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JUNE PROGRAM: A TRIBUTE TO EACH OF US

by Vic Reiling

Our guest speaker was Janet Hamel Solomon, aka Chaplain Hamel's "Little Girl." She is the author of the book *GOING HOME* and owner, along with husband Tim, of the nationally known Key Sailing Charters.

Jan has traveled the world as a missionary and she reminisced in great detail of her many memories of her home town and the "crystal white sands of Sarasota beaches." Learning to play the flute at an early age, she advanced in ability to be invited to play at Carnegie Hall and other national venues. She played for us at this year's Memorial Day Ceremonies, at which she was also the speaker.

In her descriptions of what home meant, no matter where in the world a person might be, Jan, in great detail, commended each of us who have worn our country's uniform and why we were the ones who collectively made American home towns the strong and free centers of our lives.

In closing, we were reminded of two statues in Sarasota, the first being "The Kissing Sailor" and the end of WWII and the other, more importantly, the monument at Hamel Park that bears the names of those who have died for their America - and their Home Town.

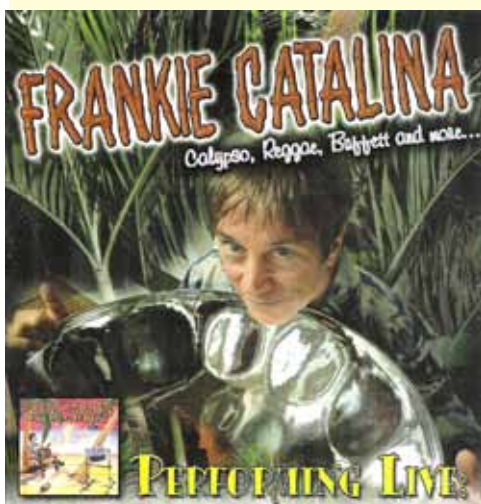
In a fine gesture, she offered two cruises with Key Sailing, with our Max Jonah as the lucky ticket winner !! •



JULY PROGRAM: STEEL DRUMS AND MUSIC OF THE CARIBBEAN

by Vic Reiling

Our Speaker/Musician, Frankie Catalina, will entertain us all with the history and sound of his famed STEEL DRUMS. He has been a standout Caribbean Musician since 2004 in Sarasota and plays Fridays and Saturdays at Tommy Bahamas, Thursdays at Marina Jacks and Sundays and Tuesdays at O'Learys.



He grew up in Trinidad (home of the STEEL DRUMS), son of an airline pilot, and spent 3 years in the US Army, highlighted by his assignment to MACV and 1970 activity in several of the countries adjoining Vietnam. During his medley, Frankie will invite us to join in two of the songs (ones that most of us know!). It's summertime, so dress for the Caribbean if you choose. He has created two outstanding CD's of his Caribbean Music and they will be available! •

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June 1st marked the beginning of the hurricane season, and if you have not noticed, we live on a peninsula stuck out in the most hurricane prone place on earth. Prudence requires all of us to have insurance, take actions to mitigate damage to our home and make plans to protect ourselves. Unfortunately, few people do much more to prepare for a hurricane than purchase insurance.



There are two great free local publications to help people who want to actually prepare ahead of time, the Herald Tribune and Sarasota/Manatee Counties 2011 Hurricane Magazines; and they are excellent.

To make it easy though, don't read them at first, just look at the pictures, specifically study the updated 2011 Emergency Evacuation Zone map for your county. An Evacuation Zone is an area that county Emergency Management personnel will order evacuated based on the probability of a storm surge as a hurricane approaches. Unfortunately, due to the shallow waters of the Gulf we are very susceptible to storm surges that are larger than would be predicted by the Category or intensity of the hurricane.

In 2008 hurricane Ike hit Galveston, TX, as only a Category 2 and pushed an unpredicted 15-20 foot surge over the Bolivar Peninsula completely striping the island and sending a surge of 10 feet east to south central Louisiana. Dozens of people who had refused to leave died.

My point here is to encourage you to take care of yourself, and to do that, you need to have thought through a plan. Evaluate your vulnerabilities based on where you live, the residence you live in (how safe is it?), medical issues, physical abilities, etc.; and use the publications referenced above to develop a Disaster Plan (and Evacuation Plan) that fits your situation. •

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The Board meeting was called to order at 1600 hours on 6 June, 2011 at the Meadows Community Center, President John O'Brien presiding.

ATTENDANCE. Board members present: John O'Brien (Pres), Troy Scott (IVP), Vic Reiling (2VP), George Binswanger (Secy), Don Kuyper (Treas), Alan Forester, (Dir), George Tracy (Dir) and Len Friedlander (IPP). Board members absent: Bill LaFollette (Dir), Committee members and visitors present: Max Jonah, Pat McLain, Barbara Hamilton.

PRESIDENTS REPORT. At the recent FCOC Convention VP Scott presented the proposal for the 2013 FCOC Convention to be held in Sarasota and it was approved. COL Lange, from MOAA advised that VADM Ryan will be our guest speaker at the Joint luncheon in September. A letter will be sent to each Chapter President in the Southwest Florida area inviting them and their members to attend the meeting (Time, place, date, cost, names and where to send the combined chapter check). MG Lynch, from MOAA gave a talk on the budget and its relation to Tricare costs at DOD. There are 275,000 members of MOAA, including 35 Councils and 412 Chapters.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the 2 May 2011 Board Meeting were approved as published in the Breeze. MOAS name tags are available at \$15.00 each. Contact the Secretary at 941-922-1824 or at cbinsy@verizon.net.

BOARD MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS - 2011		
Month	Board Meeting	Luncheon
June	6	17
July	5	15
August	1	19
September	6	16
October	3	21
November	7	18
December	5	11 (gala)

TREASURER'S REPORT. As of 31 May, 2011:
 a. The balance of the MOAS Operating Fund is \$7,267.75
 b. The balance of the Scholarship Fund is \$23,289.41 which includes \$5,654.82 in Special Accounts (Support Our Troops & Taylor Funds).

OLD BUSINESS. None.

SCHEDULED EVENTS. Luncheon of 20 May had profit of \$230.00. Received Scholarship donations of \$692.00. Attendance 110.

PROGRAMS:

June	Jan Solomon (Sarasota Woman of the Year)
July	Music of the Caribbean
August	Curator of the Ringling Circus Museum
September	Joint Meeting SW Florida Chapters - VADM Norbert Ryan (MOAA)

NEWSLETTER; No Report

MEMBERSHIP:

MOAS	2010	2011
Regular	342	336
Auxiliary	96	104
Allied	4	4
Total	442	444

We have 69 unpaid members from last year and will need a team effort to have them rejoin. Still working on the Data Base and have MOAA updating our base for names and numbers. A list of new MOAA members was received and distributed for follow-up.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROJECTS. COL Cork is retiring from SMA. A new, active member scholarship coordinator is needed.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS: 1032 boxes were handed out at the Memorial Day parades. We have ordered 200 from the Post Office. Since we have no idea of the final number of boxes that were actually shipped from other sources and our funds for shipping are low, we have to resort to raising funds for shipping and have all filled boxes returned to MOAS for shipping.

PUBLICITY. MOAS has been getting excellent publicity. MOAA now on our publicity list.

SARASOTA COUNTY VETERANS COMMISSION. The Acupuncture Wellness Clinic reported on the Doctors' use of acupuncture as the newest battlefield tool. At the 779th Medical Group, retired Air Force Colonels Niemtzw and Burns train military doctors and treat patients. The primary purpose is to relieve pain and it can be used on the battlefield instead of heavy narcotics.

AUXILIARY: Showed the MOAA "Survivors Guide", which is available to all members.

NEW BUSINESS: Friedlander discussed the problem of accounting within an operating budget on items such as the Opera, Booker High School Show, gift glasses, postage paid out-of-pocket for mailing the Breeze/Directory, etc. A sheet was given out showing comparisons starting with the year 2008 through 2011. Further work to be done by a committee of Scott, Friedlander, Tracy and O'Brien and discussed at the July Board meeting.

NEXT MEETING. The Board adjourned at 1740 hours. The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 5, 2011, 1600 hours at the Meadows Community Center. All members are welcome to attend. ●



MILITARY COMPENSATION

In a presentation before the American Enterprise Institute Defense Secretary Robert Gates said the next round of budget cuts could force lawmakers to pare back military pay and benefits. He indicated the government would have to “re-examine military compensation,” consider altering the retirement system to reduce outlays for pay and pensions and do more to address spiraling health-care costs. None of these appear good for the military or retiree communities and any one of them could wind up harming individual service recruiting and retention efforts.

A number of groups have called for reductions in earned military pay and benefit programs recently. Gates referenced one in his comments: the President’s National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, which proposed a three-year freeze on basic pay, military housing and food allowances in addition to raising TRICARE-related fees for all beneficiaries (among other things).

Considering the current national debt situation, the reality is that anything the government spends money on is going to come under great scrutiny and pressure for cutbacks. Additional recommendations are expected in coming months and the threat to earned military benefits will probably increase.

VA CLAIM DENIALS

In a recent audit of the VA Disability Compensation System at 16 Regional Offices, the VA Office of the Inspector General estimates that the rating staff incorrectly processed 23% of the 45,000 claims inspected. The IG investigated offices throughout the US and focused mainly on the handling of the following five types of claims: extra-schedular 100 percent disability evaluations (TDIU); PTSD; TBI; Herbicide Exposure; and 5 Haas (Haas v Nicholson: blue water claims from Vietnam Agent Orange exposure).

Veterans receiving denials or low-ball ratings within the past year for ANY disability ratings may want to consider immediately looking over their decision and request a copy of their VA claim file. If the time passed since the decision is close to the 12-month appeal deadline, contact your Veteran Service Officer to discuss the possibility of appealing it, if warranted.

COLA 2012 UPDATE

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the Consumer Price Index for April is up 0.8 percent over the March CPI. The CPI is used to determine the annual cost-of-living-adjustment (COLA) and rate adjustments to Social Security, VA Disability and Compensation, Veterans’ Pension programs, etc. for the following year. MOAA reports that the April 2011 CPI is up 2.9 percent from the 2008 CPI, which will be used to calculate the 2012 COLA since there has been no COLA since 2009.

The House passed H.R.1407 on May 23rd by a voice vote of 387 to zero and referred it to the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. H.R.1407 would increase, effective 1 Dec 2011, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans by the same COLA percentage that Social Security receives. Senate Bill S.894 with 14 co-sponsors would do the same if passed.

TRICARE COVERS ADDITIONAL CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING TEST

More than 12,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year, and 4,000 women die from this disease. Once the leading cause of death among women, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the number of cervical cancer deaths have decreased dramatically as a result of regular cervical cancer screening.

TRICARE has added coverage for an enhanced cervical cancer-screening test that helps detect the presence of the human papillomavirus (HPV). The HPV DNA test is done to find a high-risk HPV infection that can cause cervical cancer. For more information, visit <http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom/news.aspx?fid=712>. •

MEDICARE/TRICARE FIX – LAST BUDGET PRIORITY?

It’s taken a back seat to more prominent negotiations on raising the debt limit, but Medicare and military TRICARE beneficiaries remember that, unless the law is changed, those programs’ payments to doctors will be cut 30% as of this coming January 1.

The big problem is still the price tag. The Congressional Budget Office just released cost estimates for to address the problem; a one-year fix will cost \$22B and a permanent fix would cost almost \$280B over ten years.

Congress isn’t paying much attention to the so-called “doc fix” at the moment, because of the overriding focus on finding a way to raise the debt ceiling and avoid a national default. Part of that process is developing a package of budget cuts to convince a majority of legislators to vote for the debt ceiling hike. And this likely won’t be the last round of budget cuts for the year as deficit hawks exact additional budget cuts for approving appropriations bills for next fiscal year.

Any “easy” savings options will be long gone by the time Congress finally gets around to addressing the Medicare/TRICARE payment problem, and that means military and Medicare beneficiaries - once again - will be holding their breath at the end of the year, hoping Congress won’t allow a cut that would cause lots of doctors to drop them as patients.



ETERNAL VIGILANCE

"The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance." John Curran, 1790

I watched TV, May 1, 2011, and saw the reported death of Usama bin Laden, who had been instrumental in causing the collapse of the NY twin towers and other atrocities on 9/11/2001. Subsequently, President George W. Bush declared war against Al Qaeda, a Muslim fundamentalist group, headed by bin Laden with orders to take him dead or alive. It took almost 10 years to find bin Laden and accomplish the mission.

The Navy's elite, anti-terrorist SEAL Team 6 made a successful assault on bin Laden's compound in Pakistan protecting our freedom. Navy SEAL Team 6 had been training for seven years for this type of mission leaving nothing to chance. Failure was never in their vocabulary. The Nation rejoiced at the news which helped us all bond as one, even our political parties.

Contemplating these events and my own responsibilities, I wondered just how much effort I had put into protecting the love of my wife, children, friends and country. I came to the conclusion that defending all things I hold dear should be approached with the same



dedication as the Navy's Seal Team 6, with failure not an option. If we neglect the things we value in our life, we have a greater chance of losing them.

A big adjustment in retirement is learning to spend a larger amount of time with our mates. Now I know why some of my neighbors play more golf and cards or spend more time fishing, etc. Too often, it is because along the way they have lost the ability to spend time together. It takes continuing focus to communicate to those we love, to share innermost thoughts and fears. When we make the effort, love and joy increase.

The same is true with our children. It is great when our children get old enough to be able to relate to us and can become our friends as well. Unfortunately, too many people have lost the relationship with their family along the way. I spent this Easter with one of my sons and his family. We shared dreams, memories, hopes and faith. To share our lives with our mates and children is more precious than gold. When I die, I pray that they will want my Spirit more than my collectibles.

I have discovered that the best way to have what you want to enjoy for your old age is to work on it all along the way. Just like a gardener tending a flower bed, daily attention ensures that the roots are deep enough to endure hard times. The result of this watchfulness reaps great rewards in flower gardens and families.

This brings me back to the military establishment, which taught me long ago, that if we want to preserve our freedom and the environment in which to raise our families, we must pursue eternal vigilance or everything will be taken away. ●





TRICARE TV

TRICARE beneficiaries who want to learn more about their health care plan and how it works can get short, relevant tips once a month with TRICARE TV. The videos are short and easy to follow, ranging in length from two-to-four minutes. The first episode called What Is TRICARE? -- gives beneficiaries an overview of TRICARE health care plans and some of the special programs offered.

TRICARE is already active on other social media sites such as YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter, and TRICARE TV creates another electronic option.

To view TRICARE TV, beneficiaries can visit TRICARE's YouTube channel at <http://www.youtube.com/TRICAREHealth> or <http://www.tricare.mil/mediacenter>. Subscribe to get email alerts when a new episode is posted by going to <http://www.tricare.mil/subscriptions> or through the e-mail link at the TRICARE media center.

How Would TRICARE FEE COLA WORK?

MOAA published the following article in response to "members who have asked how the COLA index proposed by the House Armed Services Committee would work for adjusting future TRICARE fees. Some have the impression it could completely offset future COLA adjustments to retired pay. Not so."

"The key issue is that the index would be a percentage change, not a dollar amount change. Since TRICARE fees represent a small fraction of retired pay, an equal percentage adjustment in each means any TRICARE fee COLA amount would still be a small fraction of the retired pay COLA amount."

"For 2012, the proposed TRICARE Prime enrollment fee for a family is \$520 per year. By comparison, the average military retired pay for all ranks is about \$30,000 a year. If the 2013 COLA is 3%, the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee increase would be 3% of \$520 = \$15.60 for the year. In contrast, a 3% COLA would increase average retired pay by \$900 a year. So if you speculated that indexing TRICARE fees by the COLA percentage might somehow eat up retired pay COLAs, you can rest easy on that score."

As an addition to the MOAA article – the key is keeping the percentage increases the same. If TRICARE fee are instead pegged to health care costs, that normally exceed COLA increases, the illustration above will not hold for long.

MOAA TAKES ON USA TODAY

USA Today recently ran an editorial claiming, "TRICARE Benefits Are Too Sweet a Deal." MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan's "Opposing View" "opposing view" piece in the same paper asks what it would take to persuade USA Today readers to endure 20 to 30 years of military service conditions, and notes the inconsistency of praising military people's sacrifices while simultaneously asserting they're not worth what we pay them.

Please see the USA Editorial http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-06-01-Militarys-Tricare-benefits-too-sweet-a-deal_n.htm and VADM Ryan's rebuttal at http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2011-06-01-Troops-already-sacrificed-for-health-care-benefits_n.htm •



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Walter Shepherd



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Jack & Betty
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Jack Sargeant

Betty
Sargeant

Jolee
Suskovic,
Jack &
Betty guest



Marguerite
Taylor

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Tracy Murrell,
Marguerite's
daughter



The June 11 Sightseeing Lunch Cruise on the Caloosahatchee River was a great day on a beautiful tropical river with 39 YAHOOs. It was Florida cool to see tarpon and manatees as we went in/out of the Franklin Lock at Lake Okeechobee.



In July we have two events, a Marina Jack Lunch cruise and a Kayaking Trip; August will be a Sunset Beach Party; September will be at Sylvia's for a secret event, so secret neither the New York Times nor the host has a clue of what is planned. In October we have, hold on, an Oktoberfest Party; and November is perfect weather for another kayak trip.

JULY 9 - MARINA JACK LUNCH CRUISE



Back by popular demand, on Saturday, July 9, the YAHOOs are going out in Sarasota Bay in air conditioned comfort on the Marina Jack Lunch cruise. Now what could be better than cruising around the bay, looking for a little "fixer upper" home, surrounded by sting rays, 1,200 pound huggable manatees, social sensitive sharks and a bunch of YAHOOs? The lunch buffet provides a choice of the daily catch and chicken marsala, with all the customary accompaniments such as salad, bread, vegetables and dessert. Of course this is a YAHOO event - there will be a bar available. Carol and John O'Brien have reserved 30 places on the upper deck (inside) at \$30.79/person

inclusive of tax and gratuity. The bar charges are extra. In order for the sponsors to confirm your 5 star YAHOO reservation with Marina Jack, please RSVP by July 2nd. Forward a check to John O'Brien, 7606 Broomsedge Ct., Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. The Marina Jack requires a single credit card payment to qualify for the group rate.

Boarding will be at the Sarasota Bay Front, #2 Marina Plaza. That is the north side of the Marina Jack restaurant. Please be there by 11:15 AM for boarding at 11:30; YAHOOs board as a group. If we return to the dock it will be by 1:30PM.

JULY 27 - 8:30 AM YAHOO KAYAK TRIP

Originally scheduled for April 16, then May 31, now it's a go for July 27.

Persistence! John Sarkozy will be taking us kayaking on Little Sarasota Bay, leaving from Vamo Pt. This would be an easy trip for John (and all of us), as we would take a nice long break at Casey Key half way through the paddle, then walk over to the Gulf side of the Key for refreshments and a leisurely rest (or swim). To beat the heat, we will meet at the Vamo Pt parking lot at 0730 hrs, have our kayaks in the water by 0800 hrs, and be finished kayaking about 1100 hrs. We can then have lunch and refreshments at the Spanish Point Tiki Bar.

RSVP: Ray Day @ 927-0398, or email DayR1@comcast.net. To reserve a kayak for this outing, the fee is \$25 per person and includes all the necessary equipment. If you bring your own kayak, the fee is \$10 per person. Payment is by check to "Raymond Day" and he will pay John Sarkozy with a single check.

Don't forget the necessary Florida equipment of water, hat, sunscreen, snacks, and water shoes.

AUGUST 17 - SUNSET BEACH PARTY ON LIDO KEY

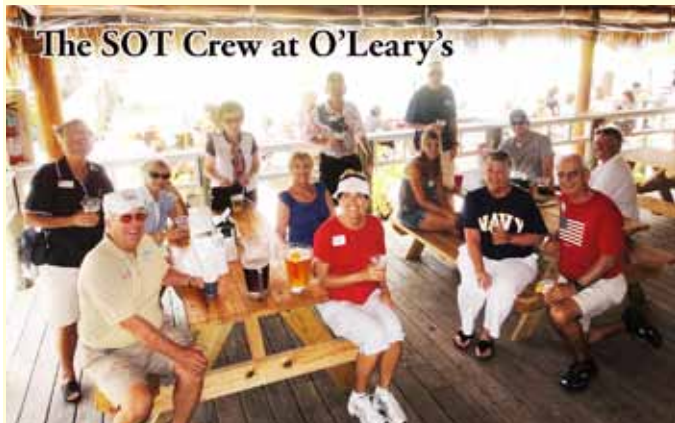
If you have forgotten why we live in SW Florida, attend LTG Jerry and Geri Hilmes, USA(Ret.) Sunset Beach Party on August 17 at 6:30 p.m. at their cabana on Lido Key. In the true spirit of the YAHOO's past sunset beach parties, we will keep it very simple. Everyone brings their own chairs, hors d'oeuvres to share, and grog. After socializing at the Hilmes' cabana we will migrate down to the water for an 8:10 p.m. sunset.

DIRECTIONS: From St Armand's go west toward the Gulf until you reach Ben Franklin Drive. When the road ends at the Gulf of Mexico, turn left. For our Navy personnel, that is South. After about a mile on Ben Franklin you will see the Lime Tree Resort on the right, then a condo, followed by your target, the Sun & Surf Colony, 1148 South Ben Franklin Drive. Take a right into the large parking area and you will have arrived. If you get to the Ritz Carlton, two doors down, you've missed it. Please RSVP by 10 August to Carol O'Brien at 907-8891, or by e-mail to cobrienvt@aol.com, so that we can estimate numbers and coordinate appetizers. Coordinated appetizers are an essential element of all YAHOO events — especially beach parties. ●



This Memorial Day weekend in Sarasota was a great success for our Support Our Troops Program. Over the weekend our Chapter participated in two events, a small neighborhood Lakewood Ranch parade on Sunday, and the big Sarasota parade Monday, handing out a total 1,032 Support Our Troops boxes. This is by far our most successful effort, and I've already had follow-ups from a Riverview High School teacher for more boxes, and 3 people for more address labels.

In the SOT Column in the June Breeze, BG Jim Hesson wrote of our assuming support of the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade in Kandahar, Afghanistan. We have been in contact with the Brigade Commander, COL Todd Royar (in Afghanistan), and his wife (Ft Campbell KY), and met with Pam McFarland, the Brigade's Family Readiness Support Assistant (Ft Campbell, KY) to set up our ongoing support for the 159th. Unfortunately we recently received the following from COL Royar. "On 26 May, Task Force Thunder regrettably lost six heroes from the Pathfinders to an IED strike in southern Afghanistan. I ask you to join the entire Brigade in expressing our deepest sorrow to the Families of Sergeant Thomas Bohall, Staff, Sergeant Edward Mills, Staff Sergeant Ergin Osman, Specialist Adam Patton, Sergeant Louie Ramos and 1st Lieutenant John Runkle. We also mourn the loss of four other individuals from the same event: two from the United States Air Force and an additional two from the Afghan National Civil Order Police. It is in difficult times such as this that cause us to strengthen our resolve. We are committed to honoring our fallen, taking care of their Families and each other, and continuing on with our mission. We will honor their sacrifice by our actions today and in to the future. COL Todd Royar, CDR, TF Thunder (159th CAB)"



This is the real world and our Troops are bravely doing their duty in the long tradition of the US military. It is our responsibility as American citizens and veterans to let our servicemen and women know we are aware of and thankful for their incredible sacrifices and honorable service. Please pick up our SOT Boxes at the luncheons and/or make a donation to help us pay the shipping cost when we do HOA and school drives. ●





Thanks to all who have been making an effort to encourage new members to join us. My MOAA statistics indicate that there are still many current and former military officers and their spouses either coming into our community or already here, who would enjoy the hospitality and camaraderie of our dynamic organization. We appreciate whatever support you can provide to extend our MOAS invitation to them and make them feel welcome.

Again, our national organization, MOAA, of which we are a leading chapter, continues its 2011 "Give Me 10" chapter membership drive to recover lapsed national MOAA memberships and recruit new ones. If you are renewing or joining for the first time, please do so through me so that you and we can take advantage of the "Give Me 10" Program discounts. This program offers significant financial incentives and bonuses to our MOAS chapter that will assist funding of our local scholarships, our "Support Our Troops" activities and other MOAS charitable and social programs. Notably, during this drive MOAA 1-year memberships are complimentary (free) to all on duty active, reserve and National Guard officers, and are 2-years-for-the-price-of-one (\$30) for all retired, auxiliary and/or former officers who are new or lapsed national MOAA members.

According to our records, many of our MOAS active members, also have MOAA national memberships. However, we have no way to determine if your national MOAA membership has lapsed. This drive provides those MOAS members, who are not national MOAA members or whose memberships have lapsed, the opportunity to gain MOAA benefits at a 2-for-1 discount, while helping local MOAS chapter funding. I have the required "Give Me 10" enrollment forms and will handle related collection and submission activities for the chapter. So, if you wish to join or rejoin the national MOAA membership, please contact me directly or via our other Board members for more information.

The challenge for every member is to recruit a new member!! We encourage and appreciate your efforts to extend the hand of our chapter and of the national MOAA community.

A hearty welcome to renewed and new members. Welcome and Thank You for your support!!

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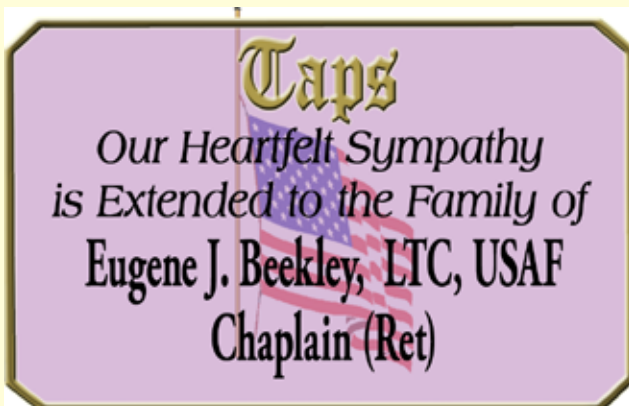
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BG Jim & Joyce Hesson display a commemorative "throw" they received from the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (101st Airborne) to honor their SOT work. They presented COL John & Carol O'Brien and Captain & Rita Cunningham with similar "throws" on behalf of the 159th.



Friday **MOAS Luncheon**
July 15, 2011
Michael's on East



SERVED LUNCHEON
Asian Style Salad with Assorted Greens, Chinese Cabbage, Sprouts, Shredded Carrots, Cucumber, Dried Cranberries, Toasted Almonds & Soy Ginger Dressing

ENTREE
Pan seared Mahi Mahi with capers, mushrooms, sundried tomatoes in a luscious beurre blanc sauce, Rice Pilaf, Roasted Baby Red Peppers & Haricot Verts

Signature Bread Basket

SERVED DESSERT
Fresh Fruit Band Tart: Flaky Puff Pastry, Pineapples, Oranges and Strawberries with Vanilla Pastry Cream

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

For 7/15/2011 at 11:30 AM - Michael's on East

PLEASE NOTE NEW PRICE AMOUNT

Please reserve _____ places for the luncheon. A check for \$ _____ is enclosed based on \$24.00 for each person attending (Tax & Tip included).

NAME, RANK & PHONE # of Requesting Member.

Please print names of additional persons attending.
(Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary)

New or First Time Attending Member _____

Is this your birthday month? _____

Is this your spouse's birthday month? _____

Return the form above with check made out to MOAS. Mail to:

PATRICIA McLAIN
4746 MARSHFIELD ROAD
SARASOTA, FL 34235-5695

Please Note: Pat's Phone #371-0883

NOTICE

We must provide the restaurant with an exact number of reservations at least 48 hours in advance of event. No additional requests or refunds will be honored after that time.

Requests for menu changes due to dietary restrictions should be provided at the time of reservation. Please do not contact Michael's-on-East directly. Thank you. •



(l to r) Janet Solomon (speaker), Joyce & BG Jim Hesson, Don & Rita Cunningham



MOAS CALENDAR – JULY - AUGUST 2011



Date	 Event		Time
July 5, Tue	Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association		4:00 PM
July 9, Sat	YAHOO Event - Marina Jack Lunch Cruise - Details Page 8		11:15 AM
July 15, Fri	MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East - Music of the Caribbean Dress Code - Casual  		11:30 AM
July 27, Wed	YAHOO Event - Kayak Trip - Details Page 8		7:30 AM
Aug 1, Mon	Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association		4:00 PM
Aug 17, Wed	YAHOO Event - Sunset Beach Party - Lido Key - Details Page 8		6:30 PM
Aug 19, Fri	MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East - Curator of Ringling Circus Museum Dress Code - Casual  		11:30 AM