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On June 25, 2008 we welcome Lt. Gen. Robert Milligan (USMC Ret.) as our guest speaker. Gen. Milligan previously served as Consumer Advocate and now is the Acting Director of the State Board of Administration. You will not want to miss hearing what Gen. Milligan has to tell us.

Bob Milligan was elected to a four-year term as Comptroller of Florida in November 1994. He was reelected in November 1998 to a second term. He retired from political service in January 2003.

As Florida's Comptroller, Milligan was the state's Chief Financial Officer serving as the watchdog over taxpayers' money and on the Florida Cabinet. As head of the Florida Department of Banking and Finance, he regulated financial industries and provided consumer protection.

During his tenure, Comptroller Milligan focused on improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the accounting and auditing function of the Comptroller's Office, while maintaining an even hand on policy matters related to the industries under his regulatory authority. Doing what was right, not what was political, was the standing order of the day.

Bob Milligan was Florida's first Republican Comptroller. His election in 1994 received considerable attention after his surprising defeat of the Democrat incumbent, the dean of the Florida Cabinet, who was seeking his sixth term after 20 years in office.

Born in New Jersey on December 27, 1932, he was one of seven children reared on a small farm. He holds a distinguished record of 39 years of military experience. He rose to the grade of Lieutenant General (three stars) in the United States Marine Corps.

General Milligan's Marine Corps career culminated as Commanding General of Fleet Marine Forces, Pacific, and Marine Corps Bases, Pacific, with headquarters in Hawaii. He was responsible for two-thirds of the operating forces of the Marine Corps, consisting of 92,000 Marines and sailors serving at 18 bases and stations and aboard ships at sea stretching from the continental United States to the far reaches of the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

He earned a B.S. degree in engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Rochester. He also studied economics at the doctoral level at the University of Maryland.

General Milligan serves on a number of boards including the Florida Association of Volunteer Agencies for Caribbean Action, the Tallahassee Community College Foundation, and the Suwannee River Council of the Boy Scouts.

Bob and his wife, June, reside in Tallahassee.

MOAA 2007 Dinner Meetings

June 25

July 23

August—no meeting

September 24

October 22

November 5

December 20th—Military Ball at Capital City Country Club

Meetings are held monthly at the Silver Slipper except for August and December. There is no meeting in August.

The President's Pen

June is upon us, and we await the great Bobby Bowden in July for his outlook for our vaunted football team. Meanwhile, in June we have the privilege of having Lt. Gen. Bob Milligan, USMC (Ret.) [Semper Fi!] as our guest. He is an imposing man of many accomplishments and has been in demand on the speakers circuit in Tallahassee. This is because he has a lot to say, which bears on all of us. He has spoken eloquently about our insurance situation here in Florida, and his wisdom about fiscal affairs is not to be missed. Please join us on Wednesday, June 25 for his talk.

A topic of concern, which has been on my mind is our Flag. Flag Day is celebrated in the United States on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day. In August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. 36 U.S.C. § 110 is the official statute regarding Flag Day, and, although it is not an official federal holiday, it is at the President's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. What gets me irate about this is that many of our fellow citizens have no idea how to properly care for and display our national colors. I see flags displayed in inclement weather. I see tattered and worn, even dirty, flags displayed, and my biggest complaint is seeing the flag displayed 24/7 without proper illumination. Some people who claim to be patriots seem to have no regard for our flag. They continually disrespect it by not properly displaying it. In the spirit of Flag Day, I urge all of you to gently nudge your neighbors in the direction of the proper display of *Old Glory*. It would be a wonderful thing if all of our well meaning citizens really showed they cared about our flag. Title 36, Chapter 10 of the United States Code governs the proper display of our flag.

We mourn the passing of our comrades, Col. Harry Wallick, USAF, and Maj. Vernon Yon, USAF. We send our deep condolences to their families.

Please keep our servicemen and women who are in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers.

Please consider attending our dinner meetings, as I think you will find great fellowship and great fun. Do not miss Bob Milligan. I'll see you there.

Cray J. Coppins
Captain, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
President

Properly Display Our Flag

There is a right way and a wrong way to display the flag. The American flag should be held in the highest of regards. It represents our nation and the many people who gave their lives for our country and our flag. Here are the basics on displaying the American flag:

- The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- In the morning, raise the flag briskly. At sunset, lower it slowly. Always, raise and lower it ceremoniously.
- The flag should not be flown at night without a light on it.
- The flag should not be flown in the rain or inclement weather.
- After a tragedy or death, the flag is flown at half staff for 30 days. It's called "half staff" on land, and "half mast" on a ship.
- When flown vertically on a pole, the stars and blue field, or "union", is at the top and at the end of the pole (away from your house).
- The American flag is always flown at the top of the pole. Your state flag and other flags fly below it.
- The union is always on top. When displayed in print, the stars and blue field are always on the left.
- Never let your flag touch the ground, never...period.
- Fold your flag when storing. Don't just stuff it in a drawer or box.
- When your flag is old and has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old flags should be burned or buried. Please do not throw it in the trash.

Also on June 14, 1775 the US Army was founded. On this date, the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of Riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY US ARMY!

IN LOVING MEMORY

In the month of May we lost two members of our local Chapter of Tallahassee Military Officers Association of America. They will both be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families during this difficult time.

Col. Harry Wallick USAF (Ret.)
Nov. 6, 1926 - May 2008

Maj. Vernon Yon USAF (Ret.)
August 14, 1929 - May 4, 2008

The Veteran Community also lost the last known Survivor of the Destroyer USS Case at Pearl Harbor.



Clifford Moderau USN (Enlisted)
June 13, 1922 - May 14, 2008



Prayer for our Servicemen

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Bless those that serve, those that have served, and those that gave their all. Amen

Got News?

**Want to see it in the Tal-
 Moaa Times?**

**E-mail Becky Eccard at
 beccard@embarqmail.com**

***Mark your Calendar for the MOAA
 Military Ball***

December 20, 2008

Capital City Country Club

TALLAHASSEE CHAPTER-MOAA : APPLICATION & RENEWAL FORM, 2008

MOAA ID _____

Mail To: Tallahassee Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, P. O. Box 4038, Tallahassee, Florida 32315

FOR REGULAR AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: COMPLETE ALL THAT IS APPLICABLE

NAME: _____

TITLE FIRST NAME MI LAST NAME NICK NAME SPOUSE'S NAME

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Street & No.: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ FACSIMILE NO. _____

NAME OF BUSINESS OR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE _____

HOME PHONE (include area code): _____ BUSINESS PHONE (include area code): _____
Do not list phone numbers if you do NOT want them listed in the directory.

Employer _____ Business Address _____

Civic & Fraternal M'ships _____

Yes, I will help in chapter activities. My areas of expertise or preferences for service are: (Mark as many as applicable)
 ROTC Support____; Public Affairs____; Membership Promotion____; Legislative Affairs____; Chapter Programs____; Employment Assistance____
 Personal Affairs____; Newsletter____; Scholarship Comm; _____ Transportation Comm; _____ Citizen of Yr. Comm.____ Other _____

<p><u>Check Appropriate Grade</u></p> <p>O1____ O6____ WO 1____ O2____ O7____ CWO 2____ O3____ O8____ CWO 3____ O4____ O9____ CWO 4____ O5____ O10____ CWO 4____ Enter Rank _____</p>	<p><u>Check Branch of Service</u></p> <p>USA____ USCG____ USN____ USPHS____ USMC____ NOAA____ USAF____</p>	<p><u>Check Military Component</u></p> <p>Regular____ Reserve____ National Guard____</p>	<p><u>Check Military Status</u></p> <p>Active____ Retired With Pay____ Retired Awaiting Pay____ Former Officer____ Widow (er)____</p>
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Spouse's _____
 Last Name First Name MI, Rank Branch of Service

DUES:	Regular Members, \$20.00	\$ <u>20.00</u>
	Associate Members, \$10.00	\$ _____
	<small>Widows and widowers of deceased members or of any deceased individual who would have been eligible for membership.</small>	
<i>Chapter memberships expire 31 December</i>		
CONTRIBUTIONS		
ROTC Support Account	Helps to pay for ROTC awards & decorations, & for cadet invitees to MOAA monthly dinners.	\$ _____
ROTC Scholarship Fund	Provides college scholarships for Junior ROTC Cadets.	\$ _____
General Operating Account	Supplements expenses related to programs, guest speakers, directory and newsletter.	\$ _____
Memorial Account	Supplements expenses for memorial contributions, cards, and flowers for members and spouses.	\$ _____
Total Included Dues Contributions		\$ _____

JUNE DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please mail to Tal-MOAA, P.O. Box 4038, Tallahassee, FL 32315-4038

Time: 1830 hours, fourth Wednesday of each month except August and December

Place: Silver Slipper, 531 Silver Slipper Lane, Tallahassee PH 850-386-9366

For questions, phone reservations or cancellations, call Cray Coppins 284-8246

Reservations for the Tal-MOAA dinner on Wednesday June 25th @\$16.50 (advanced reservations)
\$17.00 at the door

Reservations: I request _____ reservations

Entrée selection: _____Steak _____Shrimp _____ Charbroiled Tuna _____Charbroiled chicken

Social hour begins 1830 hours; dinner is served at 1915 hours

Dinner \$16.50 Each _____

Memorial fund Donation _____

Junior ROTC support Donation _____

Scholarship Foundation (make check out to Tal-MOAA Foundation) Donation _____

Please provide names and titles for name tags

Suggestions for speakers?

Suggestions for Improvements in TAL-MOAA?

Area(s) in which I am willing to volunteer?

WALT FRAUENHEIM CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

It is time again for members of the Tallahassee chapter of MOAA to demonstrate that we are part of the local community as well as members of the military. You are asked to develop a nomination or nominations for someone to receive the Walter Frauenheim Citizen of the Year Award and give them to Jere Moore, Royal Logan or Allen DeGraw.

The award is for a person who is more or less an unsung hero, someone who does very good work to help others in the community but is not an officer in an organization or in another position of authority. They just work diligently for the good of others.

The award started when Walt was president in 1998 but has fallen by the wayside in recent years. Now is the time to restart it in order to give recognition to someone who deserves it, to show our commitment to the Tallahassee community, and to gain some recognition for TAL-MOAA.

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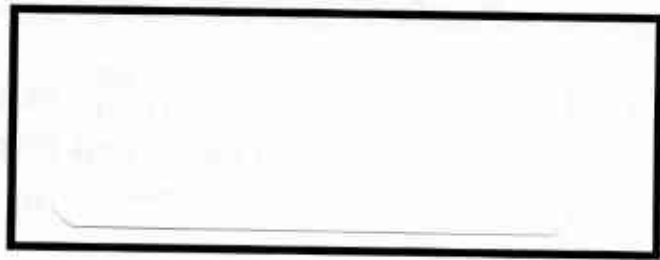
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COMING EVENTS AND MISCELLANIA

**TAL-MOAA LADIES' AUXILIARY MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT THE CAPITAL CITY COUNTRY CLUB, 1200 NOON. HUSBANDS AND
SPECIAL GUESTS OF MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

PHONE NUMBERS OF INTEREST

FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY 850/245-0100

TALLAHASSEE VA OUTPATIENT CLINIC 850/878-0191