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MAY PROGRAM: SCHOLARSHIPS & COL. DAWSON DISCUSSES MIDDLE EAST

by Vic Reiling



CENTCOM Historian COL. David Dawson and COL. Steve Cork of the Military Officers Association of Sarasota (MOAS) presented \$1,500 college scholarships to six very deserving young Sarasota County high school seniors selected for their academic, leadership, and community service excellence. The scholarships are funded by the MOAS Scholarship Fund and the Captain Don Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund. (See more Scholarship photos on page 3.)

COL Dawson then gave us an inside look of our Armed Forces in action in the Middle East, commencing with WW II Army units guarding lend lease materials that were transported through the area. They were commanded by Brigadier General Schwarzkopf, who's son returned to command DESERT STORM

In 1946, Britain had the primary forces in the area, with the U.S. acting as a backup in the CENTO pact. By 1968, U.K. forces were all stationed east of Suez and we became the major military force in the Middle East, poised to prevent Soviet intrusion. Then we had to deal
See MAY PROGRAM on page 3

JUNE PROGRAM: "SARASOTA'S OWN" WILL SPEAK TO US

by Vic Reiling



Hard finding photos. Janet in mid 1960's with insert as she looks today.

Janet Hamel Solomon is both an Army Mom and an Army Daughter of our late Chaplain J.D. "Bud" Hamel and symphony violinist Jean Hamel. As owner of Marina Jack's *Key Sailing*, Jan and her husband U.S.C.G. Master Captain Rev. Tim Solomon have sailed over 25,000 miles together in the last four years alone. Jan received the 2010 Sarasota Small Business of the Year Award for Woman Entrepreneurial Excellence.

As a hometown girl who survived a Colombian kidnap incident, Jan returned home in 1999 -- and she holds tight to her hometown Sarasota roots. The secret behind Solomon's success began with a tragedy and life-changing experience.

Her smile and joyful attitude keeps clients returning for dolphin-sighting cruises, romantic sunset cruises and even weddings out on the water. ●

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The annual 2011 convention of the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters was held May 8-15. This was a little different from most state MOAA conventions in that the sponsors, the Cape Canaveral Chapter, arranged a "Convention at Sea", an eastern Caribbean cruise on the Royal Caribbean ship "Freedom of The Seas."



Our Sarasota chapter was nobly represented by a seaworthy group of Troy and Elke Scott, Joe and Nicky Dovener, and John and Carol O'Brien. They honorably represented us at the Black Tie events and made a noble effort to hit all of the great goings-on, to include doing something neither Carol nor I have experienced lately, doing nothing.

The fun and relaxation at the Convention at Sea was, as one might expect at a convention, interrupted with sessions on membership recruiting, business operations and chapter management. These training programs are critical elements in keeping a large national organization operating in a uniform manner, and maintaining a strong, vibrant program. Everyone benefits by seeing the challenges other chapters have experienced and how they responded to their problems. Having been fortunate to meet the leadership in many of the Florida Chapters, my view is that while we cannot rest on our laurels, we have a successful program right here in little ole Sarasota. While we have great people in our chapter, our future will depend on NEW volunteers coming up through the system and participating in the chapter's business and programs activities.

At the Florida Council of Chapters business meeting, Troy Scott gave a great presentation of our Sarasota Chapter's plan to host the 2013 Florida convention here in Sarasota. The Council's Directors enthusiastically approved the proposed plan. This effort will require the involvement of many of our members, so consider volunteering before being drafted. Contact Troy.

At the May luncheon we saw a great group of young Americans. A significant number of them are pursuing military service, which was heartening to see. The Scholarship Committee has done a great job this year and a big thanks goes to the Chairman Bill LaFollette and the entire committee for their hard work. COL Steve Cork, who is retiring as Commandant of Cadets of the Sarasota Military Academy, received an award and our heartfelt thanks for his 8 years of supporting our Scholarship Program. ●

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MAY PROGRAM continued

with the 1973-74 oil embargo and the 1979 fall of the Shah of Iran. This quickly led to the hostage situation in Tehran and the Soviet attack on Afghanistan, with President Carter establishing the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force and declaring any intrusion into the Persian Gulf area to be an act of war. Oil, of course, was our primary concern!

CENTCOM was established in 1983, and after the end of the Iran - Iraq War came Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and America's involvement. At the same time, Bin Laden established Al Qaeda and its treacherous works. After 9/11, of course, we entered Afghanistan and then Iraq with involvement of all branches of our armed forces.

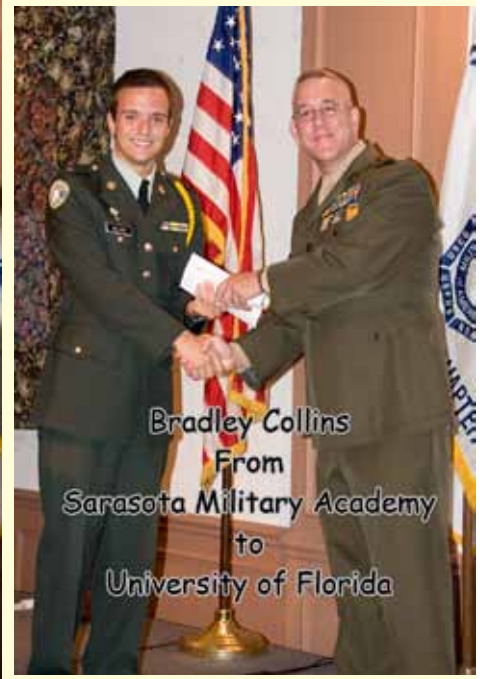
Currently, technology, counter terrorism, numerous deployments, piracy, surges, suicide bombings and Special Forces actions are daily news for all of us. We can but remember and thank the men and women of our Armed Forces for all they do for us and for America! ●



Marissa Beiling
From
Pine View
to
Air Force Academy



Meghan Buckley-Cramer
From
Riverview
To
West Point Military Academy



Bradley Collins
From
Sarasota Military Academy
to
University of Florida



Carly Loyd
from
Sarasota Military Academy
to
Hollins College



CAPT Don Taylor Memorial Scholarship
Joshua Payne
From
Sarasota Military Academy
To
West Point Military Academy
(via Marion Military Academy
Prep School)



Joann Zermeno
From
Booker
To
San Diego State University
(Other Booker awardees page 4)



COL Steve Cork introducing and explaining the scholarship program and thanking the committee members for their efforts



MOAS President John O'Brien awarding a "Golden Eagle" to COL Cork in appreciation for his coordinating scholarship activities for the past eight years



In addition to the Captain Don Taylor Memorial Scholarship, funded each year by Marguerite Taylor, Pat McLain funds three scholarships at Booker High School in honor of her departed husband, BG Jack McLain. Jack and Pat have enthusiastically supported the Visual and Performing Arts program at Booker High School.



The Board meeting was called to order at 1600 hours on 2 May, 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), Alan Forester, (Dir), Bill LaFollette (Dir), George Tracy (Dir) and Len Friedlander (IPP). Board members absent: Don Kuyper (Treas). Committee members and visitors present: Max Jonah, Pat McLain, Barbara Hamilton, BG Frank Laudano, Carol O'Brien and Mary LaFollette.

PRESIDENTS REPORT. MOAS has been awarded the following national awards from MOAA: Print Newsletter - Winner (Breeze) – Col Len Friedlander & COL Max Jonah; Chapter Web Site - 1st Runner-Up – CAPT Don Cunningham; Unique Communications Award - SOT Web Site – CAPT Don Cunningham.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. Minutes of the Board Meeting of 4 April 2011 were approved. MOAS name tags are available at \$15.00 each. Make out check to MOAS. 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 30 April, 2011:

- The balance of the MOAS Operating Fund is \$8,228.34
- The balance of the Scholarship Fund is \$31,369.70 which includes \$6,398.27 in Special Accounts (Support Our Troops & Taylor Funds).

OLD BUSINESS. Letter to VADM Ryan at MOAA to confirm his attendance at our September Joint Meeting.

SCHEDULED EVENTS. Luncheon of 15 April had profit of \$157.00. Scholarship received \$88.00; SOT received \$15.00. Attendance 133.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS. MOAS is sending packages to 159th Air Brigade and 101st Airborne Division in Afganistan. The

Marine units are due to return in July. There are 1,000 boxes available to go to the Memorial Day parades.

AUXILIARY. Barbara Hamilton reported on a SOT box packing session to be held at her home

NEWSLETTER. The plan for photographing the scholarship presentations was discussed, stressing the need to pre-plan the photo coverage with intent to provide photos for our publicity man, Alan Forester, which would most likely be accepted for publication in the Herald-Tribune.

PROGRAMS.

May	Scholarship Awards (COL Dave Dawson - CENTCOM)
June	Jan Solomon (Sarasota Woman of the Year)
July	TBA
August	TBA
September	Joint Meeting SW Florida Chapters (VADM Norbert Ryan (MOAA))

MEMBERSHIP

MOAS	2010	2011
Regular	342	341
Auxiliary	96	104
Allied	4	4
Total	442	449

We have 69 unpaid members from last year and will need a team effort to have them rejoin. There is one new member who joined MOAA on the 'Give Me 10' plan Board discussed ideas for recruitment.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROJECTS. All the High Schools have new type plaques on hand. Medals and certificates have been or will be handed out shortly. The gift for COL Cork, on his retirement from SMA, will be presented at the May luncheon. Scholarship Awards recommended by the committee were approved and will be presented at the May luncheon.

PUBLICITY. MOAS has been getting excellent publicity in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, the Observer and the Pelican Press. The Herald-Tribune has been carrying the notice of our luncheons.

SARASOTA COUNTY VETERANS COMMISSION. Pat McLain reported on the Commission's April meeting. She included particulars of the Memorial Day Parade and a service at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS. Len Friedlander followed up on previous discussions of more appropriate ways to budget for predictable expenses. This will be on the Agenda for June.

NEXT MEETING. The Board adjourned at 1735 hours. The next Board meeting is on 6 June, 2011 at 1600 hours on the Meadows Community Center. All members are welcome to attend. ●



HASC APPROVES DEFENSE BILL

The House Armed Services Committee approved its version of the \$690-billion FY2012 National Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 1540).

In the process, the Committee dropped a Military Personnel Subcommittee provision that would have frozen TRICARE fees for another year and replaced it with a provision that allows modest increases for FY12, but adds important protections against disproportional increases in the future.

The new provision would allow DoD to raise the TRICARE Prime enrollment fee by \$5 a month and raise retail pharmacy co-pays by \$2 or \$3, while eliminating the co-pay for generic drugs in the mail-order pharmacy program.

More important, it adds a statement that Congress recognizes that career military people pay the bulk of their premiums up-front and in-kind, through decades of service and sacrifice. In recognition of that, the Committee bill language specifies that the percentage fee increase in future years may not exceed the percentage increase in military retired pay.

(As an aside --- there is no doubt in my mind that this discussion is not over by a long shot. Current and former DoD officials have come on line stating that healthcare is NOT a recruiting or retention tools, and seeking to raise TRICARE fees and means testing retired beneficiaries. The Senate becomes the next battleground.)

In addition, the bill proposes increasing the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) payable to survivors whose Survivor Benefit Plan annuity is reduced because they also receive a survivor annuity from the VA for their sponsor's service-caused death. The current \$70 monthly SSIA payment will rise to \$80 on Oct. 1 under existing law, and then grow to \$90 for FY13, \$150 for FY14, \$200 for FY15, \$275 for FY16, and \$310 for FY17. Under current law, the program will expire as of Oct 1, 2017. Under the new Committee proposal, the allowance would increase to \$163 instead of \$90 for FY13, then jump to \$200 in FY14. It would offer significantly more modest increases for FY15-FY17, and extend token payments of \$9 to \$27 per month through FY21. The latter small amounts are intended as "placeholders" to establish Congress' intent to continue the program beyond FY17 while seeking additional funding sources.

Another amendment approved by the Committee would delay implementation of the "don't ask, don't tell" repeal until the President, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the four service chiefs all certify that repeal wouldn't hurt military readiness. Under current law only the President, SecDef, and CJCS must certify.

The final bill passed with a strong bi-partisan vote of 60-1. The next step will be for the full House of Representatives to take up the Committee's bill. The Senate Armed Services Committee will begin work on its version of the bill in mid-June.

WOUNDED WARRIOR CAREGIVER BENEFITS

The VA released new rules this week that will allow more caregivers of wounded warriors to apply for new benefits enacted last year. The caregiver benefits include special training, mental health services, access to "CHAMPVA" health insurance, respite care, a stipend and other services.

The VA originally proposed restricting the benefits to approximately 850 caregivers. The new rules will allow approximately 3,500 caregivers to apply for the benefits.

Disabled veterans must meet certain criteria for their caregivers to receive benefits. The disability must be a serious injury, including traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma or other mental disorder, incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the armed forces on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

Veterans and their caregivers may download a copy of the Family Caregiver program application from the VA web site.

NEW TRICARE PROGRAM COVERS YOUNG ADULTS

TRICARE Young Adult coverage began May 1. Uniformed services dependents younger than 26, unmarried, and not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health care coverage may be qualified to purchase TYA, which offers TRICARE Standard coverage for monthly premiums of \$186.

A premium-based TRICARE Prime benefit will be available later this year.

Complete information and application forms are available at www.tricare.mil/tya. Those considering TYA should determine if they are eligible before completing and sending in an application. The application and payment of three months of premiums can be dropped off at a TRICARE Service Center or sent by mail or faxed directly to the appropriate regional health care contractor.

VET EMPLOYMENT BILL

The "Hiring Heroes Act of 2011," a veterans' employment bill introduced by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), Chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, and 14 bipartisan Senate co-sponsors was announced at a press conference.

The bill would authorize all returning veterans to receive broad job skills training and require that service members attend a transition assistance program before leaving the military. The bill also creates new direct federal authority to permit faster vet hiring, and improves veteran mentorship programs in the work sector.

MOAA and other veterans' organizations have endorsed the bill to ease the shocking 27% unemployment rate among returning veterans under age 25. ●



STATE ACADEMIC OLYMPIC MATCHES IN ORLANDO

Blake Wiley, coach for the Sarasota County All-Stars, reported that the first match was a thriller with the top three teams advancing to the Finals. Our Sarasota team started off strong and was in 1st place at the end of Round One.

The Second Round was also good, though they ended in 2nd place. Trying to assure a trip to the Finals, they played ultra-conservatively at the start of the Third Round and dropped to 4th place with a couple of

questions left. Getting the final two questions correct brought them back to 2nd place and a berth in the Finals – their goal for the week. They were in the top six of fifty-one teams.

In the Finals the competition was fierce and it was virtually impossible to get to the buzzer before others. After Round One they stood in 2nd place, but things took a bit of a downturn in the Second Round as Orange County passed everyone to go to 1st place and Sarasota slipped to 4th place. Knowing the money was above them, they took a no holds barred approach to the Third Round and achieved one of their designated finishing positions – unfortunately the last one as they ended in 6th place.

As Judy Keeler, AAUW Volunteer, who accompanied them said, “I could not be prouder of the Sarasota team, in how it handled stress, anxiety, euphoria, defeat, collaboration, and support for one another.” So congratulations to Anthony Grebe, Faisal Sikdar, Jeff Adams, Preston Davis, Juan Masi and Dan Woods. ●



SMA HIGHLIGHTS OVER THE PAST SCHOOL YEAR “2010-11”

By Cadet Major Christin Coblenz, S-5

Sarasota Military Academy has had a very successful year. We started with our largest enrollment in school history, 817 cadets. From the Raider Team to the Drill and Rifle Teams, we brought home many trophies and many victories. This year we have also undergone some tragedies, but they have brought our school together and shown what a true family we are.

This school year, our Drill Team sent nine teams to the state competition, and our Rifle Team participated in five national shooting competitions. The Rifle Team is now rated as the fourth best JROTC team in the United States. All three Raider Teams went to the Florida Raider State Competition. The Male and Female teams brought

home first place for the third consecutive year, and the Mixed Team came in fourth place.

The SMA lacrosse team ended the conference season with eleven wins. We are planning to increase our sports program next year by joining the Florida Athletic Association with soccer and possibly wrestling.

Almost 800 SMA cadets marched through the streets of downtown Sarasota for the Veterans Day parade, and we are planning to do this again in the Memorial Day parade. Graduation is fast approaching and this year’s class has a large number of students attending college in the fall. Our seniors have worked very hard to earn scholarships, and many plan to attend four-year universities.

The SMA family has had to deal with quite a few misfortunes this year. Car accidents, cancer, sickness, and death are some of the tragedies that we have faced. These things could be expected to cause the students to stumble, but SMA came together with unbelievable strength. The support, love and perseverance that have been displayed really shows that SMA is set apart. Our achievements and success, even when all the odds are against us proves that SMA is a unique and excellent school. ●



Margarete and Russ Wiltshire flanking their guests of the day, Dustin Schuler (grandson) and Patricia White ((daughter)



CAMEL RACES

We had promised in depth interviews following the Camel Races at StaleyHillDowns, but no one spoke Camelese, and then there was the very serious issue of the “fragrance” of the mighty beasts. While the camels were cute, the Fajitas were outstanding. We assume it was beef although some of the Camels were missing. To see the press releases go to www.yourobserver.com in the April 21, 2011 “East County” version. The Staleys outdid themselves this time, and deserve a big sloppy camel kiss for raising \$470 for our Support Our Troops and Scholarship Programs.



SNOOK HAVEN “OLD FLORIDA” EVENT ON THE MYAKKA RIVER

This activity saw 32 YAHOOs enjoying boating on a tropical, alligator infested river much like the classic movie African Queen, except no YAHOOs were eaten due to the environmentally sensitive local wildlife. The refreshments were cold and food good. .



JUNE 11TH - SIGHTSEEING LUNCH CRUISE ON THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER - FT MYERS

The YAHOO's are headed south for something different in June. Carol and John O'Brien are sponsoring a lunch cruise out of Ft. Myers on board the climate controlled triple decked paddlewheel, The Capt P., for a 4½ hour cruise on the Caloosahatchee River. The river is lined with beautiful homes surrounded by lush tropical growth. Hopefully we will see a few manatees and other Florida wildlife in their natural habitat. We will also see some of the Intracoastal Waterway and the W. P. Franklin Locks that control the waters of Lake Okeechobee. During the cruise we will enjoy a YAHOO All You Can Eat Buffet Luncheon with a cash bar; therefore, no coolers on this trip. Don't forget hats, camera, water and sunscreen.

We have a reservation for up to 30 people, with 25 presently confirmed. The cost is \$34.98 per person. Please make a check out to John or Carol O'Brien and send to 7606 Broomsedge Ct. Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202. RSVP to the O'Brien's with a check to assure your reservation NLT June 1st. We will then write one check that needs to be received by the cruise company a week in advance. Boarding begins at 10:30 AM with an 11:00 AM departure, so we recommend arriving NLT 10:15 AM. The boat returns to the dock at 3:30 PM.

Directions: Take I-75 to Exit 141. Head west approximately 6 miles to the downtown Fort Myers area. Make a right turn onto Hendry St. (Dead ends at the river). Boat address is 1300 Hendry St. Ft. Myers, FL 33902.

July 9TH - Marina Jack Lunch Cruise

Saturday, July 9th, the YAHOOs are going out in Sarasota Bay on the Marina Jack Lunch cruise. Now what could be better than cruising in air-conditioned comfort looking for a little “fixer upper” home, surrounded by stingrays, 1200 lb. loveable manatees, hungry sharks and a bunch of YAHOOs? The lunch buffet provides a choice of the daily catch and grilled chicken marsala, with all the customary accompaniments such as salad, bread, vegetables and dessert.

Carol and John O'Brien have reserved 30 places on the upper deck at \$30.79/person inclusive of tax and gratuity. The open bar is extra. In order for the sponsors to confirm your 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. ●



Tove Stimpson who was prompted to come to our luncheon by the announcement in the Herald-Tribune

Please come again, Tove



Contributed by BG Jim Hesson

It's often said, "it's a small world." It was recently demonstrated to your "Support Our Troops" committee. The Army brigade we had been supporting in Afghanistan redeployed to their home base in the US. In looking for a replacement unit we were able to connect with a new brigade, the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) that had recently deployed to Afghanistan. We were able to do so by contacting the wife of the Brigade Commander, Colonel Kenneth "Todd" Royar and also the Family Readiness Support Assistant (FRSA) for the 159th at Ft. Campbell, KY, (Mrs.) Pam McFarland. The FRSA provides services for families and coordination for soldiers in a myriad of tasks.

In her first communiqué with us Pam said she would be out of the office for a few days, as she had to attend a funeral. After further reading the address block on a message we sent she announced the funeral was for her deployed husband's aunt and the services were to be held in Sarasota. Pam's husband, CW4 Dave McFarland, is a graduate of Sarasota High School who entered the service from here. He is an Army Chief Warrant Officer, Helicopter Pilot, and is the 159th Aviation Brigade's Senior Aircraft Maintenance Officer. While Pam



was in town she had a little free time and we were able to take her to lunch. The above photo shows Pam with Carol and John O'Brien and my wife Joyce and I following lunch together. During lunch we were able to discuss our forthcoming year of support we will provide the soldiers in her husband's brigade through our "Support Our Troops" box program. Communications with the supported units are always a key component to our responding to the service members' needs.

The 159th Aviation Brigade commands multiple battalions, comprised of Army aircraft and their maintenance and supply support units. It is currently stationed in the Kandahar, Afghanistan area of operations. The brigade aircraft are AH-64 "Apache" attack helicopters, CH-47 "Chinook" Cargo helicopters, UH-60 "Blackhawk" troop carriers and the new UH-60M "Medevac" medical evacuation helicopters. The UH-60M is "state of the art" medically equipped to ensure wounded or injured soldiers can be effectively and properly treated while en-route by air to a hospital.

This unit is always "in the fight." When you hear of tactical or "Nation Building" operations in the Kandahar area, you can be sure that aircraft from the 159th are involved in support of the ground operations. They need our continuing support. Please join in our efforts to provide that support. ●

Eve Sholund, on the right, with her guest, Nita Devlin



George Binswanger, on the left, with his guest, David Gold, who is a new member





First I want to thank those of you who responded to my email reminders requesting 2011 dues payment, which has improved our renewal percentage to 83% toward our 100% renewal target. Though we are continuing our renewal follow ups, please note that only those, who have paid their 2011 dues, will continue to receive our monthly Breeze newsletter. We appreciate and look forward to your continued support as active MOAS members.

Let me remind you that 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 members and recruit new ones. We have thus far added two new members to the national MOAA membership toward our minimum goal of "10." 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 organization, please contact me directly or via our other Board members for more information. Regarding both of our 2011 MOAS and MOAA membership campaigns, I would ask that you consider the recent words of our Florida MOAA Council President, Don Freese, in announcing the Florida Council victory in the southwest regional quarterly competition for new MOAA members, "The challenge for every member is to recruit a new member." We encourage and appreciate your efforts to attract new members to our chapter and to the national MOAA community.

Finally, a hearty welcome to renewed and new members. Welcome and Thank You for your support!! •

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TAPS
Our Heartfelt Sympathy
is Extended to the Families of

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February 26, 2011

J. Rosser Jones, LtCol USAFR (Ret)
May 4, 2011

Edna M. Miller, Auxiliary
Feb 23, 2009
(Belatedly advised by daughter)

Dolores P. "Dee" O'Neal, Auxiliary
May 8, 2011

Dorothy T. Tatcher, Auxiliary
April 22, 2011

Friday
MOAS Luncheon
June 17, 2011
Michael's on East



SERVED LUNCHEON
Carrot & Coriander Bisque

ENTREE:

Michael's on East summer cobb salad with grilled chicken, assorted field lettuces, spiced and sugared walnuts, sliced strawberries, mango, blueberries, blackberries and crumbled gorgonzola drizzled with sweet poppy seed dressing

Signature Bread Basket

SERVED DESSERT

Derby Pie: Like a Chocolate Chip Cookie Baked in a Pie, Plus Walnuts and Hints of Kentucky Bourbon, with Vanilla Ice Cream

Served Coffee, Decaf & Tea

MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

For 6/17/2011 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:

ELKE SCOTT
841 FORESTVIEW COURT
SARASOTA, FL 34232

Please Note: Elke's Phone #379-3023

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. •



May Birthdays
(l to r) Max Jonah, Beverly Gerber, Geri Hilmes, Marty Donner



MOAS CALENDAR – JUNE - JULY 2011



Date	 Event		Time
Jun 1, Wed	VPA Classical Music Concert - No reservations needed - \$5.00 fee		7:00 PM
Jun 2, Thur	VPA Jazz Concert - No reservations needed - \$5.00 fee		7:00 PM
Jun 6, Mon	Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association		4:00 PM
Jun 11, Sat	YAHOO Event - Lunch Cruise on Caloosahatchee River - Details Page 8		10:30 AM
Jun 17, Fri	MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East - Jan Solomon (Sarasota Small Business Woman of the Year)	Dress Code - Casual 	11:30 AM
July 5, Tue	Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association		4:00 PM
July 9, Sat	YAHOO Event - Marina Jack Lunch Cruise - Details Page 8		&N 710:30 AM
July 15, Fri	MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East - Program TBA	Dress Code - Casual 	11:30 AM