

# OFFICERS CALL

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### President's Message

CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)

As previously reported in Officers Call our Chapter's two youngest members and only two Selected Reserve Officers, LCDR Matt Poage, USNR and Maj Marc Freese, USMC were both activated in June. Both have completed their training and are now in "Harms Way." Matt in Afghanistan and Marc in Iraq. We pray for both of them and all of our troops who are in Harms Way.



We hope to learn more from Matt about his activation to report in future Officers Call but of course, I do know what Marc is doing.

Marc is the Officer in Charge (OINC) of the Reservist activated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Battalion of the II Marine Expeditionary Force. As the OINC, Marc wrote a letter to the families of the Reservists that explained what they will be doing and the situation where they are going.

The following three paragraphs are from Marc's letter to the families. I quote.

"As you are probably aware, the situation in Iraq has been described as anything from constantly improving to a complete failure, depending on which area is being discussed. Your Marine will initially be assigned to the Al-Anbar province in western Iraq. This province experienced a positive and very apparent turn of events less than a year ago; in my opinion, the province can be described as improving. We like to think the change was directly related to the Marine Corps' presence, but there are numerous other important factors involved. In particular, Sunni terrorist groups' willingness to threaten and kill civilians in Al-Anbar has led to a popular backlash against the terrorists.

The Al-Anbar population's willingness to expel terrorists, work with coalition forces and seek legitimate power within the existing Iraqi government sets the scene for your Marine's mission while in Iraq.

The combination of the backlash against terrorist groups and political appetites in the United States for "good news" from Iraq has made their mission extremely visible and even more important. We will be helping the Iraqis while their

### Col Michael Culhane, USAF

Commander, 6<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, MacDill AFB

Colonel Culhane is the Commander, 6th Medical Group, MacDill AFB, FL. As the Commander, he is responsible for providing world class prevention and healthcare services to a global air mobility wing and 50 mission partner units including two combatant commanders. Colonel Culhane oversees the Department of Defense's largest single catchment area supporting over 106,000 warfighters, retirees and their families with 153,000 clinic visits, 24,000 dental and 943,000 ancillary visits annually. He accomplishes this with an authorized staff of 718 military, civilian and contract personnel and an Operations & Maintenance budget in excess of \$42 million.



Colonel Culhane received a direct commission in the Air Force Medical Service Corps as a first lieutenant in 1985. Since then he has served in a variety of command, staff, and administrative positions including squadron section commander, health professions recruiting program manager, facility administrator, MAJCOM and Regional Lead Agent staff officer, squadron commander and deputy group commander.

political processes and economic ventures mature. The work your Marine will be doing will be highly visible, not only to generals in Iraq, but to national leaders, including the President. Your Marine has an extremely important job at a critical time in this fight. He has the opportunity to make a lasting difference in Iraq." End of quote.

"Making a difference" is something our military men and women, including all of you have always done. General Petraeus called our current military men and women the "Current Greatest Generation." All of you that served and their families are your Generations "Greatest!"

Thank you for serving!

Don Freese, President



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AND Life Members Emeritus AND Past Presidents

### Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 332  
Regular Members - 243  
Auxillary Members - 89

#### Military Services:

Army - 87                      USMC - 16  
USAF - 78                      USCG - 8  
Navy - 53                      NOAA - 1

9/15/2007

## The Buzz

### Chapter happenings

#### Col Al Neville

727 522-5685 or nevil45@tampabay.rr.com.

• **2007 Chapter Awards:-** The Executive Committee, on 10 September, 2007, adopted the recommendation of the Chapter Awards Committee to confer the 2007 awards as follows:

(1) Mrs. **Carolyn Shields**, to receive the St. Petersburg Area Chapter's 2007 Award for Exceptionally Distinguished Service;

(2) COL **Roger J. Shields**, USA (Ret), to be designated Life Member Emeritus; and

(3) CAPT **Robert J. Eynatten**, USN (Ret) and CAPT **Donald R. Freese**, USN (Ret), to be designated Distinguished Members.

Please thank and congratulate the honorees for their notable contributions to the success of our Chapter.

Maj Gen Earl G. Peck, USAF (Ret) Awards Committee Chairman

• **Surviving spouse experiences:-** The Military Officer magazine is planning an article on the post-notification experiences of surviving spouses of military members who died while on active duty from WW II to the present. The article will cover how those experiences vary over time with the emphasis on changes in survivor benefits and available personal affairs support.

Please contact Violet Smith 727 595-5543 or Anita Harrow 727 367-9050 if you are such a surviving spouse or if you know someone who is.

• **Nominating committee reports:-** Chairman CAPT Bob Eynatten, regular member Col Al Neville, auxiliary member Violet Smith and spouse member Carolyn Shields report the 2007 slate of nominees:

President	Lt Col Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret)
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COL Ron Merritt, USA (Ret)

The formal report of nominees will be presented at our meeting on October 19, nominations from the floor on November 9th and with the actual election at our December 15th meeting. (From August Officers Call)

• **Membership renewal:-** Early in October, each of you will receive an invoice containing a personalized membership renewal letter with your dues payment amount, your national MOAA dues status and our record of your donations.

The second page is pertinent information from your database record. Your entries should reviewed, errors corrected and missing data provided. This data sheet should then be marked as "OK" or "See corrections." It should then be returned with your check(s) in the envelope provided.

• **Bay Pines Support:-** Support for Bay Pines VA Hospital: Last month our chapter made two donations in support of student volunteers at the hospital. One \$50 check was given for scholarships for the volunteers.

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## A Young Sailor's Story From W W II

F1 Bob Eynatten, USCG  
CAPT Bob Eynatten, USN (Ret)

The LST of World War II, “a pocket battleship” of the amphibious fleet was often dubbed Long Slow Target. The LST was approximately 320 feet long with a 50-foot beam, a flat bottom hull for beaching and a huge anchor on the stern coupled to a 2-3/4" braided wire cable used for retracting off a beach. Large bow doors swing open exposing a steel ramp that when lowered, provided access to the tank deck for loading and



unloading cargo of all types; human, machines, ammunition, and other supplies. LST's carried a complement of 8 officers and 130 enlisted men.

“I reported aboard the LST 769 moored at Algiers Naval Base, New Orleans in early November 1944. Before leaving New Orleans, we loaded an LCT 1265 on the main deck for later delivery. We left New Orleans, picked up a cargo of heavy machinery, bulldozers, cranes, trucks, etc. in Gulfport, Mississippi. The ship transited to the Panama Canal and set course for Pearl Harbor 4,265 miles across the blue Pacific Ocean. While in Pearl Harbor, two steel pontoon causeways, each 200 feet long and twelve feet wide, were mounted on the starboard and port sides of the LST. Also, the 711th Tank Battalion was loaded on our ship for delivery in the South Pacific. We departed Pearl Harbor two days after Christmas, destination Leyte, Philippine Islands with a stop in the Marshall Islands. We had as cargo the LCT on our main deck, the 200 ft. pontoons, one on each side of the ship held on with chains, and about 17 Sherman tanks on the tank deck. We were down in the water plenty. Also there were about 350 soldiers, 40 Seabees, and a crew of 10 or 12 for the LCT in addition to our own crew of 125. We were a little crowded at times, believe me.

After leaving the Marshalls, which was just long enough to pick up a larger convoy, we went to Babelthorpe, Palau Island where there were about 10,000 Japanese in the hills. The U.S. held the airfield so the Japs were unable to get food through and consequently, it was just a matter of time before the enemy was wiped out. On the morning we pulled in there, we saw several planes strafing the camp of the Japs and dropping a few bombs. We then sailed for Leyte, passing 250-300 miles from Truk which was a major Japanese operating base of ships and planes. We all held our breaths. At Leyte we let off the tanks and all the army personnel, and it was here we had our first GQ.

There was an air raid in the interior where there was still quite a bit of fighting. We pulled out of Leyte and went to Guadalcanal. On the way, while going along the coast of New Guinea, some shells whizzed over our heads and lit in the water on the port side. There were only four LST's in our convoy, and a hard turn to port put us further from the shore batteries.

After Guadalcanal we went to Ulithi and 5 days before D-Day we sailed for Okinawa in some of the roughest weather ever recorded. It almost threw the invasion off schedule.

At this time I was mess cooking and the time off was good because I was able to see a lot of the operation that I would not have seen had I been on watch in the Engine Room. The morning of D-Day we were all up at 4:00 AM and had a big steak breakfast. Just as the sky was breaking around 5 AM we went to GQ. We saw for the first time the full array of ships all around us. It was more than I can describe; I never dreamed it all existed. The battlewagons were shelling the beach and everyone was watching closely for enemy planes. All of a sudden I looked out over the bow and saw an aircraft coming in low, not over 500 feet in the air and I could see bursts of his machine guns as he fired at us. Little blue spurts. You feel like ducking yet you don't. You just stand there and wait until he is in close enough range, and then you commence firing at him.

About that time our planes were beginning to show up and the first one we spotted was a seaplane used for observation and was carried aboard cruisers and battleships. We all knew it by sight and didn't fire, but two Japanese planes flying in the clouds overhead saw our plane and dove on him. A destroyer close by picked them up, started blazing away, and the Japs turned tail and headed back into the clouds. There were two LST's just ahead of us and they must have been plenty trigger-happy because they thought the destroyer was shooting at our



plane and cut loose with everything they had. Consequently, the first plane I saw fall in the invasion was one of our own. After that there were no mistakes; it was like a slap in the face.

Our ship lay off the beach, Red Beach One, and the Marines left the ship in the LVT's for landings and assault on Yontan airfield. By the third day we had launched the LCT, unloaded

**Sailor's Story, continued Pg 6**





## Luncheon Meeting; 21 September 2007

Reported by **Basil Burrell**

**Attended – 63: Members– 23, AuxMbrs-15;  
Wives– 15, Guests– 10,**

Our esteemed President, CAPT Don Freese USN (Ret), opened the September Luncheon Meeting by asking our Chaplain COL George Brown USA (Ret) to give the Invocation. Don then led us in the pledge to our Flag and Country. This month being the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States Air Force, it was only fitting that MajGen Earl Peck USAF (Ret) say a few words to commemorate that auspicious event. Which he did, with the emphasis on few. All during the luncheon we had a wide-screen TV running videos about airplanes of all types from the Wright Brothers to modern types. I think a couple of our members had a close relationship with the old biplanes. Right AI?



After a few comments about items of general interest to the Chapter members, Don asked Earl Peck to announce the Awards Committee's selections for awards to be presented this year. COL Roger Shields USA (Ret) to be Life Member Emeritus, Mrs Carolyn Shields to be our first Exceptionally Distinguished Service, and CAPT Bob Eynatten USN (Ret) and CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret) to be Distinguished Members. All the prospective honorees were asked to stand and be recognized. Carolyn read a letter from the Forward Operating Base in Afghanistan thanking her for all her work. Don spoke about the golf tournament being sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter. We need to participate to assist the folks at the Clearwater Chapter with this tournament. So all you golfers get out there.



MAJ Ed Lillich USA (Ret) placed the POW/MIA flag by the head table at the start of the meeting. Ed read the Proclamation by the President of the United States proclaiming September 21 to be national POW/MIA Day. Maj Gen Peck called attention to the presence today of Auxiliary Member Mrs Mardi Johnson. Mrs Johnson is the widow of Lt Gen Gerald W. "Jerry" Johnson. Lt Gen Johnson was a triple ace and POW in WWII. Maj Gen Peck gave the eulogy at Lt Gen Johnson's funeral about 5 years ago. At the time of his death, he was a member of our Chapter.

LtCol Fred Edwards USMC (Ret) reminded us that MOAA Deploys to Tampa on 16 and 17 November 2007 for the annual meeting of MOAA. The meeting is to be at the International Tampa Hotel on W. Kennedy Blvd just east of Westshore Blvd. This Hotel is the former Wyndham Westshore Hotel. Going east on the Howard Franklin Bridge, Kennedy Blvd is the first exit on the Tampa side. Some will probably enjoy the Stores at Westshore Plaza. Refer to page 8 of September *Officers Call*.

CAPT Bill Monk USN (Ret) President of the Florida Council of Chapters presented Don with the five-star Chapter pennant. This makes SIX consecutive years that the St. Petersburg Area Chapter has been named a five-star chapter.

Maj Gen Peck introduced our speaker Maj Gen V. M. "Rusty" Findley, II USAF who is Director, Strategy, Plans and Policy, U.S. Central Command, MacDill AFB. He is a command pilot with more than 3,700 flying hours. Gen Findley is intimately familiar with the Area of Responsibility (AOR) (I just had to throw that acronym in there) of Central Command. I was somewhat surprised to learn that while the AOR (there we go again) includes the Arab states, it does not include Israel. This really should not be too surprising when the deep enmity the Arab states feel to Israel is considered. If Israel were brought into the Central Command, there wouldn't be a coalition very long. Gen Findley says that plans are in the works to establish a Command to cover Africa excluding Egypt. Egypt would remain in Central Command's AOR. I just love acronyms!

Maj Gen Findley went on to discuss some of the problems in Iraq and in Afghanistan. It seems that progress is slow, as we all realize, but there is progress to a degree. Like the three steps forward and two steps back conundrum.

1LT Sarah Dickenson USA very ably assisted Gen Findley with the power-point presentation. The power-point show was excellent and showed very clearly the points Gen Findley was making. Gen Findley then answered a number of cogent questions with direct and straight answers. Maj Gen Rusty Findley remarked that he knows Maj Gen Peck's son who is Maj Gen Allen Peck.

Don asked Chaplain George Brown to give the benediction and ended the meeting at 1320 hours. **Basil**



Bill Monk, FI Council of Chapters President, presents our Chapters sixth Five Star Award Banner!!





Carolyn Shields, our first award for Exceptionally Distinguished Service and Roger Shields our newest Life Member Emeritus



George Brown, Gloria Blackwell, Dorothy Brown



Margaret Peck, Mardi Johnson



Maj Gen Rusty Findley, Larry Fernald



Anita Harrow



Ron Wildes, HB Love





### Sailor's Story, from Pg 3

most of the ammo from the tank deck and the other pontoon that remained. Every body was getting their nerves back when on the 6th of April we had a turkey shoot all one afternoon. It came about 12:30 and lasted till 5PM, took up again just before dark. Some of the Jap planes got through the destroyer screen outside of the harbor area and attacked the ships in the harbor. We got in a lot of target shooting that day. One plane was flying down the starboard side of the ship where my gun station was and the immense amount of flack and lead that was poured into the plane was amazing.

The Jap plane was heading for a hospital ship anchored a short distance from us, but the plane hit the water and blew up before it got to the hospital ship. Another Jap plane headed straight in for us on our bow and our 40 mm guns opened up (there are 4 of them and 2 of the 20-mm's). The Jap plane cut his run short and tried for another LST that was closer, but it also hit the water before he reached his target.

From Okinawa, after we unloaded, we went to Saipan where we were to pick up deck cargo. We left Saipan with about 26 Marines to unload that whole tank deck load, and sailed for Okinawa. We anchored off shore for four or five days waiting for the weather to clear, and then about midnight one night we shoved off and pulled in Iheya at dawn. The Marines had landed the day before and combed the entire island and found not a single Jap soldier. All there was were a few villages and civilians. Only two people were hurt, one Marine shot accidentally and one civilian who they mistook for a Jap soldier and shot but only wounded. We started unloading right away and since air raids were frequent around there, everybody pitched in to offload our cargo quicker. Here is the best part of it though—we nicknamed this invasion the “Outhouse Invasion” because half our tank deckload was wooden two-holer outhouses. When the newspaper played up the Iheya invasion we really got a buzz out of it because of the load we carried, and how easily the island was taken. We left there the next day and went back to Okinawa, then pushed off for Leyte again. We were only in Leyte a few days and we, along with forty other LST's were given the job to move the Fifth Air Force personnel and equipment from the Phillipines to Okinawa.

While there, I saw the big B-24 bomber base, and the town I told you about was San Jose on Mindoro. We got a load of everything from soup to nuts and a bunch of aerial photographer outfits. We were really packed again, and left Mindoro and sent to Subic Bay on Luzon where we were formed into a convoy. We lay there a few days and then went again to Okinawa. We knew the way almost by heart. This time though, we came close to Formosa and had to be very careful and alert. We unloaded the Air Force bunch and they were no sooner off, we took on a tank deck load of tanks that had been in battle since the first in Okinawa. We took them to Batanges Bay, Luzon, Phillipine Islands. After unloading the tanks we went back to Subic Bay, picked up another load of Fifth Air Force, Photo Recon Group, and it was while we were beached taking them on that we saw

Kay Kyser. This Photo Group took the first pictures of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We left Lingayan Gulf on what normally is a 4-1/2 or 5 day trip to Okinawa. The second day out, we started to hit the rough weather with a storm on one side and a typhoon on the other. Some of the ships in the convoy were towing crash boats, similar to PT boats. We kept circling around, dodging the storms and dragging those boats. Finally after 7-1/2 days, we rode out of the storms and got to Okinawa. It was on this trip that we saw what was left of Naha and also the island of IE where Ernie Pyle was killed. It was here too that we first got wind of the surrender and all the fireworks started. From Okinawa we returned to Subic Bay, and then a day later came over here to Lingayan Gulf, Leyte where we've been preparing for this new job.



Bob Eynatten (R)

Our new assignment is moving an Army Construction Battalion for the occupation of Wakayama, island of Honshu, Japan. We left Lingayan Gulf in a relatively small convoy with all the ships using their running lights, mast head, starboard and port lights. It was quite a sight, not having seen any display of running lights since December 1941. As we approached Wakayama harbor, mine sweepers proceeded ahead of the convoy to clear any mines in our path. Several mines had been cut loose, so the convoy skirted around them as they floated out to sea where a destroyer blew them up. After unloading our Army personnel and equipment, the ship was routed to Manila, Philippine Island for 3 days of R and R.

PostScript:

Early the next morning, I was notified by the Chief Master at Arms to pack my gear because under the point system I was selected for rotation back to the States. Ten of us transferred to a destroyer that was heading for the States. After ten days at sea, the ship arrived at Pearl Harbor, refueled, and left for San Diego the next morning. The sign on the horizon of Point Loma at the entrance to San Diego Harbor was one of the most beautiful sights I have ever seen. It was good to be back home.





**The Buzz, from Pg 2**

Another \$50 was designated for an ad in their annual recognition book. We have annually donated to this worthy cause for many years.

• **Another little Freese:-** From Iraq, chapter member Major Marc Freese, USMC, announced that he and Melody expect the arrival of number two about March 28, 2008.

• **Member Age:-** We have birthday dates on 90% of all of our members. The 34 without dates should provide them; the individual birth year doesn't leave the database.

Of our regular members (uniformed military), only 25% are under 70. Some 45% are in their 80s and 90s. Sixty percent of our Executive Committee members are 75 or over. Obviously, the long term vitality of our Chapter is dependent on the recruitment of younger members.

• **Major Marc Freese address in Iraq:-**

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Believe it or not you can also check out the 2d Intel Bn Web Site at:

<http://www.iimefpublic.usmc.mil/public/iimefpublic.nsf/sites/>

**2dIntelBn**

Whatever happened to “Loose Lips Sinks Ships?”

• **LCDR Matt Poage from Afghanistan:-**

In a message dated 9/6/2007, wpoage@myrapidsys.com wrote to Don Freese:

How are you doing Sir? I'm sorry for the late notice. We got married in a bit of a rush shortly before I deployed. We married in Key West on June 22. Only my brother and his wife were there but we plan to have a more formal ceremony after I return from Afghanistan. How is everything going with MOAA? Everything is going well over here. I am helping to coordinate the training programs for the Afghan National Police. It is a very interesting challenge! There is a lot of great potential though. Well I hope everything is going well with you. Take care and I will talk with you soon. Big game for Navy Friday! Beat Rutgers!

V/R, Matt

I was wrong. Priscilla is Mrs. Poage! I congratulated Matt and Priscilla. I also asked him for news and pictures as well as if he want OCe. Don

• **Lutheran church merger:-** On September 9<sup>th</sup>, chapter member Ron Merritt and chapter member Ed Lillich's wife Chris, representing their respective churches, signed a covenant of intent to merge Holy Comforter and Garden of Peace Lutheran Churches.



Ed Lillich, Stew Palmer



Pat Palmer



Martha Sumpter



Bill Monk, Fred Edwards





## Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 10 September 2007

Reported by **D. Kay Benson, AuxMbr-AF**

The meeting was called to order by President Don Freese, at 11:30. Don said the Invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Fifteen (15) members were in attendance: D.Kay Benson, Basil Burrell, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Paul Finley, Don Freese, Brent Gudmundson, Dick Koch, Ed Lillich, H.B. Love, AL Neville, Stew Palmer, Earl Peck, Roger Shields, and Violet Smith.



Minutes of August 9, 2007 were approved as printed in the Officers' Call.

President Report: Don made a motion that we promote the MOAA Vacation Group Cruise for 17 days to the Panama Canal November 20, 2008. Earl seconded and motion passed. A discussion about a full head table at the luncheon meetings was tabled. Don announced the four MOAA Annual Meeting delegates: Don Freese, Larry Fernald, Ed Lillich and Janice Mogan. Anita Harrow has been appointed as the new Auxiliary Liaison replacing Jane Gaugh who has resigned. Don recommended that we continue our current policy of extending Auxiliary MOAA National and chapter membership through this year but suggested that we review this policy yearly. Ed made the motion, Vi seconded. Motion passed.

Larry reported that the September meeting is the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Air Force. Maj. Gen. Vern M. "Rusty" Findley II USAF will present the program. October will be Col Michael T. Culhane, USAF, MSC. November will be CAPT Dave Olson USN (Ret). December will be our Holiday Canteen with Frank Sinatra and Toys for TOTS. January Installation Speaker will be DASN Lynda Davis, TIY&CC. February will be Professor Charles Rose MAJ USA Ret. March will be the VA Bay Pines Volunteer Service Director Derenda Summerlin.

Janice is on vacation but has been busy visiting Reserve Centers and calling prospective members. We have 20 new members, 5 new Auxiliary members, nine Give me Ten with a total membership as of today 332.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented by Pete. Al will send a membership dues notice letter early in October with the following noted: MOAA status, Donations, request to add cell number to directory, and include an explanation of our designated scholarship. This page along with a check to be mailed back. He requested "short" articles for The Buzz and particularly wanted Christmas articles about families with members oversea at Holiday time.

Al discussed the membership dues date change. It is on page 6 of our directory, and it will be posted in the OC. He requested that we contribute to The Buzz. He will include in September OC a detailed agenda for the MOAA National meeting Nov.

14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. Stew suggested that donations be included with the dues letter. Don will include that information in his letter.

Earl reported the Award committees recommendations: Capt. Robert J. Eynatten USN (Ret ) and Capt Donald R. Freese, USN (Ret) be granted Distinguished Member status; and that Col. Roger Shields, USA (Ret) be awarded Life Member Emeritus status and that the newly established award for Exceptionally Distinguished Service be conferred on our H.O.T. director, Carolyn Shields. Dick made the motion, Larry seconded. Motion passed with loud applause.

H.O.T. has mailed 370 boxes with more to come. Vi complemented Carolyn on what a good job she is doing not only with the packing of the boxes but also with publicity. Don recommended that we change our Scholarship Contact with MOAA National to state that the St Pete Chapter Scholarship will be awarded to a St Pete student attending a College or University. After discussion, Motion passed. H.B. Love reminded us that our next meeting date Sept 21<sup>st</sup> is POW/MIA day – Be proud of our flag!

At 1310 Don said the Benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

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#### ••BRONZE – \$165

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Dawson, Pete Maj  
Eisenhart, Bill Col  
Green, Richard CWO  
Roberson, Hal Col  
Vision, Michael CDR

#### ••SILVER – \$330

Bischof, Henny Mrs.  
Burrell, Basil CWO4

\$2,795 as of 9/21/07  
Goal 2007 - \$5,000



Major Generals Earl Peck & Rusty Findley





## Welcome our new members!

Mrs. **Jeanne Alvarez**, Auxiliary Member - USMC  
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### August 2007

Income:	
Dues	\$80.00
Boosters	\$50.00
Luncheon	\$670.00
Ads	\$0.00
Misc income	<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>Total income:</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>

Expenses:	
Banquet Masters	\$620.00
Newsletter printing	\$286.88
Supplies	\$20.00
Post Office	\$204.73
VA/JROTC	\$100.00
Other organizations	\$0.00
Nonrecurring	\$0.00
Memorials to Sch Fund	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,231.61</b>

Operations cash flow: (\$421.61)

Scholarship Fund	
Aug 1 balance	\$1,926.00
Donations	\$206.00
Memorials	\$0.00
Expended	<u>\$0.00</u>
Aug 31 balance	<b>\$2,132.00</b>

HOT	
Aug 1 balance	\$1,353.38
Donations	\$256.00
50/50	\$35.00
Expended	<u>\$0.00</u>
Aug 31 balance	<b>\$1,644.38</b>

Operating funds balance \$961.33

Pete Dawson, Major (Retired) USAF  
Treasurer

## HOT – Help Our Troops

Mrs. Carolyn Shields, HOT Committee Chair

From Louisville, Kentucky, Tracey Carlson, Violet Smith's daughter, sent a large bag of toiletries. Violet said that Tracy made sure that all caps were secured then sorted the items into categories.



Thank you Doctor David Leonard, Endocrinologist, for making a house call last Friday morning with a big bag of toiletries for the troops and enough postage to mail five flat-rate boxes.

As a guest speaker of the Society of Military Widows, Clearwater Chapter 27 on Sunday, I thought it would be fun to show them how the boxes of their generous donations are packed. All the items were “dumped” on a table and the ladies pitched right in, sorting and packaging the supplies – and there were a lot of them! In addition to the society's donations, Mary Young who is collecting donations from patrons of the CVS Pharmacy came with several bags of hand sanitizers. They are packed and mailed. A “Safari” was formed to carry all the boxes out and stuffed into my car. We thought that Violet and Peg Cowardin who came with me would have to walk home! All of the work and the goodies are appreciated by the MOAA St. Pete Area members.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Help Our Troops project. **RJS**

### 2007 Help Our Troops Donors

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

**••GOLD – \$2,045**  
Barton, Ann Mrs.  
Burrell, Basil CWO4  
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Dawson, Peter Maj  
Diedo, Ed LTC  
Eynatten, Bob CAPT  
Fernald, Larry Lt Col  
Freese, Donald CAPT  
Gudmundson, Brent LTC  
Isley, Anne Mrs.  
Jessup, John COL  
Kottich, Charles COL  
Lofgren, Bill Col  
Lorence, Marie LTC  
Misuraca, Angelo, 1LT  
Mogan, Janice LTC  
Neville, Al Col  
Palmer, Samuel Col  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen  
Shields, Roger COL  
Sims, Bob, Maj  
Smith, Violet Mrs.

Nelson, Landy COL  
Nolan, Richard Col  
Shine, Jack Col

**••BRONZE – \$165**  
Christy, Marge Mrs.  
Couture, Bert COL  
Green, Richard CWO  
Lanier, Laurie Maj  
McGrath, Hazel LCDR  
Merritt, Ron COL  
Secor, Madeline Mrs.  
Shine, John Col  
Tondreau, Herb CWO4

**•• SILVER – \$265**  
Bischof, Henny Mrs.  
Eisenhart, Bill Col  
Harrison, Christa Mrs.  
Harrow, Tom CAPT  
Hodgen, Robert CWO4

**\$2,475 as of 9/10/07**





## October Birthdays

(57 to 95 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
08	Anderson, Robert		LCDR	USN (Ret)
27	Andrews, Carroll		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
12	Benson, D Kay		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
05	Bischof, Henriette		Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
25	Broderick, Thomas		Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
16	Brown, George		COL	USA (Ret)
02	Caleb, Mildred		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
31	Clark, William		Col	USAF (Ret)
22	Clift, Gloria		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
05	Dodell, Martin		Capt	USAF (Fr)
30	Dyson, Alfred		LCDR	USN (Ret)
03	Edwards, Fred		LtCol	USMC (Ret)
07	Eynatten, Robert		CAPT	USN (Ret)
04	Finley, J. Paul		LCDR	USN (Ret)
12	Heinz, Jo Anne		LCDR	USN (Frm)
19	Kaiser, Martin		CDR	USCG (Ret)
16	Natzke, Richard		LTC	USA (Ret)
12	Osborn, Duane		LTC	USA (Ret)
03	Polk, Bob		Col	USAF (Ret)
18	Reed, Dennie Sue		Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
23	Simpson, Mary		Mrs.	AuxMbr
23	Spears, Anse		COL	USA (Ret)
02	Tomasulo, Michael		MAJ	USA (Ret)
28	Westman, Jack		LT	USNR (Fmr)
01	Zurbrick, William-2		Capt	USAF (Ret)



## TAPS

1Lt. **Robert L. Alvarez, Sr.**, 30 August 2007  
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Mrs. **Ruby Cushing**, 7 September 2007  
Spouse of WO **Arthur Cushing**; USCG (Ret)  
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## Sick List

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

\* **CDR Alda P. Haley**, USNR (Ret)  
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\* **LTC Richard H. Natzke**, USA (Ret)  
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\* **Mrs. Jeanne Hawkins**, Auxiliary Member - AF  
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Freese, Donald CAPT  
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Neville, Al Col  
Peck, Earl Maj Gen  
Sims, Bob Maj

**••SILVER – \$255**

Bischof, Henny Mrs.  
Burrell, Basil CWO4  
Gudmundson, Brent LTC  
Harrison, Christa Mrs.  
Isley, Ann, Mrs.  
Lorence, Marie LTC  
Nelson, Landy COL

Nolan, Richard Col  
Palmer, Stew Col  
Shields, Roger COL  
Sipole, Eva Mrs.

**••BRONZE – \$125**

Crook, Merideth, Mrs.  
Dawson, Peter Maj  
Eisenhart, Bill Col  
Eynatten, Bob CAPT  
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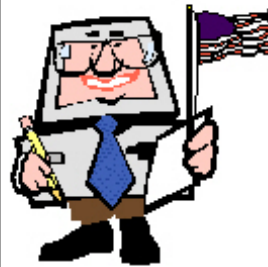
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CAPT Don Freese 360-3102



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**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.

## CALENDAR

**October 19<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** Col Michael Culhane,  
Commander, 6th Medical Group, MacDill AFB

**November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 11:00** CAPT Dave Olson,  
USN, SCUBANAUTS

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 11:00** HOLIDAY CAN-  
TEEN with Don Juceam as Frank Sinatra

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 5:00 PM** Installation Banquet,  
Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club. Speaker  
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy Lynda Davis

**February 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** Professor Charles Rose  
(MAJ USA (Ret))

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 11:00** Derenda Summerlin, VA  
Pines Volunteer Service Director.

**\*\* Need a ride to lunch?**

**Call: CAPT Bob Eynatten 360-4637**

**October 1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Monday**

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

**January 7<sup>th</sup> Monday**

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

**March 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday**

## ROWC

- **END of SUMMER RECESS**-Tuesday, 9 October  
**Luncheon** – (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) 11:30, lunch 12:30
- Reservations: LTC Rose Munchbach 397-4146
- Membership: Martha Willis 579-4116.

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- **Bridge** – (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM  
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