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Luncheon Speaker

The last naval battle of the American Revolution took place off the coast of Cape Canaveral on March 10, 1783. We are privileged to have Ben DuBose

as our speaker for the luncheon at The Tides. Ben has been the Chairman of the "Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution" committee since 2005 and has organized a yearly celebration that



Ben DuBose

draws dozens of Color Guard units and hundreds of spectators.

Last year the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honored Ben with their National Lifetime Achievement Award for Historic Preservation.

Ben will be wearing his tri-corn hat as he tells us about "The Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution." This historic fight took place when three British ships sighted two Continental Navy ships. With Capt. John Barry in Command, his United States frigates "Alliance," a 36-gun ship, and the Duc De Lauzun, a 20-gun ship, won a decisive battle over the three British ships.

At the luncheon the Cocoa Beach Army JROTC will present the colors. Don't miss this interesting program. Details and a reservation form for the luncheon are on page 16.

2012 Good Deeds Drive Is Underway

By CAPT Ernest Joy, USN (Ret)

Each October the Chapter kicks off its Good Deeds Fund drive, one of only two internal fundraisers each year. Please be as generous as possible One hundred percent of donations go to worthy causes. Some of the many examples include:

1) Support for 18 local ROTC/ JROTC, Air Academy and Sea Cadet units. Examples include purchase of honor guard sabers, support for summer training camp, \$50 each to cadets receiving academy or ROTC scholarships, and direct support to JROTC color guard and drill team programs; 2) Recognition of top performing active duty enlisted men and women serving at military installations in Brevard County; 3) Support for surface ship and submarine crew visits to Port Canaveral such as the welcome picnic held last year for crew members of the USS Ponce (LPD 15). 4) Support for annual enlisted picnics such as USCG Day and the Patrick AFB enlisted picnic; 5) Support to send WW II Veterans to Washington as part of the Space Coast Honor Flight program. Funds collected in excess of anticipated needs will be applied to a Good Deeds Fund in the chapter's budget to accommodate emergency needs in the coming year.

In this *Intercom* there is an envelope with the address of the MOAACC Good Deeds Fund. Send your donation to MOAACC, Good Deeds Fund, P.O. Box 254186, Patrick AFB, FL 32925.

Golf Tournament



The MOAACC annual charity golf tournament will be on Saturday, 20 October, at the Suntree County Club's Championship Challenge Course. The format will be a four person scramble with a 1 PM shotgun start. This is the organization's annual fundraiser and all proceeds will go to the Patrick AFB Operation Warmheart Program, that helps needy enlisted members and their families cope with problems, including the stress of separation from their families.

Cost for this fundraiser is \$80 per person or \$300 per foursome and includes: 1) Green and cart fees; 2) A food and drink extravaganza, The Great Tastes of Suntree, sponsored by the Melbourne Rotary Club, and 3) A certificate that will allow you to return and play this private golf course and receive a discounted rate between May and October 2013.

There will be thousands of dollars for hole-in-one prizes: 1) A new car from Mike Erdman Toyota; 2) A \$10,000 Cruise-Of-Choice for two from Cruise Holidays of Viera, and 3) A new golf cart from Suntree Country Club and Yamaha Golf Carts. The final par 3 will be sponsored by the Merritt Island Outback Steak House-golfers coming closest-to-the-hole will win dinner certificates for two.

Additionally, each golfer will receive a raffle ticket in their "goodie bag" for the opportunity to win numerous prizes including dinner certificates to

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OCTOBER

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON - 12 Noon

Meets 3rd Tuesday for lunch at The Tides. Reservation form, program and menu always shown on page 16. Please arrive by 11:45 AM. Maj Joe & Ruth Oblack, USAF 453-2947

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Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday IRCC Colony Club Call MG Huck Long, USA 752-1127

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President's Perspective



CAPT Ernie Joy, USN (Ret)

I hope to see you at one or more of our many activities this month, beginning with our annual Oktoberfest on the 6th. In addition to our On The Go Lunch at Florida Seafood on the 9th, and our monthly luncheon at The Tides on the 16th, many of us will help out at the First Annual MOAACC Golf Tournament fund raiser on the 20th at Suntree Country Club and/ or enjoy the Taste of Suntree Food and Drink Extravaganza immediately following the tournament at the same location.

Proceeds from this month's golf tournament will go to Operation Warmheart at Patrick AFB. This external fundraiser enables your Chapter to continue to support Operation Warmheart, while allocating donations collected internally through our Good Deeds Fund drive to support other

needy causes. In December, Chapter leaders will present a check to the Commander of the 45th Space Wing for Operation Warmheart. The First Sergeants' Council at Patrick AFB determines how the funds will be used. Typically, Operation Warmheart funds are dispersed to needy members of each of the armed services, including guard and reserve personnel and their family members. Types of assistance include postage to mail care packages to deployed service members, reimbursement for emergency leave expenses, commissary food vouchers at the holidays, and a multitude of other individual needs.

Also this month, Chapter leaders will salute Past Presidents' by sponsoring a no host dinner party in their honor. This custom was begun several years ago under the leadership of Past President MG John Cleland, USA (Ret). In addition to Past Presidents' and their spouse or quest, members whose names appear on Page two of the Intercom and their spouse or guest are invited to attend. This is one of the many ways we recognize and thank our Past Presidents, and the many individuals who currently serve in a variety of leadership, committee or club assignments. Without the willing support of these individuals, and those who will follow, your Chapter could not survive or maintain it's well deserved reputation as the most active chapter in MOAA.

At the end of this month, Ellie and I will attend the MOAA Annual Membership Meeting in Arlington, Virginia. It will be my honor to receive, on behalf of Col Susan Neugebauer, USAF (Ret) Immediate Past President, the 2011 Five Star Levels of Excellence Award for our ninth consecutive year! Well done to Susan and all those who worked so hard last year to earn this outstanding achievement.

Scholarship Larry Jackson Receives Distinguished Donor Award

On 26 July LTC Les Merritt, Chairman of the Scholarship Program, presented Capt Larry Jackson with the Distinguished Donor Award for con-



LTC Les Merritt and Larry Jackson

tribution to the scholarship fund. • Larry and Linda Jackson, owners of "Cruise Holidays of Viera," contribute funds annually rebated from the scholarship cruise. This vear the amount \$2,550. was Since 2006 they have contributed \$16,200.

Scholarship Donations

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LCDR Werner H. Jessen, USN

Werner Jessen Dies

Retired Navy LCDR Werner H. Jessen, our 2007 President and good friend, died on Wednesday, 22 August. He was 76. Werner was born and raised in Berlin, Germany. Following WW II the war he moved to the United States, became an American citizen, received a nuclear engineering college degree and served 21 years in the

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jody, and their son Derek, his wife Kim, two granddaughters, and daughter-in-law Lisa. Werner and Jody had met and were married in Hawaii, when Jody was a USAF Captain Flight Nurse.

MOAACC activities

Navy Officers Wives

The next meeting of the Navy Officers Wives Club will be Friday, October 19, at the At Ease Club in Indian River Colony Club (IRCC). Social hour begins at 11:30 AM and lunch served at noon. The program will be "Whimsical Bling," a show on accessorizing for travel presented by Stein Mart's Dawn Goodson. Also, Aphorn Doyle will be displaying her handcrafted jewelry. Menu choices are London broil or cobb salad. The price is \$14. Reservations must be made no later than noon October 17. For reservations and further information call Marilyn Kennedy at 321-253-1064.

--Ellie Joy (757-0192)



The annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, 6 October at the Patrick AFB Chevron Park, 12 noon until 4 PM. The \$12/person charge includes food (wurst, chicken, red cabbage, German potato salad, pretzels, dessert), drinks (water, beer, wine, sodas), games & music.

Make checks payable to MOAACC and mail to Frank Dunagan, 3221 S. Atlantic Ave. #603, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931. If you do not have an ID to get on base, provide Frank with names, dates-of-birth, driver's license numbers and issuing state, telephone # and SSN. Enter the main gate on A1A - the gate guard will have the approved list of names to attend the Oktoberfest. If you have any questions call Frank at (321) 784-8934.

Directions to Chevron Park 1) Enter PAFB main gate on A1A, 2) Go one block and take a left on Falcon, 3) Go two blocks and take a right on Atlas, 4) Go two blocks and take left on Rescue, 5) Go 0,7 miles to Chevron Park on right.

Army Wives

The Army Wives will meet for lunch at the Tides on Friday, 12 October. Socialize at 11:30 before lunch at 12 noon. The Patrick Exchange will present a Fall Fashion Show - always a popular event you do not want to miss.

Menu is choice of Chicken Miami or fruit plate. Call Nan Kinsella (242-1365) or Joy Huncharek (259-6874) to make your reservation. Members of all Services are welcome to join us - you do not have to be an Army wife!

--Ros Bates (773-4459)

2013 Installation Banquet

The annual MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter's Installation Banquet will be on Saturday, 5 January 2013, at IRCC's Colony Hall. Cocktails at 5 PM, call-to-order at 5:45, dinner at 6, program at 7:15 and dancing until 9:45. Music will be provided by the fabulous "Sass N Brass" from Jacksonville.

Come thank our outgoing Officers and Directors and welcome our new leadership. The Installing Officer will be Patrick AFB 45th Wing Commander. Brig Gen Anthony J. Cotton.

Dinner entrées are Tornadoes of Beef Bordelaise (2 petit tenderloins) or Chicken Francois. The dessert is an Ice Cream Sundae. The cost is \$34/ person.

The dress is formal (military dress, tuxedo or dark suit - and appropriate ladies' attire). Call Frank/Mary Dunagan for reservations, 321-784-8934. Organize a group of friends and neighbors - maximum of 10 per table. Make checks payable to MOAACC and mail to MOAACC, P.O. Box 254186, Patrick AFB, FL 32925.

Christmas Dinner Dance

The MOAA Annual Christmas Dinner Dance is on Sunday, 9 December, at IRCC Colony Hall - cocktails at 5 PM, dinner at 6 and dancing from 5:30 til 9:30. Have your picture taken with Santa and dance to the fabulous music of the Robert Roulette Trio. Coat and tie for men and appropriate attire for ladies.

It is a special social event of the year for the chapter, and an opportunity for long time members to spend time with old friends. New members will find it to be a terrific time to be introduced to the chapter and its social side



The cost is \$32/person and dinner choices are Prime Rib Au Jus or Broiled Fresh Salmon with sauce. Dinners are served with house salad, appropriate starch, rolls, butter, coffee or tea and chocolate sundae dessert.

Call Frank or Mary Dunagan (321-784-8934) for advance reservations. Organize a table of friends and neighbors - maximum of ten per table. Make checks payable to MOAACC and mail with coupon below to F. Dunagan, 3221 S. Atlantic Ave., Apt 603, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931.

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Saturday, 10 November
Veteran's Day Parade in Melbourne
Sunday, 11 November
Massing of the Colors, BCC
Sunday, 9 December
Christmas Dinner Dance
Saturday, 5 January
Installation Banquet

Day Away Bus Trip To Mount Dora

Beautiful Mount Dora is known for its resemblance to a New England town. The town features shops, lighthouse, yacht club, restaurants, nostalgia, antiques, Amish ice cream, miniature doll houses, a Sears mail order house, and a gallery collection of Thomas Kincade, the painter of light.

A "Dutch treat" lunch will be at the Yalaha German Bakery, which looks like an Alpine Scene out of Hansel and Gretel in the Black Forest. Try their cake, or chicken raspberry salad sandwich, or Liverwurst sandwich, or many other wonderful selections.



This trip will be on Wednesday, 7 November. The bus will leave the PAFB Tides Club South parking lot at 8 AM and IRCC At Ease Club at 8:30. The return will be at approximately 6 PM. The cost is \$41. For questions and reservations call Frank or Mary at 321-784-8934. Make checks payable to MOAACC and mail to F. Dunagan, 3221 S. Atlantic Ave., Apt 603, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931.

Current Affairs Forum

Following the Thursday Morning Breakfast Club (TMBC) meeting at IRCC on 18 October, we will have retired Navy CAPT Giles R. Norrington as our speaker. CAPT Norrington retired in 1988, after 34 years of service, eleven of which were as a Marine,

His life changed on 5 May 1968 when communist rebels shot off the right wing of the RA-5C Vigilante he was flying. He spent nearly five years as a POW in Hanoi, learning hard lessons on how to get through the rough times, including the role played by humor.

Plan to attend. He enjoys taking questions and declares that no question is "off limits." See you on 18 October at 9:15 in the 19th hole.





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Legislative Affairs



By CAPT Robert Watts, USN (Ret)

Sequestration Update: Veterans' health care funding may be exempt from automatic, across-the-board budget cuts that are due to begin in January, but military health care is not. DoD personnel programs are exempt from the 10 percent cuts under sequestration, including basic pay, allowances for housing and subsistence, retirement pay and bonuses. The Budget Control Act of 2011, that set up the mechanism for cutting federal programs if a deficit spending agreement isn't reached, also exempted veterans benefits. In April, the White House announced veterans medical care expenses also are exempt. But health care for military personnel and families. including Tricare, fall under DoD's operations and maintenance programs and consequently could suffer as a result of the cuts, known as sequestration. Total personnel costs in the Pentagon's proposed fiscal 2013 budget are \$168 billion, including funding for the defense health program. In that budget, Defense Department planners included several initiatives aimed at reducing personnel costs, including increased fees for military retirees receiving health care. But Congress has not supported the Tricare fee proposals or the Pentagon's other personnel-related budget reduction measures in the fiscal 2013 legislative budget process. "Over time this will limit the range of military options available and if left unchecked would eventually result in military too small or unprepared for even the most basic missions." DoD Comptroller Rob-

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ert Hale said August 2. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta held a closed door meeting July 23 to detail four possible scenarios facing the department regarding sequestration. According to a source who attended, the scenarios the Pentagon is considering include: 1) Congress does not act and sequestration happens. 2) During the lame-duck session of Congress, a plan is constructed to thwart sequestration. 3) Congress comes up with a \$1.2 trillion plan to avert sequestration between now and the November election. 4) Congress inserts language into a continuing resolution to stave off sequestration a year or two, but the government still implements cuts.

Congress Won't Act, So You Have To: Continuing Senate inaction of the FY2013 Defense authorization Act means your TRICARE Pharmacy benefits are still at big risk. Lots of legislators are talking about the terrible impacts that sequestration (and the associated \$500 billion defense budget cut looming for January 2013) will have on the military community - including cuts to military health care. But there's a big difference between talking about it and doing what it takes to stop it.

And nobody's talking about the 27 percent cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments that will take effect in January unless Congress passes a law change to stop it.

Somebody has to cut through the political rhetoric and get busy if these problems are going to get solved in time to prevent serious problems for every member of the military community.

Please use these three MOAA alerts to urge your legislators (again) to:

- Support Key Senate Amendments to the Defense Authorization Bill
- Stop the Sequester's Ticking Time Bomb for Defense
- Stop the 27 percent Cut in Medicare and TRICARE Pay-

As legislators seek your vote in the upcoming election, the best hope of stimulating them to action is a barrage of grass-roots constituent inputs.

Get Off The List By CDR Courtney Yelle, USN (Ret)

Tired of getting calls from unwanted solicitors? Want to eliminate then? Call the National Do Not Call List number at 1-800-382-1222 to register your telephone, either mobile or hard wired in your home. You must call from the phone with the number you want to register. Call from every phone you or your children are using.



number will keep solicitors from calling you. Exceptions include political calls and companies you are already doing business with, such as a favorite local market or store.

The number will remain on the do not call list for three years, then you must renew the phone again. If you do receive an unwanted call, call the same number as above to register a complaint. Follow the prompts when you call, it is very easy and requires a minimum of time and will give you some relief from the unwanted calls.

Enter the number above in the contact list on your phone or in the hand written list in the home drawer. Share this with your friends and neighbors. They will thank you for you thoughtfulness.

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Brevard County restaurants and free rounds of golf at local golf courses, etc. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and putting contest and much more, including two food stations on the course where participants may purchase bratwurst, hot dogs, burgers, chips, etc., and receive a free beverage of choice.

Tournament day registration is from 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM. Scoring will be done using the Callaway System of Handicapping. Awards will be given for 1st place gross and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams net.

This event is limited to the first 144 golfers. Entry forms are available at the Manatee Cove Golf Club or online @www.moaacc.org by clicking on the Golf Fundraiser link on the calendar. Submit the form along with a check (payable to MOAACC) to MOAACC, PO Box 254186, Patrick AFB, FL 32925-4186.

Please come and join us for a day of fun, followed by more fun! The Tournament Commander is Steve Turner. He can be contacted at cell 321-266-6290, or email steveturner@suntree.com.



MOAACC 2012 Annual Golf Tournament

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Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 20 - Registration 12 noon to 1 PM

Suntree Country Club's Private Championship Challenge Course

Cost \$80 or \$300 per foursome - includes green fee, cart, range balls and The Great Tastes of Suntree food and beverage extravaganza

Dinner only \$30

Application form included or available on MOAACC.org on the calendar
Register early - space is limited to 144 golfers
Call LTC Steve Turner, USA (Ret) 321-266-6290 or email
steve.turner@suntree.com for dinner only reservations
Proceeds for Patrick Air Force Base WarmHeart Good Deeds Fund



WOMEN RANGERS?



Do individuals serve the military or does the military serve them?

By Stephen Kilcullen

The United States Army is debating whether to admit women to Ranger School, its elite training program for young combat leaders. Proponents argue this is to remove a final impediment to the careers of Army women. But the move would erode the unique Ranger ethos and culturenot to mention the program's rigorous physical requirements—harming its core mission of cultivating leaders willing to sacrifice everything for our nation.

The Army's 75th Ranger Regiment traces its roots back to World War II, when it won acclaim for penetrating deep behind Japanese lines. Founded in 1950, Ranger School teaches combat soldiers small-unit tactics and leadership under extreme duress. It pushes men harder than any other program in the Army's curriculum.

Competition to attend the course is fierce, with about 4,000 men eligible to attend each year. Only about half graduate. Of those, only 20 percent make it through without having to retake various phases. For decades, completion of Ranger School has been the best indicator for determining which young men can handle the enormous responsibility of combat leadership.

The Ranger School debate is upon us because the Army is considering whether to overturn regulations excluding women from infantry battalions. This is part of a broader trend in the U.S. military. The Air Force allowed women to serve as combat pilots at the start of the first Gulf War in 1991. Following suit, the Navy in 2010 embarked on a taxpayerfunded retrofit of its submarines to accommodate 10-20 women in its submarine force each year. Now the Navy finds itself embroiled in controversy surrounding its process for determining their suitability.

Army women are not currently allowed to serve in frontline squads, platoons or rifle companies. But they can serve on battalion staffs: groups of 10 to 15 headquarters personnel who coordinate the actions of the smaller units in the organization. These roles do not involve small-unit

combat leadership, tactics or direct combat--core aspects of the infantry mission. Ranger School develops those men best suited for precisely this infantry mission.

"Ninety percent of our senior (infantry) officers are Ranger qualified," Army Chief of Staff Gen Ray Odierno recently said. "If we determine that we're going to allow women to go into infantry and be successful, they're probably at some time going to have to go to Ranger School."

But does changing the fabric of the military culture to improve the odds of individual achievement make sense for the military? Do individuals serve the military or does the military serve them? Remember, this is an allvolunteer force.

Ranger School isn't about improving the career prospects of individual candidates. Our motto is "Rangers lead the way." Many a Ranger has lived these words before being killed in action-certain that if a Ranger couldn't accomplish the mission, nobody could. This unique culture lures the kind of young, smart soldiers needed to get the toughest jobs done. The promise of something bigger than oneself--bigger than any career track--is what motivates these

It is this culture of excellence and selflessness that attracts young men to the Ranger brotherhood. The Ranger ethos is designed to be deadly serious yet self-depreciating, focused entirely on teamwork and mission accomplishment. Rangers put the mission first, their unit and fellow soldiers next, and themselves last. The selfishness so rampant elsewhere in our society has never existed in the Ranger brotherhood.

And that is the secret of the brotherhood's success. Some call it "unit cohesiveness" but what they are really describing is a transition from self-interest to selfless service. The notion of allowing women into Ranger School because denying them the experience would harm their careers makes Ranger graduates cringe. Such politically correct thinking is the ultimate expression of the "me"

culture, and it jeopardizes core Ranger ideals.

The military has changed many policies in recent years, based on individual self-interest masquerading as fairness and antidiscrimination. As we debate new policies, decision makers need to ask two simple questions: Is a proposed move good for the majority of service members? And does it improve or hinder our ability to execute our mission?

After all, the military does not exist to provide careers. It is a responsibility, a way of life and a higher calling that only 1 percent of our citizens choose to follow. A topnotch fighting force composed of dedicated and strong men who are the very best at what they do is what defines our armed forces-and the Rangers as among their best. Let's not destroy this small but incredibly important culture under the banner of "me."

Mr. Kilcullen was commissioned in 1993 from Vanderbilt ROTC and is a Ranger School graduate. He served as an officer in light, mechanized and mountain infantry before leaving the Army in 2004.

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Steve Kilcullen & his wife Angelia



GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS



Thanks to my fellow veterans:

I remember the day I found out I got into West Point. My mom actually showed up in the hallway of my high school and waited for me to get out of class. She was bawling her eyes out and apologizing that she had opened up my admission letter. She wasn't crying because it had been her dream for me to go there. She was crying because she knew

how hard I'd worked to get in, how much I wanted to attend, and how much I wanted to be an infantry officer.

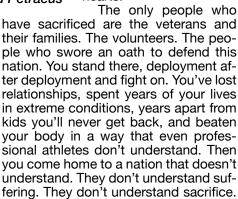
I was going to get that opportunity. That same day two of my teachers took me aside and essentially told me the following: "David, you're a smart guy. You don't have to join the military. You should go to college, instead." I could easily write a theme defending West Point and the

military as I did that day, explaining that USMA is an elite institution, that separate from that, it is actually statistically much harder to enlist in the military than it is to get admitted to college, that serving the nation is a challenge that all able-bodied men should at least consider for a host of reasons, but I won't. What I will say is that when a 16 year-old kid is being told that attending West Point is going to be bad for his future, then there is a dangerous disconnect in

America, and entirely too many Americans have no idea what kind of burdens our military is bearing. In World War II, 11.2 percent of the nation served in four years. During the Vietnam era, 4.3 percent served in 12 years.

Since 2001, only 0.45 percent of our population has served in the Global War on Terror. These are unbelievable statistics. Over time, fewer and fewer people have shouldered more and more

of the burden and it is only getting worse. Our troops were sent to war in Iraq by a Congress consisting of 10 percent veterans with only one person having a child in the military. Taxes did not increase to pay for the war. War bonds were not sold. Gas was not regulated. In fact, the average citizen was asked to sacrifice nothing, and has sacrificed nothing unless they have chosen to out of the goodness of their hearts.



They don't understand why we fight for them. They don't understand that bad people exist. They look at you like you're a machine - like something is wrong with you. You are the misguided one - not them.

When you get out, you sit in the college classrooms with political science teachers that discount your opinions on Iraq and Afghanistan because you were there and can't understand the macro issues they gathered from books, because of your bias. You watch TV shows where every vet has PTSD and the violent strain at that. Your Congress is debating your benefits, your retirement, and your pay, while they ask you to do more. But the amazing thing about you is that you all know this. You know your country will never pay back what you've given up. You know that the populace at large will never truly understand or appreciate what you have done for them. Hell, you know that in some circles, you will be thought as less than normal for having worn the uniform. But you do it anyway.

You do what the greatest men and women of this country have done since 1775. You served. Just that decision alone makes you part of an elite group.

"Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few." Winston Churchill

Thank you to the 11.2 persent and 4.3 percent who have served and thanks to the 0.45 percent who continue to serve our Nation.

--General David Petraeus West Point Class 1974



General David Petraeus

NASA's Technical And Scientific/Commercial Spinoffs

By CAPT Ernie Joy, USN (Ret)

Carol Moore, former assistant to the Space Exploration Team at the Kennedy Space Center, spoke at our August Current Affairs Forum about the various "spin-offs" we enjoy from our quest to reach the stars.

There are numerous items, many that we use in our everyday life, which are by-products of innovation, invention, and inspiration by NASA engineers, scientists and commercial companies.

Some of the many examples of spinoff products resulting from

these combined efforts are commonly in use today. They include: the cell phone, pacemakers, and robots that work with the military, police and fire departments and go into dangerous situations. These are also those robots developed for in-home use as vacuum cleaners. Other examples are improvements and upgrading of the use of duct tape and temperature sensitive memory gel foam mattresses, such as the sleep number bed; and LED chips used in a handheld, portable medical device intended for relief of muscle and joint pain.

Others that indirectly improve our quality of life include hydroponics, the science of growing plants in water by adding only minerals instead of soil; light emitting diode (LED) systems to

stimulate plant growth around the clock; solutions to remediate contaminated ground water at



industrial sites; the development of roof shingles that collect and convert solar energy to electrical power; and development of the microbial valve for sensing and dispensing iodine in purified drinking water systems.

There are hundreds of other examples which can be found by going to: www.nasa.gov/spinoffs.com

News From The Tides:

By CAPT Ernie Joy, USN (Ret)



The Tides held a member meeting in August. Kathy Duart is the new Catering Manager, replacing Johnnie Rivera who recently retired. Upgrades to the facility are planned this year to include painting, furniture and curtain replacement, and noise dampening to the ventilation system in the ballroom.

Membership continues to decline at a rate of about 200 year since 2003. Nevertheless, this year the Club has a net income of about \$31K.

Management plans more events and menu selections to give back to existing and new members. These include a lunch buffet (hot entrée plus soup and salad) Tuesday through Friday for \$8.99 with a 50 percent discount for club members who present their member card. An ala carte dinner is offered Thursday and Friday, with music on special Thursdays (birthday/ events) and every Friday.

Beginning this October a monthly email newsletter will replace the Horizon flyer with information about upcoming events at PAFB and the Club.

To receive the new newsletter, just send an email to 45svmark@patrick. af.mil and ask to be added to their distribution list. Paper copies of the newsletter will be available at the Club. Future membership meetings are planned quarterly. To ask questions about the Club or provide feedback, members may use the Interactive Customer Evaluation found on the GoPatrickFL.com website (under Maj Jones' photo).

Tides Club Hours of Operation: Sunday Brunch from 10 AM - 1 PM Lunch: Tuesday - Friday from 11 AM - 1 PM

Dinner: Thursday, from 5-8 PM; Friday, from 6-9 PM.

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on Wednesdays with Bingo Buffet from 5-7 PM

Friday: Dining Room & Bar from 6-9 PM

Social Hour: Monday - Friday from 4:30 - 6 PM

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Speakers Bureau

By 1st LT Gloria Makowski, USAF (Frm)

- 15 August Larry Jackson, Rotary at Eau Gallie Yacht Club
- 21 August Danny McKnight, Lions Club at Neptune Restaurant
- 1 September George Rosenfield, at The Fountains
- 4 September Pat Keane, Captains Table at Eau Gallie Yacht Club
- 11 September Pat Keane, 9/11 Memorial Ceremony for First Responders, Wickham Park
- 11-12 September Bill Franklin, Rockledge High School
- 11 September John Ryan, Eau Gallie Rotary, Kiwi Tennis Club
- 11 September Dudley Gordon, American Legion Patriot Day, Riverview Park, Sebastian
- 13 September John Cleland, NYPD Retirees, Viera Holiday Inn
- 21 September John Steckler, Vero Beach Country Club MOAA Chapter

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Points To Ponder

By Chaplain Lt Col Norman Desrosiers, USAF (Ret)

God's Art Work

I just finished framing and mounting my wife's latest art work. It is a wonderful piece done in encaustic. I know most will not know what encaustic art work might be but trust me; it means a lot of work, a lot of heat and a very creative mind.

The reason I mention this piece is the colors she chose for the art work. It is done in wonderful fall colors and that brought me back to younger days growing up in New England. October would always remind us that fall was in the air. The maple trees would begin to create this wonderful canvas of colors that made the days gleam with God's beauty. When they were at their peak, I would often wonder how anyone could think there wasn't a God who was in control of nature and all of our lives. You knew that soon the colors would fade and winter would arrive covering the earth with a blanket of white, at least that part of the earth where I lived. The creator would always surprise us with wonderful winter delights.

But then I regress. Back to the art piece I had been working on. The center of the piece is a beautiful gold lotus blossom. The Lotus flower is a symbol for life. Maybe the golden aspect of this blossom reminds me that God is in charge of all our lives and wants nothing but the best for His children. We have just enjoyed the summer Olympics and witnessed the United States athletes returning with more gold medals than any other country in the world. Gold is that symbol of wealth and prosperity. It is a great reminder to all of us that we are golden in His eyes. How precious we are when it comes to God. Are you enjoying a "golden" life? I know that God wants all of us to have nothing less.



As we approach this fall season, maybe we can focus on how we are living our lives. Are we looking to be in the presence of the one who wants us to live lives filled with abundance or do we ignore the creator of the universe and simply try to make it on our own? A new season always seems to mean the beginning of something. Maybe this fall season could be the beginning of a life filled with the presence of God. Turn yourself over to Him and live that life that He has promised to all of us. A life filled with abundance.

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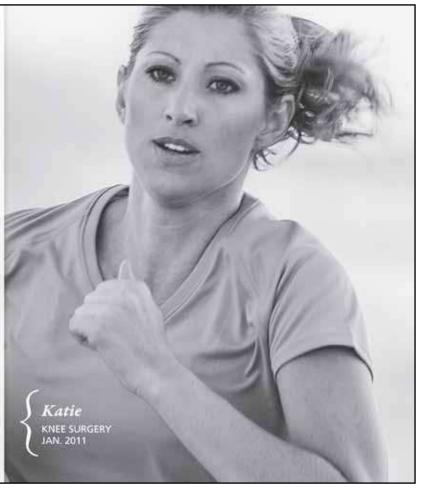
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This is the Second Highest MOAACC Award - Congratulations Joe!

Citation For MOAACC Award To Major Joseph J. Oblack, USAF (Ret)



The Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America takes great pride in presenting the MOAACC Award to Major Joseph J. Oblack, USAF (Ret), in recognition and appreciation of his many contributions to the Chapter.

Joe joined MOAACC in January, 2007 and has since served as Chairman of the Membership Committee, the Committee to update the chapter handbook and the Awards Committee; rewrote the MOAACC Recruiting Trifold; established a highly effective recruiting program for local and national chapters; served as first and second Vice President as well as President. Joe and his wife, Ruth, are currently coordinating our monthly luncheon. Joe has contributed articles to the Intercom, as well as articles and lectures to The Current Affairs Forum. Joe gave talks at local high schools for at-risk students regarding his own struggles after dropping out of school and then getting his GED. Those students in the audience thereafter remained in school. His deep concern with the high national dropout rates led to the creation of a video, "Major Joe," featuring Joe's compelling story, to be used by area high schools and recruiters to help persuade at risk students to stay in school. The idea was presented to the area USAF recruiting officer, who sponsored the production of such a video. The video is now a reality to serve as a framework of discussion between guidance counselors and students and recruiters and students.

Joe joined the USAF as an airman in 1952. After earning a degree under Operation Bootstrap, he was commissioned in August, 1963 as an OTS distinguished graduate. He retired from the Air Force n 1976 and from the private sector in 1984. For his incredible service to this Chapter and the community, the Board of Directors proudly presents this MOAACC Award to Major Joseph J. Oblack. USAF (Ret).

Given under my hand this 9th day of August 2012.

Capt Ernest Joy, II, USN (Ret) **President**

New Officers And Directors

The nominating committee has selected the following slate of officers and directors to serve on the 2013 Board of Directors. The election will take place at the annual business meeting on 20 November.

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CW4 Mason Jones, USA (Ret)

Cozette Merritt, Spouse Member

The "Yellow Sheet"

By MG Huck Long, USA (Ret)

Years ago, our chapter was blessed with a lady named Irene Willowby. Irene spent time finding out who was sick, how serious it was and how the rest of us could call or visit. Each Thursday morning at our TMBC meeting Irene gave a report on each on our friends who were sick and unable to attend our meeting.

One of her initiatives stands out and has continued right to this day - that is the fabulous "yellow sheet." Irene would get the yellow form, write the name of the person on the form, have everyone at Thursday morning breakfast sign it, and have it delivered to that person.

Everyone who has received a "yellow sheet" gets a big lift, knowing that everyone is thinking of them and wishing them a speedy recovery. Irene, we fondly remember you for starting down this commendable path.

Karyl Saulnier replaced Irene as "Health of The Chapter" chairperson and is doing an excellent job in keeping everyone informed.

Military ID Cards

By CAPT Ernest Joy, USN (Ret)

Typewriter-generated ID cards issued before September 2011 lack required advanced security features that enable DOD officials to instantly verify personal identity through a secure and authoritative data source and are no longer considered a valid form of government identification. These ID cards are characteristically recognized by their lack of bar codes and/or magnetic strips.

Military installations are confiscating manually produced ID cards at base entrances as they pose a high personal identity security threat. Eligible retirees and family members with these ID cards can get the new Uniformed Services ID Card at any ID card issuance facility. To locate the nearest facility, go to http://www. dmdc.osd.mil/rsl.

At PAFB, an appointment is required to obtain a new ID card. Call 494-6144/6147 for further information.



Why Vietnam?

In 1973, after spending almost five years as a POW, Navy pilot CAPT Giles R. Norrington wrote the following open letter to his fellow Americans:

"For almost five years I dreamed of looking at a horizon. I prayed for the day when we would all feel a fresh wind on our faces and feel the indescribable sensation of freedom. I have read a great deal of material written by



people who asked, "Why Vietnam?" I would ask in return, "Why Lexington? Why Concord? Why Okinawa?" Since its birth as a nation our United States has realized its international responsibility, and we have demonstrated time and time again that we are a nation of people who care. We care about the filth in which millions live; we care about the lack of medical care from which so many suffer; we care about children whose life expectancy is measured in months rather than years; and we care about spiritual and political freedom..that's why Vietnam!

All of us who have served in this conflict are grateful for having had the chance to do so. And those of us who were prisoners of war are the fortunate ones. We came home. It remains for us to continue our work. We must have an accu-



rate accounting of our missing brothers-in-arms. We must not forget Vietnam, or Laos, or Cambodia, or anywhere men fight for the right to govern themselves in Freedom.

My personal experiences in Vietnam are typical. I gained strength through my God and my fellow prisoners of war. They are giants among men, and I am privileged to have served with them. I have seen that beautiful horizon and now look forward to a full, happy life as a citizen of a free and responsible nation.

God Bless America and preserve us as a Nation."

--Navy CAPT Giles Norrington

NOTE: Navy CAPT Norrington is our Current Affairs speaker at IRCC on Thursday, 18 October.

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They get used to saying "goodbye" to friends made the last one or two years and wonder if they will ever see them again.

My wife was an Army Brat and each year of high school she was in a different school. In Europe our daughter went to a German kindergarten and quickly learned to speak German. In grade school two of our children attended a British school for two years and learned to speak "British."

Military brats say good-bye to their deploying parent and know they won't see them for months, or maybe never again.



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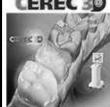
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