

OFFICERS CALL

September 2017

President's Comments:

I am very appreciative for all those that turned out for our August Luncheon. A very happy gathering of our membership, great time for catching up with each other and great food. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who help make your Chapter luncheons so successful. First, Pauline Edwards



who so graciously serves the Chapter by serving as the focal point for arranging menus and collecting meals costs at the luncheon. Another thank you goes to Evey Hamilton who sells the raffle and 50/50 tickets for our luncheon drawings. Glen and Katie Crabb who so faithfully serve as greeters. Tom Shoupe who sets up our flags; Pete Gunderson who takes charge of the audio-visual equipment and arranges for our guest speakers; Bill Lofgren who takes the luncheon photos; Ed Lillich who arranges for the color guard and bugler; Pete Dawson who as Treasure pays the luncheon bills, Violet Smith who keeps contact with all ill members, and Larry Fernald our technical expert "on all things complicated" as well as Database Management & Editor/Publisher of our Officers Call. Many others contribute as well but these folks deserve credit for the success of your Chapter. Further, we had a terrific guest speaker, Lt Col Chris Lichter, USCENTCOM who serves as the Joint Reconnaissance Officer for the command. He provided us with a terrific presentation.

As our Chapter moves toward nominating an officer slate for 2018, I cannot over emphasize the importance in finding

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someone to replace our current Treasurer, Pete Dawson. So please, if you know anyone with bookkeeping experience that is interested in this office, please contact Pete Dawson or myself.

Our next Chapter Fundraiser will be "OKTOBERFEST" on Saturday November 4th, 2017 with Cocktails beginning at 5 PM & Dinner and drinks from 6:30 – 10:00 PM at the Harbourside Clubhouse, 7911 Sailboat Key Blvd., S. Pasadena, FL. Event features: German food and drinks, Beer, Wine, Potato Salad, Red Cabbage and Apple Strudel. We will also have a live auction and Oktoberfest music. Cost per ticket is a \$50 per person, a donation which is tax deductible. For Reservations and information please call Bill or Ginni Eichholz at 289-8054. Please remember...your donations help us to continue publishing our Five Star newsletter as well as other Chapter activities. Turn out for great fun, food and camaraderie!

The last honor flight for 2017 of WW II Veterans visiting their memorials in Washington, D.C. is 13 SEP with departure on

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Chaplain's Corner

By SPA MOAA Assistant
Chaplain, Chaplain (CDR)
Glen Crabb, USN (Ret)



A time to die ... to kill ... to tear down
...to weep ... to give up ... to throw
away... to hate... for war. Ecclesiastes
3:2-8

Far from giving us license to kill--or to hate, destroy, or any other such negative activity--these words of the wise King Solomon give us perspective on the fruits of evil. We live in a broken world, and we are broken people.

If everyone got along, living according to God's standard, there would be never be a need to kill or go to war. But that is not the case. There is evil in this world, and there are times to oppose it even violently.

The cycle of life includes both origins and expirations. celebration and sacrifice. Such is the stark reality of trying to build permanence in a transient world. it can't be done. Nature and God dictate against it.

That must be why Jesus taught us to pray: "Your kingdom come. your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Officers Call



Marvin J. Harris 5 Star Award-2016
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Luncheon Meetings The 3rd Friday — mixer 11:00 - 11:45 luncheon; program 11:45 - 13:15; Pasadena Yacht Club, 6300 Pasadena Pt Blvd So, Gulfport, FL 33707

CALENDAR

September 15th, Friday. Speaker: Carol Barkalow, LTC, USA (Ret)

October 20th, Friday. Speaker: Pinellas County Sheriff, Bob Gualtieri

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

Call: LTC Bill Eichholz, 289-9653

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 5th Tuesday (Note day change)

October 2nd Monday

November 6th Monday

MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES' CLUB

MOWC meetings are suspended for the summer months. Monthly meetings will resume in October.

Membership Info: Fran Chancey, 727-251-9653

Bridge: 3rd Thursday of each month, 10:30 AM. To RSVP, call Evelyn Hamilton, 727-399-1272

Chapter Statistics

Total Membership - 194
 Regular Members - 131
 Auxiliary Members - 63

Military Services:

Army - 63 USMC - 7
 USAF - 29 USCG - 7
 Navy - 25 NOAA - 0

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Executive Committee Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 7 August 2017 Reported by Ginni Eichholz, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Eichholz. The invocation was led by Glen Crabb. Bill Eichholz led The Pledge of Allegiance. Larry Fernald moved to approve Secretary's minutes as published. Second by Ed Lillich. Minutes accepted as published.

Ed Lillich read a letter from Boca Ciega High School JROTC asking for financial assistance to help the drill team attend competitions. Ed moved to donate \$250.00 to the drill team for travel expenses. Second by Ginni Eichholz. Larry Fernald asked that motion be tabled until after the Treasurers report was presented.

1st VP Pete Gunderson reported that USCENTCOM, MacDill AFB will provide a guest speaker for August. Carol Barkalow will give presentation on Heaven on Earth for Veterans in September 2017. Also, POW/MIA Recognition Day will be celebrated with a ceremony at our September luncheon. October guest speaker will feature Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri. Further, 2018 chapter membership renewal letters will be mailed mid-September. Renewals must be completed by the end of December 2017.

Treasurer Pete Dawson presented the Treasurers report. Larry Fernald moved to accept the report after moving a donation from Mercer advertising to the OC fund. Second by Bill Lofgren. Treasurers report was approved subject to audit. Larry Fernald asked the recent motion tabled be reopened. Ed Lillich made motion to approve \$250.00 to JROTC Drill Team to help with cost of travel expenses to competitions. Seconded by Bill Eichholz. Motion approved.

Larry Fernald and Bill Lofgren each volunteered to pay for lunch for two JROTC Cadets each and Bill Eichholz will pay for the fifth Drill team member for SEP luncheon. This will save the Chapter \$110.00.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be on Tuesday 5 September 2017 and the next luncheon will be 15 September at Pasadena Yacht and Country Club.

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Alligant Air from St. Pete-Clearwater airport and return at approximately 7-8 PM. Our own Rose Munchbach, LTC, USA (Ret) will be on this flight. Please turn out to welcome home Rose as well as these VET's upon their return. For further info contact Dick Koch at 727-480-7112 or email: didakoch@aol.com.



Luncheon Meeting St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA; 18 August 2017 Reported by Ginni Eichholz, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Eichholz.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Bill introduced our guest Terry Truedell. Ginni Eichholz shared information about our upcoming fund raiser, Oktoberfest, on 4 November. The event will be held at Harbourside Clubhouse in Sailboat Key. We will have German, food, drinks, music and door prizes. A \$50.00 donation per person is tax deductible.

If you are not getting your electronic Officers Call via MMC (Military Message Center) contact Bill Eichholz or Larry Fernald.

Door prize winner was Dick Koch and 50/50 winners were Ken Fine and Carol Sjolund.

Sherry Freese is selling raffle tickets for a quilt made by our own Pauline Mallory. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Dick Koch spoke about the final Honor Flight for 2017. Rose Munchbach, a chapter member will be on this flight, the last of the year. Rose is a retired US Army LTC (Nurse) who served in Vietnam. The flight is 13 September 2017. The Honor Flight return time is 8:00 PM at St. Pete-Clearwater airport.

After a break for lunch Lt Col, USAF, Chris Lichter USCENTCOM gave an informative presentation on the organization and missions of CENTCOM and its specific Areas of Responsibility. We hope to have Lt Col Lichter back as a speaker again. This was such an interesting topic to all of us.

Our next Chapter luncheon is 15 September at Pasadena Yacht and Country Club with LTC Carol Barkalow, USA (Ret) as our guest speaker.

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wins 15th consecutive
5-Star
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(16th in the last 17 years)**



Legislative Update

From MOAA and other sources

THE MILITARY'S MONEY MALAISE

August 18, 2017

Imagine if 90 percent of federal spending went to defense. Could the military satisfy all of its readiness and wartime needs with nearly 3 trillion more dollars than it currently gets in a fiscal year?

At one point in time, that level of defense spending was a reality. While the example of World War II is not an appropriate benchmark for defense spending today, it demonstrates a stark contrast in fiscal realities during wartime, then and now.

Defense spending is being choked by entitlement spending while we're in the midst of a 15-year-long conflict in the Middle East. Just 3.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) goes towards defense, a continuation of the unnerving trend of historically low defense spending by that measurement. Even at that relatively low amount, defense spending takes up about half of all discretionary spending.

Further, total discretionary spending equates to only half of total mandatory spending. Mandatory spending, meaning entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid, continues to take funds away from discretionary spending accounts. Little has been done to reverse the trajectory, as shown in the table below.



“Do more with less” is a familiar phrase for many, but it's a fallacy. Paying for the world's finest fighting force is an expensive endeavor. Don't expect more from the men and women in uniform if you can't compensate and equip them properly.

There is a lot of talk about increasing the defense budget lately, and indeed, this year's defense bill is poised to do just that. But it is only incremental, and the long-term trends are still troubling.

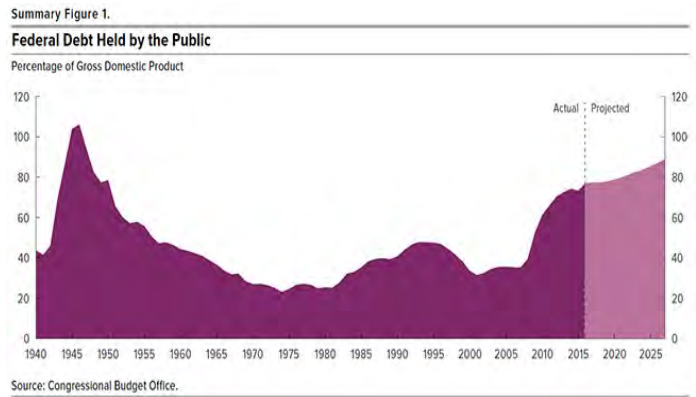
Mandatory spending consumes a larger piece of the budget pie every year, and it's leaving less and less room for defense

spending. It's increasingly clear national security is at risk if entitlement spending isn't reined in.

DoD already feels the pain from recent sequestration spending cuts, which Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said “[did] more to harm the combat readiness of our military” than any enemy in the field. The defense budget is shrinking as a portion of federal spending, having fallen in every decade since the 1940s.

Reaching financial stability is going to be painful. Something has to give, but how much more can we really ask of the military? It's likely Congress will have to make uncomfortable decisions on cutting spending or increasing taxes, or some combination of both.

It's time to find a long-term budget plan that starts chipping away at the national debt. The Congressional Budget Office estimates federal debt held by the public will near 90 percent of GDP in about a decade.



The future of America's financial stability and therefore global security footing is at stake.

Senate Armed Services Committee Chair John McCain (R-Ariz.) acknowledged, “With the present operational tempo and drastic reductions to defense spending, we will continue the downward spiral of military capacity and readiness that will compromise each service's ability to execute our Defense Strategic Guidance at a time of accumulating danger to our national security.”

But rhetoric is not enough. Action is needed, and national leadership must accept the uncomfortable prognosis if the financial situation isn't brought under control. With emboldened enemies and new frontiers for conflict, we cannot afford to skimp on national security needs. If mandatory spending isn't addressed, however, there won't be a choice.

MOAA is determined to prevent the terrible past mistakes, such as cutting critical career-service incentives, from reappearing for the sake of balancing the budget. Those short-term gains inevitably result in unacceptable costs in the form of retention and readiness problems.



Oktoberfest

Saturday November 4, 2017

Cocktails 5:00 pm Dinner 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Harbourside Clubhouse

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German Food and Drinks

Beer, Wine, Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Apple
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Donation \$50 per ticket

To make a reservation for Oktoberfest, please
contact Ginni Eichholz at 727-289-8054





Lt Col Lichter with the traditional Chapter gift presented by Pete Gunderson



Joanne Taylor, JoAnn Burch, and Kris Ashley



Guest speaker, Lt Col Christian Lichter, USAF



Pauline Edwards and Evey Hamilton



Fran Shivers

Right: Evey Hamilton presenting 50/50 winnings to Carol Sjolund



Pat and John Struchen



Guest Terry Trudell and Sherry Freese





Top, left to right: Katie Crabb, Laurie Lanier, and Jackie D'Louhy



Ellen Marie and Ken Fine



Right: 50/50 winner Ken Fine and Evey Hamilton



Barb and Larry Fernald



Left: Door prize winner Dick Koch and Pauline Edwards



Ed and Chris Lillich



Dave and Carol Sjolund



Tom Shoupe



Pete Gunderson

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Dunford backs service chiefs' statements on racism

By: The Associated Press

Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Joseph Dunford speaks at a news conference at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea, Monday, Aug. 14, 2017. (Andrew Harnik/AP)

WASHINGTON - Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Joseph Dunford has strongly endorsed the statements by the leaders of the four major U.S. military services, who spoke out against racism and extremism after last weekend's violence in Charlottesville, Virginia.

During a visit Thursday to Beijing, Dunford said: "I have seen the chiefs' tweets and I can absolutely and unambiguously tell you that there is no place for racism and bigotry in the U.S. military or in the United States as a whole."

[\[All four service chiefs denounce racism in wake of Charlottesville rally\]](#)

He said the "chiefs' statements were important. They were speaking directly to the force and the American people."

Dunford said the intent was "to the force, to make it clear that that kind of racism and bigotry is not going to stand inside the force. And to the American people, to remind

them of the values for which we stand in the U.S. military, which are reflective of what I believe to be the values of the United States."



Financial Report Summary for the Month of July 2017

Operating Income

..... Luncheon Income	\$ 760.00
..... Dues	\$ 0.00
..... 50/50	\$ 23.00
..... Miscellaneous Income	\$
..... Interest Earned	\$ 0.64
Total Income	\$ 783.64

Operating Expenses

..... Luncheon Expense	\$ 720.14
..... Supplies	\$
..... Honoraria/Donations	\$
..... Post Office	\$
..... Printing	\$
..... Other Organizations	\$
..... Memorials SF	\$
..... VA/JROTC	\$
..... Misc Expenses	\$
Total Expenses	\$ 720.14
..... Operations Cash Flow	\$ 63.50

Operating Fund Summary

..... Starting balance	\$ 1,808.92
..... Cash Flow	\$ 63.50
..... Ending Balance	\$ 1,872.42

Scholarship Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month	\$ 1,190.00
..... Donations and 50/50	\$
..... Memorials	\$
..... Expended	\$
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,190.00

HOT/HOEV Fund

..... Balance, Beginning of Month (Rev'd) ..	\$ 5,157.82
..... Donations	\$
..... Expenses	\$
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 5,157.52

Officers Call Booster

..... Balance, Beginning of Month (Rev) ...	\$ 1,303.56
..... Donations	\$ 20.00
..... Ad Income	\$ 100.00
..... Postage & Printing Expenses	\$ (308.44)
..... Balance, End of Month	\$ 1,115.12

Chapter dues renewal begins in mid September. Please renew early to help us achieve a monetary incentive from MOAA



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\$1,780 as of 8/22/2017

September Birthdays (52 to 100 years)

Day	L Name	F Name	Rank	SVC
10	Agburag	Cheryl	Maj	USAF
21	Arcand	Richard	LCDR	USNR (Ret)
29	Bolin	Lynn	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
02	Burrell	Basil	CWO4	USCG (Ret)
20	Connors	Maureen	CDR	USN (Ret)
21	Cuba	Thomas	LT	USNR
21	DeArment	Harold	COL	USA (Ret)
18	Edwards	Pauline	Mrs.	AuxMbr-MC
04	Finley	Betty	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
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
14	Schoeppner	John	Maj Gen	USAF (Ret)
01	Schoeppner	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-Spouse
22	Sjolund	David	Maj	USAF (Ret)
18	Sumpter	Martha	Mrs.	AuxMbr-A

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Sims, Bob Maj

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Fratangelo, Paul MajGen
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Havana Nights
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Smith, Violet Mrs.

••SILVER –

Christie, Bob LtCol

••BRONZE –

Lanier, Laurie Maj
Gunderson, Kathy Mrs

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Top 3 things troops hate about the military

It's not always night jumps and weapons training; there are a few things service members could do without

by Rachel Engel

By Military1 Staff

Serving in the U.S. military can be exhilarating as service members train and prepare for excursions across the globe. However, you can't run a tactical obstacle course every day; the administrative side of the military does eventually rear its head.

In a recent post on Quora, service members weighed on the things they least liked about serving in the military. Out of dozens of answers, the same three kept popping up.

What would you add to this list? Add your thoughts in the comments and join the discussion.

1. 'Hurry up and wait'

It's the unofficial slogan for the military that never ceases to bring frustration to service members and their families. Do as much as you can, as fast as you can, and then wait. And wait. And wait. Oh, you have some place to be? Things to do? Too bad. Sit here and wait.

Joshua Smith, a former paratrooper in the Army explained how the wasted time keeps adding up.

"Everything has a timeline that needs to be met; unfortunately, [people] will procrastinate so the leadership needs to plan for that," he said in a comment on Quora. "A brief is at 1300,' the first sergeant says, the platoon sergeants say 1250, squad leaders say 1240, team leaders will say 1230, and everyone adds 15 minutes because 'always show up 15 minutes early' has been brainwashed into you. So everyone will wait 45 minutes, and then someone will still be late! So next time, they will exaggerate and add more to the waiting."

2. Paperwork

If you spend any amount of time in the military, you know the amount of paperwork involved in anything can be overwhelming. You have duplicates and triplicates of everything, and prepping for a deployment is even worse; you need copies of everything that all need to be individually signed by eight people before you can even start on your checklist.

It's almost a relief to get into theater and away from the paperwork for a bit. Almost.

"Every time you received a promotion, there was more paperwork and meetings," veteran Takeo Eda said in a comment. "I finally got to E-6, and refused to go any higher

so I could skip the paperwork and staff meetings. Every meeting means getting you're a** kicked over stuff you had limited control over, and had little impact on the mission anyway. Most of the time people pushing the paperwork as 'important' only got ahead because they were good 'on paper' but couldn't lead their people out of a Wal-Mart."

3. Micromanagement

The military has incredible leaders, and they also have ones that could use some leadership skills training. For every leader that raises the confidence levels of his troops, there's another leader dragging them down through micromanagement tactics.

For veteran Irving Ceron, this flaw in the leadership bothered him the most while serving in the Marine Corps.

"Leadership thought that by ... becoming more intrusive into [Marines'] lives and managing every aspect of their lives would lead to better behavior," Ceron said in a comment. "If you need to micromanage your troops, you destroy morale, discourage smart people from staying in and you don't really solve your problem."

About the author: *Rachel Engel Rachel is a freelance writer, blogger and content creator, specializing in military and military family issues, pregnancy and parenting, and relationships. Her work has been featured on and in The Huffington Post, DFWChild.com, Military Spouse magazine, Parenting magazine, Mom365.com, and many other websites and print publications. She has also contributed to local magazines in the area around the military installation where she lives with her active duty military husband and children.*





TAPS

Thankfully, no one.



Welcome Our New Members!

- ◆ LCDR Eric Anderson, USN (Ret)

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Happy Birthday U.S Air Force 18 September 2017



US Military Holidays and Observances

- 11th: Patriot Day (9/11 Remembrance Day)
- 15th: National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 17th: Constitution Day
- 18th: USAF 70th Birthday
- 24th: Gold Star Mother's Day



Carol Barkalow, was one of the first women accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Of the 119 women accepted in 1976 Barkalow was one of 62 who graduated in 1980.

Since retiring she has devoted her time to helping homeless veterans through her charity "Heaven on Earth for Veterans, Inc." which provides a soft place for veterans to land by providing quality living spaces.

Also famous for her riveting book "in the Men's House" published In 1990, detailing her four years as a member of the first class of women to graduate from West Point. The book also highlights her first eight years of active duty service.

Carol graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in May 1980 as a second lieutenant in the Air Defense Artillery. After three years she switched to the Transportation Corps. She has held a variety of command and staff positions including Staff Officer, Company Commander, Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff of the Army; Battalion Executive Officer, Plans and Operations Officer, and Battalion Commander. She also served as a Division Transportation Officer with the 24th Infantry Division during Operation Desert Storm. Lieutenant Colonel Barkalow retired on Sept. 1, 2002 after more than 22 years of service.

Her personal life goal is to give back to the community by making a .make a real difference to improve the lives of veterans. Accordingly, in 2013, Carol co-founded a non-profit organization, Heaven on Earth for Veterans, Inc., that focuses on providing safe, affordable, furnished living quarters to military veterans in need of housing.

Currently, their eight houses in St. Petersburg can accommodate 28 veterans who are either homeless or in need of assistance. Each veteran has his/her own bedroom and they share the common areas of the house. The veterans' common background of service facilitates mutual support and companionship in a safe environment. To date, more than 100 veterans have benefited from living in these homes.

LUNCHEON MEETING

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM, September 15th

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6300 Pasadena Pt Blvd So.

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Your name: _____

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