



SURFWIND



MID-FLORIDA GULF COAST CHAPTER of MOAA

March 2010

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Mike Piedmont, LCDR, USN

I want to thank everyone for your kind words and encouragement. A special thanks goes out to Madelaine for all her help during this period of transition.

Even though I became President under unique circumstances, it's an honor and a privilege to serve as your leader in 2010. When I got home after that meeting on January 25th, my wife asked "So how'd it go?" After her jaw dropped when I told her I'm the new President, I then said it feels like I found a home.

My goals are simple: Learn all I can about the Chapter and the duties of the President and secondly, try my hardest to get new members to join our Chapter. I look forward to meeting everyone and hear your ideas about what can be done to improve our organization.

I intend to put time and effort into my new job, but I need your help. If we are to get back to the basics and get pointed in the right direction, it will need to be a team effort. I can't do it alone.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon on the second Wednesday in March.

Mike

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 Mar **MFGCC Board Meeting**
10 AM Palm Harbor Library
- 10 Mar **MFGCC Luncheon-11:30**
Dunedin Country Club
"Heart Health", by Dr. Richard Sola
practices Cardiology, Interventional
Cardiology and Internal Medicine in
Clearwater and Safety Harbor
- 14 Mar-Start Daylight Savings Time
- 17 Mar St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Mar First Day of Spring
- 25 Mar-National Medal of Honor Day
- 28 Mar Palm Sunday
- 29 Mar to 2 Apr School "Spring" Holiday
- 30 Mar Passover
- 1 Apr **MFGCC Board Meeting**
10 AM Palm Harbor Library
- 2 Apr Good Friday
- 4 Apr Easter Sunday

OFFICER BIOGRAPHY

Mike Piedmont volunteered to serve as our new President and was elected and installed at the February meeting to lead our Chapter in 2010. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from St. Bonaventure University and his MBA from University of North Florida.

After four years of ROTC at St. Bonaventure University he was commissioned a 2LT in the US Army and served two years active duty at Fort Bliss, Texas. After two years as a Customs Officer on the Michigan/Canada border, he entered Aviation Candidate School at Pensacola, Florida. He served 18 years as a Naval Aviator flying the S-3 Viking mostly out of NAS Cecil Field near Jacksonville, Florida. The S-3 is a carrier based Anti-Submarine warfare aircraft.

After retiring in 1992 he was Director of Aircraft Services for a corporation flying a Beech King Air. Although retired from the military, he is still working in the insurance industry. He lives in the Countryside area of Clearwater, with his wife and has four grown children. Mike Jr. is in the Navy and currently stationed at Newport, Rhode Island.



2010 MFGCC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLED

The Florida Council of Chapters President, COL Troy Scott, USAR, Ret., at lectern, installed your new Board of Directors, President LCDR Mike Piedmont, USN, 1st V.P. COL Phyllis P. Parcels, USAF, 2nd V.P. Barbara Nolf, USAF, Treasurer, Ms. Ann Brunk, USA, Director Ms. Rose Cappelletti, USAF and LtCol Ralph Moody, USMC. Absent were Secretary LT Frederic W. Haeussler, USA, and Directors Capt Paul Lightfoot, USAF, LCDR Louis S. Chickos, USN, and CDR Ed Hawkes, USN.



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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 give them direction. 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.



*VADM Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN (Ret)
President of MOAA*

**St. Petersburg Area Chapter
50th Anniversary**

Chapter members in the area have been invited to celebrate with the St. Petersburg Chapter on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary on Friday, March 19. The guest speaker will be our National President, VADM Norb Ryan. This is an opportunity to support our sister chapter, hear our National MOAA President speak, and enjoy a very good luncheon for \$12 per person We have a choice of (1)

Corned Beef w/cabbage (2) Salmon w/dill or (3) Cobb Salad. Your R.S.V.P. to LtCol Larry Fernald, USAF (Ret) is requested no later than March 17th. You may phone Larry at 727-522-6237 or Email him at Larry246MOAA@sprynet.com. The social begins at 11:00 am with luncheon at 11:45 am, at Banquet Masters, 1800 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park. Dress is coat and tie for gentlemen or business casual for ladies.



THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Although the rest of Washington D.C. was shut down for recent snow, this man protected the Tomb, doing his duty and as do all the other United States military men and women. Please pray for their safety.

TAPS

CDR Emile Lou "Rimp" Horn passed away on 20 February 2010. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin, Rimp joined the American Red Cross and served in Korea for two years. She then joined the U.S. Navy, and retired after 23 years. She will be missed by her many friends and golfers from both Dunedin and Tarpon Springs Golf Clubs.

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MEMBERSHIP

Our annual membership is \$15.00 and is valid from January 1 through December 31. Now that we have been revived, we are collecting 2010 Dues. **Please pay for dues/name tags by check only**, made payable to MFGCC-MOAA, and mail to Col Parcels. **Do not make your check payable to Col Parcels.**

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: _____

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 388 and 2,942 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.fbsblood.org.

VOLUNTEER HOURS/ BLOOD DONATIONS		
First Name	Time Donated to:	Hrs
Merryann Brunk	Lutheran Church, HLHOA, MFGCC, ELCOP, Eckerd Hall	65
Rose Cappelletti	CASA, Help a Child, Infinity	25
Ed Hawkes	Mease Manor, Dunedin CC, Dunedin Safety Comm	60
Fred Haeussler	Greek Orthodox Church & Men's Club, MFGCC	3
Mildred Jackson	Palm Harbor United Methodist	24
Dick Kane	HOA	35
Madelaine Miller	MFGCC, HOA	40
Ralph/Lydia Moody	ELCOP, MFGCC	25
Phyllis Parcels	St. Ignatius RC Church, MFGCC, Society of Air Force Nurses	50
June Schnepf	TBAC, Ruth Eckerd, MFGCC	56
Elisabeth J. Wallace	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Ch	3
Manny Widman	Rotary	5

LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Please make _____ reservations for me for the luncheon on **WEDNESDAY, March 10, 2010** at Dunedin Country Club with the following number of selections: **Each meal costs \$18.00.**

- ___ **Corned Beef & Cabbage, Carrots**
- ___ **Asian Ribbon Salad**

Entrees include soup, rolls and butter, Apple Streudel, coffee or tea, tax 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: **November 11, 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: "Heart Health", by Dr. Richard Sola practices Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology

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.



**LADIES SUPER SENIOR
CHAMPION AT CRESCENT OAKS**

Our 1st Vice President, Colonel Phyllis P. Parcels during the weekend of February 21st again won a club championship, becoming the Ladies Super Senior Champion. Go, Phyllis!



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Florida Council of Chapters 2010 Convention Schedule of Events



**Host: Calusa Chapter
Fort Myers, Florida**
Co-Chairs:
Jim & Dottie Connor
Email: dccalusa@comcast.net
or jmcf@comcast.net.

Crowne Plaza Hotel -

For hotel information, view <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>

Download the registration form and print it, fill it out, and mail it with a check for both convention costs and hotel costs. You save 11% sales tax if we reserve your hotel room. The first 45 members who in a check for at least one convention room night and their registration will be eligible to win a drawing for \$90.00 at the convention.

New things blowing your way

Golf outing at The Dunes golf course on Sanibel Island, Lee Coast MOAA Chapter is organizing - To sign up contact John Frymoyer at 239-472-9396; tofrys@aol.com

Day's fishing trip with Captain Tony Stout in his 31' cabin cruiser, Fri. May 21 or Sun. May 23, \$75.00; only 6 openings available for that, minimum of 4. Call Tony at 239-549-5629 or astout34@comcast.net to sign up.

Friday - 21 May 2010

Military Nurses meet in Hospitality Room (Ste 1200) at 1500

President's Reception Outside Patio 1800

Hospitality Room open (Flamingo Suite 1200) – 1700 to 2000

Saturday – 22 May 2010

All Hands Breakfast Fort Myers Ballroom 0730 – 0830

Memorial Service Fort Myers Ballroom 0845 – 0915

Hospitality Room open Flamingo Suite 0900 – 1700

(Computer help, health screenings, shell craft, snacks, etc.)

FCOC Business Meeting Fort Myers Ballroom 0930 - 1030

Seminar-MOAA Update Fort Myers Ballroom 1045 - 1115

Seminar- eye care innov. Useppa Room 1130 - 1200

Buffet Lunch Shoeless Joe's Café 1215 - 1315

Seminar –Macomber Useppa Room 1330 - 1400

Edison Tour Edison Estate 1430 - 1630

Military Ball Fort Myers Ballroom 1730 Socializing on Patio

1800 Banquet Hall opens for seating - 1840 Guests seated

Hospitality Room re-opens Flamingo Suite 2100

Alternative activity—Saturday 22 May 2010

Shopping Tour /lunch Bell Towers Plaza 1000

Sunday – 23 May 2010

Checkout Lobby No Later Than 1200

Complementary coffee/doughnuts Hospitality Room 0700-1000

Pay as you go Breakfast Buffet available in Lobby Restaurant

Dress for all events is Convention shirt or similar attire except for Military Ball: Suggest Mess Dress, Formal Attire or Business suit.