



# OFFICERS CALL

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### President's Comments:

We had an excellent POW/MIA service at our last meeting. Thanks to Ed Lillich, The Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard, and all our other Chapter members who participated. One member noticeably missing of course, was Don Freese. Don was tremendously important to our Chapter, The Florida Council, and MOAA National, and he will be impossible to replace. To Sherry and all his family we offer our sincere condolences, and continued support.



Thanks to Bill Lofgren and all members of the Nominating Committee for their excellent job in coming up with a slate of Officers and Executive Advisory Board members for next year. The list is included in this edition of the Officers Call. Thanks also to those Chapter members willing to step forward to serve. We still are very much in need of a Master At Arms. Please let either me or one of the Board members know if you know of someone willing to serve in this vital capacity.

As we close in on the end of the year, please continue to work to increase our membership. As I have often said, it is as critical as ever in our history to speak with one voice to hold on to the benefits we were promised, and to prevent the military from bearing

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### 2014 Slate of Officers

In accordance with Section 9 of the Policy Book the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 2014.

- President: **Lt Col Richard Koch, USAF (Ret)**
- 1st Vice President: **Lt Col William Lewis, USAF (Ret)**
- 2nd Vice President: **CDR Glen Crabb, USN (Ret)**
- Secretary: **Lt Col Gary Gilchrist, USAF (Ret)**
- Treasurer: **Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)**

Executive Advisory Board for 2014 to fill Unexpired term vacated by Lt Col William Lewis to run as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

**LTC Robert Palsha, USA (Ret)**

Executive Advisory Board for 2014 and 2015–

**Capt Frances (Fran) Shivers, USAFR (Fmr)**

**COL Roger Popham, USA (Ret)**

**LTC Duane (Ozzie) Osborn, USA (Ret)**

The floor will be opened for additional nominations at the October membership meeting. Nominees from the floor must indicate their willingness to perform the duties of the office to which they are being nominated by so stating at the time of their nomination, or by contacting the President prior to their name being placed in nomination. If evidence of willingness to serve is not available at the time of their nomination, they will not be placed on the ballot.

Ballots will be enclosed in the November newsletter, together with the return address of the Chapter.

### Installation Dinner

Date: TBD

Details will be in next months Officers Call.

### Do You Have Some Free Time?

Check the list of VACANT Committee Chairs on page 2 and think about how you can help our chapter. If interested speak to one of the Executive Committee or Executive Advisory Board members.



# Officers Call

**Print Media Winner- 2006****Print Media 1st Runner-Up-2008 & 2010-11**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE****DIRECTORS**

**President- LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret) ..... 459-4026**  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret) ..... 388-2384  
 Secretary- Mrs. Chris Lillich Spouse-A ..... 546-2246  
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**Immediate Past President**

MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret) ..... 546-2246

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Advertising	.....	Vacant	.....	
Auxiliary Liaison	.....	Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N	.....	367-9050
Awards	.....	Vacant	.....	
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Chaplain Ass't	.....	COL Mike Day, USA	.....	394-9151
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MOWC Liaison	.....	Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A	.....	595-5543
Newsletter	.....	CWO4 Jim Patton, USCG	.....	393-4160
Nominating Cmte	.....	Col Bill Lofgren, USAF	.....	528-3946
Parliamentary	.....	Col Bill Lofgren, USAF	.....	528-3946
Personal Affairs	.....	Mrs Violet Smith, AuxMbr-A	.....	595-5543
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Publicity:	.....	Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC	.....	360-2936
Reservations	.....	CDR Bill Bolin, USNR	.....	584-1595
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**Luncheon Meetings** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday — mixer  
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;  
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk.

## CALENDAR

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** Pam Dubov, Property Appraiser  
**November 15<sup>th</sup>** MG Mike Jones, USA (Ret)  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Jack Harris  
**January 18<sup>th</sup>** Installation

**\*\* Need a ride to the luncheon?  
 Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or  
 LTC Terry Carr 392-6524**

**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.

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

**November 4<sup>rd</sup>** Monday

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

## MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

**Luncheons:**

- Next luncheon will be  
 Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> The Treasure Island Club  
 1130 Hours 400 Treasure Island Causeway  
 Treasure Island

**Luncheon Reservations:**

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or  
 Evelyn Hamilton, 727-399-1272

**Membership Info:**

- Barbara King 391-2564

**Bridge:** (1st Wednesday of the month) 10:00 AM

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 265  
 Regular Members - 167  
 Auxiliary Members - 98  
 Inactive Members - 5

**Military Services:**

Army - 65	USMC - 13
USAF - 49	USCG - 7
Navy - 32	NOAA - 0

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# Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

## Monthly Luncheon; 20 september 2013

**Attended – 59:** (58 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 5 Chapter Guests, 4 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 3 No Shows

The luncheon meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation. The Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard presented the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.



President Carr read proclamations in commemoration of POW/MIA Day from President Barack Obama and Governor Rick Scott. Following the readings Immediate Past President Ed Lillich told the members the symbolism of the empty table and what each item on the table meant.

The head table, consisting of Terry Carr, Ed Lillich, George Brown, 1st VP Dick Koch and our Newsletter Editor, Jim Patton, were acknowledged.

Larry Fernald introduced the Chapter’s scholarship recipient for this year, Kara Delemeester and her mother Susan Delemeester. Larry also told the members that the Chapter’s second scholarship commitment will be paid off this year.

Ellen Fine won the door prize and Roger Popham and Dick Koch split the 50/50.

Following lunch 1st Vice President Koch in his introduction of the speaker, Ed Lillich, thanked him and his Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard for being present at the homecoming of the Honor Flight this week. Three hundred and sixty three veterans have taken the flight to Washington D.C. and two hundred and forty more will be on the last two for this year. Dick encouraged everyone who has not gone to the airport to meet these returning flights to do so as it is a very heartwarming experience. The PCVCHG has met every flight that has been made since its inception.

Ed spoke of the procedures entailed in recovery of the POW/MIA which is accomplished by The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) located in Arlington, VA which was established in 1993 at the direction of the Secretary of Defense. The DPMO also works to limit the loss or capture of Americans who are serving abroad, and to bring home those who are captured or killed while serving our Country. In 2013, as of this date, fifty have been accounted for which include twelve Officers. The DPMO motto is “Keeping the Promise”. A key mission of the DPMO is to keep families of the missing apprised of the efforts being made to account for their loved ones. To this end, beginning in 1996, family members were invited to attend annual informational meetings where they could learn more about their missing loved ones. Through 2012, 12786 family members have attended these meetings.

Following a toast made by Ed Lillich -"Let us now honor these most recently discovered and returned as well as those still missing comrades", the Chapter Honor Guard, consisting of Larry Fernald, Terry Carr, George Brown, and Ed Lillich stood at attention while the PCVC Honor Guard consisting of Charlie Rubado and Herbert Hawkins folded the flag, followed by taps and the presentation of the folded flag in remembrance of our fallen comrades. The moderator for the flag folding was Jim Patton and the taps were rendered by Herber Hawkins of the PCVC Honor Guard.

Chaplain Brown then concluded with the Benediction.

### Executive Committee Meeting 3 September 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1130 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Sixteen members were present to include: Virginia Balke, Bill Bolin, George Brown, Terry Carr, Maureen Connors, Glen Crabb, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Barbara Fernald, Anita Harrow, Bill Lewis, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton and Joanne Taylor.

**Secretary’s Report:** Ed Lillich made a motion, seconded by Bill Lewis to accept the August E.C. minutes as printed in the Officers Call. Motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Pete Dawson reported that there is a balance of \$10,720.58 in the operating account. Said report was accepted subject to audit. A full list of all expenditures and receipts for the past month can be found elsewhere in the O.C.

**2nd Vice President’s Report:** Joanne Taylor is meeting with a prospective member and will invite the prospect to the September or October luncheon.

#### Committee Reports:

**HOT:** Anita Harrow mailed 24 boxes at the end of August. The only expense, \$300, was the cost of mailing. Bill Lofgren went to Wesley Chapel and brought back coffee, cookies, cigars (enough for 30 per unit), gum and crackers. The cost of mailing per box is now \$14.00. The Halloween boxes are going out the end of September and Anita needs Beef Jerky for these boxes. Anita also announced that she would not be able to attend the September luncheon and asked Chris Lillich to take care of the POW/MIA table for that luncheon.

**Visitation:** Virginia Balke sent “thinking of you” cards to all those on the sick or home bound list. It was decided by the Executive Committee that we should send cards every other month to those that are on the permanent list and as needed for others.

**Scholarship:** Larry Fernald reported that he had received a thank you note from Kara Delemeester, our current scholarship recipient, for the \$500 designated to help with her costs. Sarah is a Sophomore at the University of Tampa and she and her mother will be the Chapter’s guests at the September luncheon. Pete Dawson will verify what amount is still due on our Schol-

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a disproportional share of the sacrifices being asked for to work on our nations fiscal problems. The more members we have, the louder our voice should be. The first step in recruiting a new member is to ask.

Our October luncheon speaker is Pam Dubov, Pinellas County Property Appraiser. I hope to see everyone there.

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arship commitment and pay the balance to the Scholarship Fund.

**Advertising:** Bill Bolin regretfully announced that he would be unable to continue as chair of the Advertising Committee.

**Publicity:** Pauline Edwards sent 13 news releases and has one prospect through the latest notices.

**Hospitality:** Katie and Glen Crabb were praised and given a round of applause for the excellent job they did in greeting members and guests and assisting in finding seats for them at our August luncheon.

**Convention 2014:** Chris Lillich, on behalf of Sherry Freese, displayed the two quilts that will be raffled off at the convention. Tickets will be available soon.

**Policy Book:** Bill Lofgren presented further Policy Book Revisions for review of the E.C. After further fine tuning it was determined that the Policy Book is ready for final print.

**Nominations:** The nominating committee composed of Chair, Col William Lofgren, Maj Pete Dawson and Dr. Anita Harrow met and proposed to the board for approval the following slate of Officers and Executive Advisory Board Members: President, Lt Col Richard Koch, USAF (Ret), 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lt Col William Lewis, USAF (Ret), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, CDR Glen Crabb, USN (Ret), and Treasurer, Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret). At the time of the meeting there was no candidate for the position of Secretary. For the Executive Advisory Board for the term expiring December 2014: LTC Robert Palsha, USA (Ret), to fill the unexpired term vacated by Lt Col William Lewis and for the term expiring 31 December 2015: Capt Frances (Fran) Shivers, USAFR, (Fmr), COL Roger Popham, USA (Ret) and LTC Duane Osborn, USA (Ret).

The Committee report was accepted by the Executive Committee.

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

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Monday, October 7.

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### Birthplace of the U.S. Navy

The Continental Congress's resolution to procure two armed vessels, adopted in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 13 October 1775, was the original legislation out of which the Continental Navy grew. Within a few days of that vote, Congress established a Naval Committee, which directed the purchasing, outfit-

ting, manning, and operations of the first ships of the new Navy, drafted naval legislation, and prepared rules and regulations to govern the Navy's conduct and internal administration. Philadelphia was also the port where the purchase and outfitting of the first four vessels of the Continental Navy took place.

Because the Continental Navy began in Philadelphia on 13 October 1775, the Navy claims that date as its birthday. A logical corollary would be to recognize Philadelphia as the Navy's birthplace. The Navy, however, also honors the significant naval roles that many other towns played in the American Revolution and does not recognize any as its sole place of origin.

Several localities, in addition to Philadelphia, claim the title "birthplace of the Navy." Machias, Maine, points to the seizing of the Royal Navy schooner Margarettta by a small sloop armed with woodsmen on 12 June 1775.

Providence, Rhode Island, asserts its title as the site of the first call for the establishment of a Navy. Beverly and Marblehead, Massachusetts, base their claim on their role in fitting out and manning the small fleet of schooners George Washington employed in the autumn and winter of 1775 to prey on enemy transports. The claim of Whitehall, New York, is based on naval and amphibious operations on Lake Champlain undertaken by the Continental Army under the command of Benedict Arnold. It should be noted that Washington's and Arnold's operations were manned and officered entirely under the authority of the Continental Army. There was no institutional continuity between Washington's or of Arnold's command and the Continental Navy, established as a separate institution by the Continental Congress. The United States Navy considers its beginnings to have been the Continental Navy, not the Continental Army.

Unquestionably the contributions of all of these as well as of other towns to the commencement of naval operations in the American Revolution deserve recognition in any naval history of our country. Perhaps it would be historically accurate to say that America's Navy had many "birthplaces."

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### Mother-in-Law Day

Modeled on the celebration of Mother's Day and Father's Day, **Mother-in-Law's Day** was first celebrated on March 5, 1934, in Amarillo, Texas, where it was initiated by the editor of the local newspaper. The observance was later moved to the fourth Sunday in October.

Mothers-in-law have never enjoyed the widespread respect and devotion that mothers have received over the years, and the rising divorce rate has given the whole concept of in-laws a less permanent place in the national imagination. This may be part of the reason why Mother-in-Law Day has failed to catch on like Mother's Day, Father's Day, and even Grandparents' Day. But many people feel that mothers-in-law deserve a special day of their own, if for no other reason than for their good humor in enduring the many jokes that have been told about them.





# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## STOP SEQUESTRA-TION

By Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret)



Congress must act soon to stop sequestration or the Pentagon will be faced with another installment of \$52 billion in cuts for FY 2014 as a result of the Budget Control Act of 2011.

However, the chances of Congress jumping on this any time soon are slim to none. Congress returned from August recess with a hefty workload — combat operations in Syria, no FY 2014 budget, no continuing resolution, and the debt ceiling about to bust.

When sequestration went into effect March 1, 2013, the department had to juggle military readiness, combat operations, and sustaining the all-volunteer force — all mid-way through the year of executing the FY 2013 budget.

With five years of my own in the puzzle palace and closely working with the budgeteers, there weren't many happy campers in and around the comptroller's office.

And with sequestration, these campers' and budget planners' moods have gotten much, much worse.

The Pentagon planners have jumped through hoops over the past several years to keep the budget books balanced. Now they face FY 2014 without a budget and are planning three separated FY 2015 budgets.

Over the summer, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel had the Pentagon planners develop "a menu of [cut] options" for three different budget scenarios in the recent Strategic Choices and Management Review:

1. **Palatable** (but definitely leaves a bad taste): the president's FY 2014 budget submission of \$150 billion over 10 years
2. **Breaking** (as in breaking readiness): sequestration-level cuts of \$500 billion over 10 years
3. **Bending**: an "in-between" scenario with cuts of \$250 billion over 10 years

Beyond hardware options (cutting up to five Air Force tactical squadrons, reducing C-130s, retiring bombers, and potentially reducing the number of carrier strike groups from 11 to eight), Hagel stated the Pentagon "has no choice but to consider compensation changes of greater magnitude for military and civilian personnel." Measures compensation options planners are contemplating include (but are not limited to):

- downsizing end strength by up to 202,000 active and reserve component troops;
- pushing military retirees to use private-sector health care insurance;
- cutting basic allowance for housing;
- reducing overseas COLAs;
- capping military and civilian pay raises;
- eliminating civilian pensions for retired military personnel serving in the federal service; and
- ending commissary subsidies.

While debt reduction is a national priority, the Pentagon has been levied with a disproportional share of this burden. Servicemembers and their families already have sacrificed more for their country than any other segment of Americans.

House Armed Services Chair Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon (R-Calif.) stated, "We cannot keep asking the military to perform mission after mission with sequestration and military cuts hanging over their heads."

**The bottom line:** We couldn't agree more. It is time for Congress to put partisan politics aside and develop an alternative debt-reduction package that more fairly balances required sacrifices and avoids disproportional penalties for servicemembers and retirees and their families. **Ask Congress to stop sequestration now!**

## Government Shutdowns and You

September 20, 2013

How could you be affected if Congress' political squabbles prevent an agreement on FY14 funding and the government shuts down in October?

**Currently serving military pay:** We know the troops still will be on duty. But if the shutdown includes a military payday, they might not get paid.

**Federal civilian pay:** If there's no money to pay them, many civilians would effectively be furloughed until funding restarts.

**Government services:** During the 1996 shutdown, national parks were closed, passport applications weren't processed, toxic-waste cleanups were stopped, and many federal contractors weren't paid, among other things.

**Social Security:** Checks for those currently eligible will continue, but processing of new applications likely would be suspended.

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POW/MIA table



Ed Lillich explaining the POW/MIA table



President Terry Carr reading the POW/MIA Day Proclamation from President Obama



Chaplain George Brown giving the invocation



Honor Guard posting the colors



TAPS



Toast to Fallen Comrades who are still listed as POW/MIA



Guest Ginni Eicholz and husband Bill Eicholz



Chris Lillich, Ellen-Marie Fine and Sherry Freese with quilts to be auctioned at the 2014 convention



Chapter scholarship Recipient Kara Delemeester and her mother Susan Delemeester



Our greeters Katie and Glen Crabb



Virginia Balke and Joan Landers



Lynn Bolin and Violet Smith



Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



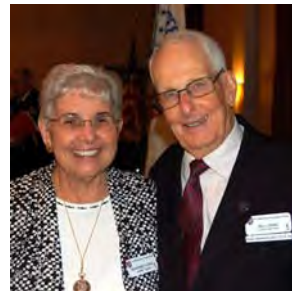
Jeanie and Roger Popham



Penny and Bill Eisenhart



Gary Gilchrist



Margaret and Bill Lewis



Barb Fernald, Paulette Carr and Anne Isley

If you would like a copy of your monthly luncheon photo taken by Bill Lofgren, please notify Larry Fernald of your correct email address at the following email address: [LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:LarryFern246@tampabay.rr.com)







Paulette and President Terry Carr



Ann Dollahan



Ken and Ellen-Marie Fine



Joanne Taylor



Pauline Mallory



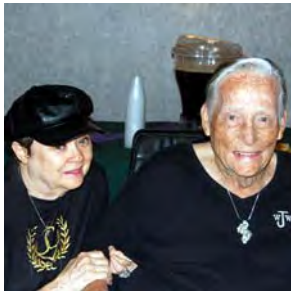
Bill Lee



Margaret and Earl Peck



Fran Shivers



Bon and Will Johnson



Pauline Edwards, Chris Lillich and Sherry Freese



Jim Garvey



Richard Green



Jim Patton



Bill and Lynn Bolin



1<sup>st</sup> VP Dick Koch and Treasurer Pete Dawson



Ozzie and Isabel Osborn



Bill Lewis, Kara Delemeester and 50/50 winner Roger Popham



Bill Lewis having Kara Delemeester pick 50/50 winning ticket



Bill Lewis, Kara Delemeester and 50/50 winner Dick Koch



Lynn Bolin and Door Prize winner Ellen-Marie Fine

Photos by Bill Lofgren



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**Military and federal civilian retired pay and survivor annuities:** Those checks would not be affected, because retired pay and Survivor Benefit Plan annuities are “entitlements” that aren’t subject to annual appropriations. But the Social Security answer raises at least some question of whether new retired pay and survivor accounts would be started.

**VA disability compensation and survivor benefits:** These programs are treated like entitlements but are, in fact, subject to annual appropriations. According to a 2008 Congressional Research Service report, during previous shutdowns, “multiple services [for veterans] were curtailed, ranging from health and welfare to finance and travel.”

**Medicare and TRICARE For Life:** They’re entitlements. But claims could be delayed if staff has to be furloughed.

**TRICARE:** Money to pay claims could be delayed. Much could depend on whether contractors would continue to deliver services and process claims if the federal government stops paying them for a while.

## Cuban Missile Crisis: Five Things You Didn’t Know

Welcome to 1962. Slick back your hair, grab a scotch, and don’t forget to triple check that route to the nearest Fallout Shelter. It is October after all, the month in which the US and the Soviet Union came closer to nuclear war than any other time in history. The nation held its breath as President John F. Kennedy faced off with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in waters just offshore of Cuba.

Earlier in the month, a U-2 spy plane over Cuba captured images of nuclear missile launch sites being built by the Soviets. Given the proximity to the US and the already looming threat of the Soviet Union, President Kennedy knew that he could not let this stand. After secretly conferring with a group of advisors (nicknamed ExComm), Kennedy announced the establishment of a naval blockade on all further armament shipments to Cuba. In a speech to the nation on October 22, Kennedy called for the removal of missiles already in Cuba and the destruction of all launch sites.

Over the next week, Soviet ships carrying weapons to Cuba were locked in a stalemate with US warships in the Caribbean. Faced with the very real possibility of nuclear war, Kennedy decided to approach Khrushchev with a deal to end the stand-off peacefully. Publically, Kennedy promised not to invade Cuba if the Soviets withdrew their missiles. Privately, Kennedy promised to withdraw US nuclear missiles from Turkey within six months. Thirteen days after the start of the Crisis, Khrushchev accepted the offer and called back Soviet ships.

The Crisis was over and the nation could breathe again. But while Don Draper and company were dancing to the Monster Mash (don’t judge, it was a graveyard smash), others were beginning to see that the situation in Cuba was more intense than even President Kennedy was aware. After declassification

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## Financial Report Summary for the Month of August

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ (920.49)
..... Donations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Ads .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (355.91)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (1,276.40)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 932.08
..... Donations .....	\$ 324.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 41.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,297.08

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,284.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,284.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 10,563.53
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 850.00
..... Dues .....	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.06
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (694.00)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expenses .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 0.00
..... Printing/mailing .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 10,720.59

## Wanted Old Convention Shirts of any condition

Don’t throw away those old Convention Shirts; make them a part of Florida Convention History by donating them to the 2014 Convention Committee. The logos from all of the donated shirts will be made into a Convention Quilt that will be Raffleed at the 2014 Convention; you will not have to be present to win.

June 6 to 8, 2014 St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel

Contact Sherry Freese, (727) 360-3102, donfreese@aol.com or mail to Sherry at

4613 Mirabella Ct., St. Pete Beach, FL 33706







## TAPS

- ◆ **CAPT Donald R. Freese, USNR (Ret),**  
3 September 2013
  - ◆ **LCDR Joseph M. Petkiewicz, USN (Ret),**  
12 September 2013
- Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



## Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

## Sick List

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

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## October Birthdays

<u>Day</u>	<u>LName</u>	<u>FName</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SVC</u>
08	Anderson	Robert	LCDR	USN (Ret)
27	Andrews	Carroll	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
14	Bell	James	Col	USMC (Ret)
05	Bischofs	Henriette	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
25	Broderick	Thomas	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Brown	Dorothy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
16	Brown	George	COL	USA (Ret)
22	Cliff	Gloria	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
30	Dyson	Alfred	LCDR	USN (Ret)
04	Finley	J. Paul	LCDR	USN (Ret)
21	Hoover	Richard	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
19	Kaiser	Martin	CDR	USCG (Ret)
24	MacPherson	Robert	Maj	USAF (Ret)
22	Simon	June	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
13	Terry	Maxine	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
29	Trahan	Creighton	LTC	USA (Ret)
30	Waugh	Frances	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

## Cuban Missiles from Page 8

of top-secret information and years of analysis by scholars and government officials, the reality of how close the world actually came to nuclear war is startling.

Here are five things we now know about the Cuban Missile Crisis:

**1. One Soviet officer’s reluctance saved the world from nuclear war.** On October 27, American destroyers forced a Soviet submarine to surface near the quarantine line using depth charges. Unbeknownst to the Americans, the sub was carrying a nuclear-tipped torpedo. The Soviet commander believed that war had started and prepared to fire. Fortunately, authorization from three other officers was needed. Two were in favor. One was not.

**2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommended sinking a US ship and blaming the Cubans in order to create national support for a US invasion of Cuba.** The JCS sent Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara a list of possible courses of action to garner support for an invasion of Cuba entitled Operation Northwoods. These recommendations were for planning purposes, intended to provide a guide for crafting a single plan. Recommended actions included sinking a ship near the entrance of Guantanamo Bay and conducting funerals for mock-victims; blowing up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and blaming Cuba; developing a Communist Cuban terror campaign by fostering “attempts on lives of Cuban refugees in the United States even to the extent of wounding.” The text of the memorandum can be seen here.

**3. Previous actions toward Cuba by the US government played a big role in creating the Crisis.** Events outside of the immediate crisis had more of a driving effect than previously realized. The Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961 and Operation Mongoose (a project created to seek ways to topple Castro) led the Soviets to believe that Kennedy was determined to get rid of Castro. In part as a way to protect an ally, Khrushchev decided to send nuclear weapons to Cuba.

**4. On October 27, the most dangerous day of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Soviets actually deployed nuclear weapons capable of destroying US naval bases.** In the early morning hours of October 27, the Soviets deployed nuclear cruise missiles within 15 miles of the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay. Kennedy had no idea.

**5. A US spy plane accidentally entered Soviet airspace during the Crisis creating potential for the use of nuclear air-to-air missiles.** On October 27, a U-2 spy plane took a wrong turn and entered Soviet airspace. MiG fighters were sent to shoot the plane down and nuclear-armed US fighter-interceptors were sent to escort the spy plane home. Fortunately, the MiG fighters did not reach the U-2. President Kennedy and Secretary of Defense McNamara were not informed until an hour and a half into the event.

So many seemingly little incidents during the Cuban Missile Crisis could have unintentionally led to nuclear war. Whether through luck, or smart diplomacy by world leaders, we were able to head off nuclear destruction.



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Pam joined the Pinellas Property Appraiser's office in 1989 after a stint with the Hillsborough County Property Appraiser's office. She earned a BA degree from Cameron University and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army upon graduation. While serving in the Army, she attained the rank of Captain and was selected to command a field artillery unit.

Pam has been active in the property tax and legal professions and has served at various times on the IAAO Ethics, Rules and By-laws, and Nominating Committees. She was an Executive Board Member and the Candidates Club President for the Florida Chapter of the IAAO. She is currently the chair of the Local Government Law Symposium Committee for the City, County and Local Government Law Section of the Florida Bar.

Active in the community, Pam is a graduate of Leadership Pinellas; was a volunteer for the "Get A Life" project where career women were matched with middle school students to serve as role models and mentors, has participated in career orientation days and teach-ins for high school students at numerous high schools and the Pinellas Technical Education Center, and has been a member of numerous other community organizations including the Belleair and Downtown Clearwater Rotary Clubs and the Clearwater Family YMCA Board of Managers.

She and her husband, retired Army Lt. Colonel Bruce J Dubov, have been married for thirty-three years and moved to the Tampa Bay area at the conclusion of their military service. They currently reside in the East Lake area of Pinellas County. Pam has three step-children and eight grandchildren.

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- 16: Cuban Missile Crisis Begins
- 23: U.S. Invades Grenada
- 28: Mother-in-Law Day
- 31: Halloween

