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### President's Comments:

Congratulations to Ed, the Executive Council, and each and every member of the Chapter. We are once again a 5-Star Chapter! Paulette and I have been invited and plan to attend MOAA's Annual Meeting and Levels of Excellence Awards Dinner in Arlington, VA in late October.



It was good to see Violet at our last luncheon meeting. Welcome back, Violet! If you attended that luncheon, you should have enjoyed a piece of Dove chocolate, courtesy of Ms. Rose McDermott, who is head of the MOAA Scholarship Fund.

As stated in the latest edition of the FMCC, continuing Senate inaction on the FY 2013 Defense Authorization Act means your TRICARE pharmacy benefits are still at big risk. Please support MOAA's efforts and add your voice by using their proposed emails to support key Senate Amendments to the Defense Authorization Bill. Stop the sequester's ticking time bomb for Defense, and stop the 27% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments. As our legislators seek our vote in the upcoming election, the best hope of stimulating them to action is a barrage of grass-roots constituent inputs.

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### The St. Petersburg & Clearwater Chapters of MOAA

**Cordially Invite You To Join Us  
As We Take a Step Back In Time**

**For:**

**A Ladies and Gentlemen Coffee**

**At**

**The Officer's Club**

**Armed Forces History Museum**

**On Wednesday, 10 October 2012**

**10:00 -12:00 Hours**

Come join us for a unique opportunity to visit the military heritage that we have all dedicated our lives to. We will begin with a short tour and end with a gathering coffee in an authentic WWII Quonset Hut O'Club.

There is no cost for this event and it is open to all MOAA members, prospective MOAA members and their guests.

RSVP: Paulette Carr 392-6524

Armed Forces History Museum

2050 34<sup>th</sup> Way N.

Largo, FL 33771





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**Luncheon Meetings** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday — mixer  
 11:00 - 11:45; luncheon program 11:45 - 13:15;  
 Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Pk.

## CALENDAR

September 21<sup>st</sup> MAJ Ed Lillich POW/MIA

October 19<sup>th</sup>

November 16<sup>th</sup>

December 21<sup>st</sup>

**\*\* 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.

September 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

October 1<sup>st</sup> Monday

November 5<sup>th</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, 391-2564 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 Bobbie Walters 595-4619

## Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 296  
 Regular Members - 192  
 Auxiliary Members - 104  
 Inactive Members - 5

### Military Services:

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

8/27/2012

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## Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

**Monthly Luncheon; 17 August 2012**

**Attended – 57:** (54 reservations), 1 Member Guest, 2 Chapter Guests, 6 Walk in, 2 Cancel, 1 No Shows

Meeting called to order by President Terry Carr followed by the invocation by Chaplain George Brown. All members pledged their Allegiance to our Flag.

President Terry congratulated the Chapter for receiving The Five Star Level of Excellence Award, (MOAA's highest Chapter award) for year 2011.

He then introduced our newest member, Lt Col Mary Moynihan, USAF (Ret), visiting for the first time, and her guest Col Teri Dillon, USMC (Ret) who was visiting her from out of state. Both are national members of MOAA.

Fred Varn, a long time member, and his wife Ruth joined us for the first time in years. A first time visitor was Desiree Fine, daughter of Ken and Ellen Fine.

Violet Smith was welcomed back after her surgery. She said she is feeling much better.

Door prize drawing was won by Ellen Fine; and the 50/50 drawings by Maureen Conners and by Pete Dawson.

Anita Harrow said she will be collecting CDs, DVDs, and non religious Christmas Cards and any other appropriate gifts for our troops through September and October. These are for the HOT boxes sent for Christmas.

Paulette Carr issued an invitation for all members and prospective members to "take a step back in time"; to attend a "Ladies and Gentlemen Coffee" at the Officer's Club, Armed Forces Museum, on Wednesday 10 October 2012, from 10:00 to 12:00 noon. This free coffee to be sponsored by the St. Petersburg & Clearwater Chapters of MOAA. RSVP: Paulette Carr 392-6524.

Speaker: Ms Terri Griner is the President of the Albert Whitted Airport Preservation Society (AWAPS), an organization with the vision of making Albert Whitted Airport the best general aviation airport in the country. Terri most recently has focused her efforts towards Albert Whitted Airport and its future operations - bringing a vision to St. Petersburg for using aviation to not only excite young students to pursue science and technology fields but to also use aviation to build business and create jobs in St. Petersburg.

Gary Gilchrist announced the grand opening of the Tampa International Airport USO on September 6, 2012 at 10:30 am. This is the first USO built in 20 years.

Dick Koch announced another Honor Flight to DC, for 72

WWII veterans, will be on 9/18/12. The plane will return to the St Pete/Clearwater Airport around 8:00pm that evening.

Benediction given by Chaplain George Brown.

## Executive Committee Meeting 6 August 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr at 1130 hours. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and Terry led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thirteen members were present including Bill Bolin, George Brown, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Maureen Conners, Pete Dawson, Larry Fernald, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Barbara Stakk and Joanne Taylor.

**Minutes of July E.C. Meeting:** Hardy Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in the Officers Call, seconded by Ed Lillich. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Dawson said the balance of the operating account was \$8,711.76. Larry Fernald made a motion, seconded by Anita Harrow that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Motion carried. A complete accounting is found elsewhere in the O.C.

**2nd Vice President's Report:** Joanne Taylor reported that she is currently working with two potential members and has invited them to attend the August luncheon.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Help Our Troops:** Anita is currently sending boxes to four units. She is looking into the possibility of giving boxes that have been returned to a local U.S.O. for distribution and will advise the E.C. further when she has more information.

**Historian:** Maureen Conners has started putting history on a DVDs, Barbara Stakk is helping her with some of the projects.

**Nominating Committee:** Bill Lofgren, Anita Harrow and Pete Dawson are currently looking for names to present to the Executive Committee to fill vacancies on the Executive board and Bill will call a meeting of the committee in the near future to come up with a slate.

**MacDill Liaison:** Violet Smith is still recuperating from back surgery and was unable to attend the E.C. meeting to make a report. George Brown, who is a volunteer at MacDill and attends the volunteer meetings said that plans are being made to enlarge the clinic at MacDill to become a full sized hospital. The clinic has recently had a change of command. Shingles shots are available at the clinic, but a prescription from a doctor is required and an appointment must be made. You can make an appointment by calling 813-828-2273.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Following discussion on replacing Jean Jessup, an Executive Advisory Board Member, who recently resigned, Larry Fernald made a motion that the Executive Board appoint Maureen Conners to fill the vacant position through December 31, 2012. The motion was seconded by Anita Harrow. Motion carried. Ac-

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### **President from Pg 1**

Please support and plan to attend the 10 October coffee at the Armed Forces History Museum from 1000-1200 hours. This should be an enjoyable event and will hopefully help us add some new members.

For the September luncheon meeting Ed Lillich will host our annual POW/MIA service. I hope to see you there.

### **Minutes from Page 3**

*ording to the current by-laws any vacancy on the Executive Advisory Board of the Executive Committee shall be filled by an appointee of the Executive Committee until the next Annual Membership Meeting of the Chapter.*

Bill Bolin has talked with Steve at Banquet Masters who advised that it would be possible to use a wireless microphone with the current audio system and the E.C. will look into purchasing one to allow the membership making announcements or asking questions more audible to the assembly.

President Carr urged everyone on the E.C. to fill in the ballots for the MOAA National voting for the Election of Directors as well as By-Laws and Resolutions changes. Our own member, CAPT. Donald R. Freese, USNR (Ret), past president of the Chapter and immediate past president of MOAA's Florida Council of Chapters is a nominee along with CAPT. Robert J. Silah, USN (Ret), past president of MOAA's Tampa Chapter. Ballots can be found in the August issue of Military Officer and must be returned no later than August 31, 2012. You can vote by the internet <https://www.esc-vote.com/moaa2012>. Please be sure you type the complete address starting with *https* to ensure that you reach the *secure* voting web site. You will need your eight digit MOAA member number and your unique 10 digit PIN to log in.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Larry Fernald made a motion to have the By-Laws/Policy Book Committee review the By-Laws to clarify by number or percentage what a quorum of the Executive Committee consists of and make a recommendation to be presented to the Executive Committee for review. Chris Lillich seconded the motion and the motion passed.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

A ceremony marking the honor of Dunedin, Florida being the 1st Purple Heart City in the United States will be on August 7th at Purple Heart Park.

It was reported that Colonel Bud Day is not in good health and the membership is asked to keep him in its prayers.

A coffee, sponsored by Paulette Carr is scheduled for October 10 at 1000 hrs at the Armed Forces Museum in Largo. This will be co-sponsored by the Clearwater Chapter. The purpose of the coffee is to promote membership in the chapters. A tour of the facility will be given and entrance is free.

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

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be TUESDAY, September 4th due to the Holiday on the third.

### **What Do You Know?**

How much do you know about TRICARE For Life (TFL)? Take our short quiz below! Answers are from the FY2011 end-of-year report prepared by the DoD Actuary.

1. Most of the money paid out for TRICARE for Life patients goes for what kind of expenses?
  - A. Hospital stays
  - B. Doctor visits
  - C. Pharmacy
2. For FY2010 what was the net change in the balance of the TFL Trust fund?
  - A. -\$6.8 billion
  - B. +\$18.1 billion
  - C. No significant change
3. What government agency deposits money into the TFL trust fund?
  - A. Defense Department
  - B. VA
  - C. Treasury
  - D. Both A and C
  - E. All of the above

#### **Answers**

1. C: Almost 53% of TFL spending goes towards pharmacy costs.
2. B: \$26.4 billion in contributions and interest were made compared to 8.3 billion in outlays for health expenses.
3. D: The Defense Department deposits an amount every year that's intended to cover the future TFL expense for people currently on active duty, once today's force (and their family members and survivors) become Medicare-eligible years downstream. The Treasury deposits an amount to cover current and future projected expenses of members and families and survivors not on active duty. In essence, Treasury deposits annual installment payments on the equivalent of a 50-year "mortgage" representing the expected lifetime cost of delivering TFL care for existing retirees and families, and DoD makes annual installment payments on the equivalent of a 30-year expected-future-TFL-expense "mortgage" for currently serving members. The size of the deposits take into account expected death rates, expected separation and retirement rates, expected long-term interest rates on the trust fund, expected future health-cost changes, etc.

So how did you do?





## MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

### Fact vs. Fiction on Military Personnel Costs

For years, defense leaders told Congress personnel costs are rising out of control and, if left unchecked, will consume the majority of future defense budgets.

In May 2010, Defense Secretary Robert Gates famously asserted, “Health care costs are eating the Defense Department alive.”

Earlier that year, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel Clifford Stanley testified that rising personnel costs could “dramatically affect the readiness of the department” by leaving less money to fund operations.

This year, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Robert Hale said, “The cost of pay and benefits has risen more than 87 percent since 2001, 30 percent more than inflation.”

Accordingly, the Pentagon’s FY2013 budget proposed substantial force cuts, curtailing future military pay raises, creating a new commission to propose compensation and retirement cuts, and raising retiree health care fees by \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year or more.

Media outlets repeated the alarmist assertions, as study groups and think tanks jumped to propose further cutbacks.

In July 2011, the Defense Business Board (DBB) Task Group on Modernizing the Military Retirement System called the current military retirement system “unfair, unaffordable, and inflexible.”

In May 2012, the Center for American Progress published “Reforming Military Compensation—Addressing Runaway Personnel Costs Is a National Imperative,” and in July, the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments (CSBA) “Rebalancing Military Compensation” report pronounced, “The all-volunteer force, in its current form, is unsustainable.”

Critics have made the same “sky is falling” claims since the all-volunteer force (AVF) began 40 years ago.

But the AVF has proved the cornerstone of national defense through decades of peace and war, despite pundits’ and bean-counters’ continual “gloom and doom” predictions.

Curiously, those “down” periods where retention and readiness faltered occurred only after the budget-cutters had their way. And the problems were corrected only when the cutbacks were reversed.

So how do we separate fact from fiction in this new round of studies and recommended cutbacks?

Let’s take a closer look at the critics’ allegations.

*“Personnel Costs Will Consume the Entire Defense Budget”*



Statements that rising personnel costs are “unaffordable”...“out of control”...“unsustainable” and “will impact readiness” are geared to make headlines, alarm the reader, and (not infrequently) generate support for pursuing additional studies.

“If personnel costs continue growing at that rate and the overall defense budget remains flat with inflation,” CSBA authors hyperbolized, “military personnel costs will consume the entire defense budget by 2039.”

Elsewhere, they acknowledged that will never happen. But the quote was seized and repeated by reporters, pundits, bureaucrats and other “analysts.” such as, James Kitfield did so in the July 2012 National Journal.

Is there any chance personnel costs will consume the entire defense budget by 2039? Of course not.

Before examining the personnel share, let’s first consider that the defense budget has consumed a progressively smaller share of federal outlays over the last 50 years.

In 1962, defense consumed nearly 47 percent of the federal outlays. Today, it’s at its smallest share in 50 years – and will drop further – below 12.5 percent – by 2017.

Some argue that’s all the more reason to worry about the rising cost of military people programs. But let’s look at that data over time.

DoD says military personnel and health costs comprise one-third of the FY2013 defense budget.

What they don’t tell you – and MOAA does – is this is the same share it’s been very consistently for 30 years.

Some might ask whether it’s good or bad if personnel costs comprise one-third of a big organization’s annual budget. There’s no civilian counterpart, but let’s consider organizations with big air fleets.

For the United Parcel Service, for example, personnel costs make up 61 percent of the budget. For FedEx, it’s 43 percent. For Southwest Airlines – generally recognized as among the most cost-efficient air carriers – personnel costs comprise 31 percent of operating revenue (which includes profit, so the percentage of expenditures is higher).

By comparison the DOD tactics do not add up.

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### Quote of the Week

“Even though [sequestration] would be proportionately applied to the Marine Corps, the effects would be disproportionate because our numbers are so small and our budget is so small that in some cases it would cause us to end up canceling programs and not being able to reset after 11 years of combat coming out of Iraq and Afghanistan... . Quite honestly, it would stop any kind of modernization. So it’s very, very dangerous.” (Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Amos)





1st VP Bill Lee introducing guest speaker Ms Terri Griner



Guest speaker Ms Terri Griner



Pres. Terry Carr presenting Ms Griner with chapter gift



Chaplain George Brown



Paulette Carr inviting us to the October Coffee



Paulette Carr, Pauline Edwards, Violet Smith, Barb Fernald and Fran Shivers



Anita Harrow updating us on HOT program



(R) Ellen Marie Fine and daughter Desiree



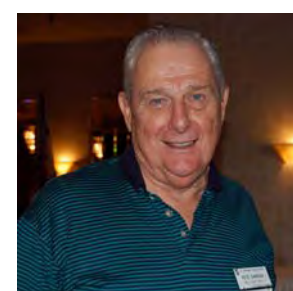
New member Lt Col Mary Moynihan, USAF (Ret) and visitor Col Teri Dillon, USMC (Ret)



Ruth and Fred Varn



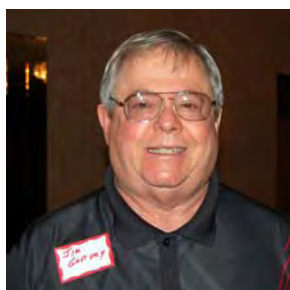
Ed and Maureen Connors



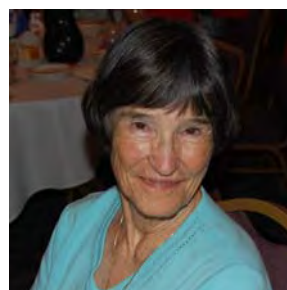
Treasurer Pete Dawson



Barb and Larry Fernald



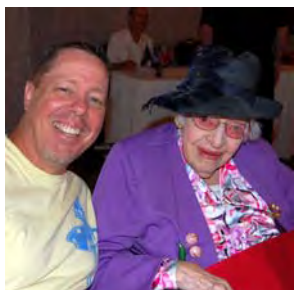
Jim Garvey



Christa Harrison



Mike Vision



Jim Wilson and Meredith Crook



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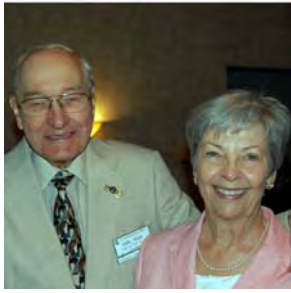
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Earl and Margaret Peck



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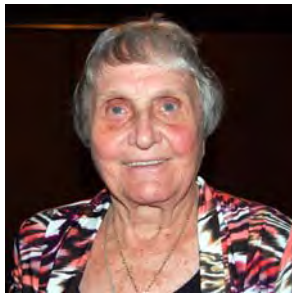
Dot Plummer



Dick Koch



Margaret and Bill Lewis



Rose Munchbach



Joan Landers and Barbara Stakk



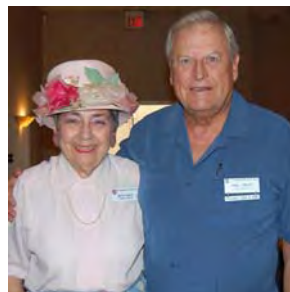
Anita Harrow and Anne Isley



Richard Green



Bill Lewis, Earl Peck, Larry Fernald and Ed Lillich



Betty and Paul Finley



Yvonne Hughes and 2VP Joanne Taylor



Pete Dawson winning 50/50



Maureen Conners winning 50/50



Ellen Marie Fine winning door prize



Our Faithful waiter  
Carlos Espidio

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

Photos by Bill Lofgren



**Join us at the Honor Flight Fund Raiser, Saturday  
September 15th, 12:30 - 5PM Raffles, Food, & Fun**

**American Legion Post 252, 11433 Park Blvd.,  
Seminole, FL.**

**Our next Honor Flight is Sept. 18th! Please wear  
your red, white, and blue and come join us at the  
Welcome Home Celebration at St Pete/Clearwater**

**Airport. Arrive 8:15pm in the Baggage Area**

Honor Flight of West Central Florida (HFWCF) was established in late 2010 as an official Regional Hub of the National Honor Flight Network. As part of the Network, HFWCF provides all expense paid flights for World War II Veterans in the Tampa Bay area to visit their memorials in Washington, D.C.

In 2011, with significant support from Southwest, Allegiant, and American Airlines, Brighthouse Networks, TECO, Support Our Troops and many generous individuals and groups, we completed 4 Missions taking 241 WWII Veterans to Washington D.C. Our first Mission was on May 3, 2011 flying 25, our second Mission on June 28, 2011 flying 71, and our third Mission September 20, 2011 flying 72 WWII Veterans. Our fourth Mission on October 29, 2011 involved 74 WWII Veterans and their Guardians on a cold, rainy day – but this didn't dampen the thrill of these vets enjoying the WW II Memorial, the Marine Memorial (Iwo Jima) and a special experience at Arlington National Cemetery. While there, four of our vets placed a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier – it was an honor and a thrill for the 100 year old WAC, two former POW's and one of our volunteer leaders who was in WWII who were involved.

In 2012, we resumed our flights on April 3rd taking 74 WWII Veterans to D.C. Their return trip was delayed a day but our Greatest Generation held up. During the trip, the group was tagged as the "No Complaint Generation" as well! Our June 12th Mission flew 74 WWII Veterans out of St Pete/Clearwater on an Allegiant charter. To date, HFWCF has flown 389 WWII Veterans to D.C. With an estimated 32,000 WWII Veterans living in the West Central Florida area, we have a huge challenge. We need continued support from grateful Americans like yourselves, and the generous participation of area corporations to honor these World War II Veterans with a tour to D.C. in the manner they deserve.

To continue our flights, your donations are key! Also, if you have time to volunteer, HFWCF can use your help. Your energy helps the thousands of local Veterans enjoy their Honor Flight.

In the future, we will pay tribute to America's other heroes, those who served during the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf Wars. They, too, have given so much and it is time we show them that their efforts are not forgotten..

## Financial Report Summary for the Month of July

### Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ (729.93)
..... Donations .....	\$ 50.00
..... Ads .....	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses .....	\$ (356.04)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ (1,035.97)

### HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1,198.22
..... Donations .....	\$ 524.00
..... 50/50 .....	\$ 46.00
..... Memorials .....	\$ 30.00
..... Expenses .....	\$ (357.77)
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,440.45

### Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 1,860.00
..... Donations .....	\$ 135.00
..... Expended .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 1,995.00

### Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month .....	\$ 8,539.30
..... Luncheon Income .....	\$ 678.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10 .....	\$ 20.00
..... Misc Income .....	\$ 105.50
..... Interest Earned .....	\$ 1.96
..... Luncheon Expense .....	\$ (590.00)
..... VA/JROTC .....	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies .....	\$ (13.00)
..... Printing .....	\$ 0.00
..... Post Office .....	\$ 0.00
..... Memorial to HOT .....	\$ (30.00)
..... Other Organizations .....	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expense .....	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month .....	\$ 8,711.76

## GOLD STAR MOTHERS

The name "Gold Star Mothers" was derived from the custom of military families who put a service flag near their front window. The flag featured a star for each family member serving in their country – living members were denoted in blue but gold stars honored family members who were killed while in duty. In 1918 President Woodrow Wilson approved the wearing of black arm bands bearing a gilt star by those who had a family member who died in the military service to the United States. This distinguished them from the blue stars, representing a family member presently serving in the armed forces.

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## TAPS

- ◆ **Col John A. Augustine, USAF (Ret)**  
25 July 2012

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## Sick List

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29	Bolin	Lynn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
25	Briggs	David	COL	USA (Ret)
02	Burrell	Basil	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
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20	Connors	Maureen	CDR	USN (Ret)
04	Cornelius	Bernard	CW4	USA (Ret)
27	Crook	Meredith	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
21	DeArment	Harold	COL	USA (Ret)
18	Edwards	Pauline	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
04	Finley	Betty	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
08	Fowler	Wilma	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
17	Hermann	Francine	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
29	Hoffman	Elizabeth	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
20	Home	Beatrice	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A
01	Layton	Thomas	CAPT	USN (Ret)
18	Lee	Jane	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
13	Lee	William	LCDR	USN (Ret)
25	Love	Heilbron	COL	USA (Ret)
20	Marine	Lois	Mrs.	AuxMbr
04	Misuraca	Angelo	1st Lt	USAF (Ret)
17	Morgan	William	LCDR	USN (Ret)
05	Riley	Evan	LTC	USA (Ret)
13	Rutledge	Virginia	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
14	Schoepner	John	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
01	Schoepner	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
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Ed served in the Army Infantry for 23 years and retired in 1977. Served tours in Korea, Vietnam (two tours) and Germany (two tours) as well as at major posts in the States. He became an Airborne Ranger at Fort Benning, GA and a Special Forces officer at Ft. Bragg, NC, where he had been the Deputy Commander of the John F. Kennedy United States Army Center for Military Assistance. He commanded a Special Forces Company for eighteen months. He has been awarded two Bronze Star medals for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces; the Air Medal with "V" device; and three Meritorious Service medals. The Vietnamese Government awarded him the Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star for his service as a District Senior Advisor in Chung Tien Province VN.

After retirement he became the business manager of Admiral Farragut Academy and served in that position for twenty years. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and a Master of Science Degree in Counseling and Guidance, and currently acts as a substitute teacher at this Academy.

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- 3: Labor Day
- 9: Grandparent's Day
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- 11: Patriot Day
- 17: U. S. Constitution Approved (1787)
- 18: U. S. Air Force Established (1947)
- 22: Autumn Begins
- 30: Gold Star Mothers Day

