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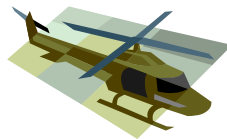
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**5 Star Chapter President's Message**  
**By Ralph Shrigley**



It's a whole new year and time to shake off those mid-winter blues, then greet what the groundhog tells us will be an early spring! The first big news of 2011 is that we will be honored to welcome **Maj. Gen. Richard C. "Buck" Marr, USAF (Ret.)** as our speaker at the 20 March social at Northern Quest Casino. General Marr is a member of MOAA's Board of Directors. He flew gunships in Vietnam, commanded three Air Force

Wings and the Air Force Mobility Center, and was Chief of Staff of the Joint Forces Command. Following retirement, he was a Vice-President of Lockheed Martin Corp. Join us for a served meal!

Now let's take a quick look back at 2010. Spokane MOAA had a great 2010! Thanks to you, we presented ROTC & JROTC Cadet awards at the seven units we support and made cash donations to each one. We donated money to the MOAA Scholarship Fund, Fisher House, the Armed Forces & Aerospace Museum, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, and the Wounded Warrior Program, among others. We sent dozens of "goodie" boxes from our Support the Troops program to those in remote areas. Our members were recognized by their communities for their public service, and volunteers marched in several parades throughout the area.

Most importantly, we fulfilled our role of looking after those who have served or are serving our great country. We did this by communicating with our elected legislators with well over 1,000 letters and emails and many phone calls. We also made the voices of our service members heard in Olympia on Washington State issues through our support of the Washington State Council of Chapters. For these and other achievements, we were honored to receive our fifth consecutive MOAA 5 Star Chapter Award.

We have another challenging year ahead of us, particularly with regard to national budget issues. We must be watchful, lest the bean counters unfairly reduce benefits to our service members. Our focus this year must be to **make certain our legislators and the President understand that service benefits were earned by years of dedicated, frequently arduous, and hazardous service. To assess these benefits using the same criteria as social programs ignores that.**

**BRING SOMETHING TO THE**  
**20 March SOCIAL FOR**  
**SUPPORT THE TROOPS**

**2011 Chapter Socials**

- 20 MAR- Northern Quest Casino
- 17 APR - Mukogawa Ft. Wright
- 12 JUN - TBD
- 10 SEP - Picnic; Location TBD
- 16 OCT -TBD
- 4 DEC - Mukogawa Ft Wright

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**Chapter Wives & Widows Club**  
**2011 Meeting Dates:**

- 4 JAN: Prospectors Bar & Grill
- 1 FEB: Dockside, CDA Resort
- 1 MAR: Twigs Bistro, Spokane Valley
- 5 APR: Taste & See (High Tea)
- 3 MAY: Olive Garden
- 7 JUN: Ripples on the River
- 5 JUL: CI Shenanigans
- 2 AUG: Cedars Floating Restaurant
- 6 SEP: Luna Restaurant
- 4 OCT: Harvest House
- 1 NOV: Max at Mirabeau Hotel
- 6 DEC: TBD

## Welcome New Members

## Now Hear This!

Armande Aller (Auxiliary), Spokane  
 LTC Larry Comstock, USMC (Ret.) & wife Geri, Colbert WA  
 LtCol Carl Duple, USAF (Ret.) & wife Betty, Deer Park  
 LtCol Carl Gidlund, USAF (Ret.) & wife Sally, Hayden Lake ID  
 COL Richard Heehn, US Army (Ret.) & wife Rosemarie, Colbert WA  
 CAPT Walter Jakubowski, USPHS (Ret.) & wife Shirley, Spokane  
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 MAJ Gregory Roth, USAF (Ret.) & wife Catharine, Spokane  
 LTC Dennis Shaw, US Army (Ret.) & wife Brenda, Spokane  
 LTC Kerry Souza, US Army (Ret.), Spokane  
 LTC Mark Souza, US Army (Ret.), Spokane  
 LCDR Michael Williams, USN (Ret.) & wife Bobby, Spokane

### TAPS

Henry Karl Albrecht, LtCol, USAF (Ret.) 11/19/10  
 William Aller, LCDR, USN (Ret.) 1/19/11  
 Richard Martin, MAJ, USAF (Ret.) 11/20/10  
 LtCol John Miller, USAF (Ret.) 12/5/10  
 Agnes Warn, wife of John Warn, LtCol, USAF (Ret.) 2/4/11



**Spokane Chapter, MOAA  
 2009 First Prize Winner**

**Best Legislative Coverage for  
 Website**

## Widows and Wives Club

By Beth Ann Daigre



In January we had a good time at Prospectors Bar and Grill, but our February event at Dockside in the Coeur d'Alene Resort was fabulous! Even though it was cold outside, the sun was shimmering off the marina water, the sky was blue, blue, blue and we had great food.

We've adopted three veterans in the Spokane Veterans Home who have no family. We sent them cards and took goodies for Valentine's Day. Lynn Lind offered to head up this program.

On Tuesday, 1 March we'll meet at 1 p.m. at Twigs Bistro & Martini Bar near the Valley Mall (it's across from Black Angus). Call Diane Gorton for a reservation: (509) 467-6138.



On 5 April we'll have our High Tea. Pat Tolley will be our hostess. As always, we start at 1 p.m. To make your reservation, please call Pat at (208) 953-6768.

If you want to join our club, our annual dues are only \$10. That way I can send you a monthly reminder by email or a post card

### Our Hat Is Off to:

Member Recruiters	Chapter 2010	Give Me 10 2010
Bob Imle		1
Dick Oates		1
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### Support The Troops: (M = Men, W = Women)

**2010:** Total donations \$225 checks, \$268 cash. APR: 8 boxes (64#) to 44M & 32W in Iraq & Afghanistan (USAF, USMC, Army). APR: 2 boxes (32#) to 8M & 5W in Afghanistan (USAF), 2 boxes (33#) to 5M & 3W in Iraq (Army), 4 boxes (50#) to 8M & 4W (USMC) & 20M & 20W (Army) in Afghanistan. SEP: 4 boxes (36#) to 7M & 3W (Army) & 4M (USMC), all in Afghanistan. OCT: 2 boxes (16#) to 2M & 2W in Gulf (Navy), 2 boxes (20#) to 25M & 25W in Afghanistan (Army), 2 boxes (19#) to men in Afghanistan (USAF).

**2011:** JAN: 2 boxes (17#) to 13M & 2W in Afghanistan (Army). 2 boxes (20#) to 8M & 3W in Afghanistan (USAF).

**Legislative Letters:** 2010: 1628 2011: 158

**Chapter Donations 2010:** \$100 to WA State Veterans Cemetery

**Raffle Donations 2010:** MAR: AF&A Museum \$200; APR: Ladies & Gents of the WA State Cemetery \$160; JUN: MOAA Scholarship Fund \$190; SEP: Support the Troops \$175; OCT: Wounded Warrior \$175; DEC: ROTC/JROTC \$350.

### Widows & Wives:

**2010:** 99# food, \$7 cash to Spokane Valley Food Bank. 15 get-well cards Walter Reed soldier (Afghanistan IED explosion). 79 Xmas cards, 10 ornaments, 7 wreaths to Spokane Veterans Home.

**2011:** 51# food, \$10 cash to Spokane Valley Food Bank. 10 wreaths to WA State Veterans Cemetery for Wreaths Across America.

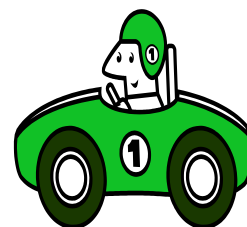
## Step Up to the Plate!



We're in great need of a Social Chairman and also specific members to plan individual socials. Contact Ralph Shrigley and tell him you'll give it a swing: (208) 623-2671 or rshrigley@earthlink.net.

### NEED a RIDE to a SOCIAL?

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### Afghanistan Thank You

The following “thank you” was received from a service member in gratitude for the things we sent her company from our Support the Troops program. The things you donate DO make a difference. Please be sure to bring something to the social on 20 March. You can also donate money for postage and for purchasing items that don't get donated.

“I just wanted to write to you and thank you for everything that you and MOAA did for us here in Afghanistan. There isn't much to look forward to out here other than mail and the day we get to go home! So on behalf of (my company), thank you again for everything. You made life out here that much easier for all of us!”

**Note:** The troops especially like individual containers of toiletries (the kind you get in a motel are great; examples are shampoo, conditioner, lotion, shaving cream, razors, toothpaste and brushes, dental floss, deodorant); mechanic's hand soap, protein bars, beef jerky, cocoa, 3V lithium, AA & AAA batteries, laundry soap tabs, baby wipes, hand warmers & foot warmers.

### Spokane Indians Baseball Game

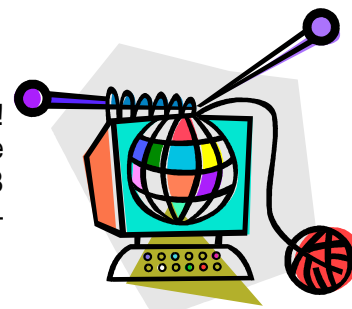


Join other chapter members on Monday, 11 July, at 3:30 p.m. for a Spokane Indians Baseball game! At Avista Stadium, the Indians will host the Vancouver Canadians. Bring your sunscreen (planning ahead!) and your K cards; enjoy some excellent baseball and camaraderie this summer. Cost is \$10—send your reservation and check to Fred Donovan, 1824 S. Vera Crest Drive, Veradale WA 99037. Pick up your reserved tickets at the Will Call window on game day! Questions? Call Fred at (509) 922-4982.

### Spokane Chapter, MOAA Launches Updated Website

By Chuck Lund

Our chapter launched its sparkling, spectacular and newly revised website in early February! Please check it out at [www.spokanemoaa.org](http://www.spokanemoaa.org) (and make it a bookmark while you're at it). On the home page, you will see a new “widget” with concise information on such things as the FAFB Immunization Clinic and Washington State Veterans Cemetery. Our upgraded site is faster, easier to navigate, more reliable, and has enhanced security features.



Our goal is to provide chapter members with a central, reliable source of information as well as access to many of the benefits, programs and information related to MOAA. We now have the ability to add or remove links to commonly sought after services and information that our members are interested in. We also offer our members the opportunity to advertise their businesses on our site by purchasing a link. For a modest amount, they can link their own websites to ours. Likewise, we are also able to more efficiently post information, such as this newsletter, providing our members with a single source or jump-off point onto the web.

COMING IN THE FUTURE BUT NOT RIGHT NOW: With the enhanced security features, we will eventually be able to allow new members to pay their chapter dues online when they fill out the application form that is already on the website. We're still working out the mechanics of paying online, so look for more information in future newsletters.

If you need more information, please contact me (Chuck Lund) at (509) 951-8626 or [cplund3@comcast.net](mailto:cplund3@comcast.net)—OR go to the website, click on “Board” and then click on my email address. An email form will open for you that will enable you to write me directly.

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### Board Member Captain (Select) Chuck Lund, USNR



One of our newest board members, Captain (Select) Chuck Lund, U.S. Naval Reserve, is a native of Spokane. He was commissioned through the University of Washington NROTC program in 1988, and then reported to Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, FL, where he received his Pilot wings in June 1990. He served as a Combat Support and Search & Rescue helicopter pilot on active duty for more than nine years. During that time he deployed and served in Operation DESERT STORM in the Arabian Gulf and Operation PROVIDE COMFORT in Bosnia (Yugoslavia). He also served as the senior Search & Rescue pilot and rotary wing pilot at NAS Whidbey Island, WA, in support of three combat wings, and as the senior test and evaluation pilot for the Navy's torpedo development program.

Since affiliating with the Navy's Reserve Component, Chuck's military career has been primarily centered in support of the Maritime Expeditionary Security Forces – formerly known as Naval Coastal Warfare. He has mobilized twice, once immediately following 9-11 in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE and again forward deployed in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Chuck has served in either Executive Officer or Commanding Officer billets the past 10 years. Included in his list of command billets are Naval Computer and Telecommunications Center (NCTC) Puget Sound, Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 102, Maritime Expeditionary Security Division 94, with operational units in both Spokane and Portland. He was recently named as the Commanding Officer of U.S. Pacific Command's Detachment 501. In that assignment, Chuck's new unit supports the Strategic Plans & Policy Directorate at USPACOM.

As a civilian, Chuck has worked as a Financial Consultant in the financial services and insurance industries.

### Elaine Doughty Anderson, Personal Affairs Chairman



Elaine grew up in Illinois with two brothers and six sisters. She met her husband, Bill, when she was in high school and he was an Army Corporal at Rantoul. After high school she worked for State Farm Insurance in Bloomington as a typist and "number cruncher." Bill was accepted for the Army flying program, and went on to fly P-38's in Italy. On his 35th mission, he was shot down over Austria and become a Prisoner of War. Some weeks later, they found out he was still alive and in a hospital with burn injuries. He came home after the war ended and they were married in July 1945 before he reported back for duty. After a year in Springfield, Missouri, where he underwent plastic surgery at O'Reilly General Hospital, they were stationed in California, Arizona, Alaska (before it was a state), Washington, Massachusetts, Korea and Virginia. Moving to Korea was interesting because the movers had gone on strike and didn't show up. With that, Elaine told them she would contact General "So and So" and—what do you know— they came the next day. When she and the boys arrived at the port of embarkation in San Francisco, the authorities couldn't find her passport. After waiting two days, they were put on a plane loaded with young GI's. She was the only female and the boys were the only children. They had a wonderful trip! After Bill retired, Elaine began 20 years of service for School District 81. Then she and Bill traveled to Alaska twice, and took cruises to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand. Elaine has two sons, two grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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20 March 2011 at Northern Quest Casino  
100 North Hayford Road, Airway Heights  
1230 Social time, 1330 served meal begins

Please mail your reservation early; we must receive it by Saturday, 12 March; no late reservations or walk-ins as meal preference must be ordered – MENU CHOICES (3): Smoked Chicken or Smoked Salmon - both with fresh vegetables, OR Seared Medallions of Pork with Port wine sauce and Roasted Yukon Potato wedges. *Plus* salad, rolls, and coffee, tea, or soft drink, and dessert for \$24.

*There will be a "Pay as you go" bar in the room.*

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for Sunday 20 March 2011. My check in the amount of (# attendees x \$24) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. The check is payable to "Spokane Chapter MOAA" - mail to chapter mailbox above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ member/guest **Chicken or Salmon or Pork** (circle one)

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**Directions:** to MOAA social, 1230 Sunday, 20 March 2011 at Northern Quest Casino: I-90 west, exit 277 (Fairchild/airport exit), go 4 miles, right at first traffic light onto Hayford Road, go 2 miles, turn left at light to the Hotel entrance for valet, or park in the casino parking lot on left for shuttle to the hotel entrance, or park in the parking tower and use the walkway from third floor parking to the hotel. MOAA will be in the Kalispel Room. Questions? Call **Bob Imle @ (509) 701-3342**.

**Please bring the following:**

- 1. 6 return address labels and 3 postage stamps PER PERSON for legislative letters**
- 2. Something for our troops serving in harm's way (or, help with postage fees please)**
- 3. Something for the raffle if you would like to donate an item that's new or very gently used.**

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**EMAIL REQUEST, CHANGE OF ADDRESS or PHONE, or TEMPORARILY AWAY:**

Clip and complete this form and send it to the address on the left so we can update our database. Thank you.

**NOTE: We do not send junk email or spam. Also, we do not give away, sell or trade your email address.**

Member name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

- I would like to be added to the chapter email list. I specifically request to (check all that apply):
- Receive the chapter newsletter by email instead of U.S. Mail.
  - Receive important information in a timely manner.

My email address is \_\_\_\_\_  
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I will be temporarily away starting \_\_\_\_\_ and returning \_\_\_\_\_. I do / do not (circle one) wish to receive the newsletter while I'm away. If "do" please send it to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



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When you “Convert to Life,” you’re actually paying dues for more than the years you’ll be alive. If you predecease your spouse, you’re actually paying for the years they’ll live after you. How can that be? If you convert your annual MOAA national membership to Life and you die first, it will automatically accrue to your spouse and they won’t have to pay one more cent to national. But they’ll get advice and written material on how to adjust, and lots of help from the MOAA membership service center on other things. Furthermore, you can make 10 monthly interest-free payments instead of paying in one lump sum.

**If you Convert to Life under the 2011 Give Me Ten program, you’ll also get a 10% discount and the chapter will send you a \$20 rebate. This will happen if you do exactly what it says below:**

1. Call (800) 234-6622
2. Say you are a member of the Spokane Chapter and you want to convert your annual membership to Life.
3. Call or email Marilyn Hunt at (208) 773-1074 or [cinc@frontier.com](mailto:cinc@frontier.com) and tell her you did it.
4. **You MUST do all three of these things** to get your 10% discount and the \$20 refund.



**Casualty Assistance Officer:** Bernie Fritz is the casualty assistance officer for Fairchild AFB and the surrounding area. His office is in Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St.. He can be reached at 509-247-4488. If you leave a message, he will call you back.

**FAFB Retiree Activities Office**  
**Bldg. 240, 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4029**  
The Retired Affairs Office needs volunteers. Serving at the RAO is a perfect excuse to travel out to the base and visit the exchange/commissary at the same time. Call them!

**Chapter Speakers Bureau:** If you’re willing to speak about your military experience, call Chuck Latimer (509) 326-2978.