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President's Comments:

I hope everyone else enjoyed our speakers at the October luncheon meeting as much as I did, but I doubt that since I got to sit next to Lucky. What a great dog and one that has made such a difference in the life of our main speaker, COL Bill Smith, USA (Ret). I know as well as anyone how a pet can impact one's life, as I am blessed with one also. It was very interesting to learn from Lisa O'Kane of the Southeastern Guide Dogs of the many different uses they make of these animals.



As Ed Lillich stated at the luncheon, our Chapter is still in need of a 2nd Vice-President, and very importantly, a Secretary for next year. If you are willing to serve or know of someone who should be asked, please let Ed or any other member of the nominating committee know.

Paulette and I will be in the Washington, DC area 26-29 October to receive the Chapter 5 Star Level of Excellence award again on your behalf. Thank you for the honor of representing you on this occasion.

Our speaker for the November 21st meeting will be Paul Matthews. I hope to see everyone there, and don't forget to invite a friend.

VETERANS DAY

History

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Armistice Day for November 11, 1919. In proclaiming the holiday, he said

“To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

The United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution seven years later on June 4, 1926, requesting that President Calvin Coolidge issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. A Congressional Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U.S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday: “a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as ‘Armistice Day’.”

In 1945, World War II veteran Raymond Weeks from Birmingham, Alabama, had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who died in World War I. Weeks led a delegation to Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who supported the idea of National Veterans Day. Weeks led the first national celebration in 1947 in Alabama and annually until his death in 1985. President Reagan honored Weeks at the White House with the Presidential Citizenship Medal in 1982 as the driving force for the national holiday. Elizabeth Dole, who prepared the briefing for President Reagan, determined Weeks as the “Father of Veterans Day.”

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RENEWALS

As of 25 October, 130 of our 247 (53%) members had renewed their membership for 2015.

Please save the Chapter some funds and renew before mid November.



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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;
 Banquet Masters, 13355 49th St. N., Clearwater

CALENDAR

November 21st CDR Paul Matthews, USN (Ret)

December 19th

January 16th Installation

February 20th

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?
 Call: LTC Terry Carr 459-4026**

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 3rd Monday

December 1st Monday

October 6th Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
 Tuesday November 11th Banquet Masters
 1130 hours 13355 49th Street N.
 Clearwater

Luncheon Reservations:

- Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Barbara Walters, 727-595-4619

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

Bridge: (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:30 AM

Banquet Masters, 13355 49th Street N, Clearwater.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 248
 Regular Members - 160
 Auxiliary Members - 88
 Inactive Members - 1

Military Services:

Army - 68	USMC - 11
USAF - 47	USCG - 7
Navy - 28	NOAA - 0

10/25/2014



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Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Monthly Luncheon; 17 October 2014

Attended – 51: (57 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 5 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 7 No Shows

The Luncheon meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 12:15. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.



This was our first meeting at the new Banquet Masters on 49th Street and Ulmerton Road. Naturally, whenever you go to a new place there are adjustments to make, but all in all everything went as smoothly as possible. Dorothy Brown was unable to come to the luncheon, and, since it was her birthday George called her on the phone and everyone sang Happy Birthday to her. Incidentally, the day before was George's birthday.

Seated at the head table were; President Terry Carr, 1st Vice President Glen Crabb, Chaplain George Brown, our speaker, retired Colonel Bill Smith and his fiancée Pirada Charoenchit. Bill's dog, Lucky, was by Bill's side.

Guests from Southeastern Guide Dogs were Lisa O'Kane, who is a specialist there and Katie Bandel and Richard Campbell, both volunteers. Katie had her service dog, Bo, with her. We also welcomed Don Boyer, a neighbor of Ed Riley. Tanya Field, a potential member, was a guest of Cindy Vitters. Jeanne Alvarez had two guests, Linda Fairey and Kathy Harkins.

We were very happy to see a past member and past second vice president, Janice Mogan. Janice moved to Ocala a few years ago and joined a MOAA Chapter in that area. It was nice to see Janice and especially to know that she hasn't lost her exuberance that we all loved.

The door prize was won by Bobbie Walters and the 50/50 were split between George Stenhjem and Betty Finley.

Anita Harrow reported that she had assembled 26 bags for the Heaven on Earth for Veterans program and needs canned goods and candy for the bags. Boxes to the troops will go out this week. Anita also displayed a pillow case made by our "quilting lady", Ellen Fine. These pillowcases will be made of patriotic materials and given to the VA hospital in Tampa in support of the Operation Helping Hands program. Sherry Freese is in charge of getting volunteers to make covers for amputees.

Ed Lillich, Chairman of the nominating committee again made a plea for volunteers to fill the positions of Secretary and 2nd Vice President. Please step forward if you are able to take one of these positions.

Bill Bolin announced that there is a vacancy at the Florida Council of Chapters in advertising and the editing of the monthly

newsletter. Anyone interested please call Bill Bolin with your name and he will pass it on to the President of FCOC.

Ann Isley reported that this is the beginning of the Opera season in St Petersburg and had several handouts showing the various programs being offered this year.

Following lunch 1st Vice President Glen Crabb introduced our guest speaker, Colonel Bill Smith, USA (Ret). Bill entered the service in 1970 and retired from the Army in November, 2011. Bill was in Kabul, Afghanistan and in Djibouti. Due to health issues connected to his military service Bill entered into the program at Southeastern Guide Dogs and was given a dog specifically trained to work with Veterans with emotional problems. Bill says his dog, Lucky, is the smartest and best dog and never leaves his side. He gives Lucky credit for helping him improve his life and says he would not have been able to do it without Lucky. Since he is required to take Lucky out for his morning walk he is forced to get out of bed each day and he is so thankful that he is able to do this.

Southeastern Guide Dogs still own the dogs even though they have been given to the Veterans that need them, but the Veteran is responsible for the dog's daily needs, health care, grooming, and making sure the dog is well cared for. Southeastern Guide Dogs does cover all costs and training of the animals prior to them being placed but then the costs of upkeep are taken care of by the Veteran. Not all dogs at SGC are used as guide or service dogs. Some do not have the temperament to do this and are used as ambassador dogs in schools and hospitals, or serve as an advocate for children. Some are arson detectors and some just want to be pets. There is an adoption process in place at SGC for these dogs.

For more information please check the website at <http://www.guidedogs.org> or call 941-729-5665. You can visit the facility, hug a puppy, walk a dog, take a campus tour or volunteer. Following a brief question and answer period, President Carr presented Bill with the traditional chapter glasses and thanked him for his candid remarks.

Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

SECRETARY'S NOTE: Although I have been secretary for eight years, I am not perfect, contrary to the opinion of my husband. I make mistakes. I just have good proof readers. Do not let him scare you away from volunteering for this job...If you can use the computer, can compose letters, use the grammar and spell check you are in business. As far as taking the minutes, it is not as daunting as it sounds. You don't need knowledge of shorthand, although I do have it, I don't use it. You can use a tape recorder or you can write your notes in long hand. You can ask someone to repeat what they said - they won't get mad at you. **PLEASE**, someone volunteer to be secretary. I will help you in any way I can.

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BALLOT FOR 2015 OFFICERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DEC 19, 2014

Complete & bring to Nov. 21st luncheon meeting, or mail to the Chapter P. O. Box.

President: Lt Col Larry N. Fernald, USAF (Ret)

1st Vice Pres.: CDR Glen Crabb, USN (Ret)

2nd Vice Pres.: No name put forward

Secretary: No name put forward

Treasurer: Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)

Executive Advisory Board

(Term Expires December 31, 2016)

CDR Maureen Conners, USN (Ret)

LTC William R. Eichholz, USA (Ret)

Mrs Evelyn N. Hamilton, AuxMbe-A

I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED

Signature: _____

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

HELP WANTED

As you can see from the above ballot we are in need of members to step forward and volunteer to fill the positions of second 2nd Vice President and Secretary.

We also have vacancies for the following committees; Installation Ceremony, Law, Master at Arms, Membership and VA Medical Center Volunteer Services Coordinator. If you have any interest in in these committees contact Bill Lofgren and he will provide you with a printout of the duties for each of these openings.

We are looking for a secretary, if you might be interested give Chris Lillich a call and she can explain the duties and if interested you can work with her to see if you might be interested on taking on the is position.

These positions give you a chance to serve the chapter.

2015 Installation of Officers

The installation of officers for 2015 will be held at our monthly luncheon on January 16th. it will be held at the Bayou Club. More information will be in the December Officers Call but please mark your calendar for this event.

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

Minutes from from Page 3

Executive Committee Meeting 6 October 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1133 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Thirteen members were present to include: George Brown, Terry Carr, Glen Crabb, Pauline Edwards, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Ozzie Osborn, Jim Patton, Roger Popham, Fran Shivers, Violet Smith and Joanne Taylor. Bill Eicholz, nominee for next year's Advisory Board also was in attendance.

Secretary's Report: The secretary reported that there were no corrections or additions to the minutes as presented to the Executive Committee. Bill Lofgren made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed in the O.C., and Larry Fernald seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Balance in the operating account is \$2,635.43. This month there was an additional printing expense for the Chapter dues renewal letters. Ed Lillich made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented subject to audit. Violet Smith seconded and motion carried. A full accountability of all accounts is found elsewhere in the O.C. MOAA is trying to get every one to use on-line renewal for scholarship donations and Larry said that the reason we do not in our Chapter is because most of our donations come in with the dues.

1st Vice President's Report: Glen Crabb said the October meeting will have COL Bill Smith as the guest speaker and his topic will be Southeastern Guide Dogs and Veterans. Paul Matthews, from Congressman David Jolly's office will be the speaker at the November luncheon and he will talk about Veteran Affairs.

A musical program is being planned for the December luncheon, and the Installation banquet will be held in January.

2nd Vice President's Report: Joanne Taylor is still working with a few people to join our Chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pauline Edwards sent 13 news releases for the October luncheon. Pauline will have a former officer as her guest at the luncheon.

HOT Larry Fernald showed a sample of a ditty bag that can be used to hold snack and personal hygiene items and later used for dirty laundry for the veterans living at Heaven on Earth for Veterans. Larry made a motion to order 250 bags, Chris Lillich seconded the motion and following discussion on color and printing, the motion carried.

Retired Activities: George Brown stated that the Retired Day held at MacDill recently was well represented. He also mentioned that space A travel is available to London every 14 days.

OLD BUSINESS: Nominating Committee: Ed Lillich presented the proposed slate of officers and Executive Advisory

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

VA Launches New Study on Care



October 17, 2014

The Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-146) fulfills a MOAA recommendation to Congress and the Administration for an independent commission to assess how the VA health system could be improved for our nation’s veterans in the 21st century.

MOAA strongly feels that while access, capacity, and management issues must be attacked aggressively, a longer-term view is needed to ensure the VA delivers quality health care services in a timely and caring manner to veterans in the coming years.

The Choice Act establishes a two-part framework to study the VA health system from top to bottom. The VA has awarded a contract for the independent assessment of the system to Mitre Corporation, a non-profit company that operates a number of federally funded research and development centers.

The assessment will consider current and projected veteran demographics, capabilities, resources, access standards, workflow, clinical staffing, facilities and medical construction, caseload dynamics, information technologies, scheduling, business and purchasing systems and related activities.

The study will be completed within 60 days. The findings and recommendations will be submitted to VA Secretary Bob McDonald, reported to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, and posted online for public comment.

At that point, a Commission on VA Care will be empaneled to take up the independent assessment and make its own evaluation of veterans’ access to VA care and develop recommendations on how best to organize the Veterans Health Administration, locate health care resources, and deliver health care to veterans over the next two decades.

The Bottom Line - Troops Not Buying Compensation Reforms

October 9, 2014

By Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret)

It may come as a big surprise to the Pentagon, but the troops are not buying its proposed compensation reforms. For years the Pentagon and think tanks have called for compensation reform to “slow the growth” of personnel costs.

This year is no exception. The Pentagon proposed capping pay for a second consecutive year (with four more planned) below the rate of private sector pay growth, significantly slashing the commissary benefit, reducing the housing allowance,

and revamping TRICARE so that retirees and active duty family members pay more for their health care.

A recent study by Blue Star Families and Syracuse University’s Institute for Veterans and Military Families (IVMF) showed that an overwhelming majority of military members, spouses, and veterans were very concerned over changes to military pay, benefits, and retirement.

Key findings in the 2014 Navy Retention Study revealed that sailors are increasingly concerned over declining pay and compensation. The survey showed that 80.4 percent rank the current retirement system and 73.9 percent rank pay and compensation as the top two reasons to stay in the Navy.

The survey found that sailors are more likely to leave the Navy “because of a perception of increasingly high operational tempo, poor work/life balance, low service-wide morale, declining pay and compensation, waning desire to hold senior leadership positions, and a widespread distrust of senior leadership, all of which erodes loyalty to the institution.”

These results should send an alarming message to Pentagon leadership, especially since the nation is still at war in Afghanistan and is increasing operations to stem the Ebola outbreak and to combat the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq.

Even so, top DoD and service leaders continue to obsess over cutting personnel costs to fund weapons...and invariably leave it to their successors to clean up the mess they made of the long-term force. Drawdowns of the past cut too deep and the current drawdown may be masking the true retention of those in uniform. Retention will be put at further risk by increasing the operational tempo while at the same time calling for cuts to pay and benefits.

Upon return from the elections, Congress needs to work seriously at eliminating sequestration. Arbitrary cuts to the defense budget have pushed the Pentagon into a corner where budgeteers choose hardware over people and readiness over pay and benefits. You can’t have readiness without both weapon systems and those that operate them; funding is needed for both.

Between 2000 and 2010, Congress worked diligently to return the compensation package of the all-volunteer force back to an adequate level – now’s not the time to reverse course.

COLA Watch

It’s official: the 2014 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay, SBP annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 1.7 percent, effective December 1, 2014. It will first appear in the January checks, paid on December 31. The Consumer Price Index increased 0.1 percent in September to 234.170.

The 1.7 percent 2014 COLA represents a slight increase over last year’s 1.5 percent increase.

The Medicare premium for Part B will not change for 215.



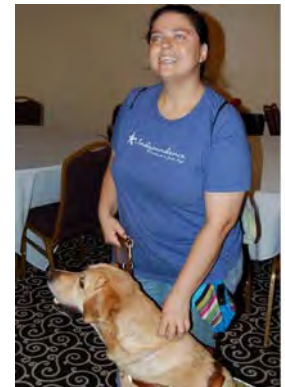
Chaplain George Brown delivering the Invocation



Guest speaker Col Bill Smith



Terry Carr presenting chapter gift to Col Smith



Southeastern Guide Dogs Guest Katie Bandel with guidedog "Bo"



Betty Finley receiving prize from Janice Mogan

Right; Southeastern Guidedogs Team speaker Bill Smith, Pirada Charoenchit, Richard Campbell, Katie Bandel and Lisa O'Kane and in front "Lucky" and "Bo"



Pauline Edwards presenting Door Prize to Bobbie Walters



Jeanne Alvarez with Guests Kathy Harkins and Linda Faire



Janice Mogan with another prize winner George Stenehjerm



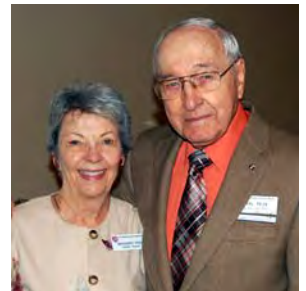
Treasurer Pete Dawson



Ed Riley bottom with friend Don Boyer



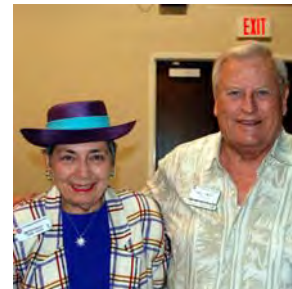
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Margaret and Earl Peck



Virginia Balke



Betty and Paul Finley



Standing Joanne Taylor and Janice Mogan Seated Tanya Field, Cindy Vitters and Jo Ann Burch



Bobbie Walters



Bill and Bernice Terwilliger



Tony Quattromani

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Larry and Barb Fernald



Chris and Ed Lillich



Glen and Katie Crabb



Ken Fine



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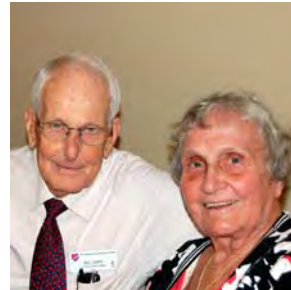
Anita Harrow updating us on the HOT program



Maureer Conners



George Stenehjelm



Bill Lewis and Rose Munchbach



Fran Shivers



Pauline Edwards, Evey Hamilton and Violet Smith



Joanne Taylor



Jim Patton



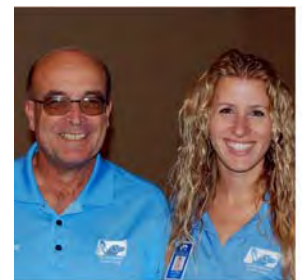
Chris Lillich and Anita Harrow



Ed Riley



Pirada Charoenchit and Col Smith



Richard Campbell and Lisa O'Lane

Photos

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please notify him of your correct email address at the following email address: lofgrenlepc@earthlink.net



Veterans Day from Page 1

U.S. Representative Ed Rees from Emporia, Kansas, presented a bill establishing the holiday through Congress. President Dwight D. Eisenhower, also from Kansas, signed the bill into law on May 26, 1954.

Congress amended this act on June 1, 1954, replacing “Armistice” with “Veterans,” and it has been known as Veterans Day since.

The National Veterans Award, created in 1954, also started in Birmingham. Congressman Rees of Kansas was honored in Alabama as the first recipient of the award for his support offering legislation to make Veterans Day a federal holiday, which marked nine years of effort by Raymond Weeks. Weeks conceived the idea in 1945, petitioned Gen. Eisenhower in 1946, and led the first Veterans Day celebration in 1947 (keeping the official name Armistice Day until Veterans Day was legal in 1954).

Although originally scheduled for celebration on November 11 of every year, starting in 1971 in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. In 1978, it was moved back to its original celebration on November 11. While the legal holiday remains on November 11, if that date happens to be on a Saturday or Sunday, then organizations that formally observe the holiday will normally be closed on the adjacent Friday or Monday, respectively.

Observance

Because it is a federal holiday, some American workers and many students have Veterans Day off from work or school. When Veterans Day falls on a Saturday then either Saturday or the preceding Friday may be designated as the holiday, whereas if it falls on a Sunday it is typically observed on the following Monday. A Society for Human Resource Management poll in 2010 found that 21 percent of employers planned to observe the holiday in 2011.

Non-essential federal government offices are closed. No mail is delivered. All federal workers are paid for the holiday; those who are required to work on the holiday sometimes receive holiday pay for that day in addition to their wages.

Free meals for Veterans are offered in many fast food and casual dinner restaurant chains. In his Armistice Day address to Congress, Wilson was sensitive to the psychological toll of the lean War years: “Hunger does not breed reform; it breeds madness,” he remarked. As Veterans Day and the birthday of the United States Marine Corps (November 10, 1775) are only one day apart, that branch of the Armed Forces customarily observes both occasions as a 96-hour liberty period.

Veterans Day

While the holiday is commonly printed as Veteran’s Day or Veterans’ Day in calendars and advertisements (spellings that are grammatically acceptable), the United States government has declared that the attributive (no apostrophe) rather than the possessive case is the official spelling

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Board as follows: President, Lt Col Laurance Fernald; 1st Vice President, CDR Glen Crabb; Treasurer, Maj Peter Dawson; Advisory Board: CDR Maureen Conners, LTC William Eichholz and Mrs. Evelyn Hamilton.

No names were presented for 2nd Vice President and Secretary. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept proposed slate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Carr gave a report on the Chapter symposium he attended in Jacksonville, Florida. He urged more of the Chapter leadership to attend the next time a leadership symposium is held as the information is vital to the success of our Chapter. MOAA has a membership of 385,000 and it’s primary concern at this time is recruiting and retention. MOAA has several incentives for early reporting and our Chapter is planning on early reporting this year, so please get your dues in early this year. MOAA is also requesting the local chapters to be more involved with the local congressman and representatives.

CORRESPONDENCE: Terry Carr read a thank you letter from Kelsey Taylor Langston for the Scholarship loan and grant money presented to her from the Chapter. She is currently attending USF, Tampa campus and will be graduating early this December with two Bachelor degrees, one in Psychology and the other in Criminology with the hope of attending law school in the future. A thank you letter was received from our other Scholarship recipient, Kara Delemeester who received a \$500 grant for the second consecutive year and a \$5000 Scholarship loan. Kara is double majoring at the University of Tampa in Secondary English Education and Creative Writing and is the Editor in Chief of UT’s literary magazine, Neon, President of Sigma Tau Delta, and a member of Delta Epsilon Iota. This year Kara is participating in a writing conference in Lisbon, Portugal. Terry also read a letter from the Armed Forces Museum thanking us for our support and telling us they are in need of docents to help escort visitors around the Museum. If anyone is interested please give Terry your contact information.

NEW BUSINESS: Installation: Glen Crabb is the Chairman of the Installation Committee and he will get cost figures from several different venues and report his findings at the next E.C. meeting. The Installation will be held on our regular meeting day, January 16, 2015 and will be at noon. Dress will be coat and tie for the gentlemen and appropriate dress for the ladies.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with a benediction by Chaplain Brown.

All commissaries are now scanning ID cards

FORT LEE, Va. – As many patrons already know, commissaries are now scanning customers’ Department of Defense identification cards at checkouts. The reason for scanning ID cards is because the Defense Commissary Agency is continuing its efforts to deliver a 21st century benefit to eligible shoppers.

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TAPS

- ◆ **Brauner, Clarence J., Jr.** COL, USA (Ret),
6 October 2014
- ◆ **Binzer, Lenore**, Wife of Col Bill Binzer,
USAF (Ret), 3 March 2014

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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

- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford**, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler**, USAF Ret)
- ◆ **Mrs. Margaret Mattson**, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ **COL Frederick Terry**, USA (Ret)
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell**, USCG (Ret)
- ◆ **BG Paul Smith**, USA (Ret)

November Birthdays (68 to 99 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)
22	Christner	Alan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Flint	John	Col	USAF (Ret)
01	Hansen	George	CPT	USA (Fmr)
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09	King	Monroe	CAPT	USN (Ret)
05	Lorence	Marie	LTC	USA (Ret)
10	Love	Bruce	CW3	USA (Ret)
03	Maratos	Stanley	Col	USAF (Ret)
19	McConnell	Lawrence	CAPT	USN (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)
21	Sears	Claire	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
18	Shine	Kaari	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
13	Vaughn	Sidney	RADM	USCG (Ret)
27	Walters	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
27	Williams	Paul	Capt	USAFR (Ret)

Financial Report Summary for the Month of September

HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,921.41
.... Donations	\$ 117.00
.... 50/50	\$ 38.00
.... Memorials	\$ 0.00
.... Expenses	\$ (878.03)
.... HOT Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,192.38

Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,548.00
.... Donations	\$ 100.00
.... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,648.00

Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 3,145.46
.... Luncheon Income	\$ 496.00
.... Dues	\$ 0.00
.... Misc Income	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned	\$ 0.77
.... Luncheon Expense	\$ (576.00)
.... Supplies	\$ (23.00)
.... Post Office	\$ (49.00)
.... Honraria/donations	\$ (50.00)
.... Niscellaneous expenses	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT	\$ 0.00
.... Printing/mailling	\$ 0.00
.... Newsletter Costs	\$ (358.80)
.... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,635.43



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- ◆ **Catalfamo, Frank, LTC, USA (Ret)**
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Commissaries from Page 8

Commissary shoppers were used to showing their ID cards to establish their eligibility to use the commissary. By scanning the ID card at checkout, DeCA will no longer need to maintain any personal information on customers in its computer systems.

Since only authorized patrons may use the commissary, and ID card scanning will be the means of verification, no patrons may opt out from these procedures.

Scanning will also help improve the commissary benefit for all patrons, according to Joseph H. Jeu, DeCA director and CEO.

“In addition to verifying customers as authorized commissary patrons, we’ll gain

information that will give us a better understanding of our patrons, allowing the agency to provide the commissary benefit more effectively and efficiently,” Jeu said.

Cross-referenced with other DOD data, the scan data will give commissary agency officials useful information about patron usage by

each military service, along with customer demographics that do not identify specific personal data of an individual.

This will eventually help the agency identify shopping needs and preferences – information that is essential in today’s retail business environment. It will also allow more accurate reporting to the military services on commissary usage.

The demographic data DeCA will use is strictly limited to card ID number, rank, military status, branch of service, age, household size, and ZIP code. DeCA will not be using any personal information such as names, addresses or phone numbers.

“The methods, processes and information we’ll use will not compromise our customers’ privacy – they can be sure of that,” Jeu said. “We’re putting technology to work to better understand our customers and ensure the commissary benefit continues to remain relevant to them now and in the future.” (Courtesy of DeCA News)



St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

Monthly Luncheon

Friday

21 November 2014

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

Guest Speakers:

CDR Paul Matthews, USN (Ret)

Subject:Legislative Update

Paul Matthews, CDR, USN (Ret) is a Constituent Services Representative for Congressman David W. Jolly, U.S. House of Representatives, FL-CD13. In this role Paul assists constituents with issues that they may be having with various federal agencies. His principle focus is assisting veterans in dealing with problems associated with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Paul is also one of Congressman Jolly's principle advisors on Veterans, Defense and Environmental issues and policies. He works very closely with numerous Veteran Service Organizations in the area as well as members of the Scientific and Environmental Policy community.

Paul's military career spans 32 years having been appointed to the United States Naval Academy Class of 1985 from former Congressman C.W. Bill Young's Pinellas County Congressional District. As a junior Naval Oceanographer, Paul had duty assignments that include being a Typhoon Forecast Duty Officer in Guam, supporting Special Operations at the U.S. Special Operations Command at MacDIII, AFB, and in special programs at the Headquarters of the Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command. As a senior officer Paul was assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group, the Joint Staff Intelligence Directorate and as a Military Professor at the U.S. Naval War College.

Paul holds a Bachelors Degree in Oceanography and two Masters Degrees, Physical Oceanography and National Security and Strategic Studies.

Paul is married to Carol and they have four children, Erin, Paul, Andrew and Ryan.

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- 4: Election Day
- 10: U. S. Marine Corps established (1775)
- 11: Veterans Day
- 27: Thanksgiving Day

