



# 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. We also celebrated Meredith Crook's 103d birthday, even though she was unable to be with us. Congratulations Meredith, and may you have many more.



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.

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 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. We need a minimum of 10 Paid or Life Conversions by December 31 to win the GMT Award for the third consecutive year and the last time it will be awarded. We

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## 2013 Slate of Officers

In accordance with Section 9 of the Policy Book the Nominating Committee has submitted the following slate of officers for 2013.

President: **LTC Terry Carr, USA (Ret)**  
 1st Vice President: **Lt Col Dick Koch, USAF (Ret)**  
 2nd Vice President: **MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret)**  
 Secretary: **Mrs Chris Lillich, AuxMbr-Spouse**  
 Treasurer: **Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret)**

Executive Advisory Board for 2012 and 2013: (No changes)

**Mrs Virginia Balke, AuxMbr-A**  
**LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret)**  
**CPT Barbara Stakk, USA (Fmr)**

Executive Advisory Board for 2013 and 2014—

**CDR Maureen Connors, USN (Ret)**  
**Mrs Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-MC**  
**Lt Col Bill Lewis, 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 19, 2013  
 Location: Hilton, Downtown St. Petersburg  
 Details and reservation info in next months Officers Call.



# 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**  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP- LCDR Bill Lee, USN (Ret) ..... 266-4380  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP- MAJ Joanne Taylor, USA (Ret) ..... 388-2384  
 Secretary- Mrs. Chris Lillich Spouse-A ..... 546-2246  
 Treasurer- Maj Pete Dawson, USAF (Ret) ..... 894-3761

### EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD

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LTC Hardy Bryan, USA (Ret) ..... 522-0732  
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#### Immediate Past President

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

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 Auxiliary Liaison Mrs Anita Harrow, AuxMbr-N ... 367-9050  
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 Vet Liaison ..... MAJ Ed Lillich, USA ..... 546-2246  
 Visitation ..... Vacant ..... -

**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 19<sup>th</sup>** Samuel L. Phillips

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** Miss Florida

**January 19<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 1<sup>st</sup>** Monday

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

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

## ROWC

### Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be  
 October 9<sup>th</sup> The Wine Cellar  
 17307 Gulf Blvd.  
 North Redington Beach

### Luncheon Reservations:

- Jackie Bohnker, 812-4868 or  
 Dot Plummer 586-1447

### 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  
 or Rose Munchbach 397-4146

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 297  
 Regular Members - 192  
 Auxiliary Members - 105  
 Inactive Members - 5

### Military Services:

Army - 66 USMC - 14  
 USAF - 61 USCG - 9  
 Navy - 42 NOAA - 0

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## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

### Monthly Luncheon; 21 September 2012

**Attended – 59:** (57 reservations), 4 Member Guest, 5 Chapter Guests, 6 Walk in, 2 Cancel, 2 No Shows

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

President Terry Carr read the POW/MIA proclamation issued by President Barack Obama. Following the reading of the Proclamation, Immediate Past President Ed Lillich explained the meaning of the empty chair and set table while Anita Harrow showed each of the objects on the table as they were described.

The head table was introduced and included; Chaplain Brown, 1st Vice President Bill Lee, Deputy Commander of the Honor Guard, Herbert Karkheck, Terry Carr and speaker for the day Ed Lillich.

Celisa Bobier, LCSW, a dementia consultant at Arden Courts gave us a brief description of the facilities and what type of care is given. Arden Courts of Largo hosts a Families Helping Families monthly Alzheimer's and dementia support group on the fourth Thursday of every month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Interested parties can call 727-559-8411 or email largo@arden-courts.com for more information or to make a reservation. Arden Courts is an Assisted Living Facility located at 300 Highland Avenue N.E., Largo, FL and also is one of our advertisers in the Officers Call.

We purchased a cake to honor Meredith Crook's 103rd birthday. Meredith was unable to attend at the last minute but we all sang Happy Birthday to her in absentia.

Elio Castellano, Col, USAF (Ret) was a guest of Stanley Maratos. Lt Col June Augustine, USAF (Ret), a new Member, introduced her son and daughter-in-law, John and Rosemary Augustine.

New member CPT Richard (Rick) Rutowicz, Army National Guard, was introduced by Larry Fernald. Rick is a former officer in the USAF, but joined the Army National Guard when he moved to Gulfport.

It was duly noted that the Air Force celebrated its 65th year on September 19, 1947. Maj Gen Earl Peck, USAF (Ret) offered a toast to the Air Force.

The door prize was won by Ellen Marie Fine and the 50/50 was split between Carol Barnes and George Brown.

Paulette Carr invited everyone to attend the coffee to be held on October 10 from 1000 to 1200 hours at the Military Museum in Largo.



Following lunch 1st Vice President Lee introduced the speaker, Ed Lillich. Ed gave an overview of the operations of the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) which is a part of the United States Department of Defense. The DPMO serves as the DOD focal point for POW/MP matters and maintains open channels of communication with Congress, POW/MP families and veterans organizations through consultations and other appropriate methods. The Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command is a joint task force with the United States Department of Defense whose mission is to account for Americans who are listed as Prisoners of War or Missing in Action from all past wars and conflicts. It has been especially visible in conjunction with the Vietnam War POW/MIA issue. The mission of JPAC is to achieve the fullest possible accounting of all Americans missing as a result of the nation's past conflicts. The motto of JPAC is "*Until they are home*". Currently there are 73,681 missing from WWII, 7,995 from Korean War, 126 from Cold War, 1,664 from Vietnam War and 6 from the Iraq and other conflicts for a total of 83,432. Twenty-Eight MIA were recovered from North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam, Laos, England and Germany. To conclude his presentation Ed Lillich offered a toast to honor those most recently discovered as well as those still missing comrades. The Honor Guard gave the flag folding presentation and TAPS were played to conclude a very moving POW/MIA luncheon. Chaplain Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was Adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting 4 September

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1130 hours. Immediate Past President, Ed Lillich, gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited by all. Seventeen members were present including; Virginia Balke, Carol Barnes, Bill Bolin, Terry Carr, Maureen Connors, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Bill Lee, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton, John Schoeppner, Joanne Taylor and Sherry Freese.

**Minutes of 6 August 2012 Meeting:** Motion made by Ed Lillich, seconded by Jim Patton to approve minutes as they are printed in the Officers Call. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Dawson reported that the operating fund had a balance of \$8,752.39 on August 31, 2012. There were no donations in August for the Scholarship Fund and Officers Call Boosters. Don Freese made a motion, seconded by Anita Harrow, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. A full accountability is found elsewhere in the O.C.

**First Vice President's Report:** Bill Lee is finalizing the speakers for the rest of the year. The September luncheon will be the annual POW/MIA remembrance with MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret), as the moderator. Anita Harrow and members of the Auxiliary will present the POW table and The Pinellas County

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still have some work to do to reach that goal. Hopefully, the 10 October coffee will help. MOAA National is also working to increase chapter membership by offering 180,000 non-chapter MOAA members a complimentary one-year membership in their local chapter. This will be done via a special chapter cover wrap in the October issue of the Military Officer magazine and a tear-off post card that contains the member's name and the name of the chapter near them. Lists of returned post cards will then be sent to chapters.

Our October luncheon speaker is Samuel L. Phillips, who is a health scientist working for the VA Center of Excellence, and is involved in prosthetics and research to help in rehabilitation. I hope to see you there, but I hope first to see you at the 10 October coffee at the military museum.

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Veterans Honor Guard will present the colors. David Mallory will present TAPS.

**Second Vice President's Report:** Joanne Taylor has made several phone calls and invited prospective members to the September luncheon.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Help Our Troops (HOT):** Anita Harrow continues to send packages to the troops and at present has 4 to 5 units receiving the boxes. Anita will send Christmas boxes out in early November and asked that everyone donate items and cards (non-religious) to be included in these boxes. Anita suggested that we find a way to serve troops in other ways once the troops are brought back home, and suggested we could help the wounded and those that are back that need help. The Executive Committee made other suggestions which Anita will look into.

**Data Base:** Larry Fernald reported that the dues renewal letter is at the printers and he will be sending them out in October.

**Convention 2012:** Don Freese and Larry Fernald will make the final arrangements with the Hilton Hotel and get the proposal signed so we can get the convention packets ready to give out at the 2013 convention in Sarasota.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Microphone:** The Executive Committee previously voted on looking into the purchase of a wireless microphone to use at the monthly luncheons in order for members making comments of general interest and asking questions of the speakers be heard to the entire membership. President Carr presented several options with costs to the E.C. Following further discussion, Larry Fernald made a motion to have Terry Carr explore the cost of a stand alone system with at least two speakers and two wireless microphones to replace the old equipment that has become obsolete. Ed Lillich seconded the motion, and motion passed.

**By-Laws:** At the previous E.C., motion was made to have Bill Lofgren review the by-laws to give a specific number to identify a quorum. Bill Lofgren said that a quorum would be the majority of the five officers, which is three (3) and one member who is not on the board.

**Nominating Committee:** Bill Lofgren reported that the nominating committee, consisting of; Anita Harrow, Pete Dawson and he have presented a slate as follows: Officers: President, Terry Carr, 2nd Vice President, Joanne Taylor, Secretary, Chris Lillich and Treasurer, Pete Dawson and Executive Advisory Committee for 2013-15: Maureen Connors and Bill Lewis. Remaining on the Executive Committee: Ed Lillich, Immediate Past President, Chairs of the Standing Committees and the 2012-14 Executive Advisory Committee: Virginia Balke, Hardy Bryan and Barbara Stakk. There is still a vacancy for 1st Vice President and one Advisory Committee Member for 2013-15. A motion was made by Larry Fernald to approve the slate as identified, seconded by Anita Harrow. Motion carried. Bill Lofgren will verify candidates for 1st Vice President and the Advisory Committee Member and call for an electronic vote for approval.

**October Coffee:** A coffee, sponsored by the St. Petersburg Chapter and the Clearwater Chapter will be held on October 10, 2012 at the Military Museum. Please be sure to make your reservations by calling Paulette Carr. Her telephone number is found on Page 23 of the 2012 St. Pete Chapter directory.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Lofgren reported that the policy book must have an approval each year. The last amendment of the policy book was in 2010. A motion was made by Ed Lillich to retroactively approve the policy book as of February 6, 2012. Larry Fernald seconded the motion and the motion passed. Motion carried.

Bill has reviewed the policy book and the bylaws and did not find anything that needs to be changed at this time.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meredith Crook will be 103 years young and she will be honored at the September luncheon meeting.

Don Freese announced that Florida won 19 Level of Excellence Awards for 4 and 5 star chapters. The St. Petersburg Chapter again won the 5 star chapter award. Don congratulated all of the members in helping to obtain this recognition. President Terry Carr will be attending the National Convention in Washington D.C. on 29 October to accept the award on behalf of the Chapter. Paulette Carr, Don and Sherry Freese, Ed and Chris Lillich, Anita Harrow and Pauline Edwards also will be attending.. Don has not officially been notified that he had been voted in as a Director for MOAA, but he has been asked to submit the name he wished to have on his name tag. He received a round of applause from the Executive Committee. Don said that the vote to allow Auxiliary members the right to vote passed by a huge majority.

President Terry received letters from the Educational Assistance Office of MOAA, informing us of the names and amount

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# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## Congress Has Left The Building

The Senate and the House have gone into recess until after the elections. Senators and Representatives scrambled with varying degrees of success to get some final legislating done before heading out the door.



**Keeping the Government Running:** House and Senate leaders have agreed on a six-month continuing resolution (H.J. Res. 117) to keep the government funded until April 1, 2013. The House and Senate have passed it.

**FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill:** The House passed this key bill (including important caps on TRICARE pharmacy copay hikes) back in May, but the Senate won't act on it until after the election. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin said the number of amendments will have to be limited, given the short time the Senate will have to pass it. That could be bad news for MOAA-supported amendments on concurrent receipt, SBP, and more.

**Veterans Job Corps Bill:** Chances for legislation to enhance veteran hiring (S. 3457) died in the Senate when partisan disagreements couldn't be resolved. Sponsor Sen. Patty Murray, D-WA, included all of Sen. Richard Burr's (R-NC) alternative proposals in the bill, but it fell two votes short of the required 60, on a party-line vote after only five Republicans joined all Democrats in supporting it.

**Senate Veterans Affairs Committee:** The Committee approved a number of bills of interest, including:

- S. 3340 (Murray, D-WA) would require the VA to reduce wait times for mental health care services; expand such care for families of deployed servicemembers; and expand outreach efforts to improve mental health care access. It also would put Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Philippines under the American Battle Monuments Commission.
- S. 2241 (Murray; Webb, D-VA; Merkley, D-OR; Lautenberg, D-NJ) would strengthen oversight of all colleges serving GI Bill students by expanding consumer protections for student veterans, banning deceptive advertising; and establishing counseling requirements. It also would extend Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility to surviving spouses.
- S. 3322 (Brown, D-OH) / S. 2299 (Murray) would extend mortgage foreclosure protections to servicemembers in combat zones; surviving spouses of personnel who die on duty, and 100% disabled medical retirees. It also authorizes suits against banks, landlords and businesses that violate Servicemember Civil Relief Act protections.

- S. 2259 (Tester, D-MT) would authorize a COLA for VA disability and survivor annuitants at the same percentage as the retired pay COLA.

**Stolen Valor Act:** The House approved H.R. 1775 (Heck, R-NV), which would make it illegal to reap financial gain from false claims regarding the Medal of Honor and certain other military decorations.

**Veteran Hiring Incentives:** S. 3536 (Mikulski and Cardin, both D-MD) introduced a bill to extend tax incentives for employers to hire veterans to 2016. Current authorities expire in December.

## As I See It - Do you trust the TFL Trust Fund

September 17, 2012

By Col. Steve Strobridge, USAF-Ret.

When Congress approved TRICARE For Life (TFL) and the TRICARE Senior Pharmacy program in 2000 (for implementation in 2001), the new law set up a trust fund mechanism to cover these new benefits for Medicare-eligible military beneficiaries.

At the time, legislators supporting the trust fund said it would ensure the new benefits always would be funded and wouldn't be subject to the whims of the annual appropriations process.

After a decade of experience with it, we've learned the TFL trust fund is a two-edged sword.

First, we've learned it offers no guarantee the TFL benefit won't be changed.

Trust fund or not, the government still has to pay for it. And when government leaders think the cost is getting too high, they will propose changing it — as the administration did in its FY 2013 budget submission.

Second, we've learned the trust fund makes it much harder to win any needed benefit improvements. That's because any benefit delivered through a trust fund falls under what Congress calls "mandatory spending" (that is, not subject to annual appropriations).

Under Congress' rules, if the Armed Services Committee wants to improve a TFL benefit, it has to pay for that by cutting an equal amount from other mandatory spending within its purview. And that means cutting retired pay, Survivor Benefit Plan payments, or some other TFL benefit. Robbing Peter's benefits to improve Paul's is a no-win situation, so it usually won't happen.

The result? When Congress adopted new TRICARE preventive care programs (e.g., paying for smoking cessation efforts), TFL beneficiaries age 65 and older had to be excluded.

And when the administration proposed higher pharmacy copayments, the big stumbling block in rejecting the hikes is they apply to people over age 65 as well as under 65. If the revenue from charging Medicare-eligibles higher fees is to be rejected by keeping copayments down, the lost revenue must

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Anita Harrow at POW/MIA table



Ed Lillich presenting the POW/MIA program



Honor Guard presenting the colors



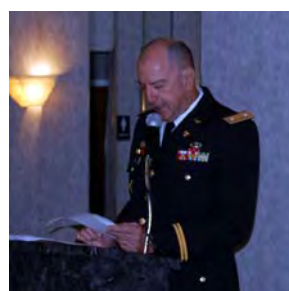
Bugler James Bell rendering TAPS



Rose Bobier giving presentation on Arden Courts



Honor Guard Dep Cdr Herb Karkheck and Past President Ed Lillich



President Terry Carr opens the luncheon



Chaplain George Brown delivering the invocation



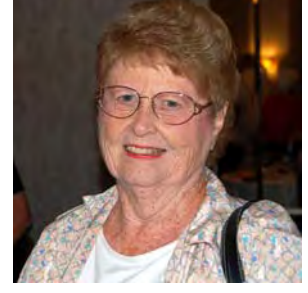
New Member Rick Rutowicz



Betty and Paul Finley



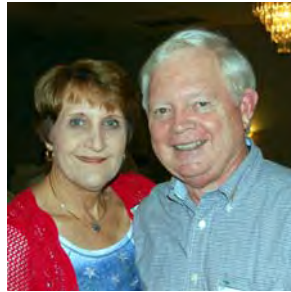
New member Jane Augustine (center) and son John and daughter-in-law Rosemary



Virginia Balke



Glenn and Katie Crabb



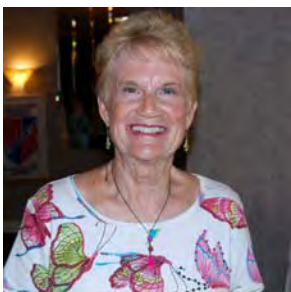
Carol and Van Barnes



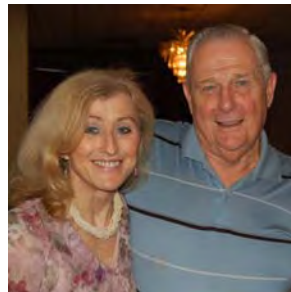
Richard Green



Ken and Marie Fine



Joanne Taylor



Barbara Stakk and Pete Dawson



Fran Shivers and Dot Plummer

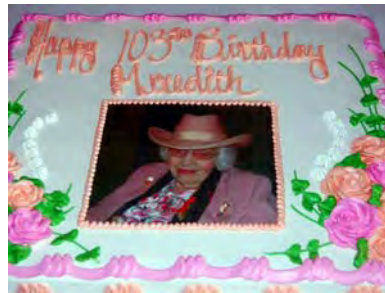


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Margaret Peck, Margaret Lewis, Pauline Edwards and Violet Smith



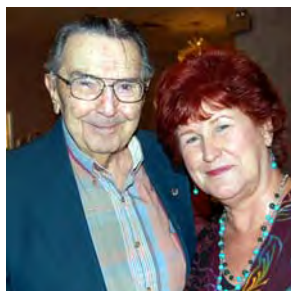
Happy 103rd birthday to Meredith Crook



Hazel McGrath, Georgia French and Jeanne Alvarez



Joan Landers and Bill Lewis



Bill and Penny Eisenhart



Stan Maratos (right) and guest Col Elio Castellano, USAF



Earl and Margaret Peck



Yvonne Hughes



Bill and Lynn Bolin



Dick Koch



Larry and Barb Fernald



50/50 winner Carol Barnes and salesman Bill Lewis



Paulette Carr and Pauline Edwards



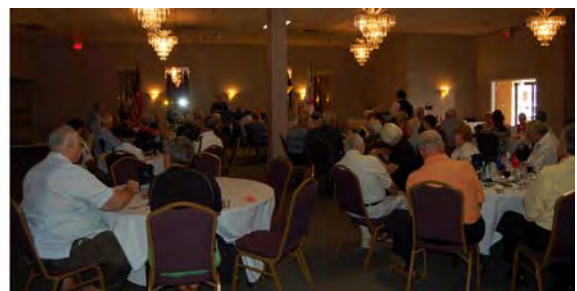
Fred Schlager



Bill Lee



Attendees



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Photos by Bill Lofgren

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



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of scholarship monies being given due to our participation in the Scholarship Fund. This year Anja L. Cole received a \$5,000 loan and \$500 grant in the name of our chapter. Anja is double majoring in Business and Spanish at Furman University. Anja was a guest at a chapter luncheon last fall. In addition three others from our area have been selected for the 2012-2013 term. They are Kelsey Langston, \$5,000 interest free loan and a \$500 designated scholarship, Kevin Wang, \$5,000 interest free loan and \$500 designated scholarship and James S. Welch III, \$5,500 interest free loan. We will invite them to be our guests at one of our luncheon meetings.

There being no further business, Ed Lillich gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be 1 October 2012.

#### ADDENDUM TO MINUTES:

On September 4, 2012 at 8:31 P.M. Bill Lofgren sent an electronic communication to the Executive Committee nominating Dick Koch for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Pauline Edwards to serve on the 2013-15 Executive Advisory Committee. The nominations were approved by majority by return electronic communication.

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be made up in another mandatory spending program.

That's why the House-passed alternative pharmacy plan (which keeps pharmacy copayments significantly lower for both over- and under-65s) had to require Medicare-eligibles to participate in a one-year test of mail-order refills for maintenance medications. The lower cost of mail-order delivery offset the lost revenue from over-65s' copayments.

So MOAA has become more than a little jaundiced about setting up any future trust funds. Our experience has been they have more downsides than upsides.

But now we come to the latest big budget challenge — the sequestration law that will cut another \$54 billion from the FY 2013 defense budget unless Congress approves alternative savings before the end of the year.

As we've pointed out before, the law exempts VA health care funding from sequestration cuts but not military health care funding.

However, the administration's new report on sequestration effects finally demonstrated one positive effect of the TFL trust fund.

Because TFL and Medicare-eligibles' pharmacy benefits aren't subject to the appropriations process, Medicare-eligibles' TRICARE benefits won't be subject to sequestration cuts.

Only the under-65 beneficiaries' health care funding remains at risk.

So whether you're under age 65 or over, the military health care funding system will help you in some ways and hurt you in others.

On any given change proposal, it's tough to trust.

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of August

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ (1,035.97)
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... Ads .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (361.95)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (1,397.92)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1,440.45
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 40.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (604.25)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 926.20

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1995.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,995.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 8,711.76
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 569.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 0.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 60.00
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.63
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (560.00)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ (30.00)
..... Printing .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 0.00
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 8,752.39

### What Do You Know?

How much do you know about military retirement? Take our short quiz below!

1. For a military retiree with 20 years of service, what percentage of his or her total lifetime retired pay will come from annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs)?

- A. 35 percent
- B. 50 percent
- C. 67 percent

2. What was the average age of military officers and the

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## TAPS

- ◆ **Westman, Nancy Mrs.**, Spouse of LT Jack Westman, 31 August 2012
- ◆ **Love, Faye, Mrs.**, Spouse of COL H. B. Love, 11 September 2012

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

## Sick List

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- ◆ **Lt Col Ron Wildes**, USAF (Ret)

### What Dy You Know from Page 8

average age of enlisted members who retired in FY2011 (excluding reservists).

- A. 43.7 and 39.6
- B. 45.1 and 41.9
- C. 46.7 and 41.2

### Answers

1:B. COLAs account for 50 percent of lifetime pay based on a 42 year-old retiree receiving a 3% COLA annually (as the actuary assumes) living until the age of 84.

2:C. The average age of a regular or disability officer retiree retiring in FY2011 was 46.7, and 41.2 for enlisted retirements. If you include newly retiring reservists, the average jumps to 52.0 and 48.7.

## October Birthdays (59 to 95 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
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27	Andrews	Carroll	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
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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-Spouse
16	Brown	George	COL	USA (Ret)
04	Cavanagh	Jeffery	CDR	USN (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)
09	Marois	Henry	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
30	Monty	Dorothy	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
22	Simon	June	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
23	Speairs	Anse 'Ed'	COL	USA (Ret)
13	Terry	Maxine	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
29	Trahan	Creighton	LTC	USA (Ret)
30	Waugh	Frances	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
28	Westman	Jack	LT	USNR (Fmr)



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