



### Special points of interest:

- **Wednesday December 17—Holiday Crabby Dinner Meeting**
- **Tuesday January 7— Chapter Board Meeting**

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## President's Message

As I write this on veterans day 2014, it strikes me that I can't top the story I told last Christmas about my favorite Thanksgiving meal. Yes it is a re-run but I was actually asked by a member to run it for Christmas this year. ENJOY..... This month I can't help but recall the number of holidays (especially Christmas) I spent on military duty. A majority of them actually, compared to the few lucky ones spent with my immediate family. In the Coast Guard going any distance for the holidays was extremely difficult as we all stood 24 hour duty every three days and leave taking on Holidays meant that your buddies had to take your duty and stand 24 hour



"Rescue Helo" duty every other day. I recall conducting rescues at sea more often than not each time I stood duty on Christmas or Thanksgiving. Oh there were some heart warming stories about rescues

on holidays and delivering victims to their loved ones, but these were tempered with the memories of hours of searching angry seas, flying around in horrible visibility and gale force winds, wondering why anyone would go out to sea in such conditions as this? As we pondered the unofficial motto of the Coast Guard " THE BOOK SAYS THAT YOU HAVE TO GO OUT! IT DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT COMING BACK!!!" I actually considered myself extremely fortunate on Thanksgiving 1972 when during a perilous search for a family missing on a yacht (reported the previous day.) I caught a glimpse of a

large sailboat not making way. As we approached for a closer look we noticed that the boat was very low in the water and the occupants were clinging to the top of the cabin. A flare was fired in our direction and we immediately radioed our position and called in the name of the boat. As I rigged the rescue hoist and basket we received confirmation that this was the vessel in question. As I hoisted the last family member aboard the helicopter the vessel slipped beneath the waves. The family was transported to Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station and picked up by an ambulance where they were pronounced in good condition. We landed with barely enough fuel to taxi to the fueling point and shut down. While refueling, my Aircraft Commander attempted to get us something to eat (our personal fuel was low as well) we had been flying over 15 hours since our last meal and after all it was Thanksgiving! He was told that the Galley was closed. (Maybe some leftovers after we got back to base?) As we were completing our pre takeoff checklist a Lance Corporal on a bicycle came riding towards us on the refueling ramp waving wildly at us. He got off the bike and ran up to the left side of the helicopter with a sack. I opened the window and he shoved the sack in. "The family you picked up told us what had happened and the guys at the fuel farm raided the kitchen and got you this, not much really, but maybe it'll help." Our sack contained two turkey legs, stuffing, cranberry juice and pumpkin pie-with a full tub of whipped cream for the pie. Certainly my most memorable Thanksgiving meal.

During the holidays please remember the men and women in uniform who aren't with their loved ones, who sacrifice for you! Oh and to that thoughtful Lance Corporal THANKS AND HOO RAH

## Crabby Night Menu

**All meals** come with a **Garden or Caesar Salad, Cheddar Baked Biscuits,** and **Non-alcoholic Beverage:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Water
- \_\_\_\_\_ Soft Drink
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ice Tea
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other non-alcoholic Beverage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Optional Alcoholic Beverage with extra self-pay charge



**Main Course** choices:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Snow Crab Legs:** 1 1/2 pounds of Wild-caught North American Snow Crab Legs, served with roasted corn on the cob and baby gold potatoes.



\_\_\_\_\_ **Ultimate Feast®:** Maine Lobster Tail, Snow Crab Legs, Garlic Shrimp Scampi, and Walt's Favorite Shrimp, served with Rice Pilaf and Broccoli or Green Beans



\_\_\_\_\_ **New York Strip:** A 12 ounce peppercorn seasoned NY Strip Steak grilled over a wood fire, served with Mashed Potatoes and Broccoli or Green Beans

**Sides:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Broccoli
- \_\_\_\_\_ Petite Green Beans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Roasted Vegetable Medley
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wild Rice Pilaf
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mashed Potatoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Crispy Red Potatoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Baked Potato

You can bring a copy of completed menu with you to help with ordering.

**MEETING MENU:**

SEE INFORMATION

**Reservations:**

**Send check to** Terrie Jo, 3724 Stanton, LSMO 64064. If you have questions, call 816-525-3592 (home) or 816-985-5406 (Gary's Cell) by Monday **Dec 15, 2013**

**Future Meeting Dates**



December 17 —*HOLIDAY CRABBY DINNER MEETING*— **Red Lobster—4328 Noland Road**

January 6— Board Meeting at Downtown Airport

We are looking for suggestions of speakers for upcoming meetings. You suggest, we invite and all will enjoy

**Calendar of Events (## indicates KC local)**

**## Dec 17** Holiday Crabby Dinner Meeting **Red Lobster—4328 Noland Road**

**## Jan 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday )** Board Meeting—Downtown Airport—Signature

**CHECK CALENDAR AT [www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar](http://www.MOpilotsKC.org/calendar) FOR LATEST EVENTS AND UPDATES.**

**OUR OWN WEBSITE!** The Kansas City Chapter of the Missouri Pilots Association (MPA) has its own website. Please visit early and visit often at [www.MOpilotsKC.org](http://www.MOpilotsKC.org) (capital letters not required). Updating coming soon. **Tom Eagle**

**HOLIDAY CRABBY NIGHT –**

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at the **Red Lobster** at 4328 Noland Road in Independence, MO. The Social will begin at 5:30 and we will begin ordering by 6 pm . . . there will be a choice of meals and, of course, a pound of crab legs. The cost is \$30 per person with reservations and payment, in advance, a must.



**Please send checks** payable to: **KC Chapter MPA** and mail to: Terrie Fox, 3724 Stanton, Lees Summit, MO 64064.

**\$30**

**The Holiday Crabby Dinner**

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