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President's Comments:

In early August our MOAA President, Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, sent your President a letter wherein he said: "Congratulations! Your chapter has been selected for the MOAA "Five Star Level of Excellence" Award for exceptional performance in 2009. Your chapter stands out as one of the best chapters in MOAA's system of over 400 chapters. You and the members of your chapter can be proud of this accomplishment."



I, for one, am extremely proud of our chapter as I'm certain you are. We won this special award in Category I for the year 2000 and in Category II for 2002, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09 and we are on track to win the award again in 2010.

We send boxes to our troops in combat areas and we support them Stateside. The recent Family Fun Day with the USAR Company F 5-159th Aviation Regiment gave us the opportunity to interact with these soldiers. The organizers of this event were delighted to see us and appreciated the help we gave them. The day was full of surprises which included the dunk tank that our chapter provided. For \$1.00 you were allowed to throw three softballs at the target. When the target was hit the 'dunkee' was dropped into a tank of water. I believe that Jim Patton got a refresher course in how to swim

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COLA Fizzling?

There was no change in inflation for July. For retirees to see even a small fractional COLA for 2011, inflation would have to rise about one percent each month for August and September.



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Total Membership - 317
 Regular Members - 217
 Auxiliary Members - 100
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Military Services:

Army - 73 USMC - 15
 USAF - 73 USCG - 7
 Navy - 49 NOAA - 0

8/22/2010

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

CALENDAR

September 24th MG Luis Visot, USAR
(Note 4th Friday)

October 15th LtCol Michael Ries, USMC

November 19th

December 17th CAPT Larry McConnell, USA (Ret)

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

Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
MAJ Ed Lillich 546-2246

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

September 7th Tuesday

October 4th Monday

November 1st Monday

December 6th Monday

ROWC

Luncheons:

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

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

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

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

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I Spent My 40th Anniversary in Deep Water

By Larry Fernald

Deepwater Horizon, that is, and not exactly IN it, but immersed in efforts to prevent the effects of the explosion and sinking of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, and the resultant oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, from impacting the coast of Florida, with particular emphasis on the panhandle.

I was a part of a massive effort by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an auxiliary of the United States Air Force, and a hoard of others, to find and prevent the oil from coming ashore, and, should it come ashore, to minimize the damage to sensitive coastal areas.

And, that's about all I knew when my crew (comprised of fellow St Petersburg Area Chapter member, LTC Creighton Trahan, a former USAF pilot and retired USA vet; and Yvonne Rodriguez, a former NYC police officer and now Squadron Commander of the Clearwater Composite Squadron) and I left St Petersburg/Clearwater (PIE) on the 16th of June in a Cessna 172 and flew to Tallahassee (TLH).

The flight up was uneventful, but upon arriving in TLH, we found that the heat was even more oppressive than it was here in the Bay area. And, the weather during that period was prone to thunderstorms and thermal upheaval, which made for rough rides in the Cessna 182s that we flew on the daily missions.

The first order of business was to get settled in the hotel, which we managed to find and do. Then, we collected our flight suits and headed to the laundry area. "Why do laundry when you get there?" you might ask. And, the reason is because each of us had a very limited weight allowance for luggage and personal gear, so we made the collective decision to do laundry each day after the flight.

We had gone to TLH expecting to fly a mission directed by Federal authorities, but instead found ourselves flying a State directed mission on the first day. That mission went from TLH to the coastal area just west of Perry, FL, then continued 5 miles off shore and ran west all the way to the FL-AL border, where it turned north to the coast and followed the coast to the start area near Perry. From there, we headed back to TLH. I failed to mention that we flew at 1,000 feet above the water, with an occasional descent to 500 ft to investigate various sightings, and at 90 knots the entire way. All of that took us 4 hours and 40 minutes—4 hours and 40 minutes in a non-air conditioned airplane with limited airflow and a cockpit temperature of over 90 degrees, which made for a long day. (Now you fully understand why we did laundry each evening.)

So, what were our duties and what did we find?



As the pilot, my job was to fly the plane and make sure the mission was safely accomplished. Creighton's job in the right seat was to navigate us through the area, monitor for safety, and communicate with CAP and the Unified Command in Mobile, AL, on a dedicated radio and frequency. Yvonne's job in the back seat was to monitor safety and to take lots of photos. As you can see, Creighton and Yvonne did all the work and I had the fun.

During our State mission, we spotted and photographed many oil slicks (sheen) and saw some areas of old degrading oil on the surface. We did not see any oil near the shore.

On days 2 through 4, our mission changed to the Federal mission. That one was a lot more challenging and demanding. In short, the Federal mission was to photograph boom locations to see if the booms were in place. We also were tasked with photographing supply sites and staging areas, many of whom were provided to us without any location information—just a photo from Google Earth without latitude or longitude (this is where the road atlas that we borrowed from one of the CAP vans came in handy).

To do this, we departed TLH, flew west to Choctawhatchee Bay, descended to 1,000 ft and began the photo shoot on the east end of the Bay. We shot photos all along the coast of Choctawhatchee Bay, then transitioned to the Gulf coast at Destin. From there, we headed east along the coast filming boom locations, storage areas, and staging sites, as well as decontamination sites. At Panama City, we jogged into St Andrew's Bay and shot photos at many locations around the Bay, then proceeded out the channel and east along the Gulf Coast.

Some of the interesting things that happened include being over flown by a flight of 3 F-22's departing Tyndall AFB, and seeing a pilotless drone F-4 flying final approach into Tyndall. And, there were lots of civilian planes along the route that we had to find and avoid. Probably the most interesting and challenging thing, though, was picking our way through and around thunderstorms on the 2 hour flight home.

How much did we get paid for this effort? Absolutely nothing. CAP is a volunteer organization. It didn't cost us anything either, since CAP provided the hotel rooms and a modest per diem, which covered our food costs.

For Florida alone, from the time CAP's involvement began in May to the 25th of July, CAP had flown 704.9 hours in support of the Deepwater mission, utilizing 13 different aircraft, and had contributed, free of labor charges, over 9,000 man hours to the containment and cleanup effort. There were 97 aircrew members involved and 14 on-site coordinators in Tallahassee. Additionally, there were over 50,300 photos taken.

Pretty impressive for a volunteer organization, right?

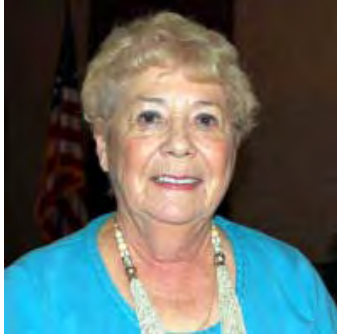
Oh, and the anniversary—I still owe my lovely bride of 40 years a dinner at Charley's steakhouse in Tampa.





Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 2 August 2010 Reported by Chris Lillich, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ed Lillich at 1130 hours. Assistant Chaplain Charlene Sanders gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed. Seventeen members were present including: Bill Bolin, George Brown, Terry Carr, Ed Connors, Pete Dawson, Fred Edwards, Larry Fernald, Don Freese, Anita Harrow, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Hazel McGrath, Johnnie Neville, Earl Peck, Charlene Sanders and Violet Smith.



Minutes of Previous Meeting: There being no additions or corrections to the minutes motion was made by Charlene Sanders, seconded by Ed Connors, that minutes be approved as printed in the O.C. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Dawson reported that the balance in the operating account is \$7,873.28. The expenditure of \$150 for a dunk tank for FRG family day was discussed and approved by the E.C. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. The full Treasurer's report is found elsewhere in the O.C. Motion made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Don Freese to approve proposed 2010 budget. After discussion motion carried.

First Vice President's Report: MG Robert Kasulke, MD, Commander of the US Army Reserve Medical Command will be the speaker for the August luncheon. Speaker for September is MG Luis Visot, Commander of the Joint Military Training Center at USF.

HOT: Anita Harrow sent out 27 boxes this month. Anita used all the supplies donated by Wesley Chapel. Twenty boxes will be sent in August and for the first time will be sending to troops in the Florida National Guard. Addresses have been received for two more units. Anita uses two rolls of priority tape per mailing and is in need of some.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personal Affairs: Violet Smith reported that Colonel Beatty the Commander of the 6th Medical Group at MacDill has returned from deployment and may begin meetings again in October or November. Town hall meetings are being held but they are held for the active duty personnel. The new Wing Commander, Colonel Lennie J. Richoux has arrived at MacDill.

Awards Committee: The meeting of the awards committee planned for this date is postponed until next month. Fred Edwards gave a set of past membership directories to the secretary.

Chaplain: George Brown said Space A flights going to Middenhall, Hickham AFB in Hawaii, New Orleans and Miami are available.

Membership/Give me Ten: A check has been received for \$140 for GMT members which represents the quarterly award. A new mailing went out to MOAA members who are not Chapter members. The Chapter will receive \$15.00 for each member who joins the Chapter as a result of the wrapper on the July Military Officers Magazine.

OLD BUSINESS: The original motion made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Bill Lofgren and tabled at the June E.C. regarding Honorary Members was reinitiated. Larry Fernald made a motion that in addition to the Commander of the 6th Medical Group at MacDill we invite the Commanders of the Coast Guard Sector, Coast Guard Air Station, Armed Forces Reserve Center and the Wing Commander at MacDill AFB to be Honorary Members of the Chapter. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Don Freese that the September luncheon be rescheduled for the 24th. Motion carried.

MOTION: Made by Don Freese, seconded by Larry Fernald that any potential member who is a first time visitor invited by the Chapter be entitled to a free lunch. Motion carried.

MOTION: Made by Larry Fernald, seconded by Terry Carr that the Chapter give a gift of \$100 to the Florida Veterans Association in memory of RADM LeRoy Collins, Jr. Motion carried. A moment of silence was held for Admiral Collins.

MOTION: Made by Don Freese, seconded by Larry Fernald to hold the installation banquet scheduled for January 22, 2011 at the Bayou Club in Seminole. Motion carried.

MOTION: Made by Larry Fernald that the President, in his condolence letter to the survivor inform the survivor that a gift of \$30.00 in memory of the deceased Chapter member will be made to the fund that has been designated by the Executive Committee. Motion was seconded by Charlene Sanders and motioned carried. **MOTION:** Made by Violet Smith, seconded by Don Freese that the designated fund is HOT. Motion carried.

MOTION: Made by Violet Smith, seconded by Pete Dawson that the Chapter continue to sell the MOAA pins. Motion carried. Pins sell for \$5.00 each or two for \$9.00.

MOTION: Made by Pete Dawson, seconded by Terry Carr that a \$50.00 honorarium be given to Eckerd College Search and Research efforts. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MAJ Skip, Harnett, USMC (Ret) from the Clearwater Chapter has been appointed to replace Larry Fernald as Area Vice President as Larry has resigned from that position.

FIVE STAR AWARD: Our Chapter has won the Five Star Award for 2009. Florida received ten five star and eight four

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MOAA Legislative Update

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

The House is once again in recess and is scheduled to return on Tuesday, September 14th. The Senate will return Monday, September 13th.

Progress on TRICARE for Gray Area Retirees

On August 6 the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released an interim final rule for the new TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR) program. The new program permits “gray area” National Guard and Reserve retirees – those eligible for a retirement check and TRICARE when they reach age 60 – to purchase TRICARE health insurance. Gray area members who are enrolled in or eligible for the Federal Employee Health Benefit Program are not eligible for TRR.



TRR enrollment is expected to commence this fall.

TRR coverage will be exactly the same as TRICARE Standard (which covers 75% of allowable charges after a deductible of \$150 single/\$300 family).

Unlike the current TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) program – in which premiums are 72% subsidized by the government – gray area retirees will be responsible for paying premiums equal to the full cost of coverage.

For 2010 the monthly TRR rates will be \$388 for member-only coverage, and \$976 for family coverage. In January 2011 the rates will rise 2% to \$408 a month for member only, and \$1,020 for family coverage.

Although comparable to Blue Cross Blue Shield rates under the FEHB program and military COBRA rates, the new TRR rates are substantially higher than TRS. Unsubsidized TRS premiums would be about \$177 monthly for a single servicemember and \$705 for family coverage.

Reservists enrolled in TRS likely will experience “sticker shock” when their TRICARE rates more than double — from \$177 for unsubsidized TRS coverage to \$388 under TRR — the day they take off the uniform.

Full-cost TRR premiums certainly will be substantially higher than TRS rates due to demographic differences and comparable claims experience. MOSS has asked DoD to provide the analysis that led to the rate-setting for TRR so Guard and Reserve families will have a complete understanding of the basis for the new rates.

With enactment of TRR, Congress has provided a long-sought MOAA and Military Coalition strategic objective: the opportunity for lifetime TRICARE coverage options for actively serving and retired members of the National Guard and Reserve.

Gates Announces Budget Initiative

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced his plan to reallocate \$100 billion of the Defense budget over the next five years by streamlining the Pentagon’s massive bureaucracy and tightening efficiencies.

Gates intends to implement this plan well before his departure next year. In a recent memo to military department secretaries, Gates directed “a series of initiatives designed to reduce duplication, overhead, and excess, and instill a culture of savings and restraint across the DoD.”

Some of the key initiatives are:

- Reducing funding by 10 percent for service support contractors
- Freezing the number of defense agency, Joint Staff, and combatant command billets over the next three years
- Reducing at least 50 general and flag positions and 150 senior civilian executive positions over the next two years
- Recommending closure of Joint Forces Command in Hampton Roads, VA

During last week’s news conference, Gates described his initiative as just the beginning, insisting every aspect of the defense budget will be reviewed — to include increases in retiree health fees— stating, “There are no sacred cows.”

Defense Department Reminds Troops, Veterans to Submit "Stop Loss" Claims

Courtesy of the U.S. Department of Defense

WASHINGTON -- Defense Department officials want to ensure that anyone whose military enlistment was involuntarily extended under the so-called "stop loss" provision applies to receive a stipend by the Oct 21 deadline. An estimated 145,000 servicemembers are eligible to receive \$500 for each full or partial month served in stop loss status. All servicemembers, veterans and beneficiaries of servicemembers whose service was involuntarily extended between Sept. 11, 2001 and Sept. 30, 2009, are eligible for the special pay. For more information, visit <http://www.defense.gov/stoploss>.

Statement by Governor Charlie Crist on the death of Admiral LeRoy Collins

"Admiral Collins has been a loyal and constant advocate for quality health care and economic support for Florida's veterans, as well as a lifelong Floridian dedicated to improving the quality of life of all in our state.

As a consummate gentleman and outstanding role model, his sudden loss will impact veterans throughout Florida, as well as the Tampa community where he was a business leader while continuing to serve his country in the Navy Reserve.

I join all Floridians in praying for peace and comfort to his wife Jane and their children and grandchildren."





Monthly Luncheon; 20 August 2010

Reported by **Chris Lillich**

Attended – 59: (59 reservations), 2 Member Guests, 4 Chapter Guests, 5 Walk ins, 0 Cancels, 5 No Shows

Following the social hour President Ed Lillich called the meeting to order. Chaplain Charlene Sanders gave the Invocation and all gave the Pledge of Allegiance.



After introducing the head table Ed asked all of our newest members to stand as they were introduced. Those new members present were Mrs. Barbara Patton, AuxMbr-A; CPT Barbara Stakk, USA (Fmr); Lt Yvonne Hughes, USA (Fmr) and CWO4 Randy Randazzo, USA (Ret). A big round of applause was given to all our newest members.

First time guests were introduced and welcomed. Dr. Robert Abady who is a CPT in the Army Reserve, Medical Command Pinellas Park was the guest of Violet Smith. Stanley Johnson, a Pinellas Park firefighter is the son and guest of Frank Johnson. Joseph Vulgamore was the guest of Frederick Terry. President Ed welcomed back Bobbi Walters following a long recuperative period.

The door prize drawing was won by Jim Patton. Carroll Andrews won the 50/50.

The HOT lady, Anita Harrow, read a very nice letter of appreciation from a serviceman in Afghanistan. Letters like this make one proud that they are doing something to boost the morale of our troops in Afghanistan. She received 6 letters and pictures this month from troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Anita is planning to send around 40 boxes out this month. President Ed thanked Anita for her continued and extensive dedication to the HOT program. Anita also announced that October 20 is the date set for the auxiliary members fall coffee. It will be held at Paradise Island Towers in Treasure Island and more information will be forthcoming in September.

Bill Bolin has been in contact with people at Lake Seminole Square inviting us to have lunch there to celebrate Veterans' Day, and to meet the veterans who live at the facility. Five of our active members currently reside there. Since there are many activities already scheduled for November 11, they asked that we go for lunch on Friday, November 12. Sign up sheets will be available at the next two luncheons, or contact Bill Bolin for further information.

President Ed reported on the Family Fun Day held by F Company 5-159th Aviation Regiment at their hangar in Clearwater. Volunteers from our Chapter included Bill Bolin, Larry and Barbara Fernald, Don and Sherry Freese, Ed and Chris Lillich, Bill and Terry Lofgren, Jim and Kathi Patton and John and Martha Schoeppner. Although it was a very hot day

everyone had a good time and our own Jim Patton was a participant in the dunk tank. Not always dunked by the kids, Larry Fernald thought he wasn't getting enough dunking so he aided it along by punching the button. Bill Lofgren was the official photographer and took some great pictures. In addition to donating fifty hot dogs, John and Martha cooked them on the grill which was, of course, outside under the scorching hot sun. Some of our volunteers supervised the Wii room, pie contest, wall climbing and bounce tents. Those in charge of organizing the fun day were very appreciative of our help because that enabled them to enjoy the day without having to do these duties. We also gave out several Chapter applications to potential members. Ed thanked everyone for volunteering their time for this great day.

Following lunch 1st Vice President Terry Carr introduced our speaker, MG Robert J. Kasulke, MD, Commander (TPU) of the Army Reserve Medical Command in Pinellas Park, FL. General Kasulke gave a very precise and sometimes vivid picture of wounded and the care of the wounded in his power point presentation. In comparison to the 30% of the wounded lost in WWII, mainly due to lack of antibiotics and quick response care, and the 20% lost in Korea because helicopters could hold only two wounded at a time for transport to MASH units, and although there was a more robust program in Vietnam it wasn't much better than Korea. It is now possible to get the wounded off the battle field into a battle aid station, to Landstuhl and then to Bethesda or other stateside facility in a matter of hours. With the use of computers, medical records can be available before the troops arrive at the next destination. The Kevlar Vest, referred to as "Sappy" has helped cut down on more extensive wounds. The most destructive device is the IED. After questions, which were just a couple since the General presented such a complete picture of the medical help given our troops, President Ed presented General Kasulke with a set of the Chapter glasses.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, 7 September at Perkins Restaurant at 1130 hours and the luncheon meeting will be held at Banquet Masters at 1100 hours, September 24. Please note that this is one week later than usual. Please see the O.C. for further details.

Chaplain Charlene gave the Benediction and the meeting was closed by the President.

SAVE THE DATE

AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Plan to Attend The

Fall COFFEE

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

9:30 – 11:30

Anita Harrow and Violet Smith





MG Kasulke receiving gift from Ed Lillich



Guest speaker MG Robert J Kasulke,
MD, USAR



Guest CPT Robert Abady, MD, USAR



Ed Lillich and new member Yvonne Hughes



Ed Lillich and new member Barbara Stakk



New member Randy Randazzo



New member Barbara Patton



Tom Jones



Frank Johnson and son Stan Johnson



Victor Wood



Visitor Joe Vulgamore

Photos by Bill Lofgren





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as he climbed to the board time and time again. All of the little kids wanted to dunk Jim and the throwing line was crowded. When they missed the target, which didn't happen often, Larry Fernald reached up and hit the target with his hand and Jim was dropped again. You have heard the term "you're all wet", well that definitely applied to Jim. Jim loved it but said he was so stiff the next morning he had difficulty getting out of bed.

Many of us just watched the pie throwing contest and it was very messy. The Company officers all sat in a row of chairs and for a meager \$1.00 people lined up to throw a pie at them. Each pie consisted of a pie tin filled with flavored whip cream. The thrower just walked up to his favorite officer, target, and squished the pie in his/her face and hair. As all of the chairs were located on the helicopter wash pad, it was very easy to push a button and clean off the whipped cream from the participants. As you can imagine, the spray almost had the force of a fire hose.

Bill Lofgren was the event photographer and took over 200 pictures which he provided via disk to the event coordinators. John and Martha Schoeppner prepared hot dogs. The food was great.

Monies earned went to the Family Readiness Group (FRG), a 501(c) (3) organization, formed to support the families of deployed troops.

We have an opportunity on November 12th to celebrate Veterans Day by having lunch with the veterans who reside at Lake Seminole Square retirement community. We will let them know that they are not forgotten. The luncheon will start with the presentation of the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A Veterans Day message will be given. Let us all plan to be there.

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star awards. Ed Lillich thanked Larry Fernald for all the work he did on the booklet sent out with our application for the award.

Don Freese announced that he recently attended the 50th anniversary of the Gainesville Chapter. Admiral Ryan was the key note speaker.

FRG family day is August 15 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the air station in Clearwater.

There being no further business George Brown gave the benediction and the meeting was adjourned at 1330 hours.

DIRTY MAGAZINES

Soon after being transferred to a new duty station, my Marine husband called home to tell me he would be late - again. He went on to say that dirty magazines had been discovered in the platoon's quarters and they had to police the area.

I launched into a tirade, arguing that many men had pictures hanging in their quarters at our previous post, so his new platoon should not be penalized for something trivial. My husband calmly listened to my gripes and then explained, "Kathy, Dirty Magazines means the clips from their rifles had not been properly cleaned."

September Birthdays (54 to 101 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
07	Blaskovitz	Joseph	CWO4	USA (Ret)
25	Briggs	David	COL	USA (Ret)
02	Burrell	Basil	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
22	Conneely	Anita	Mrs.	LifeAuxMbr-A
20	Conners	Maureen	CDR	USN (Ret)
04	Cornelius	Bernard	CW4	USA (Ret)
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29	Hoffman	Elizabeth	Capt	USAF (Fmr)
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30	May	Harold	Lt Col	USAF (Ret)
04	Misuraca	Angelo	1st Lt	USAF (Ret)
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..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (875.85)
..... Donations	\$ 75.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 360.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (358.73)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (799.58)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,578.69
..... Donations	\$ 495.00
..... 50/20	\$ 77.00
..... Memorials	\$ 30.00
..... Expenses	\$ (857.83)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,322.86

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,864.00
..... Donations	\$ 125.00
..... 50/50 Income	\$ 0.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,989.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 8,220.99
..... Monthly Luncheon	\$ 570.00
..... Dues/Give Me 10	\$ 155.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$ 0.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 3.67
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (460.00)
..... Supplies	\$ (40.00)
..... Printing	\$ (132.38)
..... Post Office	\$ (44.00)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ (30.00)
..... Nonrecurring Expense	\$ (450.00)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 7,873.28



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■ **Mrs. Betty Hodgen, LifeAuxMbr-AF, 27 July 2010**

■ **Mrs. Margaret Vaughn, Spouse of RADM Sidney Vaughn, 1 August 2010**

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Sick List

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

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WHY

I'm desperately trying to figure out why kamikaze pilots wore helmets.





St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA

September Luncheon



24 September, 2010 ***

Banquet Masters
8100 Park Blvd
Pinellas Park, FL

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

Guest Speaker:
MG Luis Visot, USAR

Subject: The JMLC at USF and his recent deployment to Haiti

***** Note this luncheon is on the fourth Friday for this month only**

Major General Luis R. Visot, born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, was commissioned as a 2LT in May 1978. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. MG Visot received a Masters in Education from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. His military education includes: Infantry Airborne Basic Course, Quartermaster Officer Basic Course, NBC Defense Course, Transportation Officer Advance Course, Command and General Staff College, Pre-Command Course (Company, Detachment, & Battalion/Brigade), the Associate Logistics Executive Development Course, the United States Army War College, the Advanced Joint Military Professional Education (AJPM), the Joint Flag Officer Warfighting Course, and CAPSTONE. MG Visot has held a variety of command and staff positions. MG Visot assumed command of the 377th Theater Sustainment Command, New Orleans, La., on May 16, 2009. MG Visot serves as the Executive Director of the Joint Military Science Leadership Center at the University of South Florida. MG Visot is married to Dr. Cindy S. Visot, who is the Chief of Staff and the Director of Board of Trustees Operations at the University of South Florida.



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- 6th: Labor Day
- 11th: World Trade Center attacked 2001
- 12th: Grandparents Day
- 18th: U S Air Force est 1947
- 23rd: First Day of Autumn

