



### President's Message

So how are you coping with this heat? We are spending a lot more time in AC and a lot less time out in the hot sun. There's nothing magic about that - not like the incredible magic we saw at the July luncheon. Magician John Williams put on a show that made many of us shake our heads and ask, "How did he do that?"

Our tribute to MVA veterans was truly memorable. The photos of each veteran in attendance are included in a special section of this newsletter. Many of our veterans served during the Viet Nam era and never received the proper recognition for their service. In some cases, they were greeted with disdain. It was an era that almost tore this great country apart. Today, we all have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our current military members. When you see a uniformed person in a restaurant or convenience store, just pick up their tab and give them a simple, "Thank you for your service." Both lives will be enriched by that simple act. Give it a try!

There is no luncheon in August, but our August social is still on for Wednesday, August 2 at Fat Cat Tavern in Largo. These are great opportunities to catch up with everyone, have a good meal and a drink or two, and maybe win one of Al's special door prizes. No MVA business - just a good time with old friends. What could be better?

A blue-ribbon board committee has been working through the onerous task of revising the MVA bylaws. I know this is everyone's favorite topic, but it must be done periodically to ensure that the organization is operating according to the rules it has established. The existing bylaws were adopted when the MVA and the Honeywell Retirees Club (HRC) were in the midst of merging. Now that all of that is in the rearview mirror, it is time to update the document to reflect how this organization operates today. A copy of the new bylaws was linked to an email message. Please take the time to review the new bylaws. We will conduct an up or down vote on them at the September luncheon - September 20, Banquet Masters, doors open at 11 am. Only active (2023 dues paid) MVA members, and only those in attendance at that meeting are able to vote.

We have two attendance-limited events coming up in September and October. Details are included on the members page in this newsletter. Attendance at each event will be limited to the first 30 members submitting online reservations. We are planning another golf tournament and picnic in the fall. So keep reading our emails and newsletters for announcements.

Peace





# Member Events 2023



It was “Take me out to the ball game” on July 26 as 40 MVA members cheered in vain for our home town Rays. Surrounded by thousands of summer campers with thunder sticks, our group enjoyed the afternoon game even if the sound of those thunder sticks was deafening. The Rays lost to the Marlins, but the consensus was everyone had a good time at the old ball game.



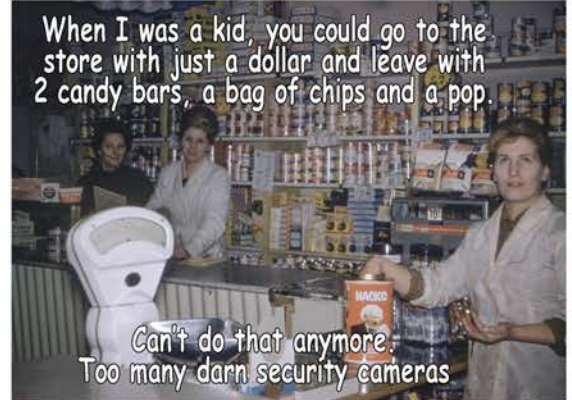
The good old days...

when people would stop holiday shopping when they ran out of money



Best part about getting older...

Happy hour is a nap!



When I was a kid, you could go to the store with just a dollar and leave with 2 candy bars, a bag of chips and a pop.

Can't do that anymore.  
Too many darn security cameras





# Member Events 2023



On **Thursday, September 21st** we have decided to try something new! We are going to have a **Private Wine Class (actually it's a wine tasting!!)** at **Total Wine & More**. We will be able to taste a variety of premium, hand-selected wines and discover hidden treasures from the wine region of California. A wine expert will present and discuss each delicious wine during the two hour class.

We will be accepting **only the first 30 reservations** for this event so if you would like to attend, please register as soon as possible. We hope you can attend!!

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**Thursday, September 21, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Total Wine & More**

**4880 Park St. North**

**St. Petersburg, FL**

## FRANCIS WILSON PLAYHOUSE

On **Saturday, October 21st** we hope you can attend the romantic comedy, *Same Time Next Year* at the Francis Wilson Playhouse in Clearwater. One of the most popular romantic comedies of the century, the plot follows a love affair between two people, Doris and George, married to others, who rendezvous once a year. Twenty-five years of manners and morals are hilariously and touchingly, played out by the lovers.

**We only have 30 tickets for this event** so get your registration in as soon as possible.

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**Saturday, October 21, 2023, at 2:00**

**Francis Wilson Playhouse**

**302 Seminole Street**

**Clearwater, FL**







# First Wednesday Social July 5, 2023



It was a great almost Cinco de Mayo celebration at Fat Cat Tavern for 71 Minnreg members. The venue is a great place to let your hair down and catch up with your HI friends - and enjoy some great menu items!



*Gerry Sturm*



*Al Shields*



*Betty Held*



*Karyn Klos*



*Glenn Nicholson*



*Mark Barlow*



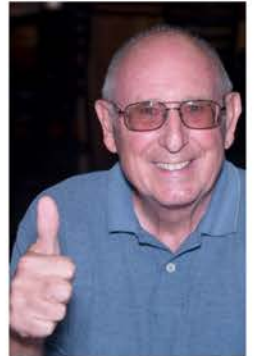
*Leslie Tuck*



*Jerry Dangler*



*Jo Ketring*



*John Janney*



*Pat Keegan*



*Howard Howe*



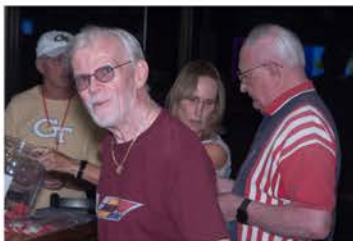
*Wendy Hugar*



*Artie Martin*



*Marilyn Ruga*







# First Wednesday Social July 5, 2023



*Tom Conner*



*Scott Webber*



*Billy Adkins*



*Hendrik Gelderloos*



*Genevieve Urbanski*



*Jeff Ring*



*Sandy Janofsky*



*Gayle Smith*



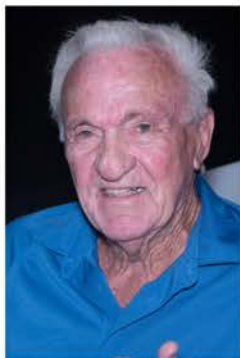
*Terry Mickiewicz*



*John Voissem*



*Gloria Whitfield*



*Bob Dalton*



*Shirley Bowers*



*Dick Malzahn*



*Bea Conner*



*Helen Malzahn*



*Brian Martinez*



*Jean Miller*



*Jack Freeman*





# First Wednesday Social July 5, 2023



*Michael & Teri Godfrey*



*Shirley Murphy, John Bowers*



*Wendy Hugar, Brian Martinez*



*Thom & Deb Dupper*



*Larry & Masako Shannon*



*Fran & Bob Kay*



*Jerry & Karyn Klos*



*Stephanie Puffer, Jack Ptacek*



*Mary & Richard Reffelt*



*Lorraine Wert*



*Larry Harper*



*Bonnie Williams*



*John Schiffgen*



*Sam Janofsky*





# Monthly Luncheon July 19



*What a great afternoon! We were able to honor and thank all the military vets in attendance for their service. Most served at a time when military service was not highly appreciated. We also enjoyed a magical presentation by local magician John Williams. All in all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon. Lots of positive feedback about the meeting and the program.*

*Just a reminder - NO LUNCHEON IN AUGUST. We will pick up in September with a program featuring the managing editor of PolitiFact - the fact checking arm of the Poynter Institute.*



*Larry Harper, Genevieve Urbanski,  
Howard Howe, Shirley Murphy,  
Ben & Emily Carter*



*Kirk & Luane Mason,  
Carol & John Janney*



*Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen,  
Loni Wellington*



*Sam Long (guest), Fred Miller*



*Sam & Sandy Janofsky*



*Wendy Hugar, Tom & Bea Conner*



*Brian and Neal Martinez*



*Pat Keegan, Bonnie Williams*



*Michael & Teri Godfrey*



*Tom & Bea Conner*







# Monthly Luncheon July 19



Wendy Hugar



Billy & Natalie Adkins



Bonnie Williams,  
Gloria Whitfield



Gayle Smith, John  
Voissem



Margaret & Steve  
Simmons



Dennis & Jane Willis



Penny Rasmussen,  
Carol Moyer



Gloria Hill



Mary Reffelt, Vivian  
O'Dell



Carol & Roger Ertsgaard



Bob & Jan Friend



Artie Martin



Jacqueline Morgan



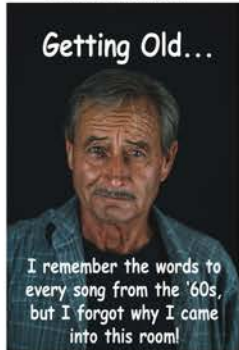
Mary Reffelt, Deb Dupper



DC Stevenson



John & Shirley Bowers



Getting Old...

I remember the words to every song from the '60s, but I forgot why I came into this room!



Marriage is simple...

Your wife does whatever she wants  
And you do whatever she wants



Do I just turn it on and wait for the dial tone?

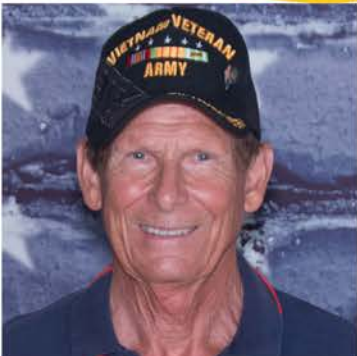




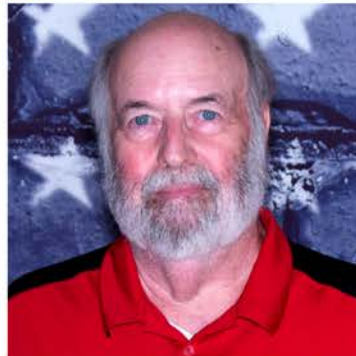
Tom Conner 1966 – 1968  
Spec5



Terry Miller 1968 – 1974  
Buck Sergeant



Roger Ertsgaard 1967 - 1969  
Captain



George Suther 1968 -1970  
Sp5



Robert Friend 1966 – 1969  
E5



Jack Ptacek 1968 – 1974  
SP5



Thom Dupper 1970 – 1973  
1Lt



Jim McCormick 1958 – 1960  
1Lt



Dennis Willis NG 1956 – 1964  
Sergeant First Class



Bob Cannistraro 1965 – 1967  
1Lt

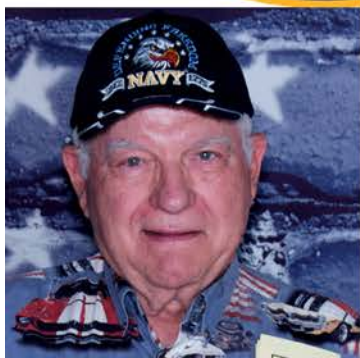




Steve Jones 1960 – 1963  
Seaman



Jacqueline Morgan 1977 - 1982  
USCG 1982 - 2006 HS2



Don Bayer 1955 - 1963  
(five generations)  
Seaman



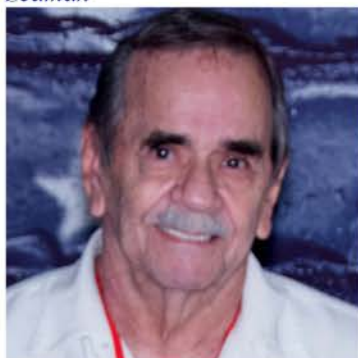
John Janney 1960 - 1964  
2nd Class Petty Officer



Kirk Mason 1973 – 1979  
Second Class



Bill Martin 1950 – 1954  
EN2



Carl Baum 1962 - 1966  
GM3

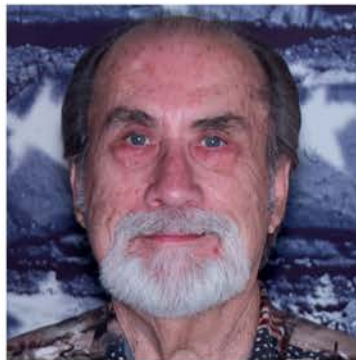


Jim Acosta 1952 - 1955  
1st Class Machinist Mate



Gloria Whitfield 1978 – 1981  
2nd Class Petty Officer

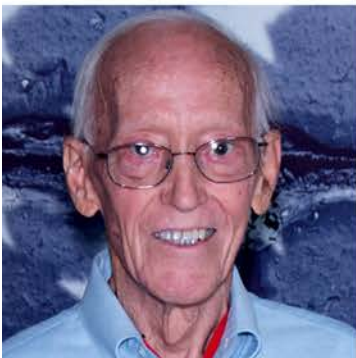




Darrell Schreiber 1963-1967  
A2C



Carl (Dick) Rohrs 1954-1974  
Master Sergeant



Billy Adkins 1959-1962  
Major



Walt Faulkner 1952 - 1956  
S/Sgt



Ben Carter 1954 - 1958  
A2C



Howard Howe 1959 - 1962  
1Lt

Someone said "30 years ago" and I thought "The seventies - good times" But they meant 1993, and now I need to lie down

Behind every angry woman...



...is a man with absolutely no idea what he did wrong



*The following was shared by Mark Wolf (who received it from his mom. Thanks mom!)*

99 % of those born between 1930 and 1946 (worldwide) are now dead. If you were born in this time span, you are one of the rare surviving 1% ers of this special group. Their ages range is between 77 and 93 years old, a 16 year age span.

#### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 1% ERS:

- You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900s.
- You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war that rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.
- You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.
- You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into tin cans.
- You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and put in the "milk box" on the porch.
- Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers.
- You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio.
- With no TV, you spent your childhood "playing outside".
- There was no Little League.
- There was no city playground for kids
- The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.
- We got "black-and-white" TV in the late 40s that had 3 stations and no remote.
- Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines), and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).
- Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked.
- Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon.
- Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening.
- New highways would bring jobs and mobility. Most highways were 2 lanes (no interstates).
- You went downtown to shop. You walked to school.
- The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.
- Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.
- You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.
- You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves.
- You felt secure in your future, although the depression and poverty were deeply remembered.
- You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland.
- World War 2 was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.
- Only your generation can remember a time after WW2 when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.
- You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.
- More than 99% of you are retired now, and you should feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"
- If you have already reached the age of 77 years old, you have outlived 99% of all the other people in the world who were born in this special 16 year time span. **You are a 1% 'er!**





# Revised Bylaws



Occasionally, the organization reviews its bylaws - those rules by which it operates. A blue-ribbon committee of the board - *John Bowers, Tom Conner, Terry Miller and Mark Wolf* - performed a complete analysis of the existing by-laws and has recommended the following changes, highlighted below. You can download a PDF of the proposed bylaws by clicking:

<https://minnregs.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Minnreg-Revised-Bylaws-2023.pdf>

Please take the time to review the new bylaws. We will conduct an up or down vote on them at the September luncheon - September 20, Banquet Masters, doors open at 11 am. Only active (2023 dues paid) MVA members, and only those in attendance at that meeting are able to vote.

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MVA BYLAWS, August 2023**

It has been almost 3 years since the building was sold, and our group has undergone many changes. We are a thriving 501 c (4) charitable organization as well as a healthy and cohesive social group. As such, your Board of Directors has reviewed and recommended changes to our existing bylaws so that they better reflect the current direction our association is pursuing.

Listed below are the principal changes the Board proposes for incorporation into the bylaws:

1. No voting member of the Board of Directors can be compensated for their service on the Board. This is to insure we are compliant with all IRS/State of Florida regulations.
2. The Board is expanding from the current five (5) members to nine (9) members, with two of the nine being a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. (NOTE: the five (5) member Advisory Council currently working with the Board is being disbanded. This Council was crucial to accomplishing our transition to a viable and effective 503 c (4). With this objective successfully accomplished, the Council is being retired.)
3. Dissolving the Corporation – if it should be determined in future years that MVA is no longer a viable organization, all remaining properties will be donated to the Pinellas Community Foundation. (This was not clearly defined in the existing ByLaws).
4. The following functions are considered part of the operating Board of Directors, but are not voting members of the Board: President, VP of Finance, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. Also, the Treasurer and the VP of Finance will be appointees of the Board, and not voted-in by the membership. The President will continue to be voted on by the membership.
5. Several clarification of functions incorporated: “Recording” Secretary, VP of Building and Maintenance delated (replaced by Office Manager), VP of Finance (to oversee, manage and report on MVA investments).
6. Finally, a total review and cleanup of various typos, formatting, etc.





# Happy Birthday from MVA!



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| 08-01 Paula Agin            | 08-11 Carol McMann             | 08-20 Howard Scott             |
| 08-01 Wendell Barfield      | 08-11 Mary Milavec             | 08-20 Sherry Thode             |
| 08-01 Paula Broderick       | 08-11 Kathy Mullarkey          | 08-20 Ronald (Ron) Wagner      |
| 08-01 Pamela Burton         | 08-11 William (Bill) Schoen    | 08-20 Betty Williams           |
| 08-01 Joe Campalongo        | 08-12 Mary Gonser              | 08-21 Gerald Bates             |
| 08-01 Ben De Leon           | 08-12 Catherine (Denise) Graff | 08-21 David Bennett            |
| 08-01 Ernest Graetz         | 08-12 Richard Hester           | 08-21 Shannon Gruber           |
| 08-01 Luane Mason           | 08-12 Ronald Prince            | 08-21 Nancy Hossbach           |
| 08-01 Naoma (Jo) Ross       | 08-12 Pat Seibert              | 08-21 Doris Mahaffy            |
| 08-02 Carl Ayres            | 08-12 Gene Shank               | 08-21 Carolene (Carrie) Martin |
| 08-02 Donald (Don) Bayer    | 08-12 Loni Stiles              | 08-21 Evelyn Morrison          |
| 08-02 Carl Neubauer         | 08-13 Donald Brash             | 08-21 Anthony Seale            |
| 08-02 Robert Van Hooser     | 08-13 Margaret Brexa           | 08-21 Carl Seale               |
| 08-03 Virginia Coon         | 08-13 Lillian Kobe             | 08-21 John Trezza              |
| 08-03 Betty LaPointe        | 08-13 Margaret Lounsbury       | 08-21 Gordon Wysocki           |
| 08-03 Patricia Pelzel       | 08-13 Donald (Don) Martin      | 08-22 Phil Dubiel              |
| 08-04 Twilia Heffner        | 08-13 Allison Williams         | 08-22 Regina Fulton            |
| 08-04 Mary Liphthay         | 08-14 Stewart Goldie           | 08-22 Mildred Hickert          |
| 08-04 Sami Ray              | 08-14 Marjorie Griffin         | 08-23 Carole Brown             |
| 08-05 Carmelia Blazo        | 08-14 Shirley Murphy           | 08-23 Theodore Riser           |
| 08-05 Shirley Christner     | 08-14 Virginia (Ginny) Rose    | 08-24 M. (Liz) Hill            |
| 08-05 Jerry Dangler         | 08-14 Steve Samsel             | 08-24 Anthony Lopez            |
| 08-05 Leonard (Andy) Hill   | 08-15 Kathryn Barmore          | 08-24 Debra Ortman             |
| 08-05 Marvin Petersen       | 08-15 Susan Clough             | 08-24 Loni Wellington          |
| 08-05 Jerry Rennaker        | 08-15 Robert (Bob) Friend      | 08-25 Virgil Sturgis           |
| 08-05 James (Mike) Ross     | 08-15 Mary Lupo                | 08-25 Pam Wedlake              |
| 08-05 George Shipley        | 08-15 Kay McCormick            | 08-25 Edward Wyatt             |
| 08-06 Irene Delorenzi       | 08-15 Margaret Mills           | 08-26 Kathleen Baxter          |
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| 08-06 Maida Lamoureux       | 08-15 Dolores Seelye           | 08-26 Nancy Eastman            |
| 08-06 Michael (Mike) Lloyd  | 08-15 Phyllis Smilnak          | 08-26 Judith Furry             |
| 08-06 Robert Pauley         | 08-15 Carl Wilson              | 08-26 Marlene Kraus            |
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| 08-07 Cloretha Zanders      | 08-16 Janice (Jan) Sheedy      | 08-27 Robert Funkhouser        |
| 08-08 Luis (Bob) Abreu      | 08-16 Dorothy Snyder           | 08-27 Ilene Griesmeyer         |
| 08-08 Martha Garvie         | 08-17 Bev Bingham              | 08-27 Richard Kemp             |
| 08-08 Jean McCullough       | 08-17 Joseph (Jody) McCreary   | 08-27 Phyllis Otto             |
| 08-08 William Smith         | 08-17 Robert (Tony) Russell    | 08-27 Suzanne Ross             |
| 08-08 Theresa Wright        | 08-17 Donald Siegelin          | 08-27 John Samson              |
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| 08-09 Annie Bell            | 08-18 Mary Acker               | 08-27 Alice Smith              |
| 08-09 Bernice Blodgett      | 08-18 Denise Badgett           | 08-27 Garland Stump            |
| 08-09 William (Bill) Ely    | 08-18 Eldridge (Brad) Bradley  | 08-28 Judy Dubin               |
| 08-09 Francine (Fran) Kay   | 08-18 Arthur Larivee           | 08-28 Jean Kennedy             |
| 08-09 Shirley Moore         | 08-18 David (Dave) Laufenberg  | 08-28 Connie Kirkland          |
| 08-09 George Morison        | 08-18 Donna List               | 08-28 Garold Lemley            |
| 08-09 I. Thompson           | 08-18 Lawrence Mello           | 08-28 Norma Pruitt             |
| 08-10 Marguerite Blackwood  | 08-18 Lavada (Scott) Schultz   | 08-28 Nancy Zeigler            |
| 08-10 Katherine Gray        | 08-18 Gary Urban               | 08-29 Francesca Olma           |
| 08-10 Garnett Humphries     | 08-18 Helen Warner             | 08-29 Brenda Wolfe             |
| 08-10 Helen Neubauer        | 08-18 Anita Wiker              | 08-30 Robert Hubbard           |
| 08-10 June Olsen            | 08-19 Roberta (Sue) Rogers     | 08-30 Tilson Lacy              |
| 08-10 Rose Patterson        | 08-19 Anne Schreiner           | 08-31 Phyllis Berlage          |
| 08-10 Kristi (Kris) Stanley | 08-19 Scott Weber              | 08-31 Mary Bocook              |
| 08-10 Donald Weidner        | 08-20 Norma Anderson           | 08-31 Robert Parker            |
| 08-11 Donny Eastman         | 08-20 Jewel Barrow             | 08-31 Larry Wing               |
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