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★★★★★ Five Star Chapter ★★★★★

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## President's Comments:

A short while ago, MOAA put out a call for nominations for the 2015 Community Heroes Award. While I missed that call, one of our chapter members, Mrs. Pauline Edwards, AuxMbr-M, backed up our chapter and submitted a nomination for LTC Carol Barkalow, USA (Ret), one of the co-founders of Heaven on Earth for Veterans (an organization that our chapter's HOT project supports).



I am honored to report that Carol was selected for one of MOAA's 2015 Community Hero Awards. She will be presented this award at the Community Heroes Dinner on the evening of 30 October in Orlando at the Disney Buena Vista Hotel, beginning at 1800L.

Details (and registration) for the dinner as well as registration for the MOAA Annual meeting, can be found at <http://www.moaa.org/2015annualmeeting>, or by calling the MOAA help desk at 800-234-6622. MOAA has not made paper registration packages available this year, so these are the only two ways to sign up.

Also at the Annual Meeting, our chapter will be presented it's 13th consecutive Five Star Award, and the 14th award in the last 15 years. (For some reason, we failed to submit an award

package for 2001.)

As many of you know, VADM Norb Ryan, USN (Ret), will be stepping down as CEO of MOAA in January of 2016. Admiral Ryan is a special friend of the Florida Council of Chapters, MOAA, and has visited our chapter on numerous occasions. He has been the right person at the right time over the last 13 years of his tenure as MOAA CEO for both veterans and active duty personnel.

I know of several chapter members already signed up, and I hope many more of you can join us and help celebrate Carol's significant achievement and your chapter's recognition as one of MOAA's best. Should you have questions about the MOAA Annual Meeting, please contact me.

We still have several important positions available in your chapter. For instance, the Helping Our Troops (HOT) chair is open and in need of a volunteer to step up and run that worthwhile program. If you are willing to step up and help your chapter, please let me know.

And, lastly, our two Designated Scholar Scholarships have been awarded to Brendan J. Phelps, a Biology major at the University of South Florida, and James S. Welch III, a Psychology major at Stetson University. Each of these young men will receive a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 interest-free loan, courtesy of your generosity as chapter members in supporting our scholarship program.

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### Free Lunch Winners

(With respect to Robert Heinlein and Milton Friedman, there really is a FREE lunch)

#### New Members:

- **CW2 John Graham, USCG (Ret)**

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**Luncheon Meetings** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday — mixer  
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;  
 Pasadena Yacht Club, Gulfport

## CALENDAR

Sep 18<sup>th</sup> Alene Tarter, Fla Dept. Vet. Affairs

Oct 16<sup>th</sup> Sheriff, Bob Gultieri

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>

Dec 19<sup>th</sup>

**\*\* Need a ride to the luncheon?**

**Call: Lt Col Larry Fernald 522-6237**

**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.

Sep 8<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Monday

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> Monday

## MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

### Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be  
 Tuesday Oct 13<sup>th</sup>  
 1130 hours  
 The Club at Treasure Island  
 400 Treasure Island Causeway  
 Treasure Island

### Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146

### Membership Info:

- Fran Chacey 251-9653

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

- Reservations or Information: Evelyn Hamilton 399-1272

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership	- 225
Regular Members	- 149
Auxiliary Members	- 54
AuxMbr-Spouse	- 22
Inactive Members	- 0

### Military Services:

Army - 61	USMC - 10
USAF - 39	USCG - 7
Navy - 32	NOAA - 0

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## Minutes

Reported by **Ginni Eichholz**

### Monthly Luncheon; 21 August 2015

**Attended – 47:** (52 reservations), 0 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 1 Cancel, 2 No Shows

Luncheon Minutes by Chris Lillich

The meeting was called to order by President Larry Fernald. Second Vice President Glen Crabb gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

The President introduced prospective new members Janet and John Graham, Theo Johnson, and Marcy Schiller and new member Jim Wall with guest Midge Slowik. Steve Bax, son of Giles and Pat Bax, was a guest of his parents. Barbara Adams was also welcomed back.

The door prize was won by Betty Finley and the 50/50 was split between Sherry Freese and Stanley Maratos.

Announcements: President Larry announced with pride that our Chapter has again won the 5 Star award for 2014. This Level of Excellence Award is determined by nomination packages sent in each year by the Chapters and those most qualified are selected by a committee at MOAA. Our Chapter has won this award thirteen years in a row. This award was earned through the leadership of Past President Terry Carr. Larry will accept the award on behalf of the Chapter at the annual meeting.

The MOAA annual meeting will be held at the Buena Vista Resort, Orlando this year from October 29 - November 1. Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret), President of MOAA will be retiring in January, 2016. Admiral Ryan has been a frequent visitor and guest speaker at our Chapter. All Chapter members are urged to attend. ***Reservations are to be made on line at [MOAA.org](http://MOAA.org). Click on [About MOAA](#) and then [2015 annual meeting](#). There are no paper registration forms.***

Following a delicious lunch, President Larry introduced Commander Randy Brown, Deputy Commander of Sector St Petersburg, US Coast Guard. Randy's bio can be found in the August newsletter. Although he has been at the Coast Guard Station since June of this year his parents moved to the Palm Harbor area when he was 14. He attended local schools graduating from East Lake High, before attending the Coast Guard Academy. Randy gave us a history of the Coast Guard, which celebrated its 225th birthday on August 4 of this year, and informed of us the various present day missions of the Coast Guard. Sector St Pete is responsible for the entire West Coast of Florida to the center of the Gulf and has 11 statutory missions. Following a question and answer period, Larry presented Randy with the traditional gift of glasses.

The September E.C. meeting will be held on Tuesday the 8th

at Perkins Restaurant, Park Boulevard, at 1130 hours and the September luncheon will be held on the 18th at the Pasadena Yacht Club at 1145 hours.

The benediction was given by Glen Crabb and the meeting was adjourned.

### Executive Committee Meeting 3 August

Meeting was cancelled due to severe weather.

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### Individual Member's Responsibility to their Spouse or Next of Kin

It is heartbreaking to hear a surviving spouse of a military retiree say "I don't know what to do or where to turn to for help." There is no good reason for this to happen, because preparing their spouse or their next of kin for their death is not only a retiree's moral responsibility, it is easy to do, especially with all the helpful aids that are currently available.

The first step a retiree should take is to assemble a list of all pertinent personal affairs documentation and explain the locations of these materials. The PERSONAL AFFAIRS WORKBOOK in the MOAA pamphlet HELP YOUR SURVIVING SPOUSE - NOW ! is an excellent aid for this project. Obviously, most personal affairs documents need to be carefully safeguarded in a safe or safety deposit box, but this list of document's locations needs to be kept in such a manner as to be available when needed by the retirees Spouse, NOK, Personal Representative or by a Survivor Assistance Team volunteer.

The second step a retiree should take is to prepare a Letter of Instructions to the spouse or next of kin with a copy to a Personal Representative who will act for you in case the spouse or NOK is incapacitated. This letter should address the first actions that should be taken and include directions on how to get immediate assistance and how to locate the list of other personal affairs documentation referred to in the previous paragraph. The letter should be kept in a readily available and easy to remember place. The Personal Affairs Committee has prepared a letter which will serve this purpose and only requires that the retiree fill in a few blanks to make it complete. This document can be downloaded Word, WordPerfect. Chapter Personal Affairs Chairmen are encouraged to download this letter and make it easily available to their membership.

***Help Our Troops (HOT)***  
**The SPA-MOAA Executive Board voted to support Heaven on Earth, a St Petersburg based support organization for veterans.**

## Air Force History

### Missions Part One: From the Signal Corps to the Air Corps

On August 1, 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps formed an Aeronautical Division. This action came only three-and-a-half years after the Wright brothers flew the world's first powered airplane at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. At first, however, the Aeronautical Division was mainly interested in balloons and dirigibles instead of heavier-than-air flying machines. The Army had already used manned balloons for aerial observation during the Civil War and Spanish-American War in the 19th Century. The Aeronautical Division accepted delivery of its first airplane from the Wright brothers in 1909. Under the leadership of brave pioneers such as Capt. Benjamin D. Foulois, a small band of early Army Airmen experimented with various aircraft and formed an operational unit, the 1st Aero Squadron, in December 1913.

On July 18, 1914, as a result of congressional legislation, the Army established the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps to improve its fledgling flying capabilities. Just a few weeks later, Europe plunged into the massive military struggle that became known as World War I. The Central Powers (primarily Germany, the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the Ottoman Empire) fought the Allied Powers (led by Britain, France, Italy and Russia). By April 1917, when the United States entered the war on the side of the Allied Powers, each of the major combatants had developed aircraft industries far superior to those of the United States.

Despite optimistic plans and ample funding, the United States proved unable to catch up to the European nations in aviation technology. Responding to criticism of the American aircraft effort, President Woodrow Wilson created the Army Air Service and placed it directly under the War Department on May 24, 1918. By the time of the armistice in November 1918, the Air Service had grown to more than 19,000 officers and 178,000 enlisted men while American industry had turned out 11,754 aircraft (mostly trainers like the JN-4 Jenny). The Air Service soon lost most of these people and planes in a rapid demobilization right after the war.

Although failing to deploy competitive combat aircraft, the United States had sent many fine Airmen to Europe. Flying mostly French-built planes, they distinguished themselves both in Allied units and as part of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) led by Gen. John J. Pershing. By the time Germany surrendered, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell had honed many of the AEF's aero squadrons and groups into a formidable striking force. While the outcome of the Great War was decided primarily by horrible attrition on the ground and a strangling maritime blockade of Germany, air power had shown its potential for autonomous offensive operations as well as providing valuable support to surface forces. The United Kingdom had recognized the importance of air power by creating the Royal Air Force, independent of the British Army and Royal Navy, in April 1918.

Notwithstanding a bitter struggle by visionaries such as Billy Mitchell, the United States did not follow the British lead and create a separate air force. The Army Reorganization Act of 1920

made the Air Service a combat arm of the Army, and the Air Corps Act of 1926 changed its name to the Air Corps on July 2 of that year. On March 1, 1935, General Headquarters Air Force (GHQ AF) assumed command of U.S.-based Air Corps tactical units, which previously had been parceled out to regional Army corps commands. Yet even after Germany, Japan and Italy began to build up their armed forces, the Air Corps (as well as the rest of the Army) remained a small, peacetime establishment with only limited funds for growth or modernization.

### Next: Air Power Comes of Age in World War II

After September 1939, when Adolf Hitler launched World War II by invading Poland, the Air Corps began a steady growth from 26,000 personnel and fewer than 2,000 planes. On June 20, 1941, the Department of War created the Army Air Forces (AAF) as its aviation element and shortly thereafter made it coequal to the Army Ground Forces. The Air Corps remained as one of the Army's combat arms, like the infantry.

Expansion of the AAF accelerated after the surprise Japanese attack on Hawaii in December 1941 propelled the United States into the war. Under the leadership of Gen. Henry H. ("Hap") Arnold, the Army Air Forces oversaw mobilization of the nation's aviation industry and deployment of the largest air armada of all time. The AAF's inventory encompassed a wide range of training, transport, pursuit, attack, reconnaissance and bomber aircraft. These included the ubiquitous C-47 Skytrain, the splendid P-51 Mustang, the rugged B-17 Flying Fortress and the awesome B-29 Superfortress. Drawing upon American industrial prowess and human resources, the AAF reached a peak strength of 80,000 aircraft and 2.4 million personnel organized into major commands, numbered air forces, air divisions, groups and squadrons. AAF units conducted a wide range of air operations over every theater of battle from the jungle-clad islands of the Southwest Pacific to the sun-baked deserts of Northern Africa, from the icy waters of the North Atlantic to the snow-capped peaks of the Himalayas.

By the last year of the war, the quantity and quality of elite AAF units, such as the Tuskegee Airmen, dominated the skies over both Germany and Japan, all but paralyzing their war economies. Air power did not win the war by itself but did make possible the Allies' total victory over the Axis powers, punctuated in August 1945 when two B-29s dropped atomic bombs on Japan.

Much as it did a quarter century before, the United States immediately demobilized its armed forces after World War II. Based on the AAF's wartime achievements and future potential, however, the U.S. Air Force won its independence as a full partner with the Army and the Navy on September 18, 1947. Stuart Symington became the first Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. Carl A. Spaatz its first Chief of Staff. Within a month, on October 14, 1947, test pilot Chuck Yeager flew the Bell XS-1 past the speed of sound, launching the new Air Force into the supersonic era.

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# MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

## Six weeks to shutdown

August 21, 2015

With no federal budget in place, and tough rhetoric from the White House, Congress could be facing another shutdown this fall.

The administration is threatening to veto any legislation that exceeds federal budget caps. On Capitol Hill, lawmakers are at odds over the appropriate levels of domestic and defense spending.

When Congress returns from the August recess on Sep. 8, lawmakers will have only 10 legislative working days to avoid a shutdown. What options do lawmakers have?

Pass a budget within constraints imposed by the Budget Control Act

The Budget Control Act, (BCA), a compromise deal reached by lawmakers, imposes strict, arbitrary budget caps on federal spending. Any budget that exceeds the caps triggers sequestration, a meat axe series of budget cuts.

Sequestration is particularly damaging to the defense department. If triggered, DoD will have to find \$20 billion to cut from its annual budget next year. Defense leaders have said that sequestration is one of the biggest threats to national security.

Pass a Continuing Resolution

A Continuing Resolution (CR) can keep the government operating at last year's funding levels while lawmakers continue to work on a compromise. CRs are commonly used to ensure uninterrupted operation of government functions, and can last anywhere from a few hours to an entire fiscal year.

While helpful, a CR limits federal agencies from developing long-term budget plans and strategy. Ironically, CRs often result in cost overruns and government delays, the very things lawmakers try to avoid by passing them.

Craft another Murray-Ryan deal

Some lawmakers have expressed a desire for another Murray-Ryan budget deal. The deal, named after Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), resulted in the Bipartisan Budget Act. That legislation raised the budget caps for 2014 and 2015 in return for extending sequestration to 2023.

That temporary fix is set to expire on Sep 30.

While defense planners were thankful for the deal at the time, it simply kicked the can and contained a devastating provision to reduce military retirement. Due to aggressive advocacy by MOAA and its partners, Congress repealed the cuts to military retirement in 2014.



“At this point, the prospect of securing a FY16 budget prior to Oct. 1 looks very dim,” said MOAA’s Deputy Director of Government Relations, Col. Phil Odom, USAF (Ret). “But it’s imperative that Congress engage in reasonable, bipartisan dialogue when they return in September.”

## TRICARE Fees Go Up in October

August 28, 2015

TRICARE beneficiaries will see an increase in health care fees starting in October.

Beginning Oct 1, TRICARE Prime enrollment fees will be \$565 for a family and \$282 for a single person.

The increases will affect military families and retirees under age 65.

Increases to TRICARE enrollment fees are based on the annual cost of living adjustment for retired military pay.

Surviving family members of sponsors who died on active duty, and medically retired servicemembers and their family members, are exempt from the fee increases.

Since 2011, beneficiaries have seen TRICARE Prime enrollment fees increase by 23 percent, double the rate of inflation over the same period. Pharmacy copays vary by class, but over the same time span, beneficiaries have seen a 60 percent increase in medication costs.

After freezing annual TRICARE fees for 13 consecutive years, defense planners tried for several years to play catch up by proposing rate increases up to 300 and 400 percent over a five year period. MOAA argued that such a dramatic spike in fees could financially devastate retired military families.

In an attempt to prevent disproportionate increases, MOAA successfully convinced Congress to index TRICARE Prime enrollment fees to COLA versus health care inflation in the FY12 defense bill. In the FY14 defense bill, MOAA secured another legislative win by getting Congress to tie pharmacy fee increases to COLA as well.

However, when it comes to pharmacy fees, Congress hasn't been able to follow its own law. In addition to last year's disproportionate pharmacy fee increase above inflation, Congress is now considering increasing pharmacy fees by 66 to 75 percent over the next decade.

“Beneficiaries are paying enough,” said Capt. Kathy Beasley, USN (Ret), MOAA’s Deputy Director for Government Relations. “Congress needs to look at other ways to control health care costs before trying to pass the buck to military families.”



President Larry Fernald



Guest speaker CDR Randy Brown, USCG



CDR Brown with Chapter gift



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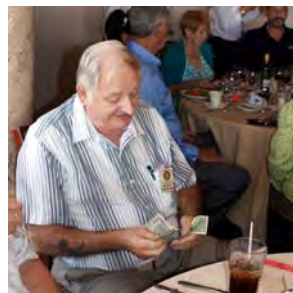
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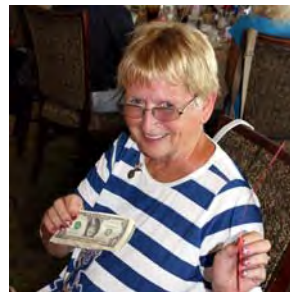
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Potential new member Theo Johnson



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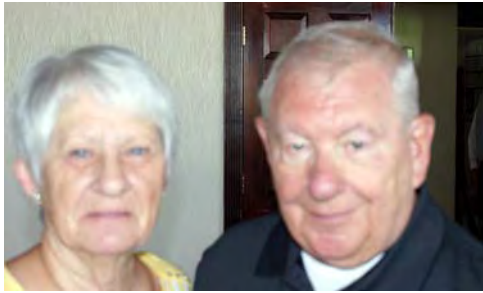
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### Missions Part Three: Countering the Communist Threat During the Cold War

The threat posed by the Soviet Union and communism soon convinced American leaders to strengthen U.S. military forces, especially air power. The role of the new U.S. Air Force in breaking the Soviet blockade of Berlin in 1948 demonstrated the value of air capabilities during this new Cold War. The Soviet Union's detonation of an atomic bomb in 1949 accentuated the importance of long-range bombers, such as the Air Force's giant B-36 Peacemaker, and modern air defenses. The Air Force expanded its efforts to foster science and technology with an ambitious Research and Development (R&D) program.

The Soviet-backed invasion of South Korea by communist North Korea in June 1950 drew the U.S. Air Force into a brutal three-year conflict. The Air Force soon used new jet fighters, such as the deadly F-86 Sabre, to establish air superiority over the Korean peninsula. In concert with Navy and Marine aviation, the Air Force helped protect United Nations ground forces with close air support and the interdiction of enemy reinforcements and supplies. The war ended in 1953 after an armistice with China and North Korea, but the Air Force kept a large number of units stationed in the Pacific to help contain communism. It also began a massive buildup of the forward-based United States Air Forces in Europe (USAFE), from England to Turkey. Air Force units provided the cornerstone of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) capabilities against the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact for the next four decades.

Invention of the powerful hydrogen bomb and the promise of long-range rockets accelerated the arms race between the superpowers in the 1950s. Under the bold leadership of Gen. Curtis LeMay, the Air Force's Strategic Air Command (SAC) became the preeminent instrument of American defense strategy. Standing continuously alert for the rest of the Cold War, SAC's arsenal of bombers, such as the long-range B-52 Stratofortress, was joined in the 1960s by intercontinental ballistic missiles, such as the Titan and Minuteman. Together with the Navy's missile-launching submarines, these powerful weapons comprised America's nuclear-deterrent triad. With the development of launch vehicles and orbital satellites, the Air Force mission also expanded into space.

Possession of strong strategic forces helped the United States prevail in crises provoked by Soviet probes in Berlin and Cuba during the early 1960s. Communist expansion in Southeast Asia posed new and difficult challenges. In 1964 the United States began full-scale military operations on the side of South Vietnam and, in 1965, launched Operation Rolling Thunder against targets in North Vietnam. With the use of air power constrained for political reasons, both Air Force and naval aviation had to support a protracted and unpopular counterinsurgency effort against a determined and elusive foe. Tactical aircraft, such as the versatile F-4 Phantom II, performed in a wide variety of roles from aerial combat to close air support. The F-105 Thunderchief specialized in bombing raids against North Vietnam, while SAC B-

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# TAPS

- ◆ **LCDR Robert J. Anderson, USN (Ret),**  
24 May 2015
  - ◆ **Mrs. Patricia Anderson, Wife of Robert J. Anderson,** 25 July 2015
- Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.



## Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ **Graham, John G., CW2, USCG (Ret) (Janet)**  
6100 Leeland St So., St Petersburg, FL 33715,  
727-867-3661
- ◆ **Isley, Anne, AuxMbr-A (New Address)**  
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## September Birthdays (50 to 98 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
21	Arcand	Richard	LCDR	USNR (Ret)
4	Augustine	June	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
29	Bolin	Lynn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
02	Burrell	Basil	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
9	Catalfamo	Frank	LTC	USA (Ret)
22	Conneely	Anita	Mrs.	LifeAuxMbr-A
20	Connors	Maureen	CDR	USN (Ret)
21	DeArment	Harold	COL	USA (Ret)
18	Edwards	Pauline	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
04	Finley	Betty	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
08	Fowler	Wilma	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
22	King	Barbara	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
18	Lee	Jane	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
13	Lee	William	LCDR	USN (Ret)
25	Love	Heilbron	COL	USA (Ret)
04	Misuraca	Angelo	1st Lt	USAF (Ret)
30	Mutascio	Sheila	Ms.	AuxMbr-Spouse
13	Rutledge	Virginia	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
14	Schoeppner	John	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
01	Schoeppner	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
02	Stickney	Maurice	LT	USN (Ret)
18	Sumpter	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of July

### HOT Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 5,478.62
.... Donations .....	\$ 10.00
.... 50/50 .....	\$ 27.00
.... Memorials .....	\$ 0.00
.... Expenses .....	\$ 0.00
.... HOT Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 5,505.62

### Scholarship Fund

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 882.00
.... Donations .....	\$ 00.00
.... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 882.00

### Operating Account

.... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 4,182.27
.... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 646.00
.... Dues .....	\$ 90.00
.... Misc Income .....	\$ 0.00
.... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.17
.... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (660.00)
.... Supplies .....	\$ (4.00)
.... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
.... Honraria/donations .....	\$ (200.00)
.... Other Organizations .....	\$ 0.00
.... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ 0.00
.... Printing/mailing .....	\$ (363.24)
.... Newsletter Costs .....	\$ (411.16)
.... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 3,281.04

## Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.  
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- ◆ **Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)**
- ◆ **Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)**
- ◆ **CWO4 Basil Burrell, USCG (Ret)**
- ◆ **Mrs. Bobbie Walters, AuxMbr-A**

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**COLA Watch**

The May1 Consumer Price Index of 231.520 increased slightly from last month, but remains 1.2 percent below the FY 2014 COLA baseline.

The Consumer Price Index for June 2015 is scheduled to be released on July 18, 2015.

Note: Military retiree COLA is calculated based on the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Works (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. Monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere

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## Air Force from Page 8

52s “carpet-bombed” remote jungle strongholds. All were enhanced by force multipliers such as aerial refueling by KC-135 Stratotankers. Not until the Linebacker Operations of 1972, however, was air power brought fully to bear against North Vietnamese forces and facilities. Although this compelled the enemy to sign a peace treaty in January 1973, U.S. forces were no longer available in 1975 when North Vietnam launched a successful invasion of South Vietnam.

In the 1970s, the Air Force invested as much of its reduced budgets as possible in modernizing its aircraft and missiles while continuing to expand its role in space. The Air Force developed new weapon systems, for example, the A-10 Thunderbolt II, F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, E-3 Sentry and M-X Peacekeeper. It also made great progress on satellite-based communications, reconnaissance, warning, weather and navigation systems. With its large fleet of aerial refueling tankers and long-range transports, the Air Force also expanded its worldwide airlift capabilities, as demonstrated during the Arab-Israeli War of October 1973 when C 141 Starlifters and giant C-5 Galaxies formed an airborne bridge to Israel (Operation Nickel Grass). But the Air Force did not receive adequate resources to maintain full readiness of its existing conventional forces. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union continued to develop and produce new and improved weapons at an even faster pace while building up its combat forces in Europe and the Far East to alarming levels.

The military balance began to shift back in America’s favor after 1979. The Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the humiliation of the American hostages in Iran confirmed the need to improve U.S. military capabilities. The ensuing American defense buildup of the 1980s allowed the Air Force to expand its force structure, enhance its training and readiness and deploy a wide range of advanced new weapons and other systems. These included the revolutionary F 117A stealth fighter. Air Force units engaged in several contingency operations, including the seizure of Grenada in 1983 (Urgent Fury), the raid on Libya in 1986 (El Dorado Canyon) and the invasion of Panama in 1989 (Just Cause). These operations demonstrated steadily improving capabilities of the Air Force and its sister services to conduct joint operations.

At the time, the progress the United States was making in new technologies such as stealthy airframes, sophisticated information networks and space-based systems helped convince a more flexible Soviet leadership that their inefficient economy could no longer afford to compete in the Cold War. The tearing down of the Berlin Wall in 1989 marked the final days of the Warsaw Pact and presaged the breakup of the Soviet Union itself a few years later.

### **Missions Part Four: Global Reach, Global Power and Global Engagement**

Ending of the Cold War did not mean completion of the Air Force’s mission. Even though no longer having to keep nuclear forces on constant alert against a Soviet first strike or to base large forces overseas ready to fight World War III, the Air Force’s inherent speed, range, precision, lethality and flexibility give America what

Secretary of the Air Force Donald B. Rice called “global reach, global power.”

The Air Force’s well-trained personnel and sophisticated weapons lived up to this vision during Operation Desert Storm in early 1991. Deploying halfway around the world in Operation Desert Shield after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in August 1990, they helped win one of the most lopsided battlefield victories in military history. Advanced aircraft, such as the unstoppable F 117 Nighthawk, delivered an arsenal of precision-guided munitions with the help of sophisticated information and navigation systems, including those on space satellites. Under the control of Lt. Gen. Charles A. Horner, the intensive six-week air campaign neutralized Iraq’s air defenses, decapitated Iraq’s command structure and demoralized its once-feared army. Air power allowed coalition ground forces to liberate Kuwait and quickly drive into Iraq with fewer casualties than those suffered by the United States in a typical week of the Vietnam War.

Without the Soviet threat, the United States no longer needed the large force structure that stood guard during the Cold War. Recognizing the need for streamlining, the Air Force in the early 1990s underwent the most complete reorganization since its establishment. It consolidated from 13 to eight major commands (for example, replacing the Strategic Air, Tactical Air and Military Airlift Commands with Air Combat and Air Mobility Commands) and did away with various lower-echelon headquarters. The Air Force also inactivated many proud wings and squadrons, closed once-valuable bases and downsized from more than 600,000 military personnel in the late 1980s to under 388,000 in 1996.

Although smaller in size, the post-Cold War Air Force has been called upon for increased participation in contingency operations. In addition to maintaining units in the Persian Gulf area (Southern Watch) and Turkey (Provide Comfort) to deter Saddam Hussein from threatening his neighbors, the Air Force has supported humanitarian and peacekeeping operations in places like Somalia (Restore Hope), Rwanda (Support Hope), Haiti (Uphold Democracy) and the Balkans (Provide Promise and Deny Flight). To help stop a barbaric civil war in Bosnia, Air Force aircraft made precision strikes against Serb targets in Operation Deliberate Force during late 1995. After this first air campaign ever conducted by NATO, the Air Force then supported implementation of the Dayton Peace Accords through Operations Decisive and Joint Endeavor. On the volatile Korean Peninsula, the Air Force continued to keep units combat-ready for action at any time.

Today the pace of technological change moves ever faster while America’s role in protecting against aggression and fostering world democracy is more complex. In recognition of anticipated challenges the Air Force will face in the 21st Century, Secretary of the Air Force Sheila Widnall and Chief of Staff Gen. Ronald Fogleman inaugurated the year of the Air Force’s 50th anniversary with a long-range planning effort reminiscent of Toward New Horizons, the compendium of scientific forecasts instigated by Hap Arnold at the end of World War II.





# St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

## Monthly Luncheon

Friday  
18 September 2015

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

### Guest Speakers:

**Arlene Tartar**

**Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs**



Alene Tarter has served in a myriad of leadership roles both in the United States Air Force, and with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs. She served first as a Veteran's Claims Examiner beginning in October 1999, Claims Bureau Supervisor for the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs in 2002. In 2006, she was selected as the Bureau Chief for the Claims Bureau of the Division of Benefits and Assistance and was subsequently promoted to the position of Director of the Benefits and Assistance Division of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs in March, 2009.

Among her awards, Ms. Tarter was named the Florida Veteran's Service Officer of the Year in 2002 by the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. She also received special recognition from the Pentagon for her diligence as American Red Cross Blood Services Liaison during Desert Storm.

Ms. Tarter is a member of VISN 8 Veteran's OEF/OIF Reintegration and Suicide Prevention panel, the Florida Council on Homelessness, the State Advisory Council for Jail Diversion and Trauma Recovery/Reintegration, State Advisory Council of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Policy Academy for Returning Veterans and Their Families, and the Supreme Court Substance Abuse and Mental Health Task Force.

Ms. Tarter is a retired Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force. She held the position of non-commissioned officer in charge of microbiology at the Sheppard Air Force Regional Hospital Laboratory, Wichita Falls, Texas, and Hellenikon Air Force Base Laboratory, Athens, Greece, Phase II Medical Laboratory Air Force Instructor and Course Supervisor, and single point technical writer and manager for the Medical Laboratory Career Development Courses at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Born in Montgomery, Alabama, Ms. Tarter holds an Associate Degree in Medical Laboratory Technology and Education, with a Master of Business Administration degree with specialization in Health Care Administration. She has two adult sons, Joshua and Matthew. She and her husband, Mike, live in Largo, Florida.

11:45 AM - 1:15 PM, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

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## September

11: Patriot Day

18: POW/MIA Recognition Day

18: Air Force, established 1947

