



# SURFWIND



MID-FLORIDA GULF COAST CHAPTER of MOAA

May 2010

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Mike Piedmont, LCDR, USN

Cadet Lt Stephanie Yang from Dunedin High School will be at our May luncheon to receive a certificate and a check from our chapter to help with her college expenses. She has been selected to receive our annual award. Her parents and leadership personnel from the unit will also attend. Please mark May 12<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and plan to attend as this will be our last luncheon before the summer break.

Every year during my time in the navy, I received a fitness report. A "fitrep" is an annual performance evaluation and one of the graded items was "goal setting and achievement". Our chapter is either moving forward or going backwards. It is not a stagnate entity. If we are to move forward we need goals and we have to achieve them.

Goal one was to get a new member to join our chapter. We are tantalizingly close with two verbal commitments. Now is the time to set a few more goals. At our board of directors meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> we will be voting on and hopefully pass a goal or project that our group will be able to rally around. Stay tuned.

Secondly, I'll be asking for volunteers to fill two positions, Auxiliary liaison and a TOPS coordinator. The chapter Auxiliary Liaison would communicate with Florida Council Auxiliary Liaison Violet Smith and pass along benefits and other pertinent information to Auxiliary members. The TOPS coordinator will link with national and other networking contacts to help transitioning officers.

In closing, a "black shoe" navy and a "brown shoe" navy existed in the early 1980's. Surface warfare types wore black shoes and aviation types wore brown shoes. Around the mid 1980's uniform regulations changed and everyone had to wear black shoes. What happened to all the brown shoes when they became "unauthorized" footwear? You have to attend our May luncheon the find out.

Mike

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5 May Cinco de Mayo
- 6 May **MFGCC Board Meeting**  
Pappas' Banquet Facility
- 9 May Mother's Day
- 12 May **MFGCC Luncheon-11:30**  
**Dunedin Country Club**
- 21 May Armed Forces Day
- 30 May Memorial Day
- 20 Jun Father's Day
- 4 Jul **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 29 Jul NASA Birthday
- 2 Sep **MFGCC Board Meeting**  
10 AM Palm Harbor Library
- 6 Sep Labor Day
- 8 Sep **MFGCC Luncheon-11:30**  
**Clearwater Marine Aquarium,**  
**Ms. Kathleen Lloyd, speaker**  
**Dunedin Country Club**
- 11 Sep Patriot's Day
- 12 Sep Grandparent's Day
- 18 Sep U.S. Air Force Birthday

## CHAPTER MEMBER PLANS BOOK SIGNING AT CONVENTION

"Polishing the Old Brown Shoes" is a personal journey from the backwoods to the boardroom, written by our member Victor Woods. The book could be called a "how to" survive and thrive in the toughest of circumstances, recounted by a former CEO of Burger King Canada. Look for him at the Florida FCOC Convention Author 's Table.



## CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM

Ms. Kathleen Lloyd is our May speaker. Her position at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium includes training and scheduling volunteers as tour guides and docents, narrating on eco-boat tours, instructing children in summer camp programs and giving presentations at schools, clubs and area festivals.

Ms. Lloyd is also a USCG licensed Captain and takes guests on custom boat tours through the Aquarium programs. Most recently she obtained her Florida Master Naturalist Certificate from the University of Florida.

The Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a unique facility, specializing in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of sick or injured marine animals. All the animals that come through our doors arrive because they were suffering from an illness or severe injury in the wild. A majority of our animals were and are found by local residents, fishermen, park rangers, or even visitors to the area.

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Our NEW Chapter Website:  
<http://www.moaafl.org/Chapters/MFGCC/>

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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

*by Madelaine Miller*

Every Senator and member of the House of Representatives works for us; it is our responsibility to tell them how we want them to vote. Most of us are familiar with the way to contact your elected representatives:

- Their addresses are in your (2010 blue color) *Roll Call Roster*, which was mailed to you this past summer. MOAA has made internet communication very easy. I encourage each of you to exercise your American rights and express your opinions about the many legislative actions now under consideration. Telling your friends and neighbors is fine, but they don't vote on the critical legislative matters now in Congress.
- Complete the postcards in the MOAA Officers Call magazine.
- To find your senators' and representative's phone numbers, you may use the MOAA legislative website: <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home> online congressional directory. Entering your zip code locates your Senator or Representative, or you can just select the issue that concerns you and use the suggested message or write your own custom message.
- Call the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121 and ask for your senators' and/or representative's office.

**IN THE WORDS OF THE FOREFATHERS OF OUR COUNTRY**

*Excerpted by Madelaine Miller*

“A wise and frugal government, which shall leave men free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned - this is the sum of good government.”

**Thomas Jefferson**

“I consider the people who constitute a society or a nation as the source of all authority in that nation.”

**Thomas Jefferson**

“It is not everyone who asketh that deserveth charity; all however, are worth of the inquiry or the deserving may suffer.”

**George Washington**

“In a free and republican government, you cannot restrain the voice of the multitude; every man will speak as he thinks, or more properly without thinking.”

**George Washington**

“Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves are its only safe depositories.”

**Thomas Jefferson**

**NEW AIR FORCE DINING PROGRAM OPENS FOR RETIREES**

A new program, the Air Force's Food Transformation Initiative (FTI), gives retirees at six bases the ability to use military food service establishments previously reserved for active-duty. Each diner will pay the same market price as everyone else. This FTI includes MacDill AFB.

This pilot program opens food establishments to all members of the base community and customers will also see changes to food and beverage options, resulting in greater quality and variety and availability of healthy menu options. FTI will reinvigorate Air Force dining by hiring a contractor to transition to hybrid facilities, much like business and university campuses. Services officials are excited about the forthcoming changes, but emphasize things will not happen immediately and that each base will be different. The first phase of the program is about improving menu options.

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**MEMBERSHIP**

Our annual membership is \$15.00 and is valid from January 1 through December 31. We are collecting 2010 Dues, which are past due. **Please pay for dues/name tags by check only**, made payable to MFGCC-MOAA. **Mail to Col Parcels - do not make your check payable to her!**

**Roll Call** - Members in good standing are listed in our "ROLL CALL" roster. If you want to receive the Surfwind by E-mail, you must provide us with your correct email address. Members who "opt-out" of receiving their Surfwind by E-mail will not have their E-Mail address listed in our roster. If there are corrections to be made in the Roll Call, please contact Col Parcels.

**NAME BADGE REQUESTS:** Submit form and print name you want it on the badge (Pin \$7.95 or magnetic \$8.95). Make check payable to MFGCC, and mail with this form to Col. Phyllis P. Parcels, 110 Annwood Rd., Palm Harbor, FL 34685.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 MOAA ID NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOLUNTEER HOURS/BLOOD DONATIONS**

Please report your volunteer hours by completing the yellow card on your luncheon tables or phone your **Volunteer Chairs, LtCol Ralph Moody and Lydia Moody**, 784-3617. The total volunteer hours reported to us this month is 248 and 3,190 for 2009. **Please report all your volunteer hours!!!**

**Blood Donation:** Assure credit to our chapter when donating, by using our donation number (CO 124). Give the gift of life: Call 800-867-3356 or visit their website at [www.fsblood.org](http://www.fsblood.org).

VOLUNTEER HOURS/ BLOOD DONATIONS		
First Name	Time Donated to:	Hrs
Merryann Brunk	Lutheran Church, HLHOA, MFGCC, ELCOP, Eckerd Hall	53
Fred Haeussler	Greek Orthodox Church & Men's Club, MFGCC	6
Ed Hawkes	Mease Manor, Dunedin CC, Dunedin Safety Comm	40
Ed Hawkes	1 Pint Blood	
Dick Kane	HOA	9
Madelaine Miller	MFGCC, HOA	20
Ralph/Lydia Moody	ELCOP, MFGCC	15
Barbara Nolf	MFGCC	5
Phyllis Parcels	St. Ignatius RC Church, MFGCC, Society of Air Force Nurses	30
June Schnepf	TBPA, Ruth Eckerd Hall, MFGCC	70

**LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM**

Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for me for the luncheon on **WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2010** at Dunedin Country Club with the following number of selections: **Each meal costs \$18.00.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch crusted Chicken
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loaded Steak Salad

**Entrees include soup, rolls and butter, Hot Fudge Sundae, coffee or tea and tip. Cash bar cocktails available from servers.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Guests are welcome, attendance is not restricted to houseguests or prospective members)*  
 Please clip out form, Enclose check payable to MFGCC—MOAA and mail for receipt by Monday before luncheon to:

**Mrs. Ann Brunk — MFGCC  
1472 Dundee Drive  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684**

**\_\_\_\_\_ I NEED A RIDE, PLEASE CONTACT ME.**

**LUNCHEON INFORMATION**

**PLACE:** Dunedin Country Club—Tel: 733-6043  
1050 Palm Blvd., Dunedin

**Day & TIME:** **May 12, 2009**

11:30—Attitude Adjustment — 12:00—Luncheon  
 Luncheon is a 3 course meal. Indicate your entrée choice on the Reservation Form to the right and mail with your check.

**PROGRAM: Scholarship Award** to Cadet Lt Stephanie Yang from Dunedin high school;  
**Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Kathleen Lloyd**  
 Make reservation by mailing the reservation form with a check, (\$18 per lunch) payable to MFGCC-MOAA.

**If paying at lunch, please bring a check - we do not usually have change for cash.**

**For cancellations or questions**, call Ann Brunk-727-785-5183. Cancellations must be made by Monday prior to the luncheon, to be entitled to a refund. Reservations are required prior to arrival at lunch; advance payment is strongly requested.

This will be the best security for maintaining our liberties. A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them cannot be enslaved. It is in the religion of ignorance that tyranny begins.

Benjamin Franklin



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## Florida Council 2010 Convention



**Host: Calusa Chapter  
Fort Myers, Florida**  
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**Jim & Dottie Connor**  
**Email:** [dccalusa@comcast.net](mailto:dccalusa@comcast.net)  
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**Crowne Plaza Hotel** - <http://www.cpfortmyers.com/>  
hotel phone number is (239) 482-2900.

For reservations, visit the Florida Council website:  
<http://www.moaafl.org/Convention/Default.aspx>

**Golf outing** -The Dunes on Sanibel Island-To sign up contact John Frymoyer at 239-472-9396; [tofrys@aol.com](mailto:tofrys@aol.com)

**Day's fishing trip** with Captain Tony Stout in his 31' cabin cruiser, 5/21 or 5/23, \$75.00; 239-549-5629 to sign up.

**Friday - 21 May 2010 - President's Reception** 1800

**Saturday - 22 May 2010 - All Hands Breakfast** Fort Myers Ballroom 0730 - 0830

**Memorial Service** Fort Myers Ballroom 0845 - 0915

**FCOC Business Meeting** Fort Myers Ballroom 0930 - 1030

**Buffet Lunch** Shoeless Joe's Café 1215 - 1315

**Military Ball** Fort Myers Ballroom 1730 on Patio

1800 Banquet Hall opens for seating - 1840 Guests seated

**Sunday - 23 May 2010**

Checkout Lobby No Later Than 1200

## May Program - Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Once the animal arrives at our hospital, a team of experienced CMA staff biologists, veterinarians and volunteers create a rehabilitation plan for the animal specifically catering to its injury or illness. Sometimes, due to severe injury or extreme youth, the animal cannot be released back in the wild. CMA works with agencies such as National Marine Fisheries and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to make these decisions. In that case, the animal becomes a permanent member of the CMA family, and lives here to serve as an ambassador for their species to help us promote environmental conservation.

### IN MEMORIUM

**Leonore W. Wheeler** passed away on October 3, 2009. Our condolences to her family and friends.

**CDR Donald C. Pette**, USN, Ret., passed away on April 4, 2010. As was his wish, he will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on August 9th, which is the first available service. Our heartfelt sympathy to Phyllis, who has expressed the desire to remain a member of our chapter. We look forward to welcoming her at our luncheons in the future.