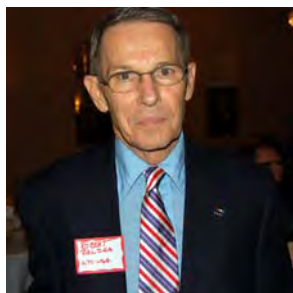
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Robert Palsha



Joan Landers and Hazel McGrath



Paul and Betty Finley



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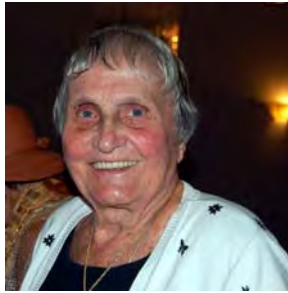
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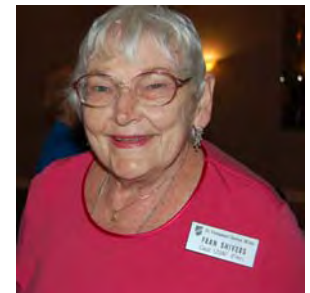
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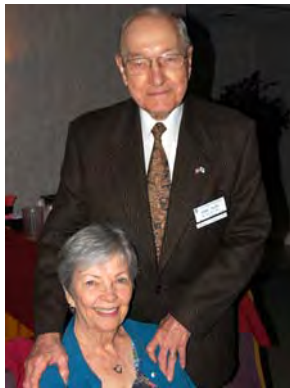
Dick Koch speaking about
Honor Flight



Buzz Hanson and Denise Lujan



Fran Shivers



Margaret Peck and Earl Peck



Paulette Carr preparing the
tables



Reservationists Bill and Lynn Bolin, Secretary
Chris Lillich and Newsletter Editor Jim Patton

Photos by Bill Lofgren

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:

LarryFen246@tampabay.rr.com



Attendees



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Minutes from from Page 4

Bill Bolin reported that Lake Seminole Square has renewed its ad.

Bill Lofgren will pass out current job descriptions for all officers and committee chairs at the first meeting of the new board for revisions and updates. Bill reported that Bob Williams from Wesley Chapel is out of the hospital and in a VA nursing home. Bill will be visiting him soon. Ski, also from Wesley Chapel, will give us a call when we can get more items for the HOT boxes.

Old Business:

President Terry said as of this date he and Paulette have received 92 responses of attendance to the October 10 coffee at the Military Museum.

Terry Carr purchased two portable microphones with a single 500 watt speaker which will cover a range of 50 feet. He will look into the possibility of adding another speaker to the system.

New Business:

MOAA has a goal of 2,000 new Chapter Members. Each chapter will receive a \$15.00 rebate for each new member. This program replaces the Give Me Ten program. Wraparounds were put on all members not in a Chapter with a post card offering a one year member at no cost. The Chapter will receive the names of possible candidates for membership. The Chapter needs to develop a plan to contact these people. Ed Lillich suggested have another Officers Call. Bill Lee will work up a plan, depending on how many names we receive, and bring it to the next E.C.

Announcements: Pauline Edwards said the R.O.W.C. luncheon would be held on 9 October at the Wine Cellar and spouses are invited.

There being no further business, Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

Legislature from Page 5

90 percent who seem to think “military leaders or Congress will take care of us” or “MOAA will win the battle whether I become a member or not”?

Or are you going to get involved — and urge your friends to get involved — to protect against being hit with a disproportional share of the major national sacrifices coming in the next few years?

We started with Buffalo Springfield, so we’ll end with The Everly Brothers:

“Wake up, little Susie.”

Final COLA Announced

It’s official. The 2013 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay, SBP annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 1.7%, effective December 1, 2012. It will first appear in the January checks, which will be paid on December 31.

Financial Report Summary for the Month of September

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (1,397.92)
..... Donations	\$ 0.00
..... Ads	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (357.27)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (1,755.19)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 926.20
..... Donations	\$ 143.00
..... 50/50	\$ 46.00
..... Memorials	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,115.20

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1995.00
..... Donations	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,995.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 8,752.39
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 606.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.51
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (590.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ 0.00
..... Printing	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ 0.00
..... Other Organizations	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 8,769.90



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TAPS

- ◆ **Lakey, Pearl Mrs., AuxMbr-AF, 22**
September 2012
- ◆ **Jeffords, Joseph D., III, CWO4, USN (Ret),**
3 October 2012
- ◆ **Jeffords, Nancy, Mrs., wife of CWO4**
Joseph Jeffords, USN (Ret), 29 June 2012
- ◆ **Conforti, Thomas P., Lt Col, USAF (Ret),**
4 October 2012, MOAA Life Member
- ◆ **Haley, Alda P., CDR, USN (Ret), 21 Octo**
ber 2012

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

November Birthdays (66 to 98 years)

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
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)
11	Dollahon	Jack	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
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Friday

16 November 2012

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

Guest Speaker:
Steven E. Hitchcock, Esq

Veteran's Benefits

Steven E. Hitchcock is a Florida Bar Board Certified Elder Law Attorney, who practices in the areas of Developmental Disabilities law, SSI and Medicaid, Special Needs Trusts, Guardianship and Guardian Advocacy, Long Term Care Planning, Veteran's Benefits law, Estate Planning and Probate and Trust Administration. Mr. Hitchcock is a member of the law firm of Special Needs Lawyers, P.A., in Clearwater, Florida.



Mr. Hitchcock received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy from Union University in upstate New York, and his Law Degree, Cum Laude, with a Concentration in Elder Law, from Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Florida.

He is a member of the Elder Law, the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law, Health Law and Administrative Law sections of the Florida Bar. He serves as Chair of the Ethics Committee of the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, Chair of the Probate Section of the Clearwater Bar Association, serves on the Board of Directors of the Clearwater Bar Foundation, and has previously served on the Board of Directors of the Young Lawyers Division of the Clearwater Bar Association. Mr. Hitchcock is also a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), the Academy of Florida Elder Law Attorneys (AFELA) and the Academy of Special Needs Planners (ASNP). Mr. Hitchcock is active in the local community, providing service to those less fortunate members of the community by assisting local charitable organizations in providing pro-bono clinics and workshops. He has also served as Court Appointed Counsel in Guardianship, also Court Appointed Attorney Ad Litem, and Guardian Ad Litem and has twice been honored with a Florida Supreme Court Pro-Bono Service Award.

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