



## President's Message

Love was in the air at the February luncheon as 105 MVA members and guests (some brand new members) celebrated cupid and all his charms. We are so blessed to be adding new names to our roster - almost every month. This is happening because our members are spreading the word about what a great organization we have, and are inviting former Honeywellers to jump on the bandwagon.

In the coming months, we will hear presentations from Linda Burhans concerning caregiver care resources in the community and from a human trafficking survivor. Our members will enjoy a picnic in April, a Dinner Theater in May and a Casino party in August. This is a vibrant organization with very talented people involved in producing socials (Al Shields,) luncheons (Deb Dupper,) member events (Wendy Hugar,) and community affairs (Gloria Hill.)

We are called the Minnreg Veterans Association for a very good reason. Not only are we all somehow related to the company formerly known as the Minneapolis Regulator Company, but by a show of hands at the February luncheon, a great majority of our current members are either military veterans or a family member of a military veteran. That's the reason we salute our veterans every month at the luncheons - we want to honor the sacrifice and service so well represented in this organization.

We continue to invite local community agencies to apply for one of our agency grants. Each year, we donate tens of thousands of dollars to community agencies that meet the following criteria: small, boots-on-the-ground, providing services in the Tampa Bay area to children, families, elderly and veterans. If you know of such an organization, please encourage them to apply for our community agency grant. They can find a large red button on the [www.minnregs.com](http://www.minnregs.com) website.

## Here’s how the MVA communicates with its members.

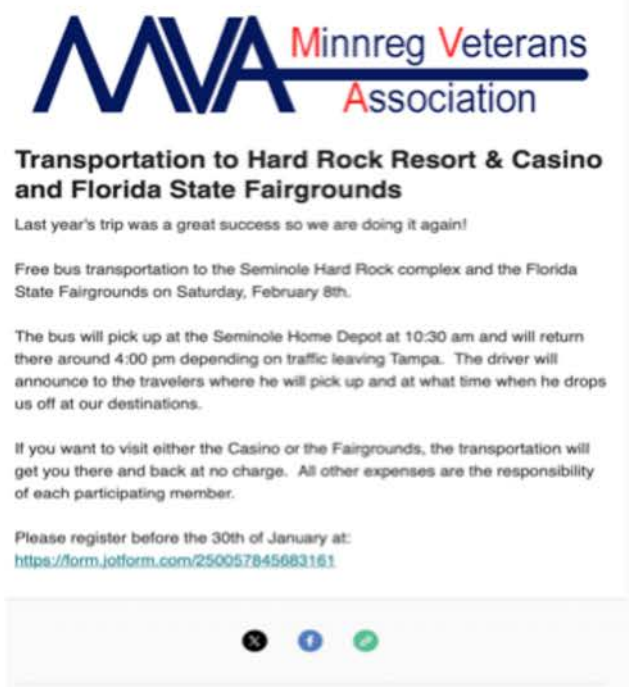
### Email Blasts

MVA maintains an account with [MailChimp](#) to process email blasts to the entire MVA member database. Anyone who has been a member of the [Minnregs](#) or Honeywell Retirees Club is included in the mailing.

Members may opt out of receiving these emails by following instructions on each email. Members are also encouraged to notify the MVA secretary ([secretary@minnregs.com](mailto:secretary@minnregs.com)) of any changes to their email account.

Members are also encouraged to report any member deaths they are aware of so their names can be removed from the list.

Email blasts are normally sent out to announce the monthly newsletter and encourage members to register for upcoming events. Below are examples of email blasts from MVA.





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**Minnreg Veterans Association, Inc.**

# For Our Members

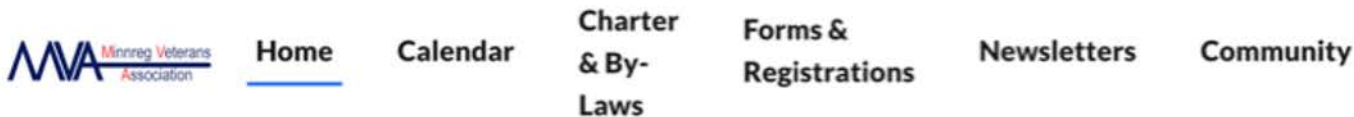


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In addition to the periodic email blasts, MVA maintains a comprehensive website at [www.minnregs.com](http://www.minnregs.com). The site was designed to provide a permanent and accessible resource for all things MVA. Across the top of the page is the site menu. The most popular menu items for members are “Forms and Registrations” and “Newsletters.” Forms and Registrations contains links to upcoming MVA event registration forms as well as a membership application, suggestion form and other items of interest. The Newsletter page contains links to the past 3 years of MVA newsletters.



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### Contact Staff

Chair: John Bowers | [chairman@minnregs.com](mailto:chairman@minnregs.com)

President – Thom Dupper | [president@minnregs.com](mailto:president@minnregs.com)

Below the menu bar are two red buttons – one to the Membership Application form and the other to our Community Grant Application form. We are actively seeking new members, so we want to make it easy for prospective members to join. We are also actively seeking out community agencies to support. This application is the means by which we evaluate agencies that are requesting our resources. If you know of a prospective member (someone in the local area who at some point worked for HI), or an agency that deserves our support, please point them to the website so they can fill out the online form.



# MVA Leadership



Each year the active members of the association vote to elect leadership for the upcoming year. Below is a list of the new Board of Directors and the Staff.

The Board sets the strategic direction for the association, and has overall responsibility for managing the corporate assets. The Staff conducts the day-to-day operation of the association.

Any MVA member is welcome to attend Board and staff meetings.

## 2025 Minnreg Board of Directors - Revised 1/18/2025

Name	Office (elected)	Email
John Bowers (1 yr)	Board of Directors (2024)	<a href="mailto:chairman@minnregs.com">chairman@minnregs.com</a>
Tom Conner (2 yrs)	Board of Directors (2025)	<a href="mailto:bzzbea.tom@gmail.com">bzzbea.tom@gmail.com</a>
Terry Miller (2 yrs)	Board of Directors (2025) Corporate Secretary	<a href="mailto:terrymillerfl@gmail.com">terrymillerfl@gmail.com</a>
Mary Reffelt (1 yr)	Board of Directors (2024)	<a href="mailto:creativemstock2@gmail.com">creativemstock2@gmail.com</a>
Teri Godfrey (2 yrs)	Board of Directors (2025)	<a href="mailto:mike_teri_espana@yahoo.co.uk">mike_teri_espana@yahoo.co.uk</a>
Betty Held (2 yrs)	Board of Directors (2025)	<a href="mailto:bheld@tampabay.rr.com">bheld@tampabay.rr.com</a>
Karyn Klos (2 yrs)	Board of Directors (2025)	<a href="mailto:karyn.klos@gmail.com">karyn.klos@gmail.com</a>
Gene Ward (1 yr)	Board of Directors (2024)	<a href="mailto:eugeneward237@gmail.com">eugeneward237@gmail.com</a>
Mark Wolf (1 yr)	Board of Directors (2024)	<a href="mailto:mwolf1@msn.com">mwolf1@msn.com</a>
Thom Dupper	MVA President - <b>No vote</b>	<a href="mailto:president@minnregs.com">president@minnregs.com</a>
George Suther	MVA Treasurer - <b>No vote</b>	<a href="mailto:treasurer@minnregs.com">treasurer@minnregs.com</a>

## 2025 Minnreg Officers - Revised 1/18/2025

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Thom Dupper	President	<a href="mailto:president@minnregs.com">president@minnregs.com</a>
Al Shields	Executive Vice President	<a href="mailto:evp@minnregs.com">evp@minnregs.com</a>
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Dave Hewitt	Office Manager	<a href="mailto:office@minnregs.com">office@minnregs.com</a>
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Clive Bailey	VP Operations	<a href="mailto:operations@minnregs.com">operations@minnregs.com</a>
Debra Dupper	Event Coordinator	<a href="mailto:party@minnregs.com">party@minnregs.com</a>
	General Inquiries	<a href="mailto:info@minnregs.com">info@minnregs.com</a>



# First Wednesday Social February 5, 2025



This is a group that really enjoy each other's company! Any casual observer would be struck with the notion that these folks who gather once a month for dinner and drinks have only one thing in common - at some point there was a direct connection with the Big Red H. Amazing! Let's continue to celebrate this association as we celebrate each other.





# First Wednesday Social February 5, 2025



*Bill & Cathy Naabe*



*Michael & Teri Godfrey*



*Mary & Richard Reffelt*



*George Suther, Patty Marchand*



*Al & Gail Olsen*



*Harry Blackiston, Robin Lewis*



*Karyn & Jerry Klos*



*Dick & Patsy Rohrs*



*Carol & Clive Bailey*



*Stephanie Puffer, Jack Ptacek*



*Sandy & Sam Janofsky*



*Betty & Roddy King*



# First Wednesday Social February 5, 2025



*Masako & Larry Shannon*



*Debra & Thom Dupper*



*Bea & Tom Conner*



*Scott Lapham, Howard Howe*



*Jo Ketring*



*Dan Trepanier*



*Shawn Cotton*



*Cheryl Bartel*



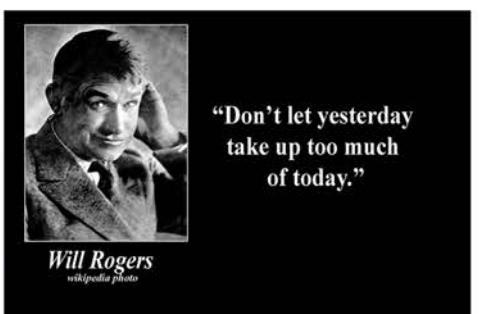
*Al Shields*



*Donna Seibel*



*Dick Malzahn*





# First Wednesday Social February 5, 2025



*George Hafer*



*Genevieve Urbanski*



*Richard Reffelt*



*Gloria Whitfield*



*Bill Martin*



*Bonnie Williams*



*Dave Donnelly*



*Marge Lynch*



*Rick Shea*



*Jody Mason*



*Howard Howe*



*Pat Keegan*





# First Wednesday Social February 5, 2025



*Helen Malzahn*



*Larry Harper*



*Karyn Klos*



*Jim Acosta*



*Loni Wellington*



*Brian Pershing*



*Hendrik Gelderloos*



*Jerry Dangler*



*Fran Kay*



*Jeff Ring*



*Artie Martin*



*Patty Jo Clayton*



# First Wednesday Social February 5, 2025



*Bob Dalton*



*Larry Trefz*



*Jim McCormick*



*Bob Kay*



*Artie Martin*



*Ron Mason*



*John Schiffgen*



*David Hadsock*



*John Bowers*



*George Carlin*  
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"I'm in shape.  
Round is a shape."



*Andy Rooney*

"It's paradoxical that  
the idea of living a  
long life appeals to  
everyone, but the idea  
of getting old doesn't  
appeal to anyone."



90% of marriage  
is shouting  
"What?"  
from separate  
rooms

# A Blast from the Past

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## FLORIDA AERO'S FIRST INERTIAL GUIDANCE TEST

The climax of many months of hard work by members of Florida Aero is finally making our headlines. Although very limited because of the high classification, the news is out. The first Florida-built inertial navigation system has been flight tested and considered a success.

The Honeywell DC-3 test plane with pilots JIM BRADFORD, Engineering Test Pilot, and CHUCK KELLY (better known as Director of Personnel) and a crew of engineering personnel has been making flights out of St. Petersburg, Clearwater International Airport. Flying over a predetermined test range from St. Petersburg to the east coast of Florida and back, the tests checked the inertial navigator's computed points with the aircraft's actual position.

CAPTAIN ROHLINGER, the USAF Project Officer from Wright Field, participated in the September 29th flight test with local Honeywellers MERLE BRAGDON, Systems Manager, and DICK PARVIN, Systems Engineer. Rounding out this highly successful team were members JOE CAMPBELL, Systems Engineer; JERRY HASSELL and GEORGE STEARNS, Evaluation Engineers; and Gene Straka, Aircraft Technician.

We wish to congratulate this team on the successful tests just completed and wish them the best of luck in all future test flights.

- Relf Crissey



First Row: (L to R) JOE CAMPBELL, Systems Engineer; JERRY HASSELL, Evaluation Engineer; JIM BRADFORD, Engineering Test Pilot; GEORGE STEARNS, Evaluation Engineer. Second Row: (L to R) CAPTAIN ROHLINGER, Air Force Project Engineer; MERLE BRAGDON, Systems Manager; DICK PARVIN, Systems Engineer; CHUCK KELLY, Co-Pilot; GENE STRAKA, Aircraft Technician.

*Twenty Years Ago*



# Monthly Luncheon February 19



We continue to grow thanks to our members inviting former Honeywellers to give us a try. In most cases, that invitation was the first time they even heard about us. So the word is spreading thanks to you! We hit a new attendance record in February, as 105 members shared a great lunch, lots of catching up, many prizes, and a love song trivia contest. **Kiss Cam** photos below!



*Gail & Al Olsen*



*Jane & Dennis Willis*



*Donald & Barbara Brash*



*John & Shirley Bowers*



*Greg & Julie Zajdel*



*Tom & Bea Conner*



*John & Suzanne Francis*



*Brian & Katrina Pershing*



*Betsy & Roddy King*



*Anne Burson, Bob Cannistraro*



*Sue & Roger Ertsgaard*



*Mary & Richard Reffelt*



# Monthly Luncheon February 19



*Clive & Carol Bailey*



*Deb & Thom Dupper*



*Greg & Julie Zajdel*



*Tom & Bea Conner*



*Karyn & Jerry Klos*



*Larry & Masako Shannon*



*Faith & Paul Krahrmer*



*Gail & Al Olsen*



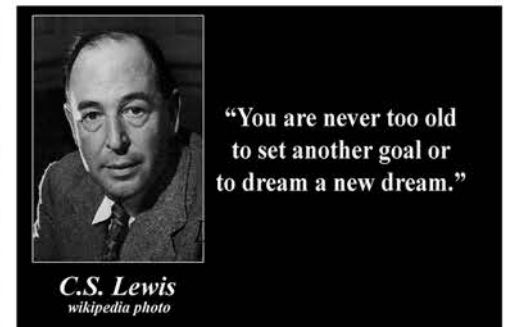
*Jane & Dennis Willis*



*Donald & Barbara Brash*



*Brian & Katrina Pershing*



*C.S. Lewis*  
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# Monthly Luncheon February 19



*Sue & Roger Ertsgaard*



*Betsy & Roddy King*



*Anne Burson & Bob Cannistraro*



*Deb & Thom Dupper*



*Clive & Carol Bailey*



*Margaret & Steve Simmons*



*John & Shirley Bowers*



*Mary & Richard Reffelt*



*Greg & Julie Zajdel*



*John & Suzanne Francis*



*Carol Janney, Deb Dupper, Mary Reffelt*



*Jo Ketring, John Schiffgen, Loni Wellington*



# Monthly Luncheon February 19



*The winning trivia table!*



*Pat Keegan, Jack Freeman, Bonnie Williams*



*Bob & Jan Friend, Gayle Smith, John Voissem*



*Don, Shirley Murphy, Brian*



*Fred Miller*



*Howard Howe, Carol & Clive Bailey, Shirley Murphy & family*



*Bryan Martinez*



*Cheryl McAvoy*



*Bob Lovejoy*



*Barbara Pothier*



*Artie Martin*



*Marge Lynch*



# Monthly Luncheon February 19



*Larry Trefz*



*Kathie Hubbard*



*Jim McCormick*



*Helen Malzahn*



*Dick Malzahn*



*Wendy Hugar*



*Jack Freeman*



*Patty Jo Clayton*



*Larry Piper*



*Jacqueline Morgan*



*Bill Martin*



*Karyn Klos*





# Monthly Luncheon February 19



*Al Parisi*



*Dave Domelly*



*Gene Ward*



*Mark Barlow*



*Ron White*  
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**“I believe that if life gives you lemons, you should make lemonade. And try to find somebody whose life has given them vodka and have a party.”**



*Dalai Lama*  
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**“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.”**





# Happy March Birthday from MVA!



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|-------|------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|
| 03-01 | Angie Buick            | 03-11 | Jimmy Cribbs             | 03-21 | Don Browne               |
| 03-01 | Phyllis Lee            | 03-11 | Barbara Hanson           | 03-21 | Cheryl Smith             |
| 03-01 | James McGinley         | 03-11 | Gerald Salgado           | 03-22 | Dave Leno                |
| 03-01 | Katherine Winterhalter | 03-11 | Alex Zanders             | 03-23 | Patricia Carr            |
| 03-01 | Paul Wittman           | 03-12 | Audrey Drobisch          | 03-23 | Bruce Davis              |
| 03-02 | Albert Cozzoli         | 03-12 | James Hart               | 03-23 | Rita Garvey              |
| 03-02 | Lori Epperson          | 03-12 | Isabel Harvey            | 03-23 | Albert Turley            |
| 03-02 | Frances Salgado        | 03-12 | Carol Mader              | 03-24 | Harry Blackiston         |
| 03-02 | Bonnie Spearman        | 03-12 | Larry Newland            | 03-24 | Michael Frost            |
| 03-03 | William (Bill) Martin  | 03-12 | Myriam Otero             | 03-24 | Bonnie (Agin) Godfrey    |
| 03-03 | Sheila Polsley         | 03-13 | Mary Hughes              | 03-24 | Merlin Keese             |
| 03-03 | Patricia Waloga        | 03-13 | Roger Sowada             | 03-25 | Bonnie Chambers          |
| 03-04 | Marjorie Crosmer       | 03-14 | Arnold Adams             | 03-25 | Mary Ferrell             |
| 03-04 | Paul Griffin           | 03-14 | Carol Cunningham         | 03-25 | Susan Kubes              |
| 03-04 | Martin Helveston       | 03-14 | Mary Fischer             | 03-25 | Stewart Meeker           |
| 03-04 | James Mayes            | 03-14 | Jerrald (Jerry) Griebler | 03-25 | Jack Ptacek              |
| 03-04 | Gerald Pruitt          | 03-14 | Samuel Moschetto         | 03-25 | Louisa Scalise           |
| 03-05 | Kirk Brown             | 03-14 | Betty Rohrbacher         | 03-26 | Betty Acker              |
| 03-05 | Andrew Conaway         | 03-14 | Nancy Ross               | 03-26 | Dottie Foster            |
| 03-05 | Doris Dick             | 03-14 | Thomas Summers           | 03-26 | Robert Gillmore          |
| 03-05 | CA (Marty) Martinez    | 03-14 | Sarah Walton             | 03-26 | Patricia (Pat) Keegan    |
| 03-05 | Cindy Sartor           | 03-15 | Robert Fernandez         | 03-26 | Richard Lodge            |
| 03-06 | Richard Elmhurst       | 03-15 | Sharon Kropel            | 03-26 | Patricia Wilson          |
| 03-06 | Daniel Engelken        | 03-15 | Lisa Levy                | 03-27 | Elisabeth Blair          |
| 03-06 | Frank Neri             | 03-15 | Ralph Olsen              | 03-27 | Marc (Skee) Danner       |
| 03-07 | Jay Johnson            | 03-15 | Dorothy (Dot) Yancey     | 03-27 | Marvella (Marv) Phillips |
| 03-07 | Lillian Morison        | 03-15 | Greg Zajdel              | 03-27 | Doris (H.) Walker        |
| 03-07 | Richard Oswald         | 03-16 | W. Boudreau              | 03-28 | Barbara Bruce            |
| 03-07 | Jimmie (Jim) Perry     | 03-16 | Elaine De Felix          | 03-28 | Glenda Neville           |
| 03-07 | Mary Slater            | 03-16 | Gloria Dille             | 03-28 | Horace Slater            |
| 03-07 | Dalia Vega             | 03-16 | Sandy Janofsky           | 03-29 | Roger Block              |
| 03-07 | Jim Wedlake            | 03-16 | Janice Jochum            | 03-29 | A. (Ree) Danley          |
| 03-08 | Marella Cassels        | 03-16 | Donald Konen             | 03-29 | Clarence Lee             |
| 03-08 | Mildred Gold           | 03-16 | James Lafferty           | 03-29 | Jeanette Sahr            |
| 03-08 | Donald Powers          | 03-16 | Margaret Simmons         | 03-30 | E. Bubb                  |
| 03-08 | Deborah (Deb) Ring     | 03-17 | Emilia Emery             | 03-30 | Jeanne Dougherty         |
| 03-09 | John Bennet            | 03-17 | Sharon Gariboldi         | 03-30 | Rudolph Klingbeil        |
| 03-09 | Stephen Graff          | 03-17 | Marian Rothenberger      | 03-30 | Donald Parker            |
| 03-09 | Jean Kerrigan          | 03-17 | Patricia Sabin           | 03-30 | Joseph Skodje            |
| 03-09 | Martha Lovelace        | 03-17 | Betty Smith              | 03-31 | Jean Block               |
| 03-09 | Dianne Shircliffe      | 03-18 | Lawrence Clark           | 03-31 | Patricia Buss            |
| 03-10 | Robert Bolin           | 03-18 | Bill Jamieson            | 03-31 | Teresa Mickiewicz        |
| 03-10 | Morris Hall            | 03-18 | Steadmon Lott            | 03-31 | Donald Ostendorf         |
| 03-10 | James Hess             | 03-18 | Cornelius Seay           | 03-31 | Robin Pickel             |
| 03-10 | Theresa Lee            | 03-19 | Mary McClellan           |       |                          |
| 03-10 | Betty Wise             | 03-19 | Richard Prather          |       |                          |
| 03-11 | Gloria Browne          | 03-19 | Mary (Polly) Woodside    |       |                          |
| 03-11 | Evaylon Casteel        | 03-20 | Jackie Cleaver           |       |                          |
| 03-11 | Frank Christie         | 03-20 | Masako Shannon           |       |                          |
| 03-11 | Dorothy Clarke         | 03-20 | Lillian Sowada           |       |                          |

