

Military Officers Wives Keeping in Touch

January 2019

January MOAA Program



COL Terri Coles, USA (Ret)
MOAA National's Senior
Director of Council
and Chapter Affairs

COL (R) Terri Coles served over 20 years in the U.S. Army as a Signal Corps officer, serving in a wide range of command and staff assignments including postings in Korea and Germany and command at both the battalion and brigade level. She also served on the Department of the Army staff as an Inspector General and culminated her military career serving as a division chief in the Command, Control, Communications and Computer-J6 Directorate, on the Joint Staff, Pentagon.

After leaving active duty, Terri became active in the local Frederick, Md., community and was selected as a member of the board of associates for Hood College, where she worked to nurture strong relationships between the student vets on campus and the greater Frederick community.

Terri joined MOAA in 2012 and served as Deputy Director in the Career Transition Center before assuming her role as Senior Director in Council and Chapter Affairs.

She is a native of Philadelphia and holds a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Villanova University and a Master of Arts in strategic studies from the Army War College Pennsylvania.

Distribution of MOWC funds

The MOWC board decided to sponsor an OpHH dinner as one way of distributing our funds. This luncheon will be held on February 21, 2019 and MOWC ladies are encouraged to attend and help serve the meal.

These monthly dinners are held at the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in the Spinal Cord Injury wing (SCI). We will arrive about 5:15 p.m. to help in preparation and remain during the dinner.

The SCI parking lot is available on the right after passing the parking garage or in the lot to the left adjacent to the SCI building.



MOAA Luncheon

10 January 2018

11:30 a.m.

Surf's Edge Club

7315 Bayshore Blvd, Bldg. 499

Members and Guests Cost: \$15.00

Menu

Partake of the Buffet or
order Fruit or Chef's Salad
When you make your reservation

Program

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Reservations

Call 813-676-4676

by noon 4 January

Known January Birthdays



1 Doris Harrison
 3 Joanne Lastra
 3 Julie Weitz
 11 Priscilla Sarver
 13 Shirley Buchert
 13 Mary Mixson
 18 Hester Daly
 27 Lois Rinehart
 30 Evelyn Bopp

Sunshine Report

Card will be sent to **Hester Daly, Kathleen Kuhl and Sylvia Reeves** to let them know we are thinking of them and offering prayers for them.

This And That

We trust all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we wish you the best in 2019.

We would still like to stay in touch with each other so please send your greeting, a note about what you are doing or anything you wish to have others read about you. (Our own little 'Facebook' page!)

Send information to Shirley Helveston at:

shelveston@tampabay.rr.com **or**

6714 Highlands Creek Loop, Lakeland, FL 33813.

Linda Swenson wrote: "I thought yesterday was just a wonderful Christmas luncheon to say farewell to our group. It's been good wonderful years that we've all been together. I just thought I'd send these pictures over that I had taken yesterday. Merry Christmas and happy new year from Jim and I to your family 🎄📞💕📞💕"

Lou Wyatt wrote: "Dear MOWC Members: I will miss seeing all of you. It has been a pleasure to meet with you each month and socialize at luncheons. I have my friends Rae Pemberton and Lois Livingston to thank for my joining our group. I miss them also. I hope everyone has a nice Christmas and Happy New Year. I live with my daughter in Brooksville".



Linda Swenson with Santa Clause



Cheryl Worsham, promoter and Tony Garcia, singer served as entertainment



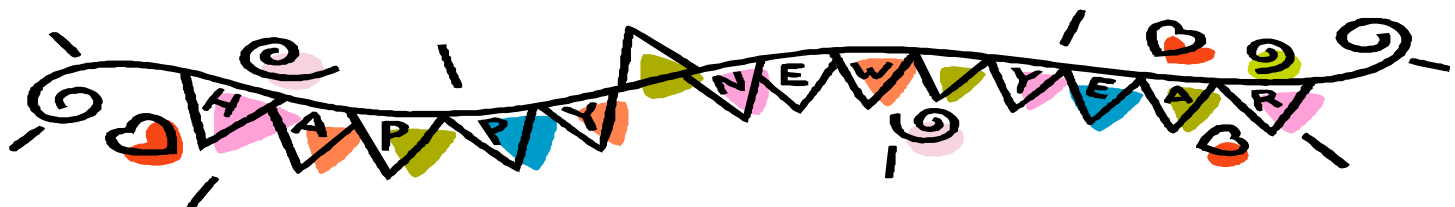
**Attendees at the last
MOWC luncheon**

**Valerie Andrews
Esther Berg
Evelyn Bopp
Millie Dalcourt
Nancy Dudney
Barb Ewanowski
Uschi Farnham**

**Pat Geasa
Phyllis Halverson
Shirley Helveston
Anita High
Jeanne Lloyd
Kathy Kennett
Bonnie Kerr**

**Theresa McKee
Anne Pray
Angie Rickerson
Priscilla Sarver
Nicky Siegman
Linda Swenson
Betsy Wicker**





Christmas Celebration

-Shirley Helveston

We were happy to see twenty one ladies attend our last luncheon. Bonnie Kerr, our past president, was even there from Melbourne. Santa came from the officers side as we were breaking up but some of the ladies got their picture taken with him and probably told him what they wanted for Christmas!!!

It was a festive occasion and Secret Santa gifts were exchanged to everyone's delight. We were sad that it was the last of our 55 years of sticking together but we were able to keep the tears in check and some of us will continue to gather at the MOAA monthly luncheons.

President Kathy Kennett was presented with a wine goblet and glasses set to express our thanks to her for serving the last two years.



Barb Ewanowski with Santa Clause

You Are Invited!

As a past member of Military Officers Wives Club, you are invited to join the gang for the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) lunches held each month.

There will be a table or two reserved for us or you can sit anywhere you want. You will be expected to pay for your lunch but are not expected to pay MOAA dues.

Shirley will be there to take your picture and continue to report news on our ladies each month in this new publication that will be emailed to you and also on the MOAA web.

<http://www.moaatampa.org>



Valerie Andrews



Puns for Fun

1. The meaning of opaque is unclear.
2. I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.
3. Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.
4. A man tried to assault me with milk, cream and butter. How dairy!
5. I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
6. If there was someone selling marijuana in our neighborhood, weed know about it.
7. It's a lengthy article about ancient Japanese sword fighters but I can Sumurais it for you.
8. It's not that the man couldn't juggle, he just didn't have the balls to do it.
9. So what if I don't know the meaning of the word 'apocalypse'? It's not the end of the world.
10. Police were called to the daycare center. A 3-year old was resisting a rest.
11. The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jester..
12. Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy who does.
13. Alternative facts are a version of the truth.
14. I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
15. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
16. Did you know they won't be making yardsticks any longer?
17. I used to be allergic to soap but I'm clean now.
18. The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickeless.
19. What did the man say when the bridge fell on him? The suspension is killing me.
20. Do you have weight loss mantras? Fat chants!
21. My tailor is happy to make a new pair of pants for me. Or sew it seams.
22. What is a thesaurus's favorite dessert? Synonym buns.
23. A relief map shows where the restrooms are.
24. There was a big paddle sale at the boat store. It was quite an oar deal.
25. How do they figure out the price of hammers? Per pound.

Moments of Clarity

As I sat, strapped in my seat waiting during the countdown, one thought kept crossing my mind ... every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. -John Glenn

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land. - Desmond Tutu

America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real but the moon landing was faked. - David Letterman

I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire. - Howard Hughes

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box. - Italian proverb

The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats. - Jean Kerr

I've been married to a communist and a fascist, and neither would take out the garbage. - Zsa Zsa Gabor

When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. - Prince Philip

A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kickboxing. - Emo Philips.

Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself. - Harrison Ford

The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree. - Spike Milligan

Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke. - Robin Hall

Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror. - Jean Rostand.

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million. - Arnold Schwarzenegger.

We are here on earth to do good unto others. What the others are here for, I have no idea. - W. H. Auden

If life were fair Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. - Johnny Carson

I don't believe in astrology. I am a Sagittarius and we're very skeptical. - Arthur C Clarke

Hollywood must be the only place on earth where you can be fired by a man wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a baseball cap. - Steve Martin

Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is. - Jimmy Durante

America is so advanced that even the chairs are electric. - Doug Hamwell

The first piece of luggage on the carousel never belongs to anyone. - George Roberts

If God had intended us to fly he would have made it easier to get to the airport. - Jonathan Winters

I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it. - Robert Benchley

The weather person is the only person that I know, that can be wrong 99.9 % of the time and still have a job the next day. -Johnny Carson

It Pays to Read to the End

An Interesting Bit of Western History
TRUCKEE, Calif. — Western stagecoach companies were big business in the latter half of the 19th century. In addition to passengers and freight, stages hauled gold and silver bullion as well as mining company payrolls.

Stage robbery was a constant danger and bandits employed many strategies to ambush a stagecoach. Thieves rarely met with much resistance from stage drivers, since they had passenger safety foremost in mind. The gang was usually after the Wells Fargo money box with its valuable contents. Passengers were seldom hurt, but they were certainly relieved of their cash, watches and jewelry. Before the completion of the transcontinental railroad over Donner Pass in 1868, the only transportation through the Sierra was by stage. Rugged teamsters held rein over six wild-eyed horses as they tore along the precipitous mountain trails. The stagecoaches were driven by skilled and fearless men who pushed themselves and their spirited horses to the limit.

One of the most famous drivers was Charles Darkey Parkhurst, who had come west from New England in 1852 seeking his fortune in the Gold Rush. He spent 15 years running stages, sometimes partnering with Hank Monk, the celebrated driver from Carson City. Over the years, Parkhurst's reputation as an expert whip grew.

From 20 feet away he could slice open the end of an envelope or cut a cigar out of a man's mouth. Parkhurst smoked cigars, chewed wads of tobacco, drank with the best of them, and exuded supreme confidence behind the reins. His judgment was sound and pleasant manners won him many friends.

One afternoon as Charley drove down from Carson Pass the lead horses veered off the road and a wrenching jolt threw him from the rig. He hung on to the reins as the horses dragged him along on his stomach. Amazingly, Parkhurst managed to steer the frightened horses back onto the road and save all his grateful passengers.

During the 1850s, bands of surly highwaymen stalked the roads. These outlaws would level their shotguns at stage drivers and shout, "Throw down the gold box!" Charley Parkhurst had no patience for the crooks despite their demands and threatening gestures.

The most notorious road agent was nicknamed "Sugarfoot." When he and his gang accosted Charley's stage, it was the last robbery the thief ever attempted.

Charley cracked his whip defiantly and when his horses bolted, he turned around and fired his revolver

at the crooks. Sugarfoot was later found dead with a fatal bullet wound in his stomach.

In appreciation of his bravery, Wells Fargo presented Parkhurst with a large watch and chain made of solid gold. In 1865, Parkhurst grew tired of the demanding job of driving and he opened his own stage station. He later sold the business and retired to a ranch near Soquel, Calif. The years slipped by and Charley died on Dec. 29, 1879, at the age of 67.

A few days later, the Sacramento Daily Bee published his obituary. It read; "On Sunday last, there died a person known as Charley Parkhurst, aged 67, who was well-known to old residents as a stage driver. He was in early days accounted one of the most expert manipulators of the reins who ever sat on the box of a coach. It was discovered when friendly hands were preparing him for his final rest, that Charley Parkhurst was unmistakably a well-developed woman!"

Once it was discovered that Charley was a woman, there were plenty of people to say they had always thought he wasn't like other men. Even though he wore leather gloves summer and winter, many noticed that his hands were small and smooth. He slept in the stables with his beloved horses and was never known to have had a girlfriend.

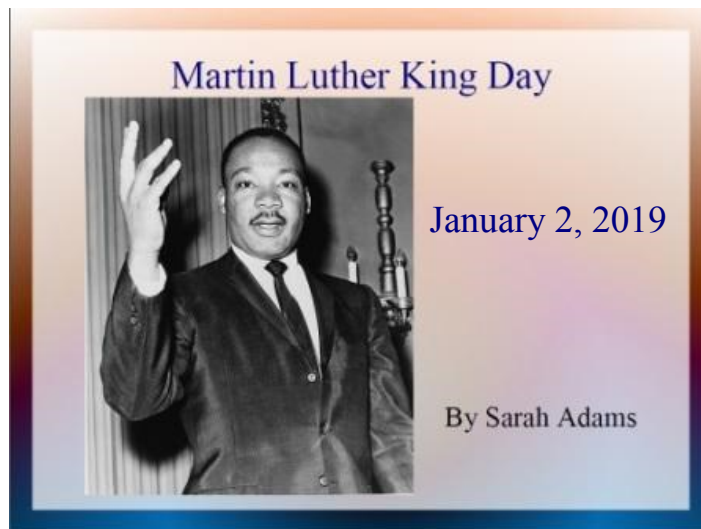
Charley never volunteered clues to her past. Loose fitting clothing hid her femininity and after a horse kicked her, an eye patch over one eye helped conceal her face. She weighed 175 pounds, could handle herself in a fistfight and drank whiskey like one of the boys.

It turns out that Charley's real name was Charlotte Parkhurst. Abandoned as a child, she was raised in a New Hampshire orphanage unloved and surrounded by poverty. Charlotte ran away when she was 15 years old and soon discovered that life in the working world was easier for men. So she decided to masquerade as one for the rest of her life.

The rest is history.

Well, almost. There is one last thing. On November 3, 1868, Charlotte Parkhurst cast her vote in the national election, dressed as a man. She became the first woman to vote in the United States, 52 years before Congress passed the 19th amendment giving American women the right to vote!





MOAA President Carol Zieres presents the donation for Toys for Tots to Major Matthew McNerney, USMC from the 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion. \$495.00 plus two boxes of toys was collected at the MOAA December luncheon.



*The most important
trip you may take
in life is meeting
people halfway.*

~Henry Boyle

Future Opportunities

January 10—MOAA Luncheon

February 14—MOAA Luncheon

February 21—OpHH Dinner Sponsored
by MOWC

March 14—MOAA Luncheon
