



# OFFICERS CALL

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



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### President's Comments:

To begin, thank you to those of you who have already renewed your chapter dues. Due to the numbers required, the second mailing cannot use our bulk mailing permit, and must go first class. Thus, the large increase in cost for the second notice mailings. As of the 26th, slightly over half of our membership have renewed. With a second notice mailing coming in mid-November, there is still time to help save the chapter some funds. Please renew ASAP.



Second, thank you for the donations to both the Scholarship Fund and our Help Our Troops Fund. With your help, we are well on our way to fully funding our third MOAA-managed St Petersburg Area Chapter Designated Scholarship fund. Each of these scholarships provides a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest-free loan to a military dependent scholar.

And, your donations to our HOT fund helped us fund a greatly-needed storage facility for the next year for Heaven on Earth for Veterans.

Speaking of our HOT program, LTC Fran Chancey, USA (Ret) has volunteered to lead that program. You'll be hearing more about the HOT program in the coming months as Fran gets her hands around the program.

Our chapter nominating committee has done a tremendous job and gathered a great slate of officers for the coming year. I congratulate the committee (Mrs. Evey Hamilton, Lt Col Bill Lofgren, and Maj Pete Dawson) for their work. And, I applaud those who have stepped forward to lead the chapter in the coming years. The slate of officers is listed elsewhere in this edition, as is the ballot. You may fill out the ballot and mail it in, or you may vote in person at the December luncheon.

Lastly, as the database manager, it is my job to enter the renewals and donations each year and as they come in throughout the year. As I do this, I am continually amazed and overwhelmed by the generosity of our chapter members! We may be a fairly small chapter in numbers, and our luncheon attendance is a small percentage of the chapter membership, but where the rubber meets the road, so to speak, y'all are absolutely the greatest.

See you at the luncheon on the 20th of November.

### Free Lunch Winners

(With respect to Robert Heinlein and Milton Friedman, there really is a FREE lunch)

### New Members:

- CAPT Stan Beach, USN (Ret)
- Mrs. Ellen Beach, AuxMbr-Spouse
- Lt Col Doug Sarbach, USAF (Ret)
- Mrs. Rita Sarbach, AuxMbr-Spouse

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### TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

We will again be collecting Toys For Tots at our December 18<sup>th</sup> luncheon



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

## CALENDAR

**Nov 20<sup>th</sup>** Mark Strickland, SPC Provost

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan 15<sup>th</sup>** Installation

**Fwbruary 19<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\* Need a ride to the luncheon?  
 Call: Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237**

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

**Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>** Monday

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup>** Wednesday

**Jan 4<sup>th</sup>** Monday

## MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

**Luncheons:**

- Next luncheon will be  
 Tuesday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Clearwater Yacht Club  
 1130 hours

**Luncheon Reservations:**

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146

**Membership Info:**

- Fran Chancey 251-9653

**Bridge:** (3rd Tuesday of the month) **10:30 AM** at The Club Treasure Island

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 229  
 Regular Members - 151  
 Auxiliary Members - 55  
 AuxMbr-Spouse - 23  
 Inactive Members - 0

**Military Services:**

Army - 61 USMC - 10  
 USAF - 40 USCG - 7  
 Navy - 33 NOAA - 0

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## Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**

**Monthly Luncheon; 16 October 2015**

**Attended – 58:** (58 reservations), 2 Member Guest, 2 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 1 No Shows

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald.

Benediction by Chaplain George Brown and

Pledge of Alliegence by Larry Fernald.

Guest Speaker Bob Gualtieri, Sheriff of Pinellas County gave a very informative talk about law enforcement in Pinellas County.

After a good question and answer session we broke for lunch.

After lunch President Fernald read a thank you note from Heaven On Earth for Troops for check to rent storage facility.

50/50 winners were Betty Finley and Glenn Crabb.

Door prize winners were Carol Sjolund, Denice Hanson, Lee White and Giles Bax.

Glen Crabb gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting 5 October 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald at 11:30 am. Chaplain George Brown led the invocation. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry Fernald.

Motion made to accept minutes of September meeting as published. First and seconded by Bill Lofgren and Ed Lillich. Motion approved.

First Vice President Glenn Crabb reported on speakers for the rest of this year. October Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, November Mark Strickland Provost at St Petersburg College, December a Barbershop Quartet will sing Christmas Carols.

Motion made to accept Treasurers report subject to audit. First and second by Pauline Edwards and Jim Patton. Treasurers report approved subject to audit. All memorial donations are now going to scholarship fund.

On Sunday 6 December a Pearl Harbor Memorial service will be held at Belleair Country Club.

Nominations committee announced slate for 2016.

President Roger Popham, first Vice President Bill Eichholz, second Vice President Pauline Edwards, secretary Ginni Eichholz. Treasurer Pete Dawson

Executive members:

Fran Chancy, Maureen Connors, Peter Gunderson, Evey Hamilton and Buck Williams.



Thank you to nominations committee members; Evey Hamilton, Bill Lofgren and Pete Dawson. Pete will head the committee again next year.

Fran Chancy will take over HOT program.

Motion entertained to give Heaven on Earth for Vets 2,236.30 for rent on a storage facility. First and second by Ed Lillich and Violet Smith. Motion was approved.

After lunch and benediction meeting was adjourned

## BALLOT FOR 2016 OFFICERS

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DEC 18, 2015**

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

President: **COL Roger E. Popham, USA (Ret)**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.: **LTC William R. Eichholz, USA (Ret)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.: **Mrs Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC**

Secretary: **Mrs Ginni Eichholz, AuxMbr-Sp**

Treasurer: **Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)**

### Executive Advisory Board

(Term Expires December 31, 2016)

**CAPT Peter Gunderson, USNR (Ret)**  
(replacing LTC William Eichholz)

(Term Expires December 31, 2017)

**LTC Frances Chancey, USA (Ret)**  
**LTC Pauline Mallory, USA (Ret)**  
**Capt Paul Williams, USAFR (Ret)**

### I ACCEPT THE SLATE AS LISTED

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### 2016 Installation of Officers

The installation of officers for 2016 will be held at our monthly luncheon on January 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Pasadena Yacht Club. More details in the December Officers Call but please mark your calendar for this event.

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



## NEW TRICARE DRUG PRICES TOOK EFFECT OCT 1

Military families and retirees who regularly refill some brand-name medications at retail pharmacies will need to either switch to home delivery, get their drugs at a military treatment facility or start paying for them out of pocket beginning Oct. 1.

Right now, TRICARE subsidizes all covered brand-name medication at in-network, civilian retail pharmacies. Users pay \$20 for a 30 day supply, while TRICARE covers the remaining cost. But the new rule will force users who buy “maintenance” drugs at those locations to pay the entire cost out pocket.

The change only impacts prescription drug refills considered “maintenance” medications by TRICARE because they are refilled and taken regularly to treat chronic health problems like high cholesterol, allergies or anxiety. Brand-name drugs filled for any other reason, like short-term pain or antibiotics, will still be covered at the current rate. Users will also be able to fill at a retail pharmacy an initial 30-day supply of a new maintenance drug before switching to the mail order or MTF systems, officials said.

Mail-order brand-name drugs will continue to cost users \$16 for a 90-day supply. All drugs filled at a military treatment facility (MTF) will continue to be free.

Users affected by the policy change will receive a notice by mail in mid-September with instructions on how to change their pharmacy to mail-order or an MTF. A complete list of brand-name maintenance drugs affected by the change can be viewed here: <http://pec.ha.osd.mil/TFLmaintenancedruglist.php#A>

Users will get several chances to refill their medication after Oct. 1 at their retail pharmacy before being forced to pay out of pocket. TRICARE will pay its previous portion of the first two refills of any given maintenance drug, but payment of the third refill will be blocked, according to an interim coverage rule.

### How to move your mail-order drugs through TRICARE.

The new rule will not impact active-duty users, beneficiaries stationed overseas or nursing home residents, officials said. TRICARE users can also receive a waiver on a case-by-case basis.

It will also not change the cost of generic drug purchases, regardless of what condition the drug is treating. Those will continue to cost \$8 for a 30-day supply at retail pharmacies.

The change comes on the heels of a 2014 pilot program that tested the change among TRICARE FOR LIFE users, who are over 65-years-old and use TRICARE in tandem with Medicare. Officials expect the change to save the Defense Department \$85 million per year, because filling brand name drugs through pharmacy contractor Express Scripts, which manages the mail order program, or at a military pharmacy costs less.

The change will also force savings upon TRICARE users. Officials estimate users will annually save about \$16.5 million, or about \$176 per drug.

### Editor's Note

*MOAA membership is open to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, and former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the following uniformed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

### *So what is the Public Health Service?*

The Public Health Service Act of 1944 structured the United States Public Health Service (PHS), founded in 1798, as the primary division of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), (which was established in 1953), which later became the United States Department of Health and Human Services in 1979-1980, (when the Education agencies were separated into their own U.S. Department of Education). The Office of the Surgeon General was created in 1871. The PHS comprises all Agency Divisions of Health and Human Services and the Commissioned Corps. The Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) oversees the PHS and the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.

The United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (PHSCC) employs more than 6,000 public health professionals for the purpose of delivering public health promotion and disease prevention programs and advancing public health science. Members of the Commissioned Corps often serve on the frontlines in the fight against disease and poor health conditions.

As one of the United States seven uniformed services, the PHS Commissioned Corps fills public health leadership and service roles within federal government agencies and programs. The PHS Commissioned Corps includes officers drawn from many professions, including environmental and occupational health, medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy, psychology, social work, hospital administration, health record administration, nutrition, engineering, science, veterinary, health information technology, and other health-related occupations.

Officers of the Corps wear uniforms similar to those of the United States Navy with special PHSCC insignia, and the Corps uses the same commissioned officer ranks as the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Commissioned Officer Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration from ensign to admiral, uniformed services pay grades O-1 through O-10 respectively.

### **Mission**

The mission of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps is to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of the United States. According to the PHSCC, this mission is achieved through rapid and effective response to public health needs, leadership and excellence in public health practices, and advancement of public health science.

### **History**

The origins of the Public Health Service can be traced to the passage, by the 5th Congress of the United States, of “An Act

**See Public Health Pg 11**





## MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

### What Happens If the Government Defaults?



A possible government shutdown is yesterday's news – at least until Dec. 11, when the current continuing resolution expires.

That's all about keeping the government running.

The new looming crisis concerns the country's debt limit, which the Treasury Secretary says the U.S. will hit around Nov. 3.

Why is that significant?

Well, national spending exceeds revenue every year, and we have to make up the difference by borrowing – i.e., selling government bonds.

The amount America can borrow is limited by statute. So when we hit the debt limit, Congress must raise the debt limit to allow additional borrowing, or else America will default on its obligations.

There's a general consensus among government leaders, economists, and wall street insiders that a default would be very, very bad in many, many ways.

Our national credit rating would be hurt, which would mean higher interest rates on everything from student loans to credit cards, cars and mortgages.

The stock and bond markets would take a big hit, which means your 401(k)s, IRAs, and investments would, too.

Most of all, it could very well hit currently serving and retired military and federal civilians where it hurts most – in the paycheck.

Hitting the debt limit and defaulting doesn't mean all government payments would stop.

The country would still have money coming in...just not enough to pay all of its current obligations.

So who/what will still get paid and who/what won't?

Most observers believe bondholders would be first in line for payment. But then some level of priority would have to be established among Social Security, Medicare, active and retired federal workers and military, government contracts, Medicaid payments to states, student loans, etc.

At that point, it's all about the politics and the level of pain.

What payments are most vital to the country? Whose screams of pain will be thought most likely to get Congress off the dime and raise the debt limit? Someone, somewhere in the federal government is likely starting to make those assessments, just in case.

But nobody at this point can say for sure whether current troops, retirees, veterans, survivors, or Social Security annuitants will get paid or will see their checks held up during a default period. It's all possible.

There's no doubt the debt limit will end up getting raised one way or another.

MOAA believes strongly it must be done before we hit the last available day.

The consequences for the country are simply too dire to be playing Russian roulette with a national default.

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### As I See It

By: Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF (Ret)  
Director, Government Relations MOAA

If you think you're "fully grandfathered," think again.

We've told you the FY 2016 Defense Authorization Act includes a dramatic overhaul of the military retirement system that reduces retired pay value by 20 percent and substitutes a lower-value savings match under a 401(k)-style system.

We've also told you the new plan will be imposed only on new service entrants on or after Jan. 1, 2018.

In other words, all currently in uniform and everyone already retired will be "grandfathered" under the current retirement system.

But that's definitely not the same thing as saying, "No currently serving or retired servicemember will experience any financial penalty from this change."

Now that I have your attention, let's look briefly at the new system.

**Reduced retired pay:** Instead of providing 2.5 percent of the highest three years' average basic pay for each year of service (50 percent at 20 years; 75 percent at 30), it provides 2 percent per year (40 percent at 20 years; 60 percent at 30).

**Thrift Savings Plan (TSP):** To help offset the lost retired pay, servicemembers will be expected to contribute part of their pay to a 401(k)-like TSP.

**Government TSP contributions:** DoD will put 1 percent of basic pay in each servicemember's TSP account each year. Starting after two years of service, DoD also will match the servicemember's contribution up to 4 percent of basic pay. Matching deposits will stop after 26 years of service.

**Vesting:** Unlike the current system, servicemembers separating after one or more terms would be able to keep the government contributions to their TSP.

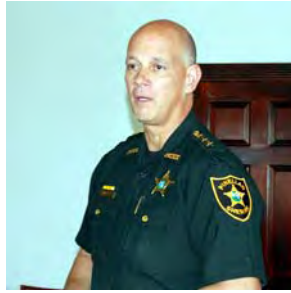
**Lump-sum retired-pay option:** Retirement-eligible servicemembers will be able, if they choose, to receive a portion of their retired pay as a lump sum. The option is to take 25 percent or 50 percent of the total retired pay they would

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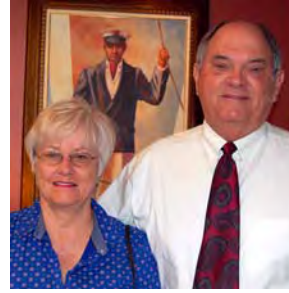
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Chaolain George Brown delivered invocation



Guest Speaker Sheriff Bob Gualtieri



Barb and President Larry Fernald



1st VP Glen and Katie Crabb



2nd VP elect Pauline Edwards with Door Prize winner Betty Finley



Visitor David Peek



Rose Munchbach and 50/50 winner Paulette Carr



50/50 winner Pauline Edwards with Rose Munchbach



Jeanie and President elect Roger Popham



2nd VP elect Bill and Secretary elect Ginni Eichholz



EC Board member elect Buck Williams



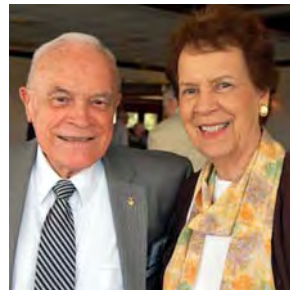
Heaven on Earth Founders Sheila Mutascio and Carol Barkalow



Carol and David Sjorland



Eleanor and Don Simmons



Stan and Ellen Beach



John and Janet Graham



Neal and Lee White



Maxine Terry



New members Rita and Douglas Sarbach



Tony Quattromani





EAB Member Maureen Connors, Joanne Taylor and Board Member elect Peter Gunderson



Ed and Chris Lillich



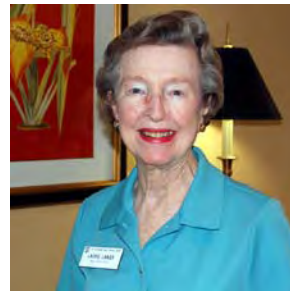
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Sherry Freese



Denise and Buzz Hanson



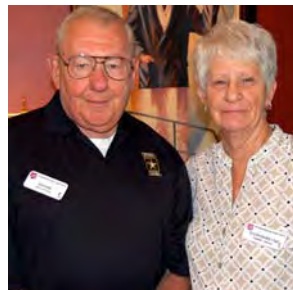
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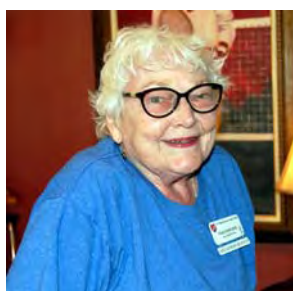
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Anne Isley



Fred Schlager



EAB Member Fran Shivers



Stan Maratos



Paulette and Past President Terry Carr



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Our always smiling receptionists: Pauline Edwards, Evey Hamilton and Rose Munchbach



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Photos

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Member donations ONLY:  
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Smith, Violet Mrs.  
Talbitzer, John LT  
Vitters, Cindy LTC

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Christie, Robert LtCol  
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Hetherington, Chuck Col  
Kirkland, Doug CDR  
Lewis, Bill Lt Col  
Sims, Bob Maj

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Hermann, Peter Col  
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Reed, Bob CDR  
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Schlager, Fred CWO4  
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Warren, David LTC

Member donations ONLY:  
\$3,610 as of 10/26/2015

## November Birthdays (47 to 93 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
26	Alvarez	Jeanne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
30	Barnes	Van	1LT	USA (Fmr)
22	Blatt	Donald	LTC	USA (Ret)
22	Christner	Alan	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
01	Hansen	George	CPT	USA (Fmr)
17	Holmes	Leland	LTC	USA (Ret)
28	Jones	Ethel	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
09	King	Monroe	CAPT	USN (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-AF
26	Penny	John	LCDR	USN (Ret)
21	Sears	Claire	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
18	Shine	Kaari	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
21	Shoulders	Troy	CDR	USN (Ret)
13	Vaughn	Sidney	RADM	USCG (Ret)
27	Walters	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
27	Williams	Paul	Capt	USAFR (Ret)

The NCO Club at a base had a new robotic bartender installed.

An NCO came in for a drink and the robot asked him, "What was your ASVAB Score when you joined the military?"

The NCO replied, "99."

So the robot proceeded to make conversation about physics, astronomy, investments, insurance, and so on.

The NCO listened intently and thought, "This is really cool."

Another guy came in for a drink and the robot asked him, "What was your ASVAB Score?"

The man responded, "70."

So the robot started talking about the football, baseball and so on.

The man thought to himself, "Wow, this is really cool."

A third NCO came in to the bar. As with the others, the robot asked him, "What was your ASVAB Score when you joined the military?"

The NCO replied, "40."

The robot then said, "So, what's up in the world of First Sergeants, these days?"







# TAPS

**Lt Col Ralph H. Myers, USAF (Ret),**  
18 Oct 2015

**Mrs. Helen J. Montrem, AuxMbr-AF**  
18 May 2015

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



## Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Beach, Stanley, CAPT, USN (Ret) (Ellen)**  
10950 Temple Terrace Apt W315, Seminole,  
FL 33772, 727-202-7748
- ◆ **Beach, Ellen, Mrs., AuxMbr-Spouse (Stan)**  
10950 Temple Terrace Apt W315, Seminole,  
FL 33772, 727-202-7748
- ◆ **Sarbach, Douglas L., Sr., Lt Col, USAF (Ret)**  
6015 Anchorage Way So., St Petersburg,  
FL 33712-4785, 303-746-0894
- ◆ **Sarbach, Rita, Mrs., AuxMbr-Spouse**  
6015 Anchorage Way So., St Petersburg,  
FL 33712-4785, 303-746-0894

**Every member get a new member  
and get a free lunch!**

## 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)**
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Bobbie Walters, AuxMbr-A**

**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.**

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of September

### HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 5,564.62
.... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
.... 50/50 .....	\$ 77.00
.... Expenses .....	\$ 0.00
.... HOT Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 5,691.62

### Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 982.00
.... Memorials .....	\$ 100.00
.... Donations .....	\$ 200.00
.... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,282.00

### Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,706.03
.... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 742.00
.... Dues .....	\$ 55.00
.... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned .....	\$ 0.64
.... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (720.00)
.... Supplies .....	\$ 15.00
.... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
.... Honraria/donations .....	\$ 0.00
.... Other Organizations .....	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to Scholarship .....	\$ (100.00)
.... Printing/mailing .....	\$ 0.00
.... Newsletter Costs .....	\$ (423.48)
.... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,275.19

## Pearl Harbor Commemoration

Date: December 6, 2015

Loction: Belleair Country Club  
1 Country Club Lane  
Belleair, FL 33756

Time: Checkin 1200 hours  
Opening Ceremony 1230 hours  
Brunch: 1300 hours  
Program: 1400 hours  
Cost \$30.00 per person

**Reservations required by December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please make check payable to SPA-MOAA and mail to:

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On some air bases the Air Force is on one side of the field and civilian aircraft use the other side of the field, with the control tower in the middle.

One day the tower received a call from an aircraft asking, "What time is it?"

The tower responded, "Who is calling?"

The aircraft replied, "What difference does it make?"

The tower replied "It makes a lot of difference.

If it is an American Airlines flight, it is 3 o'clock.

If it is an Air Force plane, it is 1500 hours.

If it is a Navy aircraft, it is 6 bells.

If it is an Army aircraft, the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the 3.

If it is a Marine Corps aircraft, it's Thursday afternoon and 120 minutes to "Happy Hour."



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draw between initial receipt of retired pay and age 67. But the amount would be steeply discounted for every year before age 67.

The new system will save DoD more than \$13 billion in the first 10 years alone.

In effect, it makes people who serve 20-plus years substitute their own money for the government's. It also makes career servicemembers foot the bill for new payouts to separatees.

We're also concerned the lump-sum payment will entice too many retiring servicemembers to forfeit a very large amount of retired pay for a small fraction of the value in a lump sum. DoD and Congress bash payday lenders for doing essentially the same thing.

Some ask, "Why are you making a big deal about this, since it will be years and years before anyone retires under the new system, and it doesn't affect anyone already serving or retired?"

For one thing, wrong is wrong. If these changes were being inflicted on today's retirees, we'd say the reduced pay is not commensurate with their sacrifice. We don't think future servicemembers' sacrifices will be any less.

MOAA has no problems with a vesting provision, but the fact that the changes save billions even after adding this big new cost tells you this is a drill to save money at the expense of those who serve longest and sacrifice most.

All the talk about rising personnel costs is simply code for "We don't think your service and sacrifice is worth what we're paying you." MOAA disagrees.

But what's particularly wrong about this drill is it's not just future retirees being made to foot the bill.

Because of the technicalities of congressional budgeting, the changes "scored" as having some relatively near-term costs.

And to solve that problem, Congress turned to ... you.

The next time you pay more for your TRICARE-covered medications, you won't have to wonder where the extra money went. It went to cover start-up costs for the new military retirement system that (mostly) grandfathered you.

**DD-214 information**

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request a copy of their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>.

This will reduce the waiting time veterans have experienced in the past (waiting for copies of their DD-214s).

Note: Because a written signature is required on the form, you will still need to print it out and mail or fax it to NPRC to obtain a copy.

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for the Relief of Sick and Disabled Seamen" in 1798. This act created Marine Hospitals to care for sick seamen. They were initially located along the East Coast, at the harbors of the major port cities, with Boston being the site of the first such facility, followed later by others including in the Baltimore vicinity at Curtis Bay.

At the time this act was passed the east coast was the only shore with harbors. As the boundaries of the United States expanded, and harbors were built on other coasts, so too were marine hospitals. In the 1830s and 1840s they were built along inland waterways, the Great Lakes, and the Gulf of Mexico. After the acquisition of the Oregon Territory (1846) and California (1848) hospitals were built in 1850s at Pacific Coast harbors.

Funding for the hospitals was provided by a mandatory tax of about 1% of the wages of all maritime sailors.

A reorganization in 1870 converted the loose network of locally controlled marine hospitals into a centrally controlled Marine Hospital Service, with its headquarters in Washington, D.C. The position of Supervising Surgeon (later titled the Surgeon General) was created to administer the Service, and John Maynard Woodworth, (1837-1879), was appointed as the first incumbent in 1871. He moved quickly to reform the system and adopted a military model for his medical staff; putting his physicians in uniforms, and instituting examinations for applicants. Woodworth created a cadre of mobile, career service physicians, who could be assigned as needed to the various Marine Hospitals. The commissioned officer corps was established by legislation in 1889, and signed by 22nd/24th President Grover Cleveland. At first open only to physicians, over the course of the 20th Century, the Corps expanded to include veterinarians, dentists, physician assistants, sanitary engineers, pharmacists, nurses, environmental health officers, scientists, and other types of health professionals. It is now known as the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The scope of activities of the Marine Hospital Service also began to expand well beyond the care of merchant seamen in the closing decades of the nineteenth century, beginning with the control of infectious disease. Starting in the mid-14th century, ships entering harbors were quarantined when any of the crew was sick. This practice was normal procedure at United States harbors, with quarantine originally a function of the individual states, rather than of the Federal Government. The National Quarantine Act of 1878 vested quarantine authority to the Marine Hospital Service. and the National Board of Health. The National Board was not reauthorized by Congress in 1883 and its powers reverted to the Marine Hospital Service. Over the next half a century, the Marine Hospital Service increasingly took over quarantine functions from individual state authorities.

Because of the broadening responsibilities of the Service, its name was changed in 1902 to the "Public Health and Marine Hospital Service".

Today the mission of the Commissioned Corps of the PHS is "Protecting, promoting, and advancing the health and safety of the Nation."



# St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

## Monthly Luncheon

**Friday**  
**20 November 2015**

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

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

**Guest Speakers:**

**Mark Strickland**  
**Provost Seminole Campus SPC**

Within the past year, Mark F. Strickland, Jr. was promoted to Acting Provost at the Seminole Campus of St. Petersburg College. Prior to his promotion, Mark was the Associate Provost for the Downtown Campus. Mark has and continues to be a major contributor in the implementation and success of the College Experience. Mark has assisted and served on numerous college initiatives, along with state wide committees.



Mark joined St. Petersburg College in 2000 as a College Recruiter. In 2003, Mark was promoted to Coordinator of Enrollment Management and soon thereafter became the Director. Mark left Enrollment Management in 2011 to become the Associate Provost at the Downtown Campus. In addition to his contributions as an Associate Provost, he also served as the Athletic Director until 2015. Mark also has been an Adjunct Instructor for Barry University and the University of Tampa.

Mark's upbringing, as a military dependent, allowed for him to live in multiple countries such as: Egypt, Italy, and Germany. In addition to his time overseas, Mark also lived in Georgia, Oklahoma, Alabama, Virginia and Florida.

As a late teen Mark settled in nicely in Florida at the conclusion of his father's military career. Mark went on to earn an Associate's Degree from St. Petersburg College, a Bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida, and a Master's degree from Nova Southeastern. Mark completed several credit hours towards a PhD at Colorado State University, with many of his courses geared towards community college leadership.

**11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, November 20<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Pasadena Yacht Club**

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

• **Reservations MUST be in by Tue, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

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**To expedite entry, please have checks prepared before arrival.**

**For a RIDE call:**

**Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237**



## November

- 1: Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 9: Holocaust Began in 1938
- 10: U S Marine Corps est 1775
- 11: Veterans Day
- 22: JFK Assasinated 1963
- 26: Thanksgiving Day
- 28: Magellan reached the Pacific 1521

