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President's Comments:

Thanks to Dr. Brown for an enlightening program on the history of aviation in our area. Thanks also to Betty Findley for introducing Dr. Brown as a potential speaker. It was also nice to learn that Paul Finley was one of the founders of the Florida Aviation Historical Society and its past President.



As many of you know, Don Freese is still in ICU at the Palms of Pasadena hospital, where he was diagnosed with double pneumonia. The latest information I have is that he has improved very slightly and still needs to be kept in our thoughts and prayers. He cannot have visitors or telephone calls. Sherry said that if anyone would like to give blood in Don's name at Palms of Pasadena it would be very much appreciated.

Bill Eisenhart has been released from the VA Center at Bay Pines and is back home with Penney.

As I announced at the luncheon, Paulette and I have been invited to MOAA's Annual Meeting and Levels of Excellence Dinner in Colorado Springs, Colorado in November. We will represent this great Chapter in receiving the five star award again. Thanks for all the great work you all do.

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Designated Scholarship

St Petersburg Area Chapter

As many of you know, in 2005, the St Petersburg Area Chapter paired with MOAA to create the St Petersburg Area Chapter Designated Scholarship Fund. The designated scholarship program is a \$25,000 scholarship in perpetuity which provides a \$500 grant and a \$5,000 yearly interest-free loan to qualified applicants.

There are several nice parts to this program. First, with the MOAA Scholarship program, 100% of all donations go into scholarships specifically for military dependents; overhead and salaries are paid through our yearly dues. Second, MOAA solicits, interviews, and selects the scholars who will receive those scholarships. All that our chapter has to do is send money. And, finally, the pay back rate is well over 99%, which is certainly a testament to MOAA's selection process, and especially the commitment and caliber of the selectees.

I mentioned money—our commitment as a chapter is to fund the \$25,000 over a 5 year period, which, thanks to the generosity of our members, has not been a problem.

Your generosity enabled us to complete the first scholarship in just 4 years, one year early.

And, with that success in mind, and the goal of helping our future leaders obtain an education, in January 2009, we began a second designated scholarship program.

I am elated to report that we are well ahead of schedule in our second scholarship funding, and will, with the Executive Committee's approval, pay that obligation off early just as we did the first.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, thank you very much for helping our chapter meet its goals.

On behalf of the scholarship recipients, some of whom I have talked with, your generosity has enabled them to obtain an education and become productive and responsible citizens and adults. What more can we ask of the next generation.



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

CALENDAR

September 20th MAJ Ed Lillich, POW/MIA
October 18th Pam Dubov, Property Appraiser
November 15th MG Mike Jones, USA (Ret)
December 20th Jack Harris

**** Need a ride to the luncheon?
 Call: CDR Bill Bolin 584-1595 or
 LTC Terry Carr 392-6524**

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 3rd Tuesday
October 7th Monday
November 4rd Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

Luncheons:

- Next luncheon will be
Tuesday October 8th

Luncheon Reservations:

Rose Munchbach, 727-397-4146 or
 Norma Cox, 727-466-1652

Membership Info:

- Barbara King 391-2564

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

Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park.

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

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 268
 Regular Members - 170
 Auxiliary Members - 98
 Inactive Members - 5

Military Services:

Army - 65 USMC - 13
 USAF - 49 USCG - 7
 Navy - 34 NOAA - 0

8/20/2013



Minutes

Reported by **Chris Lillich**
Monthly Luncheon; 16 August 2013

Attended – 55: (58 reservations), 3 Member Guest, 1 Chapter Guests, 1 Walk in, 2 Cancel, 2 No Shows

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Carr. Chaplain George Brown gave the invocation and the members said the Pledge of Allegiance. Those sitting at the head table were; George Brown, 1st Vice President Dick Koch, Dr. Warren J. Brown, and Terry Carr.



Guests included; Melissa Trout, niece of Ann Dollahon; Dick Koch's wife, Dale and Dick's son, Steve.

James Garvey won the door prize and the 50/50 was divided between Dick Koch and Fran Shivers.

President Terry announced that Bill Eisenhart had gone home from his stay at Bay Pines Hospital. Terry also said that Don Freese was still in intensive care and was in need of a blood transfusion, due to anemia.

Don cannot have visitors or phone calls at this time, but Sherry will keep us advised of his condition. Sherry also said that if anyone would like to donate blood in Don's name it would be appreciated. Don is at Palms of Pasadena Hospital.

The HOT program started about eight years ago to show appreciation to the troops and to let them know they are thought of. Anita Harrow took the program over 5 years ago and she said it needs to continue as long as there are troops in need of the goodie boxes. Anita placed a camouflaged pail on the table for donations which can be by check or cash. If you need a tax deductible receipt please let Anita know the amount if you pay in cash and the Treasurer will make sure you have a receipt. Anita then gave a prayer to keep our young men and women safe and asked that we all keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Bill Lofgren, Nominating Committee Chairman, put out a plea for someone to take over the Secretary's job next year. If you are interested, please come forward. Chris Lillich has been secretary since 2008 and will be happy to tell you what the job entails.

The September luncheon will be our annual POW/MIA program day. If you have a uniform please wear it for this luncheon. Past President Ed Lillich will be the presenter.

Following lunch 1st VP Koch introduced our guest speaker, Warren J. Brown, M.D. Dr. Brown is the past president and a founding member of the Florida Aviation Historical Society. He currently serves the society as treasurer and news editor. Member Paul Finley is also a founding member of the FAHS.

Dr. Brown spoke about the first scheduled airline, the St.

Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line which was the first commercial airline in the United States. A celebration to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first flight will be held in St. Petersburg on January 1, 2014. There will be a replica of the first airboat that flew from St. Petersburg. Mayor Abe Pheil was the first passenger for the first flight for which he paid \$400. A copy of his check is displayed at the St. Petersburg Pier Museum. The flight lasted 23 minutes and landed in Tampa. Mrs. L.A. Whitney was the first woman to fly on January 8, 1914. Dr. Brown mixed a lot of humor with his presentation and had a wealth of information about the early aviation programs. In closing he asked the members how many knew about the Bee Line Ferry. In case you don't know the answer it was the ferry that ran from the shores of Tampa Bay on the south side of St. Petersburg to Terra Ceia area in Manatee County.

For more information on the first commercial flight, Tony Jannus's flight and the 100th anniversary celebration please enter St Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line or Flight 2014 Centennial Celebration of Commercial Aviation in your search engine and you will come up with many articles to interest you.

After a brief Q & A period Terry presented the speaker with the traditional gift of drink glasses.

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

Executive Committee Meeting 5 August 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Carr, at 1130 hours. The invocation was given by Chaplain George Brown and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Fifteen members and one guest were in attendance to include: Bill Bolin, George Brown, Hardy Bryan, Terry Carr, Glen Crabb, Pete Dawson, Pauline Edwards, Anita Harrow, Bill Lewis, Chris Lillich, Ed Lillich, Bill Lofgren, Jim Patton, Sherry Freese, Marc Freese and Marc's wife, Melody Freese. The Executive Committee gave a warm welcome to Marc and Melody. Marc is a member of our Chapter and just recently returned from an overseas assignment. Sherry reported that Don Freese was hospitalized on the Thursday before the meeting with double pneumonia and is not able to have visitors or calls at this time. Sherry will keep us advised of Don's progress.

Secretary's Report: Hardy Bryan made a motion to accept the minutes as written in the Officers Call. Anita Harrow seconded the motion and motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Dawson reported that the balance in the operating account on July 31, 2013 was \$10,563.53. The report is approved subject to audit. A full accountability of all accounts is found elsewhere in the O.C.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HOT: Anita Harrow is getting ready to send out the August boxes and Bill Lofgren will go to Wesley Chapel to pick up more supplies. Currently the balance in the HOT program is running

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President from Page 1

It was also announced at the luncheon that our HOT program is running low on funds, but is continuing to make shipments. Any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated.

We will have our annual POW/MIA service at our September meeting led by MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret). Please let Ed know if you can wear your uniform, and I hope to see everyone there.

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low and donations, both monetary and goods are needed. The council suggested that a basket be sent around at the September luncheon. Anyone wishing to donate may do so by cash or if they want a statement of tax deduction they can make a check out to SPMOAA and indicate the money is for the HOT program.

We still will be sending boxes as long as there are troops deployed, so all donations will be put to use for that purpose. Marc Freese said less boxes are going in to the troops, but are still needed. The procedure for his unit was to put as much as possible out to the battle areas since they were away from any facility to get the much needed items.

Publicity: Pauline Edwards sent out thirteen news releases. People are reading them and we are getting new members from them. Two new members came to the last luncheon. Bill Bolin thanked Pauline for getting the word out.

Nominating Committee: Bill Lofgren asked for suggestions for officers and advisory board members for the upcoming election of officers. Please let Bill know if you are interested in filling a position on the Executive Committee.

MacDill Liaison: George Brown said there are still flights to Hawaii and encourages our members to check these and other space available flights.

Convention 2014: Sherry Freese displayed samples of the quilting blocks using old convention shirts. Sherry and Ellen Fine are putting this quilt together for an auction at the convention. Pauline Edwards took orders from the E.C. for next year's convention shirts. They are \$30.00 each and if you would like to order one prior to the convention please call Pauline. Her phone number is found on page 25 of the 2013 directory.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Bill Lewis reported that Bill Eisenhart is in the VA hospital, Building 101, Room 2. Bill is up to having visitors and he and Penny would appreciate anyone dropping by.

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

The next E.C. meeting will be Tuesday, September 3, due to the holiday on Monday.

The Marine's Secret Weapon: Coffee

By MICHAEL HAFT AND HARRISON SUAREZ

Every American knows the story of the Boston Tea Party and its implications on the Revolutionary War. Lesser known, but perhaps of greater relevance to a nation recognized more for coffee breaks than tea time, is the fact that America's taste for coffee is inextricably linked to the history of its military.

We weren't aware of it until just recently. But in hindsight, it made perfect sense that we would become obsessed with coffee when we joined the Marines. As we later discovered, we were part of a long line of men whose enthusiasm for the drink was closely tied to their experiences in the service.

As Capt. Robert K. Beecham wrote in his book, "Gettysburg: The Pivotal Battle of the Civil War": "The power of the soldiers to endure the fatigue of the march and keep their places in the ranks was greatly enhanced by an opportunity to brew a cup of coffee by the wayside."

Coffee's popularity grew in the years following Reconstruction. But it didn't become a household staple until the confluence of the Industrial Revolution, the rise of the advertising age and the cultural mixing that occurred during World War I. As William Ukers explained in *The Tea and Coffee Trade Journal*, "the 2,000,000 soldiers who went overseas and there had their coffee three times a day...since returning to civilian life are using it more than ever before."

By the time of World War II, American servicemen were consuming 32.5 pounds of coffee per capita, per year, with the Army Quartermaster Corps going so far as to roast, grind, vacuum pack and ship its own beans overseas. Meanwhile, legend has it that when soldiers in Italy encountered espresso, they watered it down to make a concoction similar to the coffee they drank at home. There are many competing accounts, but some people surmise that these were the humble beginnings of the drink we now know as an "Americano."

Years later, when it was our time to join the Marines, Vietnam veterans told us stories about burning C4 explosive to make their coffee in the jungle. We weren't as cool — the rations we were issued came with a flameless chemical heater — but like those before us, coffee would serve as one of the few constants in our otherwise nomadic existence.

There usually wasn't much time, and more often than not we would simply choke down a packet of dry instant coffee for its caffeine. But, when possible, we would sit for a few minutes and bond over a cup with another Marine.

Basic Training

In the early days, while we were being trained as officers in Quantico, Va., we picked up the coffee habit during breaks between classes. The instructors explained that in just six

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MOAA Legislative Update

Edited by **Jim Patton**

From MOAA and other sources

Military Health Care Reform

DoD recently submitted its second of three reports to Congress outlining a blueprint for mandated reforms that will consolidate the military health care system.

The FY 2013 Defense Authorization Bill authorized the establishment of the Defense Health Agency (DHA) to oversee the integration of ten major functional areas of the military health care system across all services.

The main goal of the DHA is to generate budget savings by consolidating redundant health care spending. The Army, Air Force, and Navy currently operate many duplicative health care programs.

DHA will have oversight of all of the following military health care programs by the end of FY2015:

- Medical Logistics
- Facility Planning
- Health Information Technology
- TRICARE
- Pharmacy
- Acquisition
- Public Health
- Research & Development
- Education & Training
- Budget & Resource management

The most recent report outlined the purpose and goals to be achieved in consolidating medical logistics, facility planning, health information technology, and TRICARE. It also projected the expected budget savings associated with moving these programs under the auspices of DHA.

Of particular interest in the report is the expectation that the DHA could generate \$787 million in TRICARE savings over six years by consolidating call centers and streamlining coordination with Other Health Insurance (OHI) programs.



The overall intent – which MOAA has long advocated for – is to identify opportunities to realize systematic cost-savings through the adoption of common clinical and business processes, which will result in consolidation and standardization of the best practices – not more costly duplication of efforts. This will help save money without passing on the cost to beneficiaries.

DoD estimates the implementation of this new agency will have generated savings in the range of \$1.46B - \$2.9B over six years. This only takes into account projections for 4 of the 10 shared services plans – future cost savings could be even greater. The final report is due this September.

This transformation and subsequent savings have been long over-due. MOAA believes that this effort, combined with last year's TRICARE and Pharmacy fee increases demonstrate that health care costs are not in fact “eating the [defense] department alive.”

BEWARE – Non Service Connected VA/TFL

Healthcare Users

Aug 16 2013

Published by CDR Katherine O'Neill Tracy, USNR (Ret), under MOAA, Health Care Benefits, Health Care News, Health Care Resources, TRICARE, VA

Effective October 1, 2013 Tricare will only reimburse VA 20% of the allowable charge vice the past practice of paying 80% for non-service connected care received in the VA for Tricare for Life (TFL) beneficiaries rated at less than 50% disabled. While this is not a new law, it has not been enforced.

The rationale that supports this change follows:

- Although VA Facilities are Tricare-authorized, they are not Medicare-certified.
- Medicare, by statute, cannot reimburse for care provided by a Government facility.
- Simply put, the VA can't bill Medicare and Medicare can't reimburse the VA for care.
- Since the VA can't be Medicare-certified, it presents as an opt-out Medicare provider.
- Therefore, Tricare reimburses the VA what it would have paid if Medicare had been primary – which is 20% leaving you with a bill for the remaining 80%.

The solution:

- For less than 50% VA rated, use your TFL benefit in the community for non-service connected TFL care to prevent being billed for 80% of the allowable charge.



Terry Carr presenting Guest Speaker Dr Brown with chapter gift



Guest Speaker Dr Warren Brown



1st VP Dick Koch, Guest Speaker Dr Warren Brown, Chaplain George Brown and Pres Terry Carr during invocation



Melissa Trout niece of Ann Dollahon



Chaplain George Brown and wife Dorothy



Joan and Cal Imboden



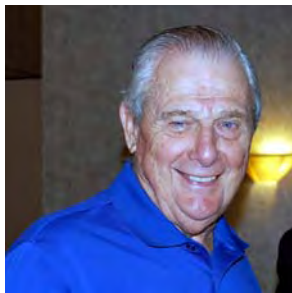
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Rose Munchbach and Anita Harrow



Jim Garvey receiving door prize from Lynn Bolin



Treasurer Pete Dawson



Bobbie Walters



Paul and Betty Finley



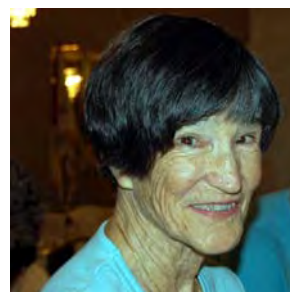
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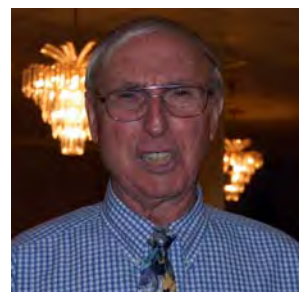
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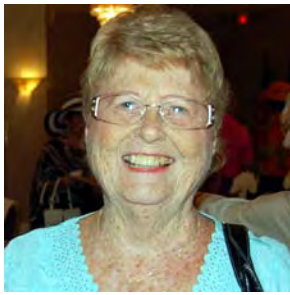
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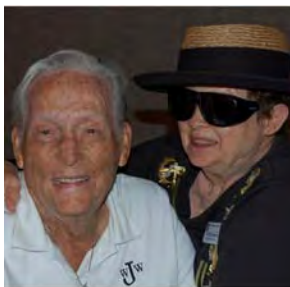
Bill Lewis and Pauline Edwards



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Earl and Margaret Peck and Margaret and Bill Lewis



Will and Bon Johnson



1st VP Dick Koch wife Dale and son Steve



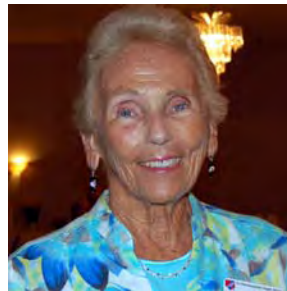
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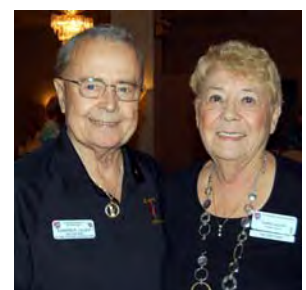
Fran Shivers



H. B. Love



Hattie Hunt



Ed and Chris Lillich

Photos by Bill Lofgren



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months, we would be on the receiving end of more than 1,600 hours of formal instruction, what they called a master's degree in death and destruction. The result was a perpetual sleep debt as we struggled to keep up with the fire hose of information.

When we weren't out in the woods, we drank black coffee to stay awake during class. Nobody talked about recipes or ratios — on breaks, you threw a dollar into the metal tin, you filled up a plastic foam cup and you got back in the classroom. All you cared about was the caffeine keeping you stimulated for the next hour. At night, as we reviewed tactics and influential battles, it was the same story. Burned, bitter, black coffee by the liter, a constant companion. Make a pot, share it with the rest of your team, and settle in for a few hours of studying.

In the Field

Each Meal Ready to Eat came with an entree, a snack for when you were on the go, a dessert to help with morale, and an assortment of small items to provide variety. Sometimes you would get a packet of hot chocolate, other times instant coffee or apple cider, and other times tea. Since Marines have different preferences, an intricate barter system evolved, and it was especially useful when assembling the components to make coffee.

“Hey man, I'll trade you my Skittles for that packet of Irish cream cappuccino.”

“No way, Irish cream cappuccino is gold. You're gonna have to sweeten the deal.”

“All right, fine. You can have my chocolate chip cookies, too.”

You never knew exactly what you were going to collect, or if there would even be time to heat the whole mess up. But whatever the result, you shared your concoction with your buddies. It was bad form to keep it all to yourself.

As platoon commanders, we would often share with our platoon sergeants and squad leaders while we gathered around a map and discussed our plans for the day. Whether in the forests of North Carolina, the mountains of California, or the deserts of Afghanistan, the ritual provided a sense of continuity.

In Country

At the end of deployment, we found ourselves on a desert outpost far removed from the violence and the realities of war. We were each drinking some sort of syrupy, iced coffee creation. The coffee wasn't great, certainly nothing to write home about, and yet it felt opulent.

Sitting there, still armed to the teeth but sipping our drinks, we thought back to the last time we had shared coffee. The patrol bases we commanded had been a few miles apart, and every so often we'd get a chance to meet up. As we watched our coffee percolate, we talked about how our Afghan Army and police partners were progressing.

It probably sounds frivolous, two infantry officers sharing coffee and stories in the middle of a war. No disagreements

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Financial Report Summary for the Month of July

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ (668.64)
..... Donations	\$ 100.00
..... Ads	\$ 0.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (351.85)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ (920.49)

HOT Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,272.33
..... Donations	\$ 81.00
..... 50/50	\$ 45.00
..... Memorials	\$ 30.00
..... Expenses	\$ (566.25)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 932.08

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 2,184.00
..... Donations	\$ 100.00
..... Expended	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 2,284.00

Operating Account

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 10,483.47
..... Luncheon Income	\$ 760.00
..... Dues	\$ 35.00
..... Misc Income	\$ 150.00
..... Interest Earned	\$ 1.06
..... Luncheon Expense	\$ (660.00)
..... VA/JROTC	\$ 0.00
..... Supplies	\$ (10.00)
..... Post Office	\$ 0.00
..... Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ (216.00)
..... Memorial to HOT	\$ 0.00
..... Printing/mailing	\$ 0.00
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 10,563.53

Wanted Old Convention Shirts of any condition

Don't throw away those old Convention Shirts; make them a part of Florida Convention History by donating them to the 2014 Convention Committee. The logos from all of the donated shirts will be made into a Convention Quilt that will be Raffle'd at the 2014 Convention; you will not have to be present to win.

June 6 to 8, 2014 St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel

Contact Sherry Freese, (727) 360-3102, donfreese@aol.com or mail to Sherry at

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Welcome Our New Members!

Sadly, none!

Sick List

Your cards, prayers, and thoughts are welcome.
(Contact Mrs. Virginia Balke, 544-3598)

- ◆ Lt Col John Milford, USAF (Ret)
- ◆ Col Mildred “Gene” Butler, USAF Ret)
- ◆ Mrs. Margaret Mattson, AuxMbr-CG
- ◆ COL Frederick Terry, USA (Ret)
- ◆ CAPT Don Freese, USN (Ret)

September Birthdays (68 to 104 years)

Day	LName	FName	Rank	SVC
21	Arcand	Richard	LCDR	USN (Ret)
07	Blaskovitz	Joseph	CWO4	USA (Ret)
29	Bolin	Lynn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
25	Briggs	David	COL	USA (Ret)
02	Burrell	Basil	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
22	Conneely	Anita	Mrs.	LifeAuxMbr-A
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
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◆ Lt Col Fred Varn, USAF (Ret), 28 July 2013

Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Coffee from Pg 8

from us. It absolutely was frivolous, and that was the point. In the downtime between missions, after everything important had been accomplished, everyone looked for a way to decompress.

Coming Home

When we got back from deployment, we came across a podcast that inspired us to learn more about coffee. We never expected it to become an obsession. Coffee was more than just a drink. It was a way to remember what it's all about, a way to connect with old friends, a way to make sense of where our paths in life had taken us.

We found ourselves in coffee shops, writing about the Marines and trying to sort through the complex emotions and thoughts we had about our experience. We'd spent the last four years in such a different world, and the last six years in such a different mindset, that as we transitioned out of the Marine Corps we realized we had to reconcile the two.

And then suddenly, in the middle of the process, it clicked. We loved coffee, we enjoyed writing, and writing a book about our favorite drink would tie so many of our other interests together. Photography, travel, meeting new people, community, and time with friends — it was all part of readjusting and a window into what we might do next.

Michael Haft and Harrison Suarez are the authors of Perfect Coffee at Home and former infantry officers in the United States Marine Corps.

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The Naval Sea Cadet Corp was founded in 1958 by the Navy League of the United States at the request of the Department of the Navy. In 1962, the USNSCC was chartered under Title 36 of the United States Code as a non-profit youth organization with an emphasis towards the sea-going services of the United States.[1] The law was amended in 1974 to allow female participation in the USNSCC.

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Social Hour 11:00 to 11:45
Program Begins at 11:45

Guest Speaker:
MAJ Ed Lillich, USA (Ret)

Subject:
POW/MIA Program

Past Chapter president MAJ Ed Lillich will present the POW/MIA program.

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.

He commands the Pinellas County Veterans Council Honor Guard which presides at memorial services for veterans and participates in flag presentations and ceremonies to honor our country's Colors.



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- 8: Grandparent's Day
- 10: U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Incorporated (1962)
- 11: Patriot Day
- 17: U. S. Constitution Approved (1787)
- 18: U. S. Air Force Established (1947)
- 20: POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 22: Autumn Begins
- 30: Gold Star Mothers Day

