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President's Comments:

Chris and I, Don and Sherry Freese, Terry and Paulette Carr and Victor and Beryl Wood just returned from a national MOAA conference on membership. Mike Jordan, MOAA Director of Marketing Services, told us that retention and renewal accounted for 70% of our membership this year. We currently have 370,000 members but to just retain this number we must replace the 30% we lose. We lost 18,000 members of the "Greatest Generation" this year alone.



Mike asked us to join the 1 on 1 sweepstakes where each MOAA member brings in one new member. The current program ends November 30, 2010 but will probably be reinitiated next year. This is seemingly an unrealistic goal but what if...? Do you know of someone whom you could ask to join us?

Lee Lange, Director, Council & Chapter Affairs, issued a "Membership Challenge." He advised us to get more involved in Community Affairs, to inform the non-MOAA associated prospect of the one year free membership. He said that we should use a Complementary Membership if and when appropriate, for more MOAA exposure set up and man a table at conventions where prospects could be made aware of what MOAA does. He emphasized that we will only have one initial chance to make a good impression.

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2011 Slate of Officers

In accordance with Section 9 of the Policy Book the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 2011.

- President: **MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret)**
- 1st Vice President: **LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret)**
- 2nd Vice President: **LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret)**
- Secretary: **Chris Lillich, AuxMbr-SP**
- Treasurer: **Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)**

Executive Advisory Board for 2010 and 2011: (No changes)

- Col Bill Lofgren, USAF (Ret)**
- 1LT Hazel Murphy, USANC (Fmr)**
- Johnny Neville, AuxMbr-AF**

Executive Advisory Board for 2011 and 2012

- Jean Jessup, AuxMbr-A**
- Col Charlie Parsons, USAF (Ret)**
- Maj Gen John Schoeppner, USAF (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 and December newsletters, together with the return address of the Chapter.

Installation Dinner

- Date: January 22, 2011
- Location: Bayou Club, Largo
- Details and reservation info in next months Officers Call.



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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;
 BanquetMasters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk.

CALENDAR

October 15th LtCol Michael Ries, USMC
November 19th
December 17th CAPT Larry McConnell, USN (Ret)
January 22nd Installation Dinner

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?
 Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
 MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246**

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

October 4th Monday
November 1st Monday
December 6th Monday
January 3rd Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

- January thru May—Second Tuesday (except May 3)
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd
 Luncheon Reservations: Bobbie Walters, 595-4619, or Evelyn Hamilton, 399-1272
- 12 October, Treasure Island Tennis and Yacht Club,
 400 Treasure Island Causeway, Treasure Island (Spouses and significant others are invited)
- 9 November, Dolphin Inn,
 4900 Gulf Blvd., St. Pete Beach
- 14 December, Isla del Sol Golf and Yacht Country Club
 6000Sun Blvd., St. Petersburg

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

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 321
 Regular Members - 221
 Auxiliary Members - 100
 Inactive Members - 8

Military Services:

Army - 74 USMC - 15
 USAF - 75 USCG - 7
 Navy - 50 NOAA - 0

9/26/2010

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HOT PROJECT HOT MAIL FROM THE TROOPS

Reported by **Anita J. Harrow**

In August, the HOT team packed and shipped 50 boxes to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those who have not participated in the HOT project cannot appreciate the effort involved with a successful monthly mailing. So I offer a **GRAND SALUTE** to members of our HOT team especially; Larry Fernald, Bill Lofgren, and Bill Bolin who brought boxes of supplies and transported packed boxes to the post office; Ed Connors who was able to obtain much needed rolls of priority tape; Johnnie Neville, Chris Lillich, and Joan Landers who prepared the custom forms and Jackie D’Louhy who helped with packing on Wednesday and addressed the 50 custom forms. **Great job team!!**

You might ask, “Why do members of the HOT team so willingly give their time, talent and treasure every month? First, we know how important mail is to those far from home. And secondly, we are rewarded with the knowledge that our boxes bring some comfort to troops fighting for our freedom. Following are portions of just a few of the letters received the past few weeks:

“Just writing a note to say thanks a million for the many boxes of items you sent... We greatly appreciate your support and the boost in morale that you provide with your gifts is outstanding” Maj USAF

“From all the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines , we really appreciate the BOXES, BOXES, AND MORE BOXES. We share everything ...a little touch of home goes a long way...The boxes mean a lot to us. Please keep them coming. I use these boxes to remind all what we’re fighting for and the people of America are behind us all the way.” SGM Army

“I would like to take this time to thank your CHAPTER for the care package that was received...Our soldiers are very thankful for PEOPLE like you, that take the time to put packages together. Again we appreciate every thing you do for your soldiers. Thank you! SFC Army

“Please pass on my sincere appreciation to the great folks of SPAMOOA for all the goodies that you sent. As soon as I put out the peanut brittle, Girl Scout cookies and crackers, the troops scooped them right up...I can’t thank you enough for taking the time to bring a little joy and smiles to the troops. SMSgt USAF

I am confident that as members of SPAMOOA you are proud to be a part of our HOT project that brings so much comfort to our troops. Working together we can continue to have a successful project. Your contributions, cash and/or supplies, are important; **KEEP THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS COMING!**



Oh yes, please remember to take the time to browse through the HOT MAIL notebook at our next luncheon meeting.

Again, thank you for all your support.

Changes to the Policy Manual approved by the Executive Committee on September 7, 2010. Strikeouts will be replaced by underlines, as follows:

14. MEMORIALS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS (Rev. ~~March 2006~~ September 7, 2010)

a. Regular Member, Life Member Emeritus, or Auxiliary Member. When the Memorial Committee learns of the death of a Regular Member, Life Member Emeritus, or Auxiliary Member, it will contact the Treasurer, who will make a \$30.00 donation to ~~the Chapter’s Designated Scholarship Fund~~ a fund that will be designated by the Executive Committee in the name of the deceased. The ~~Chapter Secretary~~ President will advise the most available survivor in the deceased’s family of such action with a letter of condolence.

b. Immediate Family. ~~The Chair of the Memorial Committee~~ President will send a letter of condolence to a Regular Member, Life Member Emeritus, or Auxiliary Member who has lost an immediate family member.

~~25. COMMANDER 6TH MEDICAL GROUP~~ (~~Added March 2006~~) HONORARY MEMBERS (Rev. September 7, 2010)

~~The Commander of the 6th Medical Group, located at 8415 Bayshore Blvd., MacDill AFB, Florida 33621, shall be an honorary member of the Chapter and should be invited annually to speak at a Chapter luncheon:~~

Officers filling the following positions shall be honorary members of the Chapter and should be invited annually to speak at a Chapter luncheon:

a. Commanding General, Army Reserve Medical Command, Pinellas Park.

b. Commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.

c. Commander, 6th Medical Group, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.

d. Commander, Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg.

e. Commander, Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater.

COLA Watch

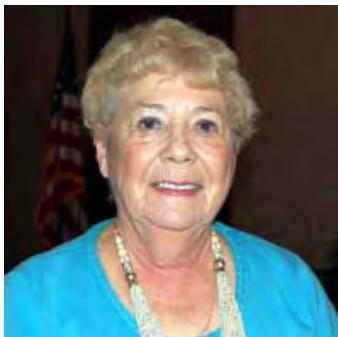
With inflation rising only 0.1 percent in August, and only one month left in the fiscal year, it’s pretty much final that retirees won’t see any COLA for 2011.





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 7 September 2010 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by Earl Peck and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed. Seventeen members were present including: Bill Bolin, Basil Burrell, Terry Carr, Ed Conners, Maureen Conners, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Marie Lorence, Johnnie Neville, Jim Patton, Earl Peck, Violet Smith and Victor Wood.



Minutes of Previous Meeting: There being no additions or corrections to the minutes motion was made by Fred Edwards, seconded by Earl Peck, that minutes be approved as printed in the O.C. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Dawson reported that the balance in the operating account is \$7,154.17. A motion was made by Earl Peck, seconded by Jim Patton to accept Treasurer's report as presented. The full Treasurer's report is found elsewhere in the O.C.

First Vice President's Report. Terry Carr reported the speaker for October will be LtCol Michael Ries, USMC, Commander of the Inspector/Instructor Staff, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion. The speaker for December will be Chaplain Larry McConnell, Bay Pines VA.

HOT: Anita Harrow's report was read by the secretary. Fifty boxes were packed and shipped to Iraq and Afghanistan and one letter has been received from a USAF Major. The supply of toothbrushes and toothpaste which had been donated by local dentists has been depleted. Anita asks that more members become involved by requesting donations of these items from their dentists. Anita suggested that Victor Wood be invited to the next Executive Committee meeting to present a proposal on ways to obtain additional donations of supplies and funds. Maureen Conners and her sorority sisters have agreed to help support the H.O.T. program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Auxiliary : With the help of Violet Smith, Anita has been trying to encourage the military widows and spouses to become more actively involved in projects in support of chapter goals.

The spring/fall coffees are designed to help widows and spouses better understand their value to the chapter and to identify more closely with the goals of our chapter and to generate and develop project ideas that benefit our members and the surrounding military communities. The spring coffee achieved two objectives – mentoring of new widows/widowers and supporting the F Co of the 159th AVNRGT with their family day activities.

Continued development of both project ideas are planned for the fall coffee in October. Anita requested funds not to exceed \$60.00 to cover costs of the fall coffee. Earl Peck made a motion to support the coffee with \$60.00, seconded by Larry Fernald. Motion passed. In support of future auxiliary activities, Anita has asked that the 2011 budget reflect designated monies for this purpose.

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith said that when flu shots become available at MacDill they will be given to the active duty first and then retirees. The regular and swine flu shots have been combined into one shot. Vaccines for shingles are not available at MacDill. The telephone number for immunizations is 813-827-9375. Violet is waiting to hear if Col Beatty will have a meeting in September and she will attend if one is called. The DBIDS (Defense Biometric Identification System) is expected to be in full operation by the end of September and the guards are already using the hand held scanner. Please make sure you are registered prior to DBIDS becoming mandatory for base access. Sunday is a good day to register at the Visitors Center as there is less traffic volume at that time.

Membership/Give me Ten: Three hundred letters and the back page of the O.C. are being sent out in accordance with the three month plan to reach lapsed MOAA members and prospective members in our area. Applications will be available at the registration desk.

Officers Call: The deadline for articles for the next issue is the 20th of September. Any member who would prefer to receive the O.C. by e-mail rather than regular mail should call either Larry Fernald or Jim Patton to make that arrangement.

Historian: Marie Lorence resigned as Historian and Maureen Conners volunteered to take over this position.

VA Volunteer Service: Ed Conners is coordinating entertainment for the veterans at the VA hospital.

OLD BUSINESS:

The motion of 2 August 2010 referring to honorary members was amended by motion from Earl Peck, seconded by Larry Fernald to name the Commanding General of the Army Reserve Medical Command, Pinellas Park, the Commanders of the 6th Air Mobility Wing and 6th Medical Group from MacDill AFB and the Commander of the Coast Guard Sector, St Petersburg and the Commander of the Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater as the honorary members. Motion carried. Fred Edwards presented proposed changes to the policy manual regarding the changes suggested by the Executive Committee in reference to memorials for deceased members and Honorary membership. Proposed changes in their entirety are found elsewhere in the O.C.

NEW BUSINESS:

The slate of officers was presented by Bill Lofgren, chairman of the nominating committee. The slate is as follows: President, Ed Lillich; 1st Vice President, Terry Carr; 2nd Vice President,

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**
From MOAA and other sources

TRICARE, Concurrent Receipt, SBP in Winter

It's looking virtually certain that the Senate will delay action on the FY2011 Defense Authorization Bill until after the elections, which will make for a very raucous November and December on Capitol Hill.



The Senate briefly brought the bill up for consideration last week, but leadership withdrew it from the table after debate reached an impasse over potential amendments on the "don't-ask-don't-tell" issue and allowing illegal immigrants to gain citizenship by joining the military.

Because action on the defense bill typically consumes a week of debate with over 300-plus amendments, Senate leaders pulled it from the floor to focus on other essential legislation - i.e., approving temporary funding to avoid a government shutdown on Oct. 1, the start of FY2011.

Congress will leave Washington to hit the campaign trail within the next two weeks, but will face some very tough slogging when it returns for a "lame duck" session after the November 2nd election.

In what's likely to be a short and bitterly debated session, legislators will be faced with:

- Finishing the Defense Authorization Bill
- Preventing a 23.5% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors from going into effect on Dec. 1, as required under current law
- Approving funds for government operations beyond December
- Initiatives to extend part or all of the Bush-era tax cuts
- Announcement of the recommendations of the President's Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform on Dec. 1

In the coming weeks, MOAA will be seeking your help to push your legislators to fix the Medicare/TRICARE problem and win Senate approval of a variety of amendments on TRICARE, concurrent receipt, Guard/Reserve retirement, SBP and more.

FDVA Receives New Interim Executive Director

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Charlie Crist and the Cabinet appointed retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Robert F. "Bob" Milligan on Aug. 26 as interim executive director of the Florida Department of Veteran's Affairs.

He succeeds the late LeRoy Collins Jr.

The general served in the Marine Corps for nearly 40 years, rising to the rank of three-star general before being elected Florida's Comptroller in 1994 and serving until 2003.

Most recently, he served as interim director of the State Board of Administration and as chairman of the Florida Veterans Foundation, Inc.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in business from the University of Rochester.

Finance Committee Likes Military Tax Fixes

On September 22, witnesses from The Military Coalition (TMC) testified before the Senate Finance Committee concerning needed improvements in tax law affecting service personnel and their families and survivors.

This is first time the Coalition has been asked to address the Finance Committee. MOAA is encouraged by this and hope to make this an annual event. MOAA's Col. Phil Odom (USAF-Ret) co-chairs the TMC tax committee and prepared the TMC testimony.

Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) opened the hearing stating, "This committee will take a hard look at how we can improve tax and fiscal policy to make life better for our military and their families...we did much in 2008...but I know that there's more to do."

The Committee heard from witnesses representing the Montana National Guard, a small business owner from Iowa who actively recruits veterans, and the Coalition concerning tax changes needed for reservists and survivors.

The hearing focused on tax credits to incentivize employers to hire and retain drilling Guard and Reserve personnel in the face of increased deployment requirements, improving tax deductions for drill-related travel expenses for Guard and Reserve members, and protecting Survivor Benefit plan annuities for children from inadvertent penalties under the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT).

The Coalition proposed making permanent the temporary tax credit, enacted in 2008, for small businesses that pay a wage differential to reservists who are called to active service.

All the witnesses expressed concern that out-of-pocket expenses reservists incur in traveling to their training duty stations can be deducted from their income taxes only if the drilling duty station is more than 100 miles from home, vs. the 50-mile standard used for other federal purposes.

Odom and TMC members had previously met with Sen. John Kerry's (D-MA) staff to seek support for a legislative fix, and were pleased when Kerry and Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-AR) announced at the hearing that they had just introduced S.3819 to reduce the mileage requirement to 50 miles.

Baucus called the proposal "a no-brainer", and also expressed strong interest in the Coalition's proposal to exempt surviving military children's SBP annuities from AMT penalties.





Monthly Luncheon; 24 September 2010

Reported by Larry Fernald

Attended – 66: (61 reservations), 1 Member Guests, 7 Chapter Guests, 6 Walk ins, 0 Cancels, 1 No Show

President Ed Lillich called the meeting to order right on time and gave a thoughtful invocation. Ed then asked the Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard to present the colors, which they did in rousing fashion. After the Pledge to our Country's flag, Ed asked that the colors be posted.



After a few short announcements and introductions of our guests, including new member LTC Dolores Myers, USA (Ret), Ed announced that we were also celebrating the 101st birthday of Mrs. Meredith Crook, who, as if on cue, came into the room. Everyone joined in a spirited rendition of Happy Birthday, followed by applause for Meredith. On behalf of the chapter, Bill Bolin presented a birthday cake to Meredith. As an aside, I can only hope that I will be around next year to help celebrate Meredith's 102nd birthday.

The next order of business on the agenda was honoring our POWs and MIAs. Ed led the color guard in a POW/MIA recognition ceremony and flag folding ceremony.

Following the ceremony, Ed highlighted some recent efforts in finding and identifying POW/MIAs, one of which goes back to a soldier lost in 1918, but identified and repatriated this year.



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Maj Gen Schoeppner told of one of his squadron mates, who was shot down in an A-7D in 1972, Lt Col Tony Shine, USAF. Largely through the persistence of his daughter, who was only 8 years old when he went missing, Lt Col Shine's remains were found and identified in 1996 and he was repatriated and buried in Arlington that same year.

Maj Gen Peck then took the stage and talked about two of his friends, Col George E. "Bud" Day, USAF, and Col John "Jack" Flynn, USAF, who were both POWs in Hanoi. Both were badly tortured, but survived and were "released" in 1972. General Peck mentioned that Col Day, after his retirement, and through his lawsuits against the government, is widely credited as the impetus for our getting TRICARE for Life. General Peck also

related an amusing story about Col Flynn: After his release from Hanoi and upon arriving at Clark AFB in the Philippines, Col Flynn called his wife back in the States, who, upon answering the phone and recognizing her husband, said, "Jack, where the hell have you been?"

The agenda then dictated that we eat lunch. And, again, I must ask, "Where else can one get so much good food for only \$12 while experiencing the same great fellowship?"

Following lunch, Terry Carr, our 1st VP, introduced our honored guest speaker, Major General Luis Visot, USAR, who commands the 377th Theater Sustainment Command in New Orleans, and, is also the Executive Director of the Joint Military Leadership Center (JMLC) at USF in Tampa, the only joint ROTC unit of its kind in the country.

General Visot gave us a presentation on the work done by his unit when they were deployed to Haiti following the earthquake. He detailed the efforts from laundry facilities to latrines to potable water to communications to roads to flood prevention that were accomplished by the U. S. military and compared these peacetime efforts to those required during hostilities.

All in all, General Visot highlighted the actions of our military in Haiti – things that did not appear in the press, but should have.

After a Q&A session, Ed announced that our next meeting will be on 15 October, and was about to give the benediction when Larry Fernald asked to give a few words. Larry plugged General Visot's JMLC at USF as a unique organization comprised of Army, Marine, Navy, and Air Force ROTC units all under one roof and all working together. Larry encouraged everyone to visit the center and see the opportunities available to our future military leaders. He asked that anyone who would like to visit the JMLC give him a call and he will arrange the tour.



Following the benediction, the luncheon was adjourned.

SAVE THE DATE

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Plan to Attend The

Fall COFFEE

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

9:30 – 11:30

Anita Harrow and Violet Smith

Note this is a date change from last months notice.





Terry Carr Introducing MG Visot



Guest speaker MG Luis Visot, USAR



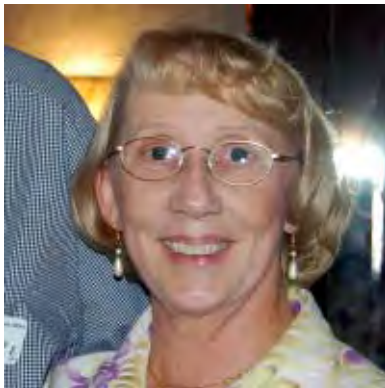
Ed Lillich presenting Gen Visot with gift



Taps, Bugler David Mallory and CG Member Charles Rubado



Folding the Flag



Farewell Janice Mogan



Happy 101st Birthday Meredith Crook



New member Dolores Myers



Pauline Edwards and Bobbie Walters



Bill and Lenore Binzer

Photos by Bill Lofgren





President from Page 1

MOAA national is assisting us with our efforts to bring in new members. We have been successful with our efforts to increase the number of Life Members within our Chapter. Don Freese has been the leader in this and in our Give-Me-Ten (GMT) efforts and we have brought in five members through the “cover wrap” effort initiated in July. These are just some of the ways that national MOAA helps us. They will also send out email messages, tailored by us, to reach prospects within our zip codes. The message is that we are not alone. They will help us.

There are 370,000 members in MOAA but only 70,000 are in chapters. We have been sending out recruiting letters to all MOAA members in our zip codes who are not affiliated with a chapter. Just recently we sent 300 such letters. The response has not been heartening. The ball is in our court as members of the Chapter to introduce ourselves to our fellow officers who have not yet joined and to bring them into the fold.

We learned that recruiting is best served if we focus on:

Active Duty Officers, Reserve and National Guard Officers, Former Officers

Auxiliary members (surviving spouses), Older members, Younger members and spouses

There has to be at least one person in the other groups you belong to that has been an officer in the Military Service.

Bring that new member in.

SHINGLES VACCINATION

TRICARE covers vaccines as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention. For beneficiaries 60 and older, TRICARE now covers Zostavax, the vaccine designed to prevent shingles. TRICARE officials caution beneficiaries that “covered” doesn’t necessarily mean “free” (see Important Notice below). However, because Medicare does not cover the vaccine, they will be processing the claim as primary payer. When TRICARE for Life pays as primary, there is a \$150.00 deductible and then a 25% cost-share (TRICARE for Life will pay 75% of the allowed amount after the deductible has been met). Medicare will cover the administration of the medication, but not the medication itself, so the provider will need to submit the claim to Medicare first.

IMPORTANT: You MUST receive the vaccination at a doctor’s office. Vaccinations picked up and/or administered at a pharmacy will NOT be covered by TRICARE for Life. If your doctor does not carry the vaccine in their office, please see if he or she can refer you to a physician that does carry it and can administer the vaccine.

TRIVIA

What major Japanese company made the famous Zero fighter plane during World War II?

See TRIVIA Pg 9

October Birthdays (57 to 98 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
08	Anderson	Robert	LCDR	USN (Ret)
27	Andrews	Carroll	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
14	Bell	James	Col	USMC (Ret)
12	Benson	D. Kay	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
05	Bischofs	Henriette	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
25	Broderick	Thomas	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
17	Brown	Dorothy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Sp
16	Brown	George	COL	USA (Ret)
04	Cavanagh	Jeffery	CDR	USN (Ret)
31	Clark	William	Col	USAF (Ret)
22	Clift	Gloria	Mrs.	AuxMbr-AF
30	Dyson	Alfred	LCDR	USN (Ret)
03	Edwards	Fred	LtCol	USMC (Ret)
07	Eynatten	Robert	CAPT	USN (Ret)
24	Eynatten	Margaret	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Sp
04	Finley	J. Paul	LCDR	USN (Ret)
09	Frasso	Edward	1LT	AAF (Fmr)
21	Hoover	Richard	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
19	Kaiser	Martin	CDR	USCG (Ret)
24	MacPherson	Robert	Maj	USAF (Ret)
30	Monty	Dorothy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
16	Natzke	Richard	LTC	USA (Ret)
10	Packer	Patty	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
31	Polk	Bob	Col	USAF (Ret)
22	Simon	June	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
23	Spears	Anse ‘Ed’	COL	USA (Ret)
13	Terry	Maxine	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Sp
29	Trahan	Creighton	LTC	USA (Ret)
30	Waugh	Frances	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
28	Westman	Jack	LT	USNR (Fmr)

Exec Bd from Page 4

Bill Lee; Secretary, Chris Lillich; Treasurer, Pete Dawson. Executive Advisory Board for 2010/2011 are Hazel Murphy, Bill Lofgren and Johnny Neville and for 2011/2012, John Schoeppner, Charlie Parsons and Jean Jessup. Earl Peck made a motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded by Larry Fernald and motion carried. Bill Lofgren thanked the nominating committee, Earl Peck, Fred Edwards and Violet Smith, for their diligent efforts in obtaining the slate. President Ed thanked Bill for an excellent job.

Victor Wood presented his proposal on obtaining funds for the HOT program. The Executive Committee will take this under advisement and report further on its findings.

University Village has asked permission to set up a table at one of our meetings and the E.C. agreed to allow this.

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Military Museum in Largo allows free admission to anyone with a valid military I.D. card.

There being no further business Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours





TAPS

■ **MAJ Michael Tomasulo, USA (Ret)**, 21 September 2010

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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

- **LTC Sarah Niblack, USA (Ret)**
- **COL Roger Shields, USA (Ret)**
- **LCDR Hazel McGrath, USN (Ret)**
- **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**



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TRIVIA from Pg 8

Mitsubishi. The company now known for its cars, TVs and hundreds of other products, was prohibited from producing aircraft for seven years after the war.

To my SPAMOOA members from Janice Mogan

I want to inform you that I am moving to Ocala, FL to be near my Mother Jeanne. She is 82 and well and we plan to spend a lot of time together.

I've enjoyed this chapter and I've sure learned a lot. We've had great fun at luncheons and conventions. The cruise through the Panama Canal is unforgettable.

You people are amazing.

Thanks to those of you who joined as a result of my invitation. You are enriching our chapter.

My daughter Mollie and granddaughter Destiny will be in my house in St. Petersburg so I should be in town often.

I'm looking forward to joining Kingdom of the Sun Chapter.

Take Care and thanks for everything.

Janice

ROWC

At the October 12th Luncheon meeting of the St. Petersburg Retired Officers Wives Club, a collection will be made for Operation Warmheart. This is our once yearly charitable contribution, to a fund that provides support for members of the military who are stationed at MacDill AFB and their families. The fund is administered by the First Sergeant's organization in conjunction with the Chaplain's Office.



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..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (799.58)
..... Donations	\$ 25.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (346.30)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$,120.88)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,322.86
..... Donations	\$ 179.00
..... 50/20	\$ 40.00
..... Memorials	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses	\$ (1,358.28)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,183.58

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,989.00
..... Donations	\$ 0.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,989.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 7,873.28
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 690.00
..... Dues	\$ 60.00
..... Give Me 10	\$ 140.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 2.49
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (660.00)
..... Supplies	\$ (70.00)
..... Printing	\$ (511.60)
..... Post Office	\$ (70.00)
..... Other Organizations	\$ (150.00)
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..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 7,154.17



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Visit our Chapter Web Site =>



If you wish to donate to one of our funds, please send the check to SPA-MOAA, PO Box 7054, St. Petersburg, FL 33734-7054 or better yet, bring it to the next luncheon.

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St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

October Luncheon



15 October, 2010

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11:00 AM to 11:45 Social Hour
11:45 Meeting Called to Order
13:30 Meeting Adjourned

Guest Speaker:
LtCol Michael Ries, USMC

Subject: US Marine Corp, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Ries grew up overseas as a Foreign Service dependent in Belgium, Germany, and Austria. He was commissioned in December, 1991, upon graduation from the College of William and Mary with a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations. Following graduation from the Basic School, he was assigned to 1st Marine Division where he deployed to Operation RESTORE HOPE as a linguist serving with the Royal Moroccan Forces, and subsequently as a Division Watch Officer.



Upon redeployment to CONUS, Lieutenant Colonel Ries attended the Assault Amphibian Officers Course and was assigned as Platoon Commander of the Mobility Counter Mobility Platoon, 3d Assault Amphibian Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

Among his many assignments, in November, 2000, Lieutenant Colonel Ries was assigned to US CENTRAL COMMAND where he was the primary exercise planner for Exercises GOLDEN SPEAR and NEON SPEAR in 2001 and 2002. On 9/11 he became the Executive Officer of USCENTCOM's Joint Operations Center, and then served as the Junior Executive Officer to the Deputy Commander, USCENTCOM.

In July 2009, following various assignments, Lieutenant Colonel Ries took command of Inspector – Instructor Staff, 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion.

Lieutenant Colonel Ries is fluent in French and German and is an avid marathoner and triathlete. He is married since 1993 to the former Pamela Entress of Wheeling, WV, and has four children, Johann Maximilian, Genevieve Bergen, Benediktus Xavier, and Romy Mirabell.

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12th: Grandparents Day

13th: US Navy (Established 1775)

24th: Mother-in-Law Day

28th: Statue of Liberty Dedicated 1886

