

Operations Worksheet 22 – Military Officers Wives Club Liaison
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The Military Officers Wives Club (MOWC) is a social adjunct to the St. Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA but has no official affiliation with either the MOAA or the St. Petersburg Area Chapter MOAA. Dues are \$15.00 annually.

The board of the MOWC consists of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Nominations are presented to the membership at the February luncheon. Voting is the April luncheon and Installation is the May luncheon

The Board meets September through May and the club itself from October through May, with a hiatus for the summer months. The terms of office are for one year with the exception of the Treasurer, which shall be for two years and officers may be reelected to their current posts. Unlike the St. Petersburg Area Chapter rotation of officers, the First Vice President does not automatically become President.

Eligibility requirements for membership: any wife or widow of a reserve, former, retired or active duty United States military commissioned officer; or any female former reserve retired or active duty commissioned officer shall be eligible for membership. Currently there is no requirement for members to belong to MOAA, either Nationally or the St. Petersburg Area Chapter. MOAA members of the MOWC actively encourage fellow members to become members of MOAA. The chief committees of the MOWC are Membership, Welcoming, MacDill Liaison, and Program. A Chaplain is appointed by the President.

The MOWC has two prime philanthropic endeavors: Operation Warm Heart, which supports NCO families; and Paws for Patriots, the guide dogs in Palmetto, Florida.

The St. Petersburg Chapter MOAA Policy Book addresses the MOWC as follows:

“24. PRESIDENT MILITARY OFFICERS WIVES CLUB

The President of the St. Petersburg Military Officers Wives Club (MOWC) will be offered an ex-officio seat on the Chapter's Executive Committee. She may appoint a representative to attend Executive Committee meetings, if she so desires. She and her escort will be recognized at the annual Installation of Officers Banquet as guests of the Chapter.”

The MOWC Liaison is a member of the Executive Committee and attends meetings of that committee, which normally take place on the first Monday of each month. The MOWC Liaison provides information to the Executive Committee and the Newsletter Editor regarding dates, times, luncheons, and other types of MOWC activities.