



# OFFICERS CALL

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### President's Comments:

Thanks very much to Ed Lillich for his outstanding and very informative POW/MIA day program. I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. It is still hard for me to believe we had service members unaccounted for from 1944 to 2014. Thank goodness we never gave up on accounting for them. It is the least we can do for those family members and friends left behind. It is too bad that many of our Chapter members missed this luncheon.



Paulette and I recently had the pleasure of representing you at MOAA's Southeast Region Chapter Leaders' Symposium in Jacksonville. This was the largest such event of this type MOAA has had and it was very informative. The focus was on Chapter recruiting and retention ideas as well as expanding MOAA's voice in support of both past and present service men and women of all ranks. One of many highlights at the symposium was the exchanging of ideas for these goals among Chapter leaders throughout the Southeast. I told Admiral Ryan I wish I could have attended this meeting two years ago. I also wish all of our members could have attended. I will share with our future leaders the wealth of information I received and I hope more of our Chapter leaders can attend these meetings in the future. One thing I was

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### New location of Banquet Masters

Starting with the October luncheon we will be meeting at a new location. The address is 13355 49th Street North, Clearwater. It is on the south east corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street in the north end of the Building housing the Habitat for Humanity Store and in the Fletchers Dinner Theater.



If you are

**North Bound on 49th Street:** Before the intersection with Ulmerton Road turn right at the Courtyard Suites sign and it takes you into the parking lot. Banquet Masters is on the left at the far end of the building.

**South Bound on 49th Street:** Turn left on Ulmerton and stay in the right lane, turn in after passing the Fifth Third Bank bank on the corner and Banquet Masters is on the left.

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**Departing Banquet Masters:** I find the easiest way is to turn right on Ulmerton Road and go to the first street on the right which is Automobile Blvd and take it to 126th street. Turn right on 126th street and it will take you to the light at the intersection with 49th street. Here you can either turn left to go south or right to go north and back to Ulmerton. I recommend a dry run before the luncheon preferably on a weekend when traffic is light.

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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, 13355 49th St. N., Clearwater

## CALENDAR

**October 17<sup>th</sup> COL Bill Smith, USA (Ret)****November 21<sup>st</sup>****December 19<sup>th</sup>****January 17<sup>th</sup> Installation****\*\* Need a ride to the luncheon?****Call: LTC Terry Carr 459-4026**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Monday****November 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday****December 1<sup>st</sup> Monday**

## MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

**Luncheons:**

- Next luncheon will be  
 Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> The Club at Treasure Island  
 1130 hours 400 Treasure Island Causeway  
 Treasure Island

**Luncheon Reservations:**

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

**Membership Info:**

- Barbara King 391-2564

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

Banquet Masters, **13355 49th Street N, Clearwater.**

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

## Chapter Statistics

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

**Military Services:**

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

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# Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

## Monthly Luncheon; 19 September 2014

**Attended – 41:** (48 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 0 Chapter Guests, 0 Walk in, 0 Cancel, 7 No Shows

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr. 1st Vice President Glen Crabb gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all.

President Carr read the POW/MIA Proclamation from the President of the United States. Anita Harrow and Ed Lillich presented the POW/MIA table.



The head table consisted of Terry Carr, Glen Crabb and Ed Lillich.

Christine Ashley, LTC USA(Ret) was introduced as our newest member. Guests introduced were Lettie Haerr, guest of Rosemary Hamilton and Mario Mizzi, nephew of Marie Lorence. Yvonne Hughes was welcomed back after an extended absence.

President Carr presented Ellen Fine a plaque in appreciation of designing and sewing the two quilts that were raffled off at the June convention. Ken Fine accepted the plaque for Ellen who was unable to attend the luncheon due to illness. Ken thanked the Chapter on behalf of Ellen.

President Carr recently attended the MOAA Leadership Conference in Jacksonville. Terry said it was a great learning experience and he encouraged Chapter leaders to attend these meetings in the future. He also urged our members to share with organizations for veterans. MOAA is stressing this program and you can get more information on the MOAA website. Terry also went to a Special Operations Warrior's Foundation Meeting, the mission of which is to care for fallen and wounded special operations personnel. Terry gave a pin to each of the former Special Ops members of the Chapter, Ed Lillich and Robert Palsha. Terry is also a former Special Ops officer. In October Terry and his wife, Paulette, are going to attend the annual MOAA meeting in Washington to receive the Level of Excellency Award for 2013.

Steve from Banquet Masters informed the membership that Banquet Masters would be moving on October 1, 2014 to a new building located on the Southeast corner of Ulmerton Road and 49th Street. The building houses Fletcher's Dinner Theatre and Gatsby Bar and Lounge. Adequate parking is available. We will be meeting at the new facility in October.

Lettie Haerr won the door prize drawing and Betty Finley and Paul Finley split the 50/50 drawing.

Anita Harrow reported on HOT. Every month for the past seven years the HOT project has sent boxes to our troops. In addition to the 26 boxes sent to our troops this month, a new

phase of the HOT project was launched. Maureen Connors and Anita put together 26 toiletry/snack baskets and 6 kitchen supply bags for our veterans at Heaven on Earth for Veterans run by Carole Barkalow and Sheila Mutascio. Maureen and Anita will be putting together treat bags filled with food staples for our veterans at HOEV this Halloween.

If you want to be a part of our "treat" team, bring a can of spam, tuna fish or ravioli to the next luncheon.

Sherry Freeze is heading our next HOT project phrase and is looking for knitters, crocheters and sewers to make pillow cases and covers for amputees. Sherry has patterns for these projects. If you are not "handy with the needle" you are urged to donate funds to purchase material and yarn for this project.

Following lunch Glen Crabb introduced Ed Lillich as the speaker. Ed began with a statement given to him by Buzz Hansen which said: "A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of 'up to and including their life'".

Ed further went on to say that becoming MIA has been an occupational risk for service personnel for as long as there has been warfare. Until 1912 service personnel in most countries were not routinely issued ID tags. As a result, when someone was killed in action and his body was not recovered until much later, there was little or no chance of identifying the remains. Starting in the late 20th century identity became easier with genetic testing. Recovery, identification and return of the bodies of our warriors fills the commitment we made to each of them and provides closure for their families, but this process could take years.

The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command, established in October, 2003 is a joint task force within the U.S. DOD whose mission is to account for Americans who are listed as POW or MIA from all past wars and conflicts. Its headquarters is located at Joint Base Pearl Harbor - Hickam in Hawaii. Their motto is

"Until they are Home". Still missing as of 9 May 2014 are 73,624 from World War II, 7,883 from the Korean War, 1,642 from the Vietnam War and 126 from the Cold War. In closing Ed read a list of those recently accounted for and a toast was rendered to all POW/MIA.

Glen Crabb gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting 2 September 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1130 hours. 1st VP Glen Crabb gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all. Fourteen members were present to include; Terry Carr, Glen Crabb, Pete Dawson, Pauline Edwards, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Robert Palsha, Jim Patton, Roger Popham, Fran Shivers, Violet Smith and Joanne Taylor.

**Secretary's Report:** Secretary reported that the year was

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surprised to learn is that MOAA has started a new initiative called voices for troops that is open to anyone in the U.S. whether or not they have ever served in the armed forces. This organization already has 16,000 members. If you would like to learn more, you may visit voicesfortroops.org.

As explained by Steve of Banquet Masters, this was our last luncheon meeting at this location. The October meeting will be held at the new location which is on the Southeast corner of 49th Street and Ulmerton. The address is 13355 49th Street N., Clearwater.

Our speaker for the October 17th meeting will be COL Bill Smith of Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. I hope to see everyone there, and don't forget to invite a friend.

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inaccurate on the August minutes and it had been corrected for record. Ed Lillich made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, Jim Patton seconded motion and motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Dawson reported a balance of \$3,145.00 in operating account. Entire accounting of all accounts is found elsewhere in the O.C. Ed Lillich made a motion to approve report subject to audit, seconded by Jim Patton. Motion passed. Pete Dawson made a motion to raise the amount of the memorial donated to HOT in memory of deceased members from \$35.00 to \$50.00 with \$30.00 designated for the boxes sent to troops and \$20.00 designated to Heaven on Earth for Veterans. Ed Lillich seconded motion and motion passed.

**1st Vice President's report:** Glen Crabb has made arrangements to have a representative from the Southeastern Guide Dogs for our October meeting. The topic will be Paws for Patriots and it is possible that the speaker will have a guide dog with him.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Advertising:** Pauline Edwards reported that the news releases have been sent for September.

**HOT:** Anita sent 26 boxes in August and has four new names. Maureen Connors and Anita are putting together the products for HOEV next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Originally it was planned to give a plaque to Ellen Fine for her donation of two quilts for the quilt raffle at the convention, but that was postponed until the September luncheon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Terry Carr announced that the Chapter Leaders' Symposium would be held this month in Jacksonville and he and Paulette will be attending.

There being no further business, Pastor Crabb gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

## Discover The Benefits Of Life Membership In MOAA.

### 2015 Slate of Officers

In accordance with Section 9 of the Policy Book the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 2015.

President: **Lt Col Larry N. Fernald, USAF (Ret)**  
 1st Vice President: **CDR Glen Crabb, USN (Ret)**  
 2nd Vice President: **No name put forward**  
 Secretary: **No name put forward**  
 Treasurer: **Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)**

Current Executive Advisory Board 2014 and 2015

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

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

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

Executive Advisory Board for 2015 and 2016

**CDR Maureen A. Connors, USN (Ret)**

**LTC William R Eicholz, USA (Ret)**

**Mrs Evelyn N Hamilton, AuxMbr-A**

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.

#### HELP WANTED

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

In addition nominating committee are looking for members who are interested in running for office or serving as a member of the Executive Board.

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

These positions give you a chance to serve the chapter.





# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## Budget Band-Aid Sent to White House



Congress made quick work on a budget stopgap measure (H. J. Res. 124) to keep the federal government running through the November elections.

The temporary measure only funds the federal government through December 11 at FY 2014 budget levels, setting the stage for another budget debate during the lame-duck session.

The continuing resolution (CR) includes temporary funding for the military to equip and train Syrian rebels, \$88 million to assist in the Ebola catastrophe in West Africa, and additional funding for the Department of Veterans Affairs disability claims processing.

The measure has been sent to the White House and the President is expected to sign the CR within the next few days.

MOAA remains concerned that partisanship continues to prevent Congress from properly passing annual appropriations bills.

## Lawmakers Reject Pentagon Bid to Spend War Funds on F-35s

By Tony Capaccio September 22, 2014

Lawmakers have rejected the Pentagon's request to shift as much as \$1.5 billion in war spending to buy eight new Lockheed Martin Corp. (LMT:US) F-35 jets and 21 additional Boeing Co. (BA:US) AH-64 Apache helicopters.

The Defense Department asked for the additional jets and helicopters in a Sept. 8 request for permission to shift, or reprogram, about \$2 billion in its war operations budget, partly to pay for expanded operations against Islamic State extremists in Iraq and Syria.

The move to include new aircraft was rejected by the House Defense Appropriations subcommittee, one of four spending and authorization panels in the House and Senate that must approve each item in such requests.

Panel members are concerned that the overseas contingency funds — provided separately from the annual defense budget to pay for war operations — are being used to “backfill budgetary shortfalls in acquisition programs that have only tenuous links to the fight in Afghanistan and other current operations,” Republican Representative Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey, the subcommittee’s chairman, said in a Sept. 19 letter to Pentagon Comptroller Michael McCord.

The Pentagon sought permission to spend \$880 million to buy six Lockheed F-35B fighter jets and spares for the Marine Corps to replace six older Marine AV-8B Harriers destroyed during a

September 2012 Taliban attack on Forward Operating Base Camp Bastion in Afghanistan.

That was in addition to the six aircraft and \$1.1 billion Congress approved in this year’s base defense budget for the F-35B from Bethesda, Maryland-based Lockheed, the most complex model in the Pentagon’s costliest weapons program.

### Air Force

The Pentagon also sought to shift \$256 million to buy two Air Force versions of the F-35 and spare parts meant to replace two Boeing F-15 fighter jets lost in combat operations.

The request was in addition to the \$2.8 billion Congress approved this year for 19 Air Force F-35 models.

An additional \$404 million would have been transferred to buy 21 Apache helicopters from Chicago-based Boeing to replace 21 Kiowa Warrior aircraft lost in battle. The shifted money would help the Army accelerate its chopper purchases, according to the document.

Congress already has approved \$608 million for 42 Apaches this year.

### Accelerating Replacements

Although the F-35 and Apache requests are “characterized as battle-loss replacements, they essentially would be used to accelerate aircraft replacement programs that have already been programmed in” the Navy and Air Force five-year defense plans, Frelinghuysen wrote. The long-range plans are submitted with the Defense Department’s regular annual budget.

The Pentagon’s intended shift of funds for the aircraft was contrary to past Office of Management and Budget policy guidance, he said.

Army Colonel Steve Warren, a Pentagon spokesman, said today that officials will continue “to work with Congress to finalize our reprogramming request.” Warren said he had no comment on the panel’s rejection of the F-35 and Apache requests.

## The Bottom Line - Drawdown: Cut With Dignity

September 12, 2014

By Col. Mike Hayden, USAF (Ret)

Just over a year ago, I wrote a column insisting the services use all the tools in their drawdown toolkit before forcing people out of the force.

However, recent headlines have shed light on the Army providing pink slips to nearly 1,200 captains and 550 majors — several while serving in combat zones.

The Army is caught between a rock and a hard place. It is in the midst of drawing down over 120,000 active duty troops from the peak of 570,000 members to 450,000 by 2019. This

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1<sup>st</sup> VP Glen Crabb delivering the Invocation



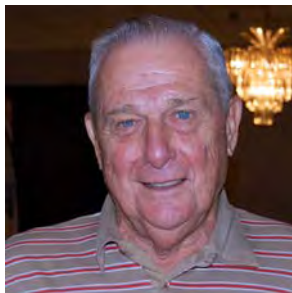
Anita Harrow with the POW/MIA table



Ed Lillich conducting the POW/MIA Ceremony



Ken Fine accepting Plaque of Appreciation on behalf of his wife Ellen Marie, presented by President Carr



Treasurer Pete Dawson



New member Christine Ashley with 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Joanne Taylor



Guest Lettie Haerr with returning member Rosemary Hamilton



Margaret and Earl Peck



Buzz and Luann Hanson



Mario Mizzi nephew of returning member Marie Lorence



Barbara Stakk and Robert Palsha



Roger and Jeanie Popham



Virginia Balke



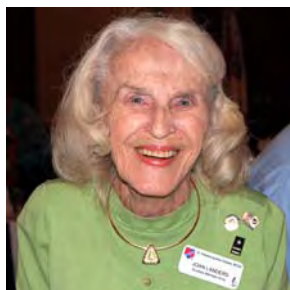
Lynn and Bill Bolin



Fred Schlager



Bobbie Walters



Joan Landers



Paul Finley receiving 50/50 winnings from Rose Munchbach



Paulette Carr and Sherry Freese



Paul and Betty Finley





Yvonne Hughes



Ed and Chris Lillich



Paulette and Terry Carr



Pauline Edwards presenting Door Prize to guest Lettie Haerr



Glen and Katie Crabb



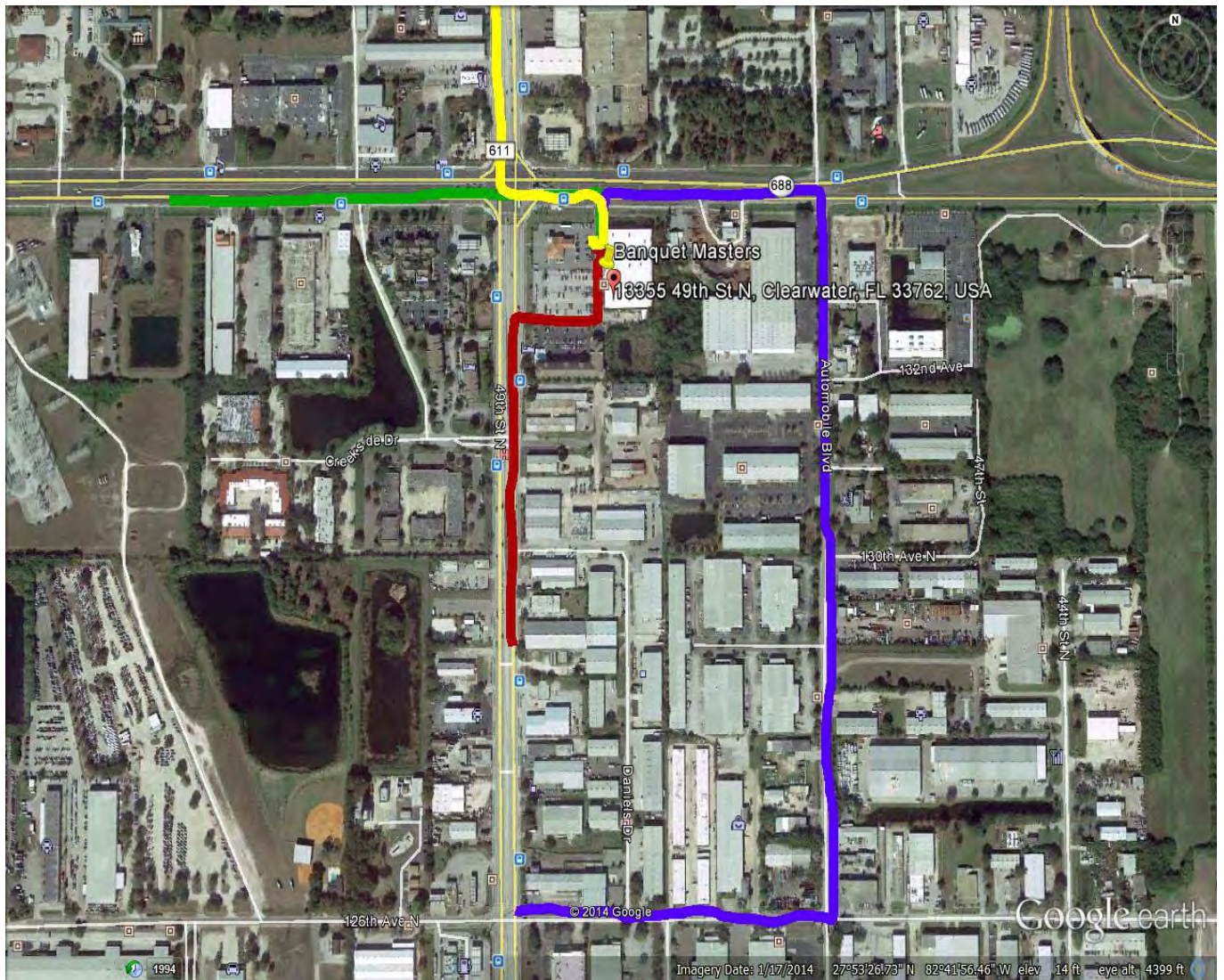
Ken Fine



Betty Finley receiving 50/50 winnings from Rose Munchbach



Pauline Edwards, Evey Hamilton and Violet Smith



Banquet Master Directions



## History of the United States Navy

The history of the United States Navy divides into two major periods: the “Old Navy”, a small but respected force of sailing ships that was also notable for innovation in the use of ironclads during the American Civil War, and the “New Navy”, the result of a modernization effort that began in the 1880s and made it the largest in the world by the 1920s.

The United States Navy claims 13 October 1775 as the date of its official establishment, when the Second Continental Congress passed a resolution creating the Continental Navy. With the end of the American Revolutionary War, the Continental Navy was disbanded. Under President George Washington threats to American merchant shipping by pirates in the Mediterranean led to the Naval Act of 1794, which created a permanent standing U.S. Navy. The original six frigates were authorized as part of the Act. Over the next 20 years, the Navy fought the French Navy in the Quasi-War (1798–99), Barbary states in the First and Second Barbary Wars, and the British in the War of 1812. After the War of 1812, the U.S. Navy was at peace until the Mexican-American war in 1846, and served to combat piracy in the Mediterranean and Caribbean seas, as well fighting the slave trade. In 1845, the Naval Academy was founded. In 1861, the American Civil War began and the U.S. Navy fought the small Confederate Navy with both sailing ships and ironclad ships while forming a blockade that shut down the Confederacy’s civilian shipping. After the Civil war, most of the its ships were laid up in reserve, and by 1878, the Navy was just 6,000 men.

In 1882, the U.S. Navy consisted of many outdated ship designs. Over the next decade, Congress approved building multiple modern armored cruisers and battleships, and by around the start of the 20th century had moved from twelfth place in 1870 to fifth place in terms of numbers of ships. After winning two major battles during the 1898 Spanish-American War, the Navy continued to build more ships, and by the end of World War I had more men and women in uniform than the Royal Navy. The Washington Naval Conference recognized the Navy as equal in capital ship size to the Royal Navy, and during the 1920s and 1930s, the Navy built several aircraft carriers and battleships. The Navy was drawn into World War II after the Japanese Attack on Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, and over the next four years fought many historic battles including the Battle of the Coral Sea, the Battle of Midway, multiple naval battles during the Guadalcanal Campaign, and the largest naval battle in history, the Battle of Leyte Gulf. Much of the Navy’s activity concerned the support of landings, not only with the “island-hopping” campaign in the Pacific, but also with the European landings. When the Japanese surrendered, a large flotilla entered Tokyo Bay to witness the formal ceremony conducted on the battleship Missouri, on which officials from the Japanese government signed the Japanese Instrument of Surrender. By the end of the war, the Navy had over 1,600 warships.

After World War II ended, the U.S. Navy entered the Cold War and participated in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, and the Iraq War. Following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the Soviet Navy fell apart, which made the United States

the world’s undisputed naval superpower. Nuclear power and ballistic missile technology led to new ship propulsion and weapon systems, which were used in the Nimitz-class aircraft carriers and Ohio-class submarines. By 1978, the number of ships had dwindled to less than 400, many of which were from World War II, which prompted Ronald Reagan to institute a program for a modern, 600-ship Navy. Today, the United States is the world’s undisputed naval superpower, with the ability to engage and project power in two simultaneous limited wars along separate fronts. In March 2007, the U.S. Navy reached its smallest fleet size, with 274 ships, since World War I. Former U.S. Navy admirals who head the U.S. Naval Institute have raised concerns about what they see as the ability to respond to ‘aggressive moves by Iran and China.’

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drawdown is far from over — if you escaped round one, don’t think you’re necessarily safe in round two or even three.

And that number could shrink even further, to as small as 420,000, if sequestration is not “de-triggered.”

There is little dignity with providing pink slips to those who are in harm’s way. Most of these troops and their families have only known service during wartime.

Following the build-ups needed for previous conflicts, Congress has provided the Pentagon with the necessary tools to reduce end strength — both voluntarily and involuntarily.

So why not use voluntary tools like Temporary Early Retirement Authority and Voluntary Separation Pay and drawdown the troops with dignity?

The Army is squeezing every dollar and reverting to the most cost-effective drawdown tools — reductions in force and selective early retirement boards and others involuntary means — vice those that would incentivize troops to volunteer to leave.

Our nation should not forget that many of these servicemembers have deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan multiple times.

These same servicemembers who have been told their performance has been nothing short of exemplary now will be sent packing as part of the drawdown efforts.

Personnel planners should focus on what’s right versus what’s cost-effective.

As a former recruiter, I can tell you the best influencer for a young recruit is knowing a veteran was treated with dignity on his or her way out of the service. On the flipside, a recruiter’s worst nightmare is dealing with a potential recruit who knows a veteran who was involuntarily let go.

Voluntary measures and tools provide servicemembers with a choice, recognize their service and sacrifice, and allow them to leave on their terms and with dignity.

***The bottom line:*** *Treat the troops with dignity, and use the tools.*







# TAPS

Thankfully, no one.

## 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)
- ◆ Col Clarence J Brauner, USA (Ret)
- ◆ CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)
- ◆ BG Paul Smith, USA (Ret)



## Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

### Membership

Do you have a friend or know of someone who is eligible for membership in MOAA? Invite them to one of our luncheons.

## October Birthdays (63 to 92 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
08	Anderson	Robert	LCDR	USN (Ret)
23	Balke	Virginia	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
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	Clift	Gloria	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
04	Finley	J. Paul	LCDR	USN (Ret)
24	Johnson	LaVonne	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
24	MacPherson	Robert	Maj	USAF (Ret)
09	Marois	Henry	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
22	Simon	June	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
13	Terry	Maxine	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
29	Trahan	Creighton	LTC	USA (Ret)
16	Warren	David	LTC	USA (Ret)
30	Waugh	Frances	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
28	Westman	Jack	LT	USNR (Fmr)

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of August

### HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 2,900.66
.... Donations .....	\$ 0.00
.... 50/50 .....	\$ 38.00
.... Memorials .....	\$ 60.00
.... Expenses .....	\$ (443.25)
.... HOT Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,555.41

### Veterans' Housing (Heaven on Earth)

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 0.00
.... Donations .....	\$ 366.00
.... Expenses .....	\$ 0.00
.... Housing Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 366.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 2,921.41

### Scholarship Fund

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

### Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 3,548.45
.... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 645.00
.... Dues .....	\$ 0.00
.... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned .....	\$ 0.81
.... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (552.00)
.... Supplies .....	\$ (28.00)
.... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
.... Honraria/donations .....	\$ (50.00)
.... Niscellaneous expenses .....	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ (60.00)
.... Printing/mailling .....	\$ 0.00
.... Newsletter Costs .....	\$ (358.80)
.... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 3,145.46

## TRICARE Urges Beneficiaries to Prepare for Flu Season

Fever? Check. Muscle aches? Check. Chills? It's almost flu and cold season beneficiaries, and in order to make sure these flu symptoms don't ruin your Fall, the best way to protect yourself is with the flu vaccination.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that everyone six months of age and older get a flu vaccine every year. Serious flu cases can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain

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health conditions, are at a higher risk for contracting the disease and developing serious complications.

TRICARE covers two forms of the flu vaccination, the flu shot and the flu mist. Beneficiaries can get the flu vaccine at no cost from military hospitals and clinics, or any TRICARE-authorized provider and participating network pharmacies.

Additionally, beneficiaries can make use of the new TRICARE Nurse Advice Line (NAL) especially after normal business hours, if you are traveling or if you cannot reach your Military Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) or Primary Care Manager (PCM). The NAL nurses will ask you questions about your symptoms; based on a standard set of questions developed by physicians and nurses, and will recommend either self-care, or for you to seek medical help from a provider. If self-care is appropriate, NAL nurses will give you advice on what to do. If you need to seek medical help from a provider, the NAL will help you decide what the best place is for you to seek care based on your medical condition.

Please remember that the patient with the medical problem will need to be present during the NAL assessment. If the

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Scholarship donations have permitted us to complete our first \$25,000 scholarship, we began a second scholarship at the beginning of 2009 (to be completed by 2014). Each of these scholarships, managed by MOAA, will provide a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest free loan.

### Flu continued

patient is a minor, the NAL will ask the parent to assess the child's symptoms or may ask to listen to the child cough in order to help make the best recommendation on needed care. If you have questions about lab or other medical tests, prescription refills or questions on benefits, please contact your PCM or clinic directly. To take advantage of the MHS' newest initiative to improve access to safe, high quality care, call the NAL toll-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-TRICARE, option 1.

Remember, if you are feeling ill, you can always call your PCM or MTF to make an appointment. Beneficiaries enrolled at an MTF can contact their PCM via secure messaging through the RelayHealth/MiCare portal, or make an appointment on TRICARE Online.

To learn more about flu basics, treatment and prevention, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu). For more information on TRICARE coverage and where to get flu vaccines go to [www.TRICARE.mil/flu](http://www.TRICARE.mil/flu).

### Photos

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# St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

## Monthly Luncheon

Friday  
17 October 2014

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

### Guest Speakers:

**COL Bill Smith, USA (Ret)**

### Subject:

**Southeastern Guide Dogs**



Colonel Bill Smith entered the Army as a medical corpsman in 1970 and served concurrently until November 1, 2011. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Light Infantry in 1976. Colonel Smith grew up in Shrewsbury Massachusetts and attended Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts and Suffolk University in Boston where he received his MBA. Most recently, Colonel Smith completed a Bachelor's of Applied Science in Para-Legal studies from Saint Petersburg College. Bill is qualified in: Inspector General, Infantry, Special Forces, Operations, Systems Automation Officer, Information Warfare, and Acquisitions. Colonel Smith has served as an Anti-Tank and Scout Platoon Leader, Special Forces SFODA X.O. and Detachment Commander, as well as Infantry, Psychological Operations, and Civil Affairs units. From 2004 to 2006, Colonel Smith was the Senior Military Advisor to the Office the Inspector General, Department of Defense in Washington, DC. Colonel Smith retired from the Army in July of 2006 and was recalled to active duty in March of 2007 and returned to MacDill AFB. In 2007 Colonel Smith was the Deputy IO Chief for USCENTCOM with duty in Kabul Afghanistan. In 2008 Colonel Smith served as the J9 Director (Strategic Communications and Information Operations) at Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa in Djibouti. Colonel Smith's decorations include: Master Parachutist Badge, British Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Tab, Army, Joint and OSD Staff Badges as well as several Meritorious Service, Army Achievement, Army Commendation and Joint Staff Commendation medals as well the Legion of Merit.

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## October

- 4: Yom Kippur Begins
- 13: Columbus Day
- 13: U. S. Navy Established (1775)
- 16: National Boss Day
- 24: United Nations Day
- 31: Halloween

