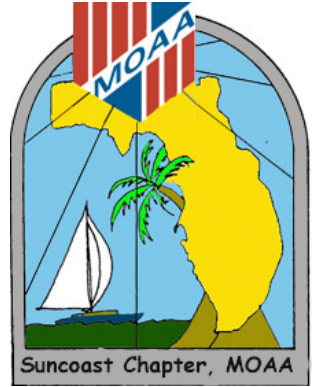




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**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE PAYABLE**

**Past Due!**

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

**Clip along the lines below and mail or bring to the next meeting.**

**Mail to:**

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**I am attaching cash ( ) in the amount of \$20.00 or a check ( ) in the amount of \$20.00 payable to the Suncoast Chapter, MOAA, for my dues for the coming year.**

**Wives Club Membership will be \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_**

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**MOAA # \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature \_\_\_\_\_**

**WIVES CLUB MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: The dues amount of \$15 as stated in the Nov-Dec issue of this newsletter was in error. The correct amount for this chapter's Wives Club dues is still \$10. Payments of \$15 already received will have \$5 donated to the scholarship fund. If any individual finds that unacceptable, please call the chapter treasurer.**

**Level of Excellence Award**

MOAA recently presented the chapter the Four Star Level of Excellence Award. This award was for the chapter's above average activities. At the right you will see chapter president Bob Wiggins placing the four star streamer on our chapter flag which is being held by chapter VP Ralph Anderson. This is the second year in a row for this award.



- | <b>REMINDER DATES</b>        |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| 1 Jan - New Year's Day       |  |
| 3 Jan - Board Meeting        |  |
| 6 Jan - Epiphany             |  |
| 16 Jan - M. L. King, Jr Day  |  |
| 18 Jan - Wives Club Meeting  |  |
| 22 Jan - Ecumenical Sunday   |  |
| 24 Jan - Dinner Meeting      |  |
| 1 Feb - National Freedom Day |  |
| 2 Feb - Groundhog Day        |  |
| 7 Feb - Board Meeting        |  |

**If you have a story or an achievement to tell, send it in! Wives, too!**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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15 NOVEMBER AND 6 DECEMBER 2011**

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**The Board of Directors meets 2 pm the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Pasco County Library, Regency Park Branch, 9701 Little Road. All members are welcome to attend and make any presentation. The General Meeting is held the 4th Tuesday of each month, except May through August & Dec. All members should attend. A social hour is held and dinner is served at the Spartan Manor Restaurant.**

**15 November**

President Bob Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. The board members present were Harley Grace, Janice Shortt, Dorothy Cunningham, Bob Frankel, John Alderman, George Niebler, Gerald Miller and Angela Lombardo.

Get well cards were sent to Dorothy Cunningham, Frank Cody, Carol Luter, Harley and Phyllis Grace.

President Bob Wiggins talked about his trip to the MOAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, at the end of October. He showed us the 4-Star Level of Excellence Award Ribbon that our chapter received. He also had pins for women warriors. Angela Lombardo gave one to a friend, who resigned as an Army Colonel. Bob Wiggins believes that the lack of an effective recruiting program is the only thing that kept us from getting a 5-Star Level Of Excellence Award.

He pointed out the article on pg 43 of the November issue in the "Military Officer" magazine entitled "Creating an Endowment." It tells of the work that Bob Frankel, as Chairman of the Chapter's Scholarship Committee, did in establishing the endowment with Pasco Hernando Community College. It is set up so that only the interest on the endowment is used and the annual scholarship is awarded only to a Veteran or a deserving member of a Veteran's family. It really makes us proud to be members of this chapter.

Bob Frankel is planning on another trip to the Show Palace Dinner Theater next Fall and is get ready for a trip to the races at Tampa Bay Downs during the Spring. Details will follow.

Gerald Miller, our Treasurer, asked about modifying the Chapter's by laws, and Bob Wiggins stated that action would be initiated next year. If approved, it will put all the elected officers, i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer in two year term of office starting at the same time.

Does anyone know where Juanita and Bob Stucker are? If so, please let me know.

Bob Wiggins reminded us that the deadline for submissions for the Col Marvin J Harris Communications Awards contest is February 1, 2012. See pg 3 of the November Affiliate for instructions.

George Niebler brought up the subject again of having a luncheon meeting instead of a dinner meeting. Bob Wiggins said that this would most likely come up when we discuss changes that may be required by the Spartan Manor starting February 2012.

He has been told by the Manager that starting February we will be the only customers on the fourth Tuesday night and that opening just for us will necessitate some changes. He will be discussing this and will bring it to the next Board Meeting.

As an addition to the minutes we have been informed that Bob Wiggins and Bob Frankel will be serving on Congressman Gus Bilirakis's West Point Screening Committee on Friday, November 19th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Chapter Secretary, Angela Lombardo

**6 December**

President Bob Wiggins called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Members attending were Ralph Anderson, George Neibler, Jerry Miller, Janice Shortt, Dorothy Cunningham, Harley Grace, John Alderman, Bob Frankel, and Director Elect, Bob Ayers.

Bob Wiggins reminded us that the Administration and DOD seems to be working against us and our earned benefits. He urged us to go to the MOAA web page and send the MOAA suggested messages.

Jerry Miller presented his Treasure's report which was approved by Bob Frankel and seconded by Dottie Cunningham. He stated that the President's trip to the MOAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX, was in the budget and that he would be reimbursed for part of his expenses. The dues for Auxiliary members was misquoted in the newsletter. It is only \$10.00, not \$15.00. He will contact the Auxiliary members that have overpaid.

A get well card was sent to Roy Tate's wife, Margaret. Hopefully she is home now and is improving.

Ralph Anderson stated that Major Skip Hartnett, USMC, the Area Vice President, will be at our December meeting to do the installation and that Capt Don Freese, USN, President of the Florida Council of Chapters, will be our guest and speaker for the January meeting. He also urged us to go to our computers and look up the MOAA Legislative Updated and to respond by sending the MOAA suggested messages. It is volume that counts and every message is important. He also reminded us that the National Guard and Reserves are eligible to get one year free MOAA membership and that they would also get a one year free chapter membership. He also informed us that life membership conversions count.

Bob Wiggins thanked Harley Grace who is retiring from the Board after many years and that we will miss him very much. We appreciate all the work he has done for the chapter. Harley said that he will pass all the reservation and menu duties to his successor, LCol Bob Ayers.

Bob Frankel announced that he is planning a trip to the Show Palace in the fall for us to see "The Sound of Music". The cost will be \$45.00 per person. He has reserved 32 seats. Our next outing will be to the races at Tampa Bay Downs on March 24<sup>th</sup>. He is also planning a "Miss Daisy" boat trip for the future.

Bob Wiggins announced that the Spartan Manor has informed him that they will be making some changes that will impact our chapter. Starting with February we will be their only evening customer. They

## TELL US YOUR STORY

**Jack N. Campbell**  
**Captain USMC (Ret)**



If you have a story or an achievement to tell, send it to [suncoastadvior@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:suncoastadvior@tampabay.rr.com)  
 Wives are also encouraged to tell their stories.

This account was written by Barb Bailey with input from Jack Campbell himself.

### VETERAN'S DAY SPECIAL STORY by Barb Bailey

In honor of Veteran's Day, November 11, 2011, I would like to share the story of a true hero who is here in our midst. His first words of our interview were, "I didn't do anything special." Jack Campbell not only witnessed history, he was part of it. Please enjoy his amazing life journey.

Jack was born in 1917 on a farm near St. Lawrence, SD. He lived on the farm until his father purchased a small hotel in St. Lawrence. Later his father moved the family to Sarasota, where he ran a successful nightclub and bootleg operation. While on the way back from a driving vacation to Montana in the fall of 1929, his mother became ill and they stopped in the town of Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin. The market crash, problems with the nightclub business, and the fact that her treatment was at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, they settled down in nearby Prairie Du Chien. He attended and graduated from high school during the depression (1935) and had no money for college. He spent one year at Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) camp before he and a buddy decided to go to Chicago and enlist in the Marine Corps.

Sent to the Marine Barracks at San Diego for boot camp, Pvt. Campbell was assigned to a ship detachment on the U.S.S. Chicago manning 50 caliber machine guns. After two years of peacetime duty, he was sent to Marine Barracks, Hawthorne, Nevada, to the Naval Ammunition Facility to finish out his four year commitment. As a Pvt, he earned \$21.00 per month. After three years, he was promoted to Pvt. 1st Class and earned \$30.00 per month. These were still depression years but Jack was able to serve as Base Dry Cleaner and Tailor, earning him substantially more. In 1940, he was discharged into the Active Reserves and returned to Wisconsin to settle back into civilian life. Working for the telephone company, fishing, and living with his parents, he spent slightly more than a year before December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 changed everything.

Ten days after Pearl Harbor, Jack reported to the Great Lakes Naval Station, only to be stationed 30 days later at Camp Lejeune, N.C. to the 1st Marine Division, 1st Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, A Company, 1st Platoon, 1st Squad. Things were moving quickly and so was Jack. On to Camp Pendleton, Calif. for field training and landing exercises on the beaches of Southern California. In the summer of 1942, he boarded a ship for parts unknown. At sea, they were told they were going to a Japanese held island.

Guadalcanal was occupied by the Japanese and was important in the defense of Australia and New Zealand. On August 7, 1942, the Marine 1st Division landed unopposed on Guadalcanal. This began five long months of sleeping on the ground, suffering in the heat, and dealing with insects and lizards. They secured the airstrip and drove the Japanese soldiers into the jungle. When the Americans began landing airplanes on the airstrip, the Japanese began an all out assault on the island from the land, sea, and air. Many U.S. ships were sunk, including the U.S.S. Chicago, or forced to withdraw, eliminating any chance of getting provisions that were badly needed. After one month, the last issue ammunition was all they had. Losses on the island were massive, not just from enemy fire, but from dysentery, malaria, and trench foot. Corporal Campbell, himself suffering from malaria, took over as squad leader and made sure that his men took their quinine pills, changed their socks, and washed their hands as often as possible. Hunger was also an enemy, as they had two meals a day made up of a small amount of rice and corned beef. Everyone lost weight and Jack still remembers how hungry he was. One man in his squad was shot but there were no replacements, so now he led a squad of four, defending the middle of the island. There was no water for bathing, the best you could hope for was a salt water bath on the beach. One day, while catching a nap in his fox hole, Jack woke up to a four foot lizard looking at him. This was their life from August until December 1942, when they were relieved by other troops. Jack looks back at Guadalcanal as being the worst of his wartime experiences. After leaving Guadalcanal, it was off to Brisbane, Australia, for two weeks, clean clothes and good food. Before leaving Australia, the Marines finally got their back pay ... in Aussie dollars. He was able to buy a beer in San Diego only because the bar owner wanted to see an Aussie dollar bill. Thankfully the Red Cross intervened with a bank, and they were able to change their Aussie bills for good old American dollars.

Once back in the U.S., because he had one of the highest IQ and aptitude scores, Jack was sent to the Army Chemical Warfare School at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. There he learned about poison gas detection, dynamite, C2, and weather as it related to poison gases. Now with the 4th Marine Division, it was back to Camp Lejeune for a couple of months as a Sgt. in charge of a 12 man squad. Here he taught classes on demolition and instructed men on using flame throwers. Back to the West Coast, as a Platoon Sgt., where he once again boarded a ship for parts unknown.

First stop was Roinamur in the Marshall Islands for a landing exercise with very little resistance and very few casualties. Next they landed on the far side of the same island at Kwajalein. It turned out to be a good exercise and "gave the men a taste of what it was like to be shot at." There was more training before leaving for Saipan and Tinian. Two hours after landing on Saipan, Jack had his carbine shot right out of his hands. He grabbed a rifle out of the hands of a fallen comrade and went on to catch up with his platoon. The fighting continued for almost a month, but on the 4th or 5th day, Jack was hit in the leg with shrapnel. He could no longer walk or even stand and had to be evacuated to a military hospital in Honolulu. He remained in the hospital while his unit continued on to Tinian.

**Cont'd on page 4 "Jack"**

## “Jack” cont’d from page 3

Upon leaving the hospital, Gunnery Sgt. Campbell went to Maui to train on small unit tactics. He was then transferred to Pearl Harbor to load LSTs (Landing Ship Tanks). These were used as transports for troops and provisions. While loading one LST at Pearl Harbor, a nearby LST blew up and caused a delay in departure. However, they departed in time to be in the first wave of Marines to land on Iwo Jima. Jack's duties on Iwo Jima were pretty much whatever the Captain needed him to do. There were very heavy casualties and advancing inland took days. On the third night, the Capt. and the Exec. were physically exhausted from having had no sleep. Jack offered to set up a perimeter defense so that they could get some rest. It was a quiet night and the next morning, after sea rations, the Capt. told him to take charge of the company. He continued to advance the unit while deploying scouts on either side to join with other units. It was very difficult to make progress due in part to the volcanic soil that was rocky and had a terrible sulfuric odor. Having been on Iwo Jima from start to finish, Jack considers himself to be very fortunate that he was one of only a few who didn't get a scratch.

Back in Maui, with Guadalcanal, Saipan and Iwo Jima behind him, 2nd Lieutenant Campbell (field commission) stayed with his same outfit but moved to officer country. He hand picked the best of his men to become flame throwers, to handle satchel charges and bazookas, to eliminate bunkers and pillboxes, all in preparation for invading Japan. Fortunately, what would have very likely have cost half a million lives or more in combat, was finished, from the air, with bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

After the peace treaty was signed, it was back to Great Lakes, where he stayed until May, 1946. Due to troop reduction, he was offered a discharge or a lower rank of Master Sergeant. With the time already invested, he chose to take the lower rank and a future as a career Marine. Given a 90 day leave, he put it to good use by marrying Janet, who would be his wife for 51 years. He reported back to Great Lakes, doing day duty and reaching the level of expert on the rifle range. Again, on the way up, he was promoted to Warrant Officer.

One week later and once again with the 1st Division, he was sent to China, leaving his new wife behind. Based in Tientsin, they assisted Chiang Kai-shek's government in postwar China. Three months after arriving in China, Jack was allowed to bring his wife to live with him in a boarding house run by an English lady in Tsingtao. Communists were overtaking China and Chiang Kai-shek's government was collapsing. The 15th Division left China in late 1948.

Now stationed in Treasure Island near San Francisco, they lived in Berkeley, Calif. As a Warrant Officer, he had lots of free time after completing his Officer of the Day duties. He shot pool, fished, and went camping in Yosemite Park. They enjoyed their life there and added their first son to the family. In 1950 it was on to Camp Pendleton as an ordinance officer for a tank battalion. One of his challenges in this assignment was the group of 10 soldiers from Puerto Rico, who spoke no English. The challenge was to get them to aim their guns at the target instead of at the instructors.

After another promotion to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Jack was now a supply officer serving under Maj. Gen. "Bigfoot" Brown. ("A rough character if there ever was one."). He went to combat cargo officer school to learn how to load a ship for combat. He needed to make efficient use of every inch of the cargo hold, so it required him to know the exact size and weight of each item being loaded. To sea again, this time on the combat cargo ship, the U.S.S Matthews- destination Kojedo, South Korea, to haul prisoners of war from Kojedo to Inchon. This is where Jack's career almost took a nose dive. While visiting some friends of his wife's near Pearl Harbor, he had an encounter with some 150 proof rum. The ship was casting off when he arrived back at the dock, hung over, and he had to climb up the rope ladder to get on board. Had he missed his ship, we might have had a different ending for this story. After arriving in Korea, he supervised American soldiers who built holds to haul the North Korean prisoners. With tides of 20-30 feet, the cargo, both human and non-human, stayed exactly where it should. It's a good thing since the Captain promised to put Jack's butt in jail, if it didn't! He wouldn't have done it though, since the Captain was a bridge player and Jack was a fourth. Another time, while in Japan, things didn't fit as they were supposed to after the Army Lieutenant in charge of the paperwork gave dimensions for ambulances to be loaded on board. When the new model ambulances arrived, they were a few inches bigger than the previous models preventing them from fitting into the proper cargo hold. A little rearranging and the ship sailed with cargo tight as a drum.

As a new Captain, Jack became commanding officer of the 1st Regiment Headquarters Company at Camp Lejeune for 2 years. During that time, exercises were held at Vieques, just off the coast of Puerto Rico. After that he was assigned to a military advisement group in Taiwan. The family, Jack, Janet and three sons, lived in the mayor's home in Kaohsiung, Taiwan on a large lot with a barbed wire fence. They had 3 housemaids, a cook, and one maid just to take care of their youngest son, age 1. Jack's position required him to inspect Chinese regiments and report on problems. Janet was very disappointed when, after two years, it was back to Camp Lejeune and no more household help.

Jack's last stop in the Marine Corps. had him as Ordinance Officer reporting directly to a General. After one and a half years, with the Korean conflict ending, Jack was again offered retirement. This time he took it. So in 1960, Jack retired, ending a remarkable 24 year military career. During his years of service, he was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Saipan, a Bronze Star for his service on Iwo Jima, and three Presidential Unit Citations. These were unfortunately lost during a home invasion years later.

Jack and family moved back to Brookfield, WI and tried various jobs before being selected to run a company that operated special busses for handicapped school children. He set up an abandoned truck stop as a bus garage, ran the office, the dispatchers, and bid contracts for the next 19 years. At age 63, he finally retired and moved to Florida. It took two years of searching for just the right area in Florida before finding and falling in love with New Port Richey. In 1982 they found their house, put a boat in the backyard and started having fun. Janet passed away in 1997 and it was then that Jack found Gulf Harbors Yacht Club. Someone at the club introduced him to a lady named Anita Sabel, who also had led a military life. They found that they had many things in common and became close friends, who enjoy doing a lot of things together. We are so fortunate to have someone like Jack in our club. He is a true American hero.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 13, 2011

### Newly Elected Officers Installed

The following persons were recently elected as officers and were installed at our December Party meeting:  
 President..... LTC Robert Wiggins, USA (RET)  
 (still serving)

Vice President ..... MAJ Ralph Anderson USAF (RET)

Secretary..... Mrs. Angela Lombardo, AUX

Treasurer..... MAJ Gerald Miller, USAF (RET)

Directors:

Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham, AUX (still serving)

CPT Robert Frankel, USPHS (RET) (still serving)

CWO George Niebler, USN (RET) (still serving)

Mrs. Janice Shortt, AUX (two year term)

LTC Robert Ayers, USA (RET) (two year term)



**Installation of the newly elected officers is shown above.** The officers are being sworn in by Maj Stephen Hartnett, USMC (RET), VP of the West Central Area, Florida Council of Chapters. Officers taking the oath are, left to right: LtCol Robert Ayers, Board Member; Mrs Janice Shortt, Board Member; Maj Gerald Miller, Treasurer; Mrs Angela Lombardo, Secretary; Maj Ralph Anderson, VP; and (although serving the second year of his term) LtCol Robert Wiggins, President.



**Harley Grace is Honored**  
 On the left Cpt Harley Grace, USAF (RET) is shown receiving a commendation award for his many years of loyal service to the chapter.

See the chapter web site for more pictures:  
[www.suncoastmoaa.org](http://www.suncoastmoaa.org).  
 Go to "Albums" for pictures.



**Communications Award**  
 On the left Maj John Alderman, USA (RET), is shown receiving MOAA's 2010 Communications Award for an outstanding chapter newsletter from Maj Hartnett.



**All Next Year's Officers, Newly Elected and Still Serving**  
 Shown above are all the chapter's officers for next year, whether newly elected or still on their elected term. Left to right are: President, LTC Robert Wiggins; Board Member, Mrs Dorothy Cunningham; Treasurer, Maj Gerald Miller; VP, Maj Ralph Anderson; Secretary, Mrs Angela Lombardo; Board Member, LTC Robert Ayers; Board Member, Mrs Janice Shortt; Board Member, CPT Robert Frankel; and last shown on the right, although not a chapter officer, is Maj Stephen Hartnett, VP West Central Florida Area. Not shown is Board Member, CWO George Niebler.

**And there was music and dancing!**



### 2012 Military Retirement Pay Dates

Don't forget that the schedule for military retirement pay has changed. Instead of being the first of the month or the first business day *after*, it is now the first of the month or the business day *prior*.

### Born From 1917 to 1921? You May Be A Notch Baby!

If fact, you may have received "notch victim" mailings. Read [www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/business/longterm/quinn/columns/030299.htm](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/business/longterm/quinn/columns/030299.htm) to see if you have been wronged or not.

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## ANNUAL CHAPTER HORSE RACING EVENT

Once again we are going back to Tampa Bay Downs, 11225 Race Track Road, Tampa, FL 33626 for an exciting day of Horse Racing and fun. The date is Saturday, March 24, 2012, 11 AM.

The total cost will be only \$20 per person for a full day at the races including admission to the clubhouse, free parking, a program, a wonderful luncheon and reserved seats.

The Clubhouse luncheon buffet consists of fresh fruit salad, chilled pasta salad, Caesar salad, California Blend Vegetables, home-style Mac "n" Cheese, green beans amandine, chef carved roast beef and turkey breast, cream puffs and cookies, freshly brewed coffee and iced tea.

Bob Frankel has tickets which will be distributed at the monthly meetings or by mail. Let's plan to go and again have a terrific time. We also invite guests to this event. The clubhouse is easily wheel chair accessible and the chairs are comfortable with a spectacular view of the track.

Please complete the form below and send it with your check prior to March 16, 2012, made out to Suncoast Chapter, MOAA to:

Suncoast Chapter, MOAA  
P.O. Box 854  
Port Richey, FL 34673-0854

### SEE YOU AT THE TRACK AND GOOD LUCK!

Suncoast Chapter, MOAA Tampa Bay Downs Race Track Event

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) at \$20 each = \_\_\_\_\_ for the Saturday, March 24, 2012, Fourth Annual MOAA/Racetrack Event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

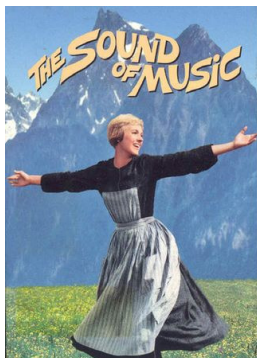
### Gift Membership

A gift membership is a great way to introduce friends or family members to MOAA and to our chapter. Along with a year of membership in MOAA, your gift recipient will receive a new member kit that includes a welcome letter, membership card, and a gift note letting them know who to thank! If you know someone who could use the gift of membership simply call toll free (866) 739-7109, or get your gift membership form (PDF) online at

[www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/MOAA\\_Main/Content\\_Conversion/Round\\_1/GeneralPage/giftmembership2011.pdf](http://www.moaa.org/uploadedFiles/MOAA_Main/Content_Conversion/Round_1/GeneralPage/giftmembership2011.pdf), fill out the coupon electronically and e-mail it to MOAA at [msc@moaa.org](mailto:msc@moaa.org).

### On the Chapter's Efforts in Creating an Endowment

In case you missed the November issue of The Military Officer, on page 43 that issue speaks of the Chapter's efforts in establishing and endowment fund to assist in the education of veterans and their families. The first paragraph of that article is quoted here: "Capt. Bob Frankel, USPHS-Ret., saw veterans and veteran's families who were struggling financially while working as a professor at Pasco-Hernando Community College in New Port Richey, Fla. When Frankel brought the problem to the attention of the Suncoast Chapter, they responded by establishing an endowment through the college's foundation, which will provide scholarships to Pasco County veterans and their children in perpetuity." The article goes on to tell more about that specific fund and about the Chapter's long history of helping students.



**We have reserved 32 tickets at the Show Palace for THE SOUND OF MUSIC. The show will be on Friday, October 26, 2012, 6 PM. Price of each ticket \$45. They may go fast!**

### 2011 Tax Documents Are Here

Retirees will be receiving some extra documents in their end of year mailing from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). Including in the mailing will be two Retiree Account Statements, Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-R, and the DFAS retiree newsletter. For people with online myPay accounts, the statements were posted Dec. 4, and the 1099-Rs posted Dec. 15. If a retiree or annuitant did not have their correct address on file with DFAS by Dec. 5, they could experience a significant delay in receiving their end of year document. For more information, visit the DFAS website at [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.html), or myPay at [mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx](http://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx). People without an online account can contact DFAS at 800-321-1080.

## MEAL RESERVATION

**Please mail your check payable to Suncoast Chapter, MOAA, for \$18.00 per person, tips and gratuity included, and meal selection to Secretary, Suncoast Chapter, P.O. Box 854, Port Richey, FL, 34673-0854. We will base our count to Spartan Manor on the number of reservations that we receive. Please send your check and meal selection so that it is received by Friday before the meeting. If this presents a difficulty, call Robert Ayers at 816-8629. We will meet at:**

### SPARTAN MANOR

6121 Massachusetts Ave., New Port Richey, Fl.

Our Next Dinner Meeting

will be

### 24 JANUARY 2012

Social hour is 6 pm (1800 hours). Dinner will be served at 7pm (1900 hours)

**Speaking will be:**

**CPT Don Freese USNR (RET), President of  
the Florida Council of Chapters**

Entrée choices are: (Please indicate selection)

**Baked Fish**

**Chicken Cordon Bleu**

**Veggie Plate**

**Please make reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons for this meeting (at \$18 per).  
If you have any special dietary requirements please list them here.**

**Name and telephone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### Our Speaker for January - CPT Don Freese

After graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1963, Don served four years active duty. He left active duty in 1967 then served 26 years in the Naval Reserve. He worked twenty four years in the corporate world starting as a Software Engineer for General Electric and advancing to Vice President of Engineering for Universal Instruments Corporation. He attended post graduate school at night to obtain MS and MBA Degrees from Binghamton University in 1970 and 1976. Don left the corporate world in 1991 to attend Law School, graduating from Salmon P. Chase College of Law in 1994. He is licensed to practice Law in Ohio and Kentucky. He married Sherry in 1964, and they have two children and three grandsons and one granddaughter. Don is President of the Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) and a MOAA Life Member. He is a Past President of the St. Petersburg Area Chapter as well as Convention Chair of the 2006 and 2009 FCOC Conventions. He previously served the FCOC as Treasurer and Vice President.

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will allow us to continue this schedule through our April meeting. However, our menu choice will be limited to only one choice (Beef, Pork, Chicken, Turkey, Fish) plus a Veggie and/or Fruit plate. Exceptions limited only to health or religious reasons. Then starting in September, if we cannot continue our traditional fourth Tuesday night meetings, our other choices are (1) change to another night when a larger group is meeting and share the same menu, but none are scheduled as of this time. (2) Go to a luncheon meeting on the same day as a larger group and share the same menu. (3) Find another location for our meetings. The Spartan Manor has assured us that they value our long relationship and want us to stay with them. However, our weak attendance record (low of 28 to a high of about 40) and their raising cost of doing business makes some adjustments necessary. They pointed out that they will continue to provide the same services as always, i.e., a private room, extra tables, lectern and public address system, set up as well as store our flags, and special equipment for our guest, etc., and that these services may not be provided at most other places. Bob Wiggins suggested that we continue our evening meetings as usual through April and hope that we will be able to work an agreement to continue our usual evening meetings with the Spartan Starting with in September. Bob Frankel made a motion to that effect and it was seconded by Ralph Anderson.

Ralph Anderson received a letter from Brian Corley, Supervisor of Elections, who wanted to know if there was anyone in our chapter who would like to go to the Pasco County schools and talk about the importance of voting. Also, the Pasco county Civil Air Cadet Patrol Honor Guard is asking us for a cash donation. No action was taken.

Bob Wiggins appointed Bob Frankel as the Chairman of the Constitution and By-Laws committee. He has requested the committee to write proposed changes to Article VI, Section 1, that will allow for the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to be elected to a two year term to coincide with the term of the President.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm. Respectfully submitted, Angela Lombardo

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**JANUARY 2012**



**MILITARY OFFICER'S WIVES CLUB  
LUNCHEON MEETING**

**Wednesday**

**JANUARY 18, 2012**

**at**

**SPARTAN MANOR**

**6121 Massachusetts Avenue, New Port Richey**

**Social Time: 11:30 A.M. Luncheon 12:00 Noon**

**Program:**

**Annual Auction**

**Items donated by members**

**Husbands and guests invited**

**Reservations are required: to make or cancel please call:**

**Dorothy Cunningham...372-7615**

**Elaine Dunn.....942-1153**