

THE BUGLER



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Captain's Call

By CAPT Thomas T. Holme, Jr. USN (Ret)

It's hard to believe that 2012 is upon us. Where did 2011 go? As I mentioned at the Installation Dinner, we all have been very busy this year in our Chapter – monthly meetings, Dinner Theater, Annual Joint Luncheons with the Women of MOAA and our scholarship recipient, Summertime Blues, FCOC Convention at Sea, our Annual Fall Picnic at Adm Mac's, Veterans Appreciation Week with its Parade and veterans in the Classroom and finally our Installation Dinner. It's really been terrific and 2012 is going to be even better. Last year was a great year with some really interesting guest speakers at our monthly meetings and, with your help that will continue.

In January, Marge Blunk (who has agreed to be our Membership Chair) and I will attend the Annual Winter Presidents' Meeting. The focus of this year's meeting will be chapter membership and what we can do to strengthen it. Many of you volunteered to contact prospective members in our catchment area. That effort will continue, of course, but we also need to reach out to potential members who cannot meet with us during the work week. Recognizing that evening meetings are difficult for our members who aren't comfortable driving at night, perhaps we can offer more opportunities for folks to join us on weekends. I encourage all of you to think of ways our Chapter can be more accessible to prospective members.

Please remember that our January meeting will not be the First Thursday of the month. Rather, this is our annual pot luck luncheon with the Women of MOAA and will be on

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Thursday the 19th. Look for more on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

For those who like to plan ahead, this year's Florida Council of Chapters 35th Annual Convention will be the third weekend in May, the 18th through the 20th in West Palm Beach at the WPB Marriott Hotel. The convention is always a lot of fun and a very rewarding experience. Look elsewhere in the newsletter for a flyer providing additional information on the convention. Why not turn it into a mini-vacation and come early and stay late?

Lastly, if you have an idea regarding what would be a particularly interesting program for our coming months' luncheons (you?) please contact me. I am especially interested in an idea for February. I always insure that I am outside to greet our speakers and, because I must be out of town on February 2nd, I don't want to invite someone I can't greet. //Tim//

Welcome aboard new members:

COL Robert B Crawford USMC (Ret) and his lady Renee Bien

MAJ Gregory Jagodinsky USA (Ret) and his wife Charmaine

Minutes of the MOAA, Citrus County Chapter General Meeting held Dec 1, 2012

The Military Officers Association of America, Citrus County Chapter annual Installation Dinner convened at 18:30, December 1, 2011 at the Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club, in Hernando, Florida. President Thomas T Holme presiding. There were 48 in attendance.

Prior to the meeting, the wine and cheese bar opened at 17:30. At that time, various members assembled and mingled.

This chapter's formal ceremonial table, with bunting, rear banner and chapter colours were assembled in the front center of the room. There was a decorated wine and cheese table. The traditional chocolate cake was displayed at the table along with cut pieces of apple pie.

At precisely 18:30 President Tim Holme called the Installation Dinner to order.

MOAA Chaplain, The Reverend Frederick C Ohsiek II gave the invocation and Tim Holme led in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Tim recognized our guests Citrus County Commissioner and former TROA CC President John "J. J." Kenney and his wife, Brenda; County Administrator Mr. Brad Thorpe and County Public Information Officer Mrs. Lindsey Ubinas. Other guests included Marge Blunk's sister Jan Torppa (escorted by Bob Truax) and Renee Bien who was escorted by our chapter's newest member, COL Robert Crawford USMC (Ret). Tim noted that Bob Crawford helped manage this year's successful Veterans in the Classroom program.

Tim welcomed the following Auxiliary members:

1. Auxiliary President and Auxiliary Liaison Louise Maroc Hogburg
2. Auxiliary Vice President Cynthia Resare Esq.
3. Auxiliary member Agnes Kearnes. Tim noted that last year at this time, Agnes was recovering from successful surgery. He welcomed her back.

Tim then recognized the following TROA/MOAA charter members:

1. Jud and Barbara Lincoln: Jud is our most senior former president of MOAA/TROA who is still living. Jud received a warm round of applause.
2. Tom and Joyce Marr. Tim noted that Joyce has assumed the duties of Newsletter Editor.
3. Admiral Ed "Ren" Renfro and his wife Shirley.

Tim gave a warm "welcome back" to both Robert and Judith Greathouse. Tim noted that last year, both the Greathouse's were recovering from serious ailments and could not attend the Installation Dinner and other MOAA events. It was good to see them both again after successful recoveries.

Tim presented a potted plant to Jim Klingerman in memory of his late wife Phyllis who died in September.

MOAA Women President Louise Maroc Hogberg presented a check from MOAA Women to the Citrus County Veterans Foundation. Admiral McLeod accepted the check in behalf of CCFV. MAC said that monies for this foundation help all veterans who find themselves with sudden and unexpected financial problems. Commissioner Kenney, who sits on this foundation, said that since inception, the CCFV has given away over \$70,000.00 dollars.

Tim suspended the Treasurer's report and the Secretary's report.

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Tim listed some of our chapter's achievements during the past year. This year, our chapter won a MOAA "Four Star" Achievement Award. This is our fourth four (or five) star award in a row. Our chapter won another Web Site award. Tim noted that this year marks our chapter's thirtieth anniversary. Many of our members attended the Veterans Appreciation Week Ad-Hoc committee which planned all the events in November. Indeed, our Chapter continues to provide the majority of parade marshals for our very successful Veterans Day parade. Four of our chapter members provided the management for this year's successful Veterans in the Classroom program. This year's events included a successful fall picnic, a dinner theatre as well as the always popular Summertime Blues meeting. Several of our members attended the FCOC Convention. We awarded our twelfth Bud Wise Scholarship. We also added seven new members to our chapter.

At 18:45, Tim suspended the remainder of the formal meeting so that the members could dine on either London broil or broiled tilapia with ice cream, chocolate cake and apple pie for desert.

At 19:30, the meeting was recalled to order for the installation ceremony.

Tim Holme introduced our guest speaker, Citrus County Commissioner John "J. J. Kenney. Commissioner Kenney immediately instructed the Secretary to assemble the inductees.

The secretary called the following officers front and center:

President: CAPT Thomas T Holme Jr. USN (Ret)

Vice President: LCOL Norm Cooney USA (Ret)

Secretary: LCDR Gary E Runyon USN (Ret)

Treasurer: Col. Tom Green USA (Ret)

Directors beginning first year of new term:

CDR Richard H Lee USN (Ret)

CDR Ronald A Resare USN (Ret)

COL Sharon I Richie-Melvan USA NC (Ret) (Absent)

Incumbent Directors beginning second year of current term:

RADM Carlton McLeod USN (Ret)

CDR Robert C. Truax USN (Ret)

COL Marge Blunk USA (Ret)

Legislative Officer: CAPT Thomas T Holme Jr. USN (Ret)

Chaplain: The Rev. Frederick C Ohsiek II

Auxiliary Liaison and MOAA Ladies President: Ms. Louise Maroc Hogberg, Auxiliary Member.

Newsletter Editor: Mrs. Joyce Marr

Web Master: Mr Michael Melvan (Absent)

PAO: CDR Ronald A. Resare USN (Ret)

Commissioner Kenney gave the oath of office to the assemble officers. The newly installed officers then took their seats

Commissioner Kenney then made a few introductory remarks about the proposed Port Citrus Project. He noted that unemployment is 13 ½ percent in our county. The commissioners have responded with a new business committee and a reduction in impact fees. Permitting has been made more pleasant.

But, what about a forgotten asset? There is the East-West Cross County Barge Canal that was started in the 1930s but

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was never completed. Seventy-four million dollars have already been spent on this uncompleted trench. The hole has already been dug and would cost the county no money.

The canal was started in the 1930s but was shut down during WWII, then again by President Nixon and then one more time by environmentalists in 1991. Mr. Kenney felt that our county needs to look for a port developer.

At this time, Commissioner Kenney turned the presentation over to his point-man, County Administrator Brad Thorpe.

Assisted by Mrs. Urbinas, Mr. Thorpe gave a PowerPoint style presentation and expounded on each picture. Printed copies of the PowerPoint presentation were handed out to all members.

Mr. Thorpe said the Rivers and Harbours Act of 1927 authorized the digging of the Florida East-West Barge Canal. At one point, the canal had a functional lock but this was shut down and abandoned in 1970 after \$74,000,000.00 was spent.

One railroad is already in place that takes coal to the current Citrus County power plant. It moves 100 tons of coal in 18 hours. There are two gas lines from Texas.

Port Citrus would be Florida's 15th port. The ports in Florida are managed by the Department of Transportation. The current canal is 14 – 15 feet deep and 250 feet wide.

Mr. Thorpe emphasized that the port is already being used. If expanded, it might be possible for the Coast Guard to home-port it's 48 foot cutter here.

The Panama Canal is currently being widened to carry three times the tonnage. The commissioners envision getting a slice of that increased tonnage here in Citrus County. The idea is to bring in big barges and offload the cargo to smaller boats or to trains.

Currently this canal is barging out aggregate and shipping it to Mobile, Alabama. This is at the rate of two million tons per barge (or 50 semi-trailers-ful).

The county is currently doing a feasibility study and has received fifty thousand dollars for this study.

The Port Authority is already in place.

Mr. Thorpe said that the port would be publicly owned and leased to proprietors. The port would be self-supporting. The developer would receive a cut of the profits.

Citrus County would need further rail development which the railroad companies are agreeable to.

Mr. Thorpe thanked the group for their military service to our country.

Commissioner Kenney was asked about the depth of the current canal. He replied that it was designed for barges. No travel ships are currently envisioned docking there.

Commissioner Kenney was asked about the distance from the port to the mouth of the canal. He said that was to be determined. It would be based the price and availability of property along the canal.

Commissioner Kenney was asked about the need for a bigger airport to compliment the port and railway system. He said that there are no plans to enlarge the current airport.

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Mr. Thorpe was asked about his comment that the developer would get a percentage of all port profits. He was asked how long the developer would receive this percentage? He said "Forever." He said that no developer has been selected yet. He said that several companies have the developmental capabilities for a project like this.

President Tim Holme thanked the Commissioner and his assistants.

Tim commented that the "Vote Smart" program he has worked with is working nicely towards next year's election.

Mr. Kenney further commented from the floor that without proper industry, county high school graduates are not returning back to our county. Our county needs a system to encourage its children to return back home instead of moving away.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary E Runyon
Secretary

Legislation Report for January *By Tim Holme*

I think that we all knew deep down that the "super committee" wasn't going to be super enough to get their job done. Almost from the beginning members of the committee were positioning themselves to blame others for the failure to act responsibly. Instead of looking at November 2011 as the deadline to be met, they are looking at November 2012. The good news is that the sequestration doesn't really take effect until 2013. A lot can happen between now and then. The Senate might actually decide to pass a budget, but don't count on it.



Some action has been taking place in the House of Representatives that is of particular interest: The following bills now face uncertain action in the Senate.

- 1) [H.R. 1801](#) Risk-Based Security Screening for Members of the Armed Forces Act. ***This really should fly through the Senate. But, one never knows.***
- 2) [H.R. 2192](#) National Guard and Reservist Debt Relief Extension Act of 2011. ***This ought to pass.***
- 3) [H.R. 3463](#) To reduce Federal spending and the deficit by terminating taxpayer financing of presidential election campaigns and party conventions and by terminating the Election Assistance Commission. ***I don't know about you, but I have never marked the box on my 1040. If***

I feel strongly enough about a candidate, I use my own money.

As we always encourage, be sure that you have signed up for "Action Alerts" with MOAA so that you will receive a timely "Heads Up" when it's time to communicate en masse to express our feelings about pending legislation.

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Keep your eyes and ears open for action on the pending 27% reimbursement cut to doctors who accept Medicare and Tricare for Life patients. Also be alert regarding rumored efforts to make military retirement more like a 401K. Perhaps it's time to take a very close look at the military credentials of candidates. Not that they all need to be veterans, but their record needs to speak clearly about where they stand on things that matter to us.

Florida's Presidential Primary will come soon after our next newsletter. If you want to explore the facts on the candidates and see which ones think most nearly as you do go to www.votesmart.org/voteeasy and play. **-Tim-**

Secretary's Notes

By Gary E Runyon

I was typing up the minutes from the Installation Dinner when I came to the part where Tim listed all our chapter's accomplishments for last year. I thought that it was indeed impressive and maybe something we could list on the other side of our application forms.

We have certainly come a long way during the last twelve years since the turn of the century. This is something we can certainly be very proud of. It is my intention during the last twelve months remaining in my final term as secretary, to insure that our chapter remains on this steady course.

As you read in the last newsletter, the call for dues has gone out. Be sure to check the dues tickler in your newsletter email cover letter or the mailing label for those of you who receive your newsletters via USPS.

Also, please remember that the next general meeting will NOT occur on the first Thursday of the month. Rather, it will occur in mid-January and will be hosted by the MOAA Women at the Inverness Women's Club. It is a pot-luck affair. //GER//

WOMEN OF MOAA

By President Louise Maroc-Hogberg

The December Christmas luncheon will be held Thursday, December 15, 12:00 midday. This meeting will be held at the Lakeside Bar and Grille. This is the old Van Der Valk.

I'm reminding everyone to come and enjoy our gifts exchange with our usual playful game. please put it on your calendars and I need a final count for the restaurant, so be sure you call me.

The Women of MOAA will host the Joint Potluck Luncheon at The Women's Club on Forest Avenue, Inverness on Thursday, January 19, 2012. We will all meet with a hot casserole, salad or dessert. There will be a donation at the door to cover the rental cost for the clubhouse.

RSVP: Aussie90@tampabay.rr.com 637-5898

Cheers

Louise

Create a Living Legacy to Honor your Spouse ***Forwarded By Agnes Kearns, Auxiliary Member***

After losing a beloved husband or wife, the surviving spouse has a natural urge to want to do something to honor the memory of that person. We want the world to remember the strength, courage, integrity, and very special nature of the person we loved. We put up cemetery markers or monuments, plant trees, fund building additions, and buy memorial bricks or benches. Why not create a legacy that will support military families in perpetuity?

MOAA Scholarship Fund provides a very meaningful way to honor a lifetime of service, patriotism, and commitment. A donation of \$25,000, which can be paid over a 5-year period, creates a Designated Scholarship. Named by you, the donor, the Designated Scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving student from a military family. The student receives an interest-free loan and a small grant to help pay for tuition, books and other expenses. The student receives a letter with your name and is expected to communicate with your, their benefactor, at least once. Upon graduation, the student begins to pay back the loan, ensuring another student will receive your scholarship and continue your spouse's legacy year after year.

I encourage you to visit www.moaa.org/facesofdonors to see pictures and read the stories and biographies of many of the donors who have chosen to honor a loved one through MOAA's Designated Scholarship program. I can't think of a better way to honor a loved one than by helping young people achieve an education and learn core values of family, work, patriotism, and service to country.

Children from military families of all ranks, active duty, retired, guard, and reserve will benefit from your spouse's legacy. 100% of your tax-deductible donation goes to students. Not one penny goes to overhead or administrative costs. Most importantly, your loved one's life will continue to make a difference and ensure a bright future for America.

For more information, visit www.moaa.org/scholarshipfund or contact Captain Shelley Marshall, USN (Ret.) at 1 800 234 6622, ext. 169 or shelleym@moaa.org.

Joyce Harte, AMAC

Fascinating Facts about World War II

1. World War II was the most destructive conflict in history. It cost more money, damaged more property, killed more people, and caused more far-reaching changes than any other war in history.
2. The country with the largest number of WWII casualties was Russia, with over 21 million.
3. For every five German soldiers who died in WWII, four of them died on the Eastern Front.
4. It is estimated that 1.5 million children died during the Holocaust. Approximately 1.2 million of them were Jewish and tens of thousands were Gypsies.
5. Eighty percent of Soviet males born in 1923 didn't survive WWII.
6. Between 1939 and 1945, the Allies dropped 3.4 million tons of bombs, which averaged to 27,700 tons per month.
7. Many historians believe that the Battle at Stalingrad (1942-1943) is not only arguably the bloodiest battle in history (800,000-1,600,000 casualties), but also the turning point of WW II in Europe.
9. In 1935, British engineer Robert Watson-Watt was working on a "death ray" that would destroy enemy aircraft using radio waves. His "death ray" instead evolved into radar—or "radio detection and ranging."

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10. Out of the 40,000 men who served on U-boats during WWII, only 10,000 returned.
11. The Battle of the Bulge is the largest and most deadly battle for U.S. troops up to date, with more than 80,000 American deaths.
12. The Enola Gay became well known for dropping the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, but few people know the name of the B-29 that bombed Nagasaki. It was Bock's Car, named after the plane's usual commander, Frederick Bock.
13. More Russians (military and civilians) lost their lives during the Siege of Leningrad than did American and British soldiers combined in all of WWII.
14. During WWII, the Japanese launched 9,000 "wind ship weapons" of paper and rubberized-silk balloons that carried incendiary and anti-personnel bombs to the U.S. More than 1,000 balloons hit their targets and they reached as far east as Michigan. The only deaths resulting from a balloon bomb were six Americans (including five children and a pregnant woman) on a picnic in Oregon.
15. The Japanese Kamikaze ("divine wind") tactic was suggested on October 19, 1944, by Vice-Admiral Onishi in an attempt to balance the technological advantage of invading American forces. Though the numbers are disputed, approximately 2,800 kamikaze pilots died. They sunk 34 U.S. ships, damaged 368, killed 4,900 sailors, and wounded 4,800.
16. From 1940-1945, the U.S. defense budget increased from \$1.9 billion to \$59.8 billion.
17. At the time of the Pearl Harbor attack, there were 96 ships anchored. During the attack, 18 were sunk or seriously damaged, including eight battleships. There were 2,402 American men killed and 1,280 injured. Three hundred and fifty aircraft were destroyed or damaged.
18. The Air Force was part of the Army in WWII and didn't become a separate branch of the military until after the war.
19. In 1941, a private earned \$21 a month. In 1942, a private earned \$50 a month.
20. German U-boats sunk 2,000 Allied ships at a cost of 781 U-boats destroyed.
21. More than 650,000 Jeeps were built during WWII. American factories also produced 300,000 military aircraft; 89,000 tanks; 3 million machine guns; and 7 million rifles.
22. The Germans used the first jet fighters in World War II, among them the Messerschmitt ME-262. However, they were developed too late to change the course of the war.
23. The most powerful artillery gun created by any nation and used in WWII was named Karl by its designer General Karl Becker. Used mostly against the Russians, the huge gun could shoot a 2.5 ton shell over three miles. The shells were 24 inches wide and could go through eight to nine feet of concrete.
24. Most historians agree that WWII began when Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939. Others say it started when Japan invaded Manchuria on September 18, 1931. And some scholars suggest WWII is actually a continuation of WWI, with a break in between.
25. During WWII, hamburgers in the U.S. were dubbed "Liberty Steaks" to avoid the German-sounding name.
26. The Nazis pirated the Harvard "fight song" to compose their Sieg Heil march.

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- 27. The ace of all fighter aces of all nations is German fighter pilot Erich Hartmann (“the Blond Knight”) with 352 “kills.” Hartmann is the all-time ace, ever. His 352 victorys far exceed Baron Von Richthofen’s 80 “kills” of WWI.
- 28. William Hitler, a nephew of Adolf Hitler, was in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He changed his name after the war.
- 29. Italian fascists took as their symbol the “fasces,” a bundle of bound rods that symbolized the power of ancient Rome.
- 30. The Nazis killed millions of Poles. But they thought that some Polish babies and children looked German and kid-napped about 50,000 of them to be adopted by German parents to become “Germanized.”
- 31. Several famous actors were decorated during WWII. For example, Henry Fonda won a Bronze Star in the Pacific, Walter Matthau was awarded six battle stars while serving on a B-17, and David Niven was awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit. Christopher Lee was a pilot in the Royal Air Force and also won a number of awards.
- 32. John Wayne (Marion Robert Morrison) starred in 14 WWII movies; however, due to a football injury, he never actually served in the war.

DUES PAYMENT COUPON

Please take a moment and check the status of your chapter dues. If you have received you newsletter via e-mail, there will be a tickler concerning your dues status. This will appear at the bottom of the cover e-mail letter. If you have received your newsletter via USPS, then if your mailing label appears in RED, then you owe for dues.

Dues are \$15.00 per year for regular members and \$6.00 per year for auxiliary members. And while your at it, please consider supporting our Bud Wise Scholarship program as well as our Community Service Fund. Tom Green is always reminding us that the CSF could need some help.

Dues X(number of years) X (\$15.00 or \$6.00) =..... _____

Contribution to the Bud Wise Scholarship _____

Contribution to the Community Service Fund..... _____

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**God Bless my
homeland....forever!**

Coming Events

MOAA Women Joint Potluck Luncheon with the regular members at The Women's Club on Forest Avenue, Inverness 12:00 Noon, January 19. Bring a hot casserole, salad or dessert. There will be a donation at the door to cover the rental cost for the clubhouse.

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