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### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: JOINT LUNCHEON - VADM NORBERT RYAN, JR.

by Vic Reiling

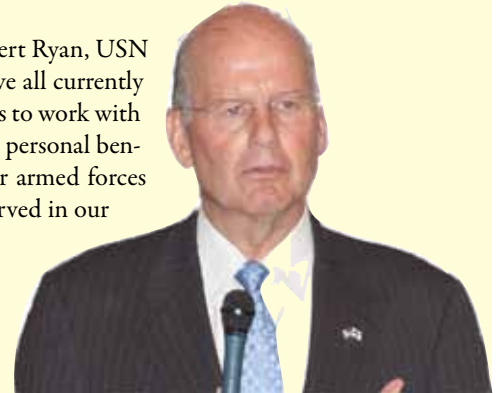
Our large luncheon crowd experienced a warm and wonderful talk by Vice Admiral Norbert Ryan, USN (Ret.), President of national MOAA. He covered many of the national challenges that we all currently face, as well as even tougher times that could occur in the future. We learned of MOAA's actions to work with both the President and the Congress, and how much effort MOAA expends to supporting our personal benefits and health care as well as those of the new and truly amazing members of our volunteer armed forces and their families. It is important to note that but 20% of our congressional representatives served in our military.

America's military future is dependent on our volunteers. We all certainly know of the numerous times they are rotated into combat zones and of their extraordinary accomplishments - and the efforts their families make to support them. As VADM Ryan noted, our armed forces are "PURPLE", meaning that there is real inter-service camaraderie and effort.

As a prior Chief of Naval Personnel, and having been in the Pentagon on 9/11, he was particularly taken by the astounding cooperation and selflessness of all stationed there that day!

En route to Sarasota, VADM Ryan and his wife Judy, visited many recently wounded warriors at the VA Hospital in Tampa. Their overwhelming intent is to recover as soon as possible and then, if health allows, return to duty!

We thank VADM Ryan - his visit was a real verification of all that we do in the Sarasota Chapter of MOAA. ●



### OCTOBER PROGRAM: NORMAL MEMORY AND HOW IT IS AFFECTED BY AGING

by Vic Reiling



Our October luncheon speaker, Karen Houseweart, is the Manager of Geriatric Services and Coordinator of the Memory Disorder Clinic at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. She has almost 20 years experience in the field of Geriatrics and is very active in this community in a number of organizations providing advocacy for older adults and caregivers.

She will discuss how normal memory changes as people age and the common symptoms of memory loss as well as the influence of medications on brain functions. A number of tips and pointers regarding the existence of memory loss will be covered as well as what can be done if such loss is determined.

There will be a question and answer period following her presentation. ●

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September was our "Joint" luncheon, which is usually with our neighbor Chapters of Bradenton and Venice. This year with VADM Ryan, CEO of MOAA as our luncheon speaker, we extended our invitation to all our Florida chapters. Along with Bradenton and Venice, we had MOAA members from Naples, Ft Myers, St Pete and Tampa, to name a few. Carol and I enjoyed re-newing acquaintances with people we have met over the years at Florida conventions. Florida has a strong chapter organization, and that is a significant factor in keeping our organization strong and vibrant.

We need to recognize the very professional, and from my perspective, personal support from MOAA. They are us, and want us to succeed. One extremely important area they are helping us with is membership recruiting. Why is that important? We are unfortunately losing our great members of the WWII generation, and the retiree migration to the sunshine state has stalled with the economy. To maintain an active, strong organization we need to at the very least keep our membership numbers stable. Our Membership Director, George Tracy, has been extremely pleased with the assistance from MOAA in finding potential members in the area who qualify to join our chapter, but either do not know we are here, or just need a nudge to join. However, the best recruiter we have is you. Pick up some MOAS membership applications at the luncheon and have them with you to pass to people you meet at your various social events in Sarasota. It works!

Another service the National organization of MOAA provides is very important, and personal to each of us. MOAA brings actions to the attention of Congress on issues that affect us, and our military. Upgrading survivor benefits, keeping Tricare fee hikes reasonable, pushing for Tricare For Life and Tricare Senior Pharmacy are but a few of the programs that would not exist without organizations like MOAA.

This past month we have unfortunately lost three of our World War II members who have been our friends and colleagues, and contributed so much to their country. We say a sad good bye to Sanford "Sandy" Winston, LTC, USA (Ret); Joshua Thomas Winstead, Jr., Col, USAF (Ret) and Howard S. Rogers, CPT, AUS. We have been fortunate to have had them in our lives.

Our Nominating Board, chaired by BG Jim Hesson, USA with members Claire Power and Carol O'Brien, have reported their recommended slate of Chapter Officers for 2012. The nominees will be reported in the November Breeze, to include biographical summaries, and voted on at the November Annual Meeting Luncheon. ●

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**MOAS, 5 September 2011 Board Meeting Minutes, The Meadows Community Center**

**ATTENDANCE:**

1. Board Members Present: John O'Brien (Pres - Presiding), Vic Reiling (2VP), Don Kuyper (Treas), Janice Sladzinski (Sec'y), George Tracy (Dir), Len Friedlander (IPP)
2. Board Members Absent: Troy Scott (1VP), Claire Power (Dir), Alan Forrester (Dir)
3. Committee Members & Visitors Present: Jim Hesson, Charles Caudill, Pat McLain, Barbara Hamilton

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Bill LaFollette has resigned his position on the Board as Director, Scholarships and Claire Power is appointed to this position for the balance of the year.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The minutes from the 1 August 2011 Board Meeting, as published in the Breeze, was approved.

BOARD MEETINGS & LUNCHEONS - 2011		
Month	Board Meeting	Luncheon
September	6	16
October	3	21
November	7	18
December	5	11 (gala)

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** As of 31 August 2011:

1. The balance in the MOAS Operating Fund is: \$5,825.73
2. The balance in the Scholarship Fund is: \$23,217.95 This includes \$5,398.36 in Special Accounts (Support Our Troops and Taylor Funds)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Scheduled Events (Elke Scott): The 19 August 2011 luncheon had a profit of \$173.00 with 118 in attendance. Scholarships received \$90.00 from 50/50.
2. Programs (Vic Reiling):

September	Joint Meeting SW Florida Chapters - VADM Norbert Ryan (MOAA)
October	Kathleen Houseweater, Coordinator Geriatrics, SMH
November	Annual Meeting; Lt Gen Dell Dailey, member Aviation Hall of Fame
December	Winter Gala
January	Dolly Jacobs, Circus Sarasota
February	Sarasota Opera
March	TBA
April	Booker High School Visual Performing Arts

3. Newsletter (Len Friedlander): Len Friedlander & Patt Staley will be assuming the duties from Max to work on the Breeze. Need one person to be responsible for taking photos at MOAS events.
4. Membership (George Tracy):

MOAS	2010	2011
Life	-	28
Regular	342	307
Auxiliary	96	104
Allied	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>444</b>

5. Scholarships & Projects (Claire Power): Claire Power will be responsible for establishing process for application and awarding of scholarships
6. Support Our Troops (John O'Brien): Church of the Palms is having special 9/11 6:00 PM service and will be passing out boxes for Support Our Troops.
7. Sarasota County Veterans Commission (Pat McLain): On September 11 there will be a program at Patriots Park at 3:00 PM. SCVC has appointed COL Ben Knisely as Military liaison and Veterans Affairs contact person.
8. Chaplain/Survivor Benefits (Charles Caudill): A visitation list should be available of ill at home or hospitalized for all MOAS members who may desire to visit. This will also be added to the Breeze.
9. Auxiliary (Barbara Hamilton): A list of MOAA publications has been prepared and will be available at the luncheons, and upon request.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nominating Committee Chairman Jim Hesson submitted list of candidates for 2012 Board.

**COMMENTS:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The Board adjourned at 1730 hours. The next Board meeting will be on 3 October 2011 at 1600 hours in the Meadows Community Center. ●



**COL Gil Ruderman, President Bradenton Chapter**



### **DoD Cuts?**

There are many things going on simultaneously which could adversely impact the military and veteran/retiree community as Congress attempts to rein in our national debt.

This fall DoD will decide on specific initiatives to trim its budget by \$350 billion over ten years (part of the debt ceiling compromise). Possible actions include force reductions, pay raise caps, TRICARE and retirement changes, and more.

If Congress hasn't passed all of the appropriations bills by October 1st (which almost certainly won't happen), they will have to pass a "continuing resolution" to avoid a government shutdown. We've seen this act before, and the last several times there's been a big fight over using the risk of a shutdown to impose even bigger spending cuts than already approved.

Also there are the Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for the "Super Committee" proposal, and the Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline for Congress to review and vote (up or down/no amendments) on the proposal— also part of the debt ceiling compromise. If the committee can't agree on a proposal, or Congress rejects the proposal without approving some alternative to achieve equal savings, an automatic enforcement mechanism (sequestration) will cut \$1.2 trillion from the budget over the next 10 years.

In this event, the cuts will be effective on Jan 1, and the \$1.2 trillion in automatic, across-the-board cuts will be divided evenly between defense and non-defense accounts. Under sequestration, certain programs will be exempt from cuts; including federal civilian and military retirement, Social Security and Medicare beneficiaries. But cutting an additional \$600 billion from defense would require massive cuts to almost all other programs, likely including commissaries, health care, weapons systems, troop levels, and more.

*Contact our legislators (Buchanan, Rubio, & Nelson) to remind them that military retirement and health care programs are essential to sustaining a high quality career military.*

### **HOUSE PANEL OBJECTS TO FURTHER DEFENSE CUTS**

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) is preparing an analysis on the impacts of deep defense cuts to submit to the "Super Committee" tasked with reducing the national debt by more than a trillion dollars over the next 10 years.

HASC Chairman Howard "Buck" McKeon fears any super committee proposals for more defense cuts would lead to a "hollowing out" of the military. DoD is already on the hook to cut \$350 billion over the next 10 years as part of the recent debt ceiling legislation.

A HASC report asserts that sequestration cuts of an additional

\$500 billion from the defense budget over ten years would severely degrade military readiness.

### **COLA 2012**

With deficit reduction negotiations ongoing, cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) cuts remain on a short list of options. A recent Washington Post editorial called a proposed switch to the more slow growing 'chained consumer price index' (CPI) a relatively easy way to save about \$300 billion over the next decade.

Senior and veterans groups are fighting any cut to the growth of COLAs because the increases are growing too slowly already. A recent study found that seniors have lost almost one-third of their buying power since 2000. Although COLA increased Social Security benefits about 31%, typical senior expenses have jumped 73%. Living costs for seniors (65+) are rising faster as they spend two to three times as much of their budgets as younger households on medical care, and health care costs have grown faster than other goods and services for over three decades. A case in point, Medicare Part B monthly premiums have grown fifteen-fold since 1976, from \$7.20 to \$115.40 in 2011.

*Contact Congressman Buchanan and Senators Nelson & Rubio requesting they support maintaining COLA adjustments in their present form. ●*



**COL Roger Popham & Bobbie Vanasco from Bradenton**



## If Only

***"IF ONLY. THOSE MUST BE THE TWO SADDEST WORDS IN THE WORLD," MERCEDES LACKEY***

My wife of 46 years died suddenly of an aneurysm in March, 2002. When the doctor informed me she had died, my first thought was "if only, I had ...", knowing now it was too late. For many months following her death I wondered if she knew how much I loved her, or if we could have done something together that we postponed for no good reason. The one great consolation I had as a widower was to know not a day went by without my telling her I loved her and giving her a hug. Today I do not have to utter the haunting words "if only." I am blessed.

When I was on active duty with the Air Force too many times after delivering a death message I heard the painful phrase "if only." Some wished they could have been more understanding, more forgiving, more loving or had spent more quality time with the deceased. Often the pain expressed by these telling words becomes unbearable. Guilt can become crippling and some people cease functioning, often becoming negative with very low self-esteem.

An example of the opposite response was when I had to tell a mother and father that a car had struck and killed their 16 year old daughter. I will never forget how they took my hands to comfort me and said: "This is really painful for us, but she was baptized last Sunday and at least we have comfort that she is with the Lord." Following her funeral we talked about how much she was loved and had been showered with love. Many tears flowed from us all, but what peace was in that place.

Two Sundays ago I preached at the Oneco United Methodist Church. The special music was performed by a father and his daughter who is starting her freshman year at the University of Florida. They sang a duet that warmed my heart. This past Sunday the minister announced that this eighteen year old girl had suffered a stroke and was in serious condition in the hospital. An emotional pain hit me and I wondered if I had given her a hug and let her know how much her music meant to me? Was I too late to express my feelings? Too often we miss the opportunity to let someone know our appreciation.

How often are we kinder to strangers than our own families? We need to show our love and affection to our families as often as possible and not miss an opportunity to do so. Not only are words and gestures important, but also our history. I continue to get comments from the families at military funerals and memorial services wishing they had some of the military memorabilia from their loved one. These are requests from children and grandchildren who want some tangible memory of us from our military careers.

This passage from Psalms 51:10 has helped me in my own journey: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." •



**TAPS**  
Our Heartfelt Sympathy  
is Extended to the Families of

*Sanford H. Winston, LTC USA  
(Ret) August 22, 2011*

*Howard S. Rogers, CPT AUS  
August 23, 2011*

*Joshua T. Winstead, Jr., COL USAF  
(Ret) August 25, 2011*



**Chaplain Major Vince Cummings, National Chaplain of Reserve Officers Assoc. of America (ROA) and Florida State President, ROA**



September was another great time to be a YAHOO. Sylvia did her usual outstanding theme event with a great Polynesian Night of exotic foods served in grand style. Something can be said about good food and good friends' hula dancing to bongo drums with only a few ending up in the pool. I have been known to exaggerate, but not on the good friends part. October the Scotts and the Friedlanders will sponsor an Oktoberfest party, and November will be Kayaking at the Sister Keys with lunch for kayakers and non-kayakers at Mar Vista. Of course December will be THE Army/Navy game at the Doveners, followed the next day with the Military Gala. Bored?

### **OCTOBER 9 - OKTOBERFEST 2011**

Join the Yahoos for the 2011 Oktoberfest co-hosted by Elke and Troy Scott and Christa and Len Friedlander. Hold on ladies, brought to you by the hosts at no cost, the past multiple winner of the TV series blockbuster "worst knees in Sarasota" will be there. Our one and only Troy Scott, decked out in his cute lederhosen. For a reasonable fee, you can get a personal picture with Troy on your lap. The festivities will begin Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at 841 Forestview Court, Sarasota, FL 34232. With Christa and Elke's good German cooking, be prepared for a diet busting evening. Please make your reservations no later than September 30, 2011 (maximum 30 persons) by calling Christa at 927-0996. Contributions of appetizers or desserts will be gladly accepted.



### **NOVEMBER 8 - KAYAKING**

Ray Day has volunteered to sponsor another kayak trip with professional guide John Sarkozy on Tuesday, November 8th. The cost for the YAHOO's is still only \$25 per person, which includes the kayak and all necessary equipment (paddle, seat, life vest and a whistle). We will paddle around the Sister Keys and then, for those who wish, have a cold beer & lunch at the Mar Vista restaurant. John Sarkozy suggested that we meet at the launch point at 0830 to have all our kayaks in the water by 0900. We will paddle until approximately 1200 hrs. In grand YAHOO style, Ray will coordinate with the manager of the Mar Vista so we can use the restaurant's parking area while we are kayaking. Sister Keys are located on the north end of Longboat Key, about

10 miles north of St. Armands Circle. Ray has maps to help people find the launch point, which will be provided to those who sign-up for the trip. Our guide has only 13 kayaks available for this trip (both singles and doubles), so if you are interested please contact Ray (941) 927-0398 to have your name placed on the reservation list on a "first come-first serve" basis. Please send your payment check to Ray at 5533 Ashley Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34241. Ray consolidates individual payments and reimburses John Sarkozy with a single check the day of the outing. Participants are reminded to have adequate head covering, sunglasses, sunscreen, footwear and water. The kayaks have a small storage compartment in the hull that can hold a small insulated container for additional drinks, snacks and shark repellent. We will take a stretch break halfway through the outing. This is easy kayaking. It should be an enjoyable outing even for those who haven't been kayaking before. Kayakers are invited to meet at Mar Vista.



### **DECEMBER 10 - ARMY/NAVY GAME ATTENDANCE LIMITED TO 30**

The 2011 YAHOO Army/Navy game party sponsored by Joe & Nicky Doveners is on Saturday, December 10th. This year there will not be the customary meal with chili, hamburgers, chicken etc. Instead they are asking people to bring a dessert or a small platter of hearty appetizers such as wings, meat platter, steamed lobster, standing rib, cheese, sandwiches, spring rolls, shrimp, fruit etc that can be purchased or make your own. It's BYOB this year. Joe & Nicky will provide plates, utensils, cups, ice, cokes and water. Participation is limited to 30 people. Please RSVP by December 4th by calling Carol O'Brien @907-8891 or email at [cobrientv@aol.com](mailto:cobrientv@aol.com).

The Doveners reside at 7515 Rigby Court, Lakewood Ranch FL 34202 *BUT* do not use your GPS. It will take you to a transponder only gate and you will not get out before April taxes are due.

Directions: I-75, Exit 213 onto University Blvd east for 4 traffic lights, then turn left onto Legacy Blvd – Lakewood Ranch Country Club. If you can get past the gate guard, continue on Legacy until it ends at the second stop sign. Turn left and at ¼ mile turn left on Blytheheld, left on Rigby. The pre-game festivities will start at 2 PM, with kickoff at 2:30 PM. ●





The many recent memorials of our 9/11 experience highlight, once again, the vulnerability of our democracy to threats by the bullies of the world and our need to support a strong military capability to respond to and contain them, when necessary. As Admiral Ryan, our MOAA President, emphasized in his September visit with us, our membership is critical to ensuring that continued support on Capitol Hill with a strong, persistent MOAA voice on behalf of our veterans, past and present. Please help, as best you can, to encourage the veteran officers of our community to join our membership and assist this effort.

As I mentioned last month and remind you now, our ability to effectively keep you, our members, informed, depends heavily on the accuracy and currency of your information in our MOAS membership database. In my efforts to maintain and use this critical file to communicate with you, I have found that many of you cannot receive email due to an inaccurate or missing email address. Since email is our most efficient, timely and low-cost means of reaching you, one of my goals this year is to be able to reach 100% of the MOAS membership via email. You may be sure that we will be discrete and selective in our use of email. We appreciate your support toward accomplishing this objective by letting me, or any board member, know if your email or other contact information changes.

To cite a few statistics for our ongoing membership campaigns at the local (MOAS) and national (MOAA) levels, our team effort with the MOAA office has identified 143 active MOAA members who are

being invited to join our Sarasota chapter and 134 active Sarasota chapter members who are prospects for the MOAA "Give Me Ten" national membership campaign. These likely candidates, along with other active, former and retired local veterans, who were invited to our multi-chapter luncheon in September, provide a promising outlook for increased membership.

So, how have we done so far this year with our local membership campaign? While we have added 31 new active members since January, our net active membership increase is 8 (437 to 445). So we are indeed growing. Slowly thus far, but we expect to pick up the pace through the remainder of the year. Let me know if you encounter a worthy candidate, with an email address, if possible.

And remember, if you are joining MOAA for the first time or renewing a lapsed MOAA membership, 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 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. I have the required "Give Me 10" enrollment forms and will handle related collection and submission activities.

Help strengthen our voice! Join MOAA!! We encourage and appreciate your efforts to extend the hand of our Sarasota chapter and of the national MOAA community.

Thanks for your support!! •

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**Maj Gen George Johnson (on left) with his guest Jack Schroeder**



**(l to r) Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, our speaker, with Colonel Len Friedlander, Lieutenant General Jerry Hilmes and Judy Ryan**



**Lt Col Jim Conner, First Vice President of Florida Council of Chapters with his wife Dottie, from Calusa Chapter**



**CAPTAIN Donald Freese, President of Florida Council of Chapters with his wife Sherry from St. Petersburg**



**LTC Michael Healey, Chapter President & Marjorie Healey, Chapter Secretary, Venice Chapter**



**Anna & Dave Zickafoose, attended in response to a letter from National MOAA, no chapter affiliation**



**Lieutenant General Jerry Hilmes, former National MOAA Board Member & Past President of MOAS with wife Geri**



**Colonel Troy Scott, Immediate Past President of Florida Council of Chapters, Former President of MOAS and in other activities of MOAS, with wife Elke, who is very active in MOAS**



**<<<-- (l to r)  
Colonel Norm Mingle,  
FCOC Southwest Area  
Vice President; Gerald  
Kelly, former MOAS  
Treasurer & current  
Venice Chapter Treas-  
urer; Len Friedlander,  
Fomer President of  
MOAS and new South-  
west Area Vice Presi-  
dent; Don Freese Presi-  
dent of Florida Council  
of Chapters from St  
Petersburg; Jon Gor-  
don, FCOC Secretary  
and Past President of  
MOAS.**

**(l to r) --->>>  
Sue & Edgar Mallick with guest,  
Margrit Messenhimer**



**<<<---  
Robert and Natalie Zonies, on the  
left, with their guests,  
Major General Richard Haynes  
and his wife, Daphne-Ann**



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**Colonel Susan Neugebauer, President of Cape Canaveral Chapter, with her husband, Hans**



**Colonel John O'Brien, President Sarasota Chapter, with his wife, Carol, active in MOAS Support our Troops Program**



**Colonel Len Friedlander, New SW Area Vice President of Florida Council of Chapters and former President of MOAS, with his wife Christa, active in MOAS activities**



**<<<--- (l to r) Responding to MOAA Letter: Sally & Charles Key, Sarasota; Rick Wheeler, Osprey; Dave Zickafoose; Joyce Harte, Aux Rep, Bradenton; Anna Zickafoose: CAPT Thomas Morgan & wife, Mary Jane, from Lakewood Ranch**

**(l to r) ---->>> Venice Chapter Attendees:  
Seated:  
Liz Jensen,  
Dallas Jensen,  
Pat Gorton,  
Ted Gorton,  
Ellie Neuwirth.  
Standing:  
Bob Williams,  
Joanne Williams,  
Norm MacLellen.**



**<<<--- (l to r) Venice Chapter Attendees continued: Gerald Kelly, Suzanne White, Dennis Matheney, Kathy Matheney, Sondra Cantor, David Cantor.**

The Breeze newsletter staff had intended to take group photos of all the various chapter attendees. Unfortunately time availability and other circumstances prevented our doing this as completely as desired.

We regret this and apologize to those we didn't photograph.



I am writing this column during the 10-year memorial observance of 9-11. Ten years ago I was retired in Montgomery Village MD. I headed to the Pentagon to visit with a friend, still on active duty, who I had served with for 25 years. Heading down the Interstate the radio reported the second tower being hit, then the Pentagon. I went to plan B, diverting to Walter Reed Army Medical Center where I had served 4 years in Command, hoping I could help in some way. Medevac helicopters were already on the front lawn, and inside the large front foyer to the medical center, hundreds of the medical staff were lined up down various halls, each row in a different colored vest, ready to triage incoming injured. I spoke to a few friends about what was coming in. It quickly became apparent that this was not a mass casualty situation, and just as with the Twin Towers, there were very few survivors. I lost two friends and the wife of another friend in the Pentagon. The person I was going to visit I had assigned to the Pentagon just before I retired, he was unscratched, but survived only by a matter of feet from the right side of where the plane went in.

Our leaders made a deliberate decision to go to war and not to treat this barbaric act against innocent civilians as a domestic police issue. We took the fight to them all over the world, and while there were mistakes and miscalculations, according to the recent 9-11 reviews by the press, America has been safe as a nation, and despite fears of liberties and freedoms lost; our society is still open and free.

No American should ever forget the self-sacrifices of the 350 NYC Firemen who were not innocently and horrifically trapped in burning buildings; the firemen were well aware of the danger and freely entered those buildings to save others. Just like those firemen, the American service men and women volunteer to go in harm's way for their country. They too are clearly aware of the risks. Whether they served in the Korengal Valley of Afghanistan, fought in Fallujah and Ramadi, or are presently conducting a Special Forces raid in Afghanistan, they go back again and again. The least we as Americans can do is give them our support to let them know we care.

Just received: CSM Eric Thom, Task Force Thunder, Kandahar, Afghanistan wrote "The Military Officers Association of Sarasota has provided morale boxes for us the entire year. I vouch for the positive effect these boxes have had on my soldiers."

Please pick up some SOT boxes or donate funds to help defray shipping costs. ●



**October 12, 13, 14, 15 - Snow Angel**

**7:00 PM**

Adults \$15; Seniors \$10; Students \$5

Tickets – Judy Piercy – 355-2967

**October 20 - Wind Ensemble/Jazz Concert**

**7:30 PM**

The opening show at the VPA this year will be *Snow Angel* and other "cool" vignettes and monologues. *Snow Angel* is a 1999 play by David Lindsay-Abaire, a graduate of Juilliard who won the Pulitzer Prize for his *Rabbit Hole* which also won five Tony Awards and for which he has done the screen adaptation with Nicole Kidman. He has also done *Shrek – the Musical* and *Spiderman 4* and numerous other works.

Synopsis: "When the town of Deerport, Vermont is hit by the biggest blizzard in 107 years, a mysterious girl named Eva steps out of a snow bank and into the lives of 15 confused teenagers who are asked to help her in her search. What Eva is searching for and who she truly is – becomes a mystery that baffles, divides, and energizes the teens. Told through journal entries and interactions among the students over the course of a single snow day, *Snow Angel* is a funny and eerie tale of teen angst, discovery, and the power of believing."



**(l to r)  
Marvene Gordon,  
Dagie Beissinger,  
Mary Louise Rohrer,  
Pauline Mazzone**



**MILITARY RETIREE PAY DATES TO CHANGE**

Paydays for military retirees and those who receive portions of retired pay are changing for September and December, as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) changes its pay schedule to comply with the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act which requires DFAS to process retiree pay on the preceding business day when the first day of the month falls on a weekend or national holiday.

This year payments normally scheduled for Oct. 3, 2011 will be issued on Sept. 30, 2011 and payments normally scheduled for Jan. 3, 2012, will be issued on Dec. 30, 2011. For the calendar year 2011, this means military retirees will receive 13 rather than the normal 12 payments. Customers should speak with a tax advisor, the IRS or their state tax authority to determine how this change may affect their tax liability.

**TRICARE CHANGES PHARMACY CO-PAYS**

As of Oct. 1, TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery beneficiaries may fill generic prescriptions at no cost to themselves. The co-payment for generic formulary drugs, which currently cost \$3 for a 90-day supply, will drop to \$0. Brand name formulary drugs purchased through Home Delivery will have the same \$9 copayment.

Copayments for prescriptions filled through Home Delivery cover a 90-day supply, but only a 30-day supply when purchased at a retail pharmacy.

Additional changes to the TRICARE pharmacy copayments are scheduled to go into effect Oct. 1:

1. Generic formulary drugs purchased at retail pharmacies will go from \$3 to \$5.
2. Brand name formulary drugs from retail pharmacies will go from \$9 to \$12.
3. Non-formulary medications will go from \$22 to \$25 in both retail and Home Delivery.

“These new co-pays make using TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery more affordable than ever,” said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, TRICARE Management Activity deputy director. “Home Delivery offers a great value for patients taking maintenance medications for chronic conditions.”

For more information about TRICARE pharmacy, the new copayment rates and Home Delivery, visit [www.tricare.mil/pharmacy](http://www.tricare.mil/pharmacy).

**AVAILABLE MOAA PAMPHLETS AND GUIDES**

Barbara Hamilton, MOAS Auxiliary Chairperson, has acquired the following pamphlets and guides produced by MOAA national for MOAS chapter members.

She will have these pamphlets available at our monthly luncheon meetings (as long as they last) on the table next to the area for signing in.

You may call MOAA at 1-800-234-6622 or email at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) to request the pamphlets. Have your MOAA membership number available when you order via email or telephone. You may also contact Barbara Hamilton at 921-9250.

<u>PAMPHLET #</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1-601	Help Your Survivors Now: A Guide to Planning Ahead
1-604	Your Guide to Military Burials
1-610	Auxiliary Checklist
1-907	Aging into Medicare and Tricare for Life
2-220	Survivor’s Checklist - First Steps for Moving On
3-006	Preferred Financial Services
3-013	Member Handbook and At-A-Glance Reference
9-972	Turning The Corner - Surviving The Loss of A Loved One



**(l to r) Geri Hilmes, Elke Scott, Judy Ryan**



**MOAS LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS**

For 10/21/2011 at 11:30 AM - Michael's on East

**PLEASE NOTE 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. •



**Colonel Norm Mingle, retiring FCOC  
Southwest Area Vice President**



## MOAS CALENDAR – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011



Date		Event	 Time
Oct 3, Mon		Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association	4:00 PM
Oct 9, Sun		YAH00 Event - OKTOBERFEST - Details Page 6	5:00 PM
Oct 12-13-14-15		VPA - Snow Angel, A play by David Lindsay-Abaire Details Page 13	7:00 PM
Oct 20, Thur		VPA - Wind Ensemble/Jazz Concert Details Page 13	7:30 PM
Oct 21, Fri		MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East Program: Kathleen Houseweart of Sarasota Memorial Hospital Geriatric Services Dress Code - Coat & Tie 	11:30 AM
Nov 7, Mon		Board Meeting at Meadows Community Association	4:00 PM
Nov 8, Tues		YAH00 Event - Kayaking - Details Page 6	8:30 AM
Nov 18, Fri		MOAS Luncheon - Michael's On East Program: Annual Meeting; - Lt Gen Dell Dailey, member Aviation Hall of Fame Dress Code - Coat & Tie 	11:30 AM