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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

COL TROY SCOTT, USAR (RET)



First of all, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, lots of laughter and lots of love. I hope that everyone will be spending time with their families and eating lots of good Christmas cookies.

I just had the opportunity to attend the MOAA Annual Meeting and Chairman's Dinner in Arlington, VA this past month. Two excellent panels were presented, the Military Professional Symposium and the Military Spouse Panel: Mentoring Tomorrow's Generation of Military Spouses. One of the most striking comments came from the introductory speech by Joint Chiefs of Staff Vice Chairman Gen. James Cartwright, USMC, who stated that "We're in an era of persistent conflict," in which the Pentagon will have to make some "hard choices if future defense budgets aren't what we've had, which appears likely."

In my opinion this is going to create greater stress among our currently serving young men and women, especially with the continued pace of deployments. When asked about the likelihood of returning to the draft, the panel was unanimous in assessing that as "slim to none." Regarding possible changes to military retirement or other major benefit programs, the panel offered a range of views stating that some changes might be desirable, but all expressed the view that major retirement changes are unlikely and probably unwise in a time of war. The MOAA Legislative update from 21 November has a good summary of all the panelist's comments.

Comments from two senior military officer's wives, Bev Fraser and Shelia Casey, spouse of General George Casey, provided the main focus of the Panel: The necessity for military spouses to devote their time and energy not only to their families but also to themselves and what they enjoy doing. "It's very important that they [military spouses] find what makes their heart sing — and do it." Waiting for the military member's retirement in order for spouses to pursue their own passions was widely discouraged. "Don't wait until he [or she] is retired to make it your turn," Fraser said.

At the Chairman's dinner, our guest speaker was Senator Jim Webb. He was heavily involved with the post-Sept. 11 GI Bill signed into law June 30. His next effort will focus on getting active duty service members more time at home between deployments. He acknowledged that the work ahead will be difficult, but with the help of organizations like MOAA, it is feasible. "Whatever your politics are, it's our duty to put a safety net under these people in harm's way," he said.

It was a beneficial conference, an opportunity to meet a lot of people and a pleasure to represent Florida at the meeting.

Best Wishes - - Troy & Elke

IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS - -

- 24DEC2008 - Proposed Resolutions and/Bylaw Changes due to Bylaw/Resolution Committee Chairman.
- 01JAN2009 - Roster Information (Blue Book, Section I, Page 8) (*Up-date as needed*).
- 23-24JAN2009 - Winter President's & Board of Directors Meetings, Sirata, St Pete Beach
- 01FEB2009 - List of Deceased Member and Spouses due to Council Secretary.
- 01FEB2009 - Chapter/Club Publication Award Submittals Due MOAA.
- 06FEB2009 - AVP Nominating Committees formed for WC, NE, and NW Areas.
- 01MAR2009 - Council Dues due to Council Treasurer.
- 25APR2009 - Names of AVP Nominees due to Council Secretary.
- 05-07JUN2009 - Convention 2009, Sirata, St Pete Beach.

Legislative Bits ‘n Pieces!

CAPT Owen Englander, USN (Ret)

Chairman, National & Legislative Affairs, PMOAA

Taps for Legislation in the 110th - - When the 110th Congress adjourns all of the unpassed bills expire. So unfinished business involving full/de-Balkanized concurrent receipt, SBP-DIC, TRICARE fee protections, Guard/Reserve retirement age, *et cetera*, that are not included in the final Conference Committee-agreed FY2009 Defense Authorization Act become moribund. AND... the lists of legislative cosponsors that are the most immediate product of *your* grass-roots efforts expire, too.

So, after Thanksgiving turkey and Christmas goose, with guidance from MOAA and my own enlightened self-interest, I will be back at you encouraging your support once again. To quote MOAA: “—these legislative initiatives don’t happen by accident. They get passed only through strenuous, repeated collective efforts to push legislators to do the right thing by those who served and sacrificed for the rest of the country.”

But the 110th may yet do a “Lame Duck” - - So... with the Defense bills passed and the rest of the Beltway Bunch on fiscal crutches into the first quarter of 2009... members of the House and Senate are off to get reelected or campaign for somebody else. The Defense bills for the new fiscal year have been passed, and the rest of the government’s appropriations have been approved providing funding at least into March. The House is not now due back until January 3rd. The Senate, however, has scheduled a return long about November 17th and Speaker Pelosi may follow along. It is doubtful that any of the residuals of interest to the Military Community will be exercised. However, don’t lose sight of what goes on then because there is much of personal interest possibly at stake. The Senate can still address some 165 bills left “unworked” (mostly state projects not addressed because they had not been debated... probably didn’t meet the “pork” test) and the House may address the new individual economic stimulus package that has been bandied about of late.

Better News - - The 2009 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retired pay, SBP annuities, Social Security checks, and VA disability and survivor benefits will be 5.8%. New 2008 retirees will see only some portion of that.

DFAS, SBP Payments and Concurrent Receipt - - As of October 1st, SBP payments ended for retirees who are at least age 70 and have paid 30 years (360 cumulative months) of SBP premiums. This affects 137,000 retirees, who will (hopefully) see their retired pay go up in November’s checks. The net increase won’t be quite as much as the premium, because retired pay is taxable, whereas the SBP premiums were deducted before taxes. I write “hopefully” because nothing seems to come easily and more. I am

among some number of qualifying retirees who have heard naught from DFAS. It would be of interest to our Community to learn how many shipmates are in the same boat (write onenlander@cox.net if you are so-moved). Per my last word on this subject, in December DFAS will display an “SBP Counter” on retirees’ Retiree Account Statement so members can guess when their premiums will end.

In other news from DFAS (source: MOAA):

VA Retro Payments - This three-year joint effort by DFAS and the VA recalculated concurrent receipt and VA payments due to disabled retirees because of multiple changes in concurrent receipt laws in recent years. The review of 230,000 retirees’ cases has been completed, and all the payment adjustments have been made. The affected retirees received a total of \$174 million in retroactive payments.

Individual Unemployability Payments - Last year’s defense bill authorized full concurrent receipt, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2005, for retirees designated as “unemployable” by the VA. But the effective date was delayed until this month. Affected retirees will see their first monthly payment increase in November, and some will be eligible for additional retroactive payment. DFAS is notifying all who are due retroactive payments, and says those payments should be completed by the end of February.

Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) - Last year’s defense bill authorized a monthly SSIA of \$50 (which will increase in annual increments to \$100 by 2013) to survivors who now have VA survivor benefits deducted from their SBP. All of those survivors - whether the military sponsor died on active duty or in retirement - will see the first SSIA payment in the November check. The payment will be automatically paid to all eligible survivors.”

And lastly, Medicare Premiums for 2009 - - In spite of the inexorable march of means-testing and increases in deductibles, MEDICARE authorities have announced that the January 2009 Part B premiums and annual deductible (\$135) will *remain at the current 2008 rates*.

2009 Part B Premiums - -

Income	Premium	Beneficiary Share
Individuals	2009	2009
Under \$85,000	\$96.40	25%
\$85,001-\$107,000	\$134.90	35%
\$107,001-\$160,000	\$192.70	50%
\$160,001-\$213,000	\$250.50	65%
Above \$213,000	\$308.30	80%
Income	Premium	Beneficiary Share
Married Couples	2009	2009
Under \$170,000	\$96.40	25%
\$170,001-\$214,000	\$134.90	35%
\$214,001-\$320,000	\$192.70	50%
\$320,001-\$426,000	\$250.50	65%
Above \$426,000	\$308.30	80%



Facts About Iran For The Incoming President

From: Crosshairs - Military Matters
LtCol Fred Edwards, USMC (Ret)

Nov. 14, 2008 -- During his campaign, now president-elect Barack Obama indicated that, as president, he would talk with the Iranians about their nuclear programs and other issues with no pre-conditions. George Friedman, founder of Stratfor, wrote November 10 that just before the elections it was leaked that President George W. Bush might open diplomatic relations with Iran after the election regardless of who won. This would leave a sort of legacy for Bush while taking the burden off Obama for such a decision. But it would open a Pandora's Box that could give Obama his baptism by fire. Consider remarks by Michael Ledeen, author of *The Iranian Time Bomb*, during a presentation on August 4.

Ledeen, a former White House national security advisor and official in both the Defense and State Departments, explained the difference between what the Iranians say, what they do, and what Americans might think they mean.

What do they say and do, and what do they mean? For example, the head of Iran's armed forces announced recently that they have produced a new missile with a range of at least 300 kilometers. He claimed it uses technology heretofore unseen anywhere in the world. But -- no photograph, no particulars.

Then we saw another photograph not long ago. You might remember the one they published that showed four supposed intermediate missiles being launched almost simultaneously. Ledeen says that a close examination disclosed that the two-year-old photograph showed only one actual missile, a short-range one.

And that's not all. Not long afterward the Iranians floated a photo of a "new" fighter airplane. It was indeed a new model -- a plastic toy made by Mattel, with Iranian markings placed on it.

Ledeen says, "So the first thing to understand about Iran is that it is a country where lies and deception are a way of life." He adds that the Iranians have been at war against us for 30 years, and prior to 9/11 the Iranian regime was directly or indirectly responsible for the murder of more Americans than any other country or organization in the world."

How closely are the Iranians tied to Hezbollah? In the fall of 1998, the U.S. government indicted Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda. Part of the indictment reads that Al Qaeda forged alliances with the National Islamic Front in the Sudan and with the government of Iran and its associated terrorist group, Hezbollah, for the purpose of working together against their perceived common enemies in the West, particularly the United States. The indictment still stands.

But how could Iran support al Qaeda when Iran is Shiite

and al Qaeda is Sunni? Here's the logic.

The Shiites (Iran) normally believe that religious leaders cannot function in government, while the Sunnis believe they can. But, when the Ayatollah Khomeini took over (Shiite) Iran in the revolution of 1979, he decreed that it was not only allowable for religious leaders to govern civil society, but indeed it was mandatory. And so it remains.

Ledeen calls the regime begun by Khomeini "Islamofascist," and compares it to those created by Hitler and Mussolini in the 1920s and '30s. And, although the press might portray things differently in Iran, the dictator makes all key decisions. The dictator is not Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the president, but Ali Khamenei, who is called "Supreme Leader." Even the Revolutionary Guard Corps reports to him.

Israel, which considers Iran to be the biggest threat to its existence, has already weighed in on this issue. Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, who could become prime minister after Israel's general election in February, said November 6 that Obama should not talk to Iran so soon after taking office, warning that such dialogue could project "weakness."

So what happens if Obama *does* talk with the Iranians? It would be great to be optimistic, but Ledeen reminds us of what happened during the Clinton administration. The United States dropped sanctions against Iran, opened America's borders to Iranians for the first time since the 1970s, hosted Iranian cultural events, and unfroze Iranian bank accounts. President Clinton and Secretary of State Albright made several public apologies to Iran. Then Ali Khamenei announced that Iran was in a state of war with the U.S. and that settled that. Will this happen again?

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THE UN-COMFORT ZONE

with ROBERT WILSON

THE PLEASURE PRINCIPLE

Swing and miss. "Strike Two." cried the umpire. I threw one more pitch right in at the player's wrists. He swung hard, but the ball just dribbled right back to the pitcher's mound. I picked it up and gently tossed it to the first baseman for the out.

As the batter turned back toward the dugout, his team captain stepped out and screamed, "Darrell, you've got to get over your fear of this guy!"

The words poured like sweet honey into my ears.

It was the third time I had gotten him out that night including two strike outs. I had completely shut down the best hitter on the best team in the league. It was the most fun I'd had in weeks.

No, I wasn't throwing heat. Quite the contrary, I'm talking about slow-pitch recreational softball for the over-thirty crowd.

But, I was totally into it. Once a week I stood on the mound under the lights with everyone's eye on me. Despite the butterflies in my stomach, I can't image anything more exciting (OK, maybe skydiving!).

And, I was totally motivated! I spent several hours each week tossing balls in my driveway. I set up an area with a pitcher's rubber and home plate laid out to the exact dimensions of those on the playing field. After I mastered the two standard softball pitches, I developed two of my own. The best was a softball version of the knuckleball. A spinless ball that baffled batters the first time they saw it, but even when they did hit it - they could never get any distance on it.

I have friends who are obsessed with golf; others with tennis. None of them have a clue what drives me to play softball. But, then again, I don't get why they play golf or tennis.

What motivates me to play softball or for that matter my friends to play golf and tennis? That's easy... it's fun! It is all about having fun... pleasure is very motivating. We all seek some pleasure in life. It's what keeps us going. And, for those pursuits that we enjoy, we are never too tired; we always seem to find time and energy for them. It comes to us easily. If only we could find that kind of relaxed energy for work.

What is it that *you* can't wait to do everyday? Is it a hobby? A sport? Sigmund Freud described that driving creative spirit as the *Pleasure Principle*. But, he also spoke of a contrasting principle that existed to put the brakes on our desire called the *Death Instinct*. Thankfully that theory has been disproved, however, it's still very true that "all work and no play make Jack a dull boy." Not only dull. Where happiness is absent - health is often absent too.

I look forward to work every day. I have clearly followed the advice of my father who encouraged me to find a job I enjoyed so that I would never "work" a day in my life. In her book *Do What You Love, The Money Will Follow: Discovering Your Right Livelihood*, Marsha Sinetar tells us to do the same thing. But, what should you do if you're not happy in your work? Make changes! That may be easier said than done. So, if you can't change your job, then change your work environment.

It's a well known fact that employees who enjoy their work are more productive. This is so true that people frequently turn down better paying jobs to stay with one that is fun. There are many ways to make your workplace more fun. Authors Dave Hemsath and Leslie Yerkes in their book offer us *301 Ways to Have Fun at Work*. Every company is different so it will be up to you to discover what you can do to make your place of business more fun. But, if you want to motivate your staff - I always say, "Give them something to laugh about!"

Robert Evans Wilson, Jr. is a motivational speaker and humorist. He works with companies that want to be more competitive and with people who want to think like innovators. For more information on Robert's programs please visit www.jumpstartyourmeeting.com.

Winter President's Meeting & Board Meeting

Preview of Coming 2009 FCOC State Convention

The Sirata Beach Resort will be the site of the Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Winter President's and Board Meetings (WP&BM's) on 23 and 24 January 2009.

The Sirata is also the site selected for our 2009 FCOC Convention and, as is our usual practice, the WP&BM's afford Chapter/Club Presidents the opportunity to preview the convention locale so that they can better encourage their members to attend, and enjoy, the convention.

The President's Meeting will incorporate a FCOC President's Training Seminar.

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Top Eight Groups Most Deserving of a Government Bailout

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Nov 28, 2008 -- This week the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) published the legislative update that follows. If the U.S. federal government can afford to throw out a few hundred billion dollars here and another few hundred billion there, it certainly can afford to fix the long-standing inequities for our service members, their families and survivors that MOAA has listed.

If our country can afford almost \$1 trillion in bailouts for firms whose financial troubles were caused by their own mismanagement or recklessness, what about those in the uniformed services community suffering grievous circumstances imposed on them by the government through no fault of their own? Here are MOAA's nominees for those most deserving a government bailout:

8. Currently serving uniformed services families -- the only large group of employees denied use of Flexible Spending Accounts to deduct out-of-pocket health and dependent costs from income and payroll taxes. Who needs a child care tax break more than a family whose sponsor has been deployed?

7. Employers of Guard/Reserve personnel -- who deserve tax breaks to help ease the burden of hiring temporary replacements for ever-more-frequently deployed staff members. The government that imposes these requirements on them, and expects them to keep hiring Guard/Reserve members, needs to do more to assist them.

6. Guard-Reserve members deployed since 9/11 -- whom the government has acknowledged deserve a reduced retirement age in return for frequent active duty callups, but has denied credit for those called up (for multiple combat tours in hundreds of thousands of cases) between 2001 and 2008.

5. Military families (again) -- who've suffered terrible family separations because of past government resistance to manpower increases, despite predictions of a long war. Now, some congressional leaders have proposed cutting back on manpower increases, when the only possibility for relief is to

accelerate them.

4. Severely disabled retirees with less than 20 years of service -- who forfeit most or all of their military retired pay to fund their own VA disability compensation. Congress passed legislation to assist the combat-disabled, but a glitch in the law stymied relief for many. And a 100% non-combat disabled retiree has no relief.

3. Military widows whose sponsors died of service-related causes -- thousands of whom must live on an annuity of \$13,000 a year because their VA survivor benefits are deducted from their Survivor Benefit Plan annuities. Congress's first-step -- relief action provided a mere \$50 extra per month.

2. Separated wounded warriors -- Thousands of wounded or potential PTSD/TBI victims were separated with low-balled disability determinations, 'personality disorder' or disciplinary discharges that limited or denied benefits. Programs are changing now, but those already separated since 9/11 deserve reconsideration.

1. Caregivers for wounded warriors -- hundreds of mothers, fathers, siblings, spouses, and other loved ones have had to quit their jobs, sell homes, and cash in retirement funds -- to provide full-time care to severely wounded servicemembers. The government owes training, respite, and compensation to those who never dreamed that a loved one's wounding could put their own livelihood at such risk.

The preceding eight initiatives show that the Military Officers Association of America cares deeply about active duty troops, veterans, military retirees, and their families and survivors, regardless of rank. Members of Congress, do you? The ball is in your court.

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CHAPTER/CLUB HAPPENINGS

♦ **CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER** member, 1LT Lee Boyland, USA (FMR), wrote the book "*Behold an Ashen Horse.*" He has been awarded a Gold Medal for fiction by the Military Writers Society of America. He is currently working on his third book -- and his books are in many public libraries.

♦ **KINGDOM OF THE SUN CHAPTER** has been providing "scholarships" to young Marion County military dependents to spend a week during July at Camp Kiwanis in the Ocala National Forest -- for 9 to 13 year old sons and daughters whose parents are assigned to the two National Guard Units and an Army Reserve Military Police

Company located in Ocala.

♦ **PENSACOLA & WHITING FIELD CHAPTERS** had a joint luncheon during October at Whiting Field. NAS Whiting Commanding Officer, CAPT Rick Sadsad, USN, was the speaker -- and mentioned that Whiting would celebrate their 65th Anniversary on 25OCT08.

♦ **PALM BEACH AREA CHAPTER** celebrated it's 40th Anniversary in October -- Good show, and keep up the good work!.

♦ **TAMPA CHAPTER** -- Held a "Sox For Vets" collection at their November meeting; collecting tube-type socks for the patients at James A Haley VAH to use as "foot warmers." No info on how

successful the effort was, but wouldn't it be nice if everyone attending the Winter President's/Board Meeting at the Sirata on 23-24JAN09 showed up with a few pairs -- just for kicks.

♦ **SEVERAL CHAPTERS** -- Noted the 233 Birthday of the U. S. Marine Corps on 10NOV08 (a date dear to your editor's heart) and the comments were all positive -- and that's real interservice cooperation.

♦ **EDITOR'S EMAIL** -- I changed ISP's recently and, since my address book did not transfer successfully, I have yet to notify All Hands. Mea Culpa! And please use the Email address noted for me on page 5 of this issue. Editor

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Politics is such a torment that I would advise every one I love not to mix with it.
Thomas Jefferson

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