

JROTC News

Look At Those Numbers!

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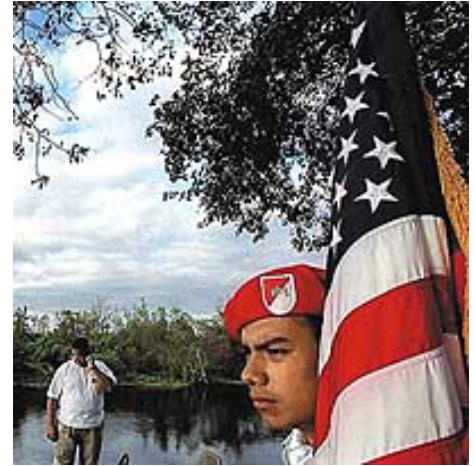
•**Four** Barron Collier Cougar cadets have service academy interviews: C/MAJ Phil Stewart, C/CPT Kiley Revel, C/CPT José Gonzalez and C/ILT Steve Bechtel.

•**Two** Cougar cadets, C/MAJ Stewart and C/ILT Bechtel, were selected for a week-long leadership forum in Washington, D.C. Stewart played the Secretary of State and Bechtel the Secretary of Defense in the crisis management scenario the last day.

•**Forty-plus** NHS Golden Eagle cadets supported the Alzheimers' Foundation Elephant Fest on Saturday, 3 November. The battalion also assisted at the Heart Walk on 17 November and the Festival of Lights on 19 November.

•**Both** the Cougar and Golden Eagle Battalions participated in the Veterans' Day parade on 11 November. Both units had color guards and drill teams marching in this patriotic event.

•The Barron Collier JROTC Annual Canned food Drive is in full swing. Their goal is **10,000 cans and 40 turkeys** for needy families over the holidays!



David Ayala, 16, Immokalee JROTC, prepares to post the colors at the groundbreaking ceremony for the restoration project at Lake Trafford on 16 November. (Naples Daily News photo)

Ad Prices Reduced ... New Ads Appear

The PCMOC board approved a significant reduction in the price of ads for this newsletter. Coincidentally, three new ads appear this month.

The reduced cost of \$25 for about 1/8 of a page for ten issues is appropriate for the number of readers, and is consistent with rates charged by other Florida TROA affiliates and community organizations. It is also a fine value for any serious business person who wants to reach our members.

Conspicuous in newsletters of other Florida TROA affiliates are ads from real estate and insurance agents, car salesmen, restaurants, CPAs, attorneys, churches, doctors, dentists, barbers, florists, jewelers, auto repair shops, antique dealers and banks. Do we know and do business with businesses like this? Shouldn't we ask for an ad? Isn't our patronage worth \$3.00 a month?



VA Hospital Contribution

Fran Erlichman reports that the PCMOC board contributed \$100 to Bay Pines VA Hospital to fund twenty-five welcome kits. The kits contain various toiletry items and a ten minute Phone Card valued at \$1.35. Primary beneficiaries are new patients arriving with few or no personal items because admittance was unforeseen.

Individuals wishing to make additional contributions or respond to further needs may contact to G. Michael Coningham, Chief, Voluntary Services, VA Medical Center, 1000 Bay Pines Blvd., Bay Pines, Florida 33504. The telephone number is 727-398-9394; fax is 727-398-9593; email is grant.coningham@med.va.gov.

*Elsie Pickering,
the face behind
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PCMOC's
February speaker.*



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Eligibility for Burial in Arlington National Cemetery

(reprinted from TROA.org)

January 2001

Issue:

The rules for interment in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) have never been codified in public law and the waiver process is potentially subject to political influence.

Background:

Responding to allegations that the rules governing exceptions or waivers were being used improperly, the House passed by unanimous vote (1998) and by near- unanimous vote (1999) legislation to codify the rules for burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

The most recent House version of legislation on this issue, H.R. 70 (106th Congress) would authorize burial in ANC for:


- members of the Armed Forces who die on active duty;
- retired members of the Armed Forces, including Reservists who served on active duty;
- former members of the Armed Forces who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Air Force Cross, or Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, or Purple Heart;
- former prisoners of war;
- members of the National Guard / Reserve who served on active duty and are eligible for retirement, but who have not yet retired;
- the President or any former President;
- the spouse, surviving spouse, minor child and at the discretion of the Superintendent of Arlington, unmarried adult children of the above categories.

Alternatively, Senate Veterans Affairs Committee leaders, in addition to the House framework, would authorize the Secretary of Defense to approve the burial of any veteran in ANC after consultation with the Chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees and allow the President to authorize the burial of any citizen who has made a distinguished contribution to the United States. In a conference on this legislation in the summer of 1999, the two chambers failed to reach a compromise on this issue and the House legislation died.

TROA Position:

Congress should pass legislation codifying the rules for burial in the nation's most hallowed ground, Arlington National Cemetery, and remove any speculation over possible political influence over the process.

Prepared by COL Robert F. Norton, USA-Ret., Dep. Director, Gov't. Relations.

<p>Holiday Dinner 2001 Friday, December 21 Country Club of Naples \$21.50 per person</p> <p>Cash Bar 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>Ordered:</p> <p>() Chicken Marsala</p> <p>() Alaskan Salmon</p> <p>Date Mailed: _____</p> <p>Check No. _____</p> <p>(Jackets, ties, dressy dress and the unwrapped toy)</p>	<p>PLATINUM COAST HOLIDAY DINNER 2001 Friday, December 21 • Country Club of Naples \$21.50 per person</p>  <p>Member's Name: _____</p> <p>Spouse/Guest's Name: _____</p> <p>Additional Guests: _____</p> <p>() Chicken Marsala () Alaskan Salmon Filet</p> <p>Check enclosed for _____ people at \$21.50 = \$ _____</p> <p>Mail reservation and check to Paul P. Weber, 2681 Ponce de Leon Drive, Naples, Florida 34105 Mail is slow – Please mail ASAP!</p>
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Jubilee of Liberty (cont'd)

Regional Council of Normandy presented medals to veterans to commemorate D-Day. Many returned to the land where they had fought to restore freedom in



order to receive this award. Not all veterans were able to travel to Europe and participate in those celebrations in 1994, and U.S. Rep. Porter Goss felt that eligible veterans in his 14th Congressional District who were not able to attend the anniversary celebration also deserved this recognition. He arranged with the French government to obtain medals for those who applied to his office, and 146 veterans received their medals at a ceremony on Veterans Day 2000.


One year later, on Veterans Day 2001, Mac McDowell and 113 other veterans received their medals from Rep. Goss at a ceremony held at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Center.

Jubilee of Liberty Medal The medal shows the code name for the invasion, "Overload," and the date June 1944. Under the date are the flags of those countries involved in the invasion and below that is an outline of the French Cherbourg Peninsula with the words Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword, which were the code names for each area of the Cherbourg coast that was to be invaded.

Correction

Heads up to Col. Dan Madish and an unidentified member who reported the mischaracterization of uniforms of the mystery members pictured in October and November. The uniforms could not have been USAF because the photos were taken in 1944 and the USAF did not become a separate branch of service until 1947. The correct reference was USAAF for U.S. Army Air Force. (Thankfully, the correction arrived in time to avoid the same mistake with this month's photo of mystery member, Gil Erlichman.)

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HAPPENINGS

Holiday Dinner Meeting

Friday

21 December 2001

**Country Club of Naples
Burning Tree Drive
(Off Goodlette Road)**

**Cash Bar 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:15 p.m.**

**Choice of
Chicken Marsala w/
mushrooms, celery, shallots,
Marsala demi sauce OR**

**Alaskan Salmon Filet w/
brushed Cognac and brown sugar**

**Twice-baked potato
Cauliflower**

Ice Cream w/ Cookie

Music by Tommy Mac

\$21.50 pp

**Mail Reservation Coupon
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Paul Weber at 262-6803**

December Board Meeting

**Thursday, December 27
3:00 p.m.**

**Bob Glodich's Home
2489 Kings Lake Blvd.
Naples**

**January 12 – Installation Luncheon
Old Hickory, Ft. Myers**

**February 9 – Luncheon Meeting
Focaccia Cafe, Bonita Springs**

**March 9 – Dinner Meeting
Naples Dinner Theater
"Carousel"**

Mystery Member ... (Same person, 18 year time frame)



Hints: The picture of the young boy with his mother was taken in Brooklyn, New York in 1926.

In 1944, we see him in Italy, in a U.S. Army Air Force uniform, complete with parachute.

This mystery member is a founding member of Platinum Coast and, along with his wife, continues to be extremely active in our organization.

Please look through your old photos and pick out one that you would like to see here. I promise to take good care of your photos and return them unharmed but I do need you to carefully and lightly write your name on the back.

Identity is revealed on page 7.

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