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Golfing for Good Deeds



Swinging in 1930 Golf Knickers

126 golfers were present to play and support the 2022 MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation Annual Golf Tournament which was held at the Cocoa Beach Country Club on December 10th.

The Good Deeds Foundation supports Brevard County JROTC in high schools, active duty junior enlisted at PSFB, National Guard and Reserve, Sea Cadets, and Civil Air Patrol chapters, among many others.

80-year-old gentleman golfer, Harry McDonald, decked out in 1930 knickers, coat and tie with matching socks, stood out in the crowd of golfers. Harry is a frequent advocate of golf, often sports three different 1930 era golf attires. At the age of 17, from Randolph, New Jersey, Harry enlisted in the US Army and served



as Private in the Army's 561 Corps of Engineer Construction Battalion in San Francisco, CA. Presently, Harry lives with his daughters and great grandchildren in Brevard County. Pictured is Harry about to drive a shot. With him are Rick Rome, John Simmons, and Buzz Barton. The team parred the course with flying colors.

MOAACC photos by Pish Pishdad. More photos on page 10 and at the following link [GDF GOLF](https://moaa.quorum.us/).

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- 1/5 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 1/6-7 Florida Council of Chapters Leadership
Training Seminar 2023
@ Rosen Center in Orlando
- 1/10 On-The-Go Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Florida's Seafood Bar & Grill
- 1/12 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 1/17 MOAACC Board of Directors
Meeting - 9:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - Chapel
- 1/17 MOAACC 2023 Leader Installation
Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 1/19 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 1/20 25th Annual Central Brevard Stand Down to
Stand Up - 7 AM
@ Cocoa Armory
- 1/20 Burial Services for Daniel L. Smith, CW3 USA
(Retired) - 2 PM
@ Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
- 1/26 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



CDR Ken Lowe, USNR Ret

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy the holiday season. Several days of cold weather surely made it feel more like Christmas. I still miss having snow at Christmas, but not for the whole of winter. When we were living in Los Angeles, Toni and I would visit her folks in upstate New York for the Christmas holiday; we could enjoy the snow and then leave afterwards. If we wanted more snow, we could always drive to the nearby mountains.

2022 is now history and it's been two years since the COVID outbreak. I think we may be still experiencing the impact of COVID as it seems participation in chapter events is lower than pre COVID. Hopefully, more people will feel inclined to come out this year. Overall, 2022 was a good year for the chapter as was articulated at our annual business meeting. We ended the year welcoming 108 new members and remain MOAA's largest chapter at 1123 members. The MOAACC GDF Golf Tournament resulted in rising more than double the amount of our previous most successful year; congratulations to the GDF team!

2023 means I will be transitioning to an advisory role. Having been president and representing the chapter the past year has been an honor and a privilege. I also gained more respect for all the members who volunteer their time to make our chapter function so smoothly. It is these folks who really make the difference between how our chapter functions from others. The accolades our chapter gets is because of the commitments of these members.

During the 17 January luncheon, the incoming 2023 leadership led by Lt Col Brian Whelan, and the new Board of Directors will be installed. The chapter will be in good hands with Brian and his team. We will also be recognizing several chapter members who have stepped up to support your chapter. The luncheon is a great time to come out and show your support for these folks. It may also be a good time to reflect on how you might support the chapter by volunteering to assist on one of our committees.

Again, thanks for the honor you bestowed on me of being your president for this past year.

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Editor's Note

TO DONN WEAVER:

As a member of the MOAACC Team, I wish to personally give a heartfelt thank you for the years of unselfish dedication and commitment by you and Jeanne, to the success of the Chapter's INTERCOM magazine.

As the new Public Affairs, INTERCOM Communication Director, I am honored to be chosen to follow in your footsteps.

As I accept this challenge, I am in awe of this man whose heart is as large as the Rock of Gibraltar and whose shoes are larger than a Black-Hole in the Universe for his love and devotion to duty.

I appreciate this privilege and opportunity!

Much love and admiration.

Thank you! Pish

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

John R. McMahon, BG, US Army (Retired)

A new year has dawned and I trust you enjoyed the holiday season with your loved ones and friends. At this writing (mid-December), there is some year-end progress to report from the outgoing US Congress with the promise of further resolution on outstanding issues before the new 118th Congress convenes on 3 January 2023.

Georgians re-elected Senator Raphael Warnock (D-GA) and Senator Kirsten Sinema (D-AZ) announced her decision to leave the Democratic Party to become an Independent, justifying her move on the basis of “being tired of partisanship”. Nonetheless, the Democrats will control the Senate, and the Republicans will control the House. The new Speaker of the House will be determined soon after the 118th Congress convenes with the expectation that it will fall to Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA).

A bipartisan supported \$858 Billion National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was passed by the Senate and the House, up from \$778 Billion last year. It authorizes \$160 Billion for aircraft, missiles, ammunition, combat vehicles, Navy ships and other equipment, as well as research and development funding for a new nuclear-capable cruise missile. Additionally, it specifies \$800 Million for security assistance to Ukraine and authorizes up to \$10 Billion for weapons sales to Taiwan over the next five years. It also allows \$1 Billion for the purchase of critical materials such as titanium and cadmium-zinc telluride for U.S. defense contractors to avoid future shortages. Significantly, it overhauls the military justice system and lifts the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for servicemembers as well as supporting a 4.6 percent pay raise for both military servicemembers and the DOD civilian workforce.

Meanwhile, work continued on a “full-year” OMNIBUS deal to fund the government through the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 with another week-long Continuing Resolution extension to hammer out the details of the estimated \$1.7 Trillion bill. Both House and Senate leaders say a framework is in place and that the ongoing negotiation of the details should be worked out before the end of the 117th Congress; however, some House Republicans sought to delay the talks until they assume control of the House early next year and have more bargaining power meant to cut spending. The political games continue and time will tell whether the well-intended negotiators prevail this year or punt to the new Congress.

As reported by MOAA National, the biennial Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Deficit cutting report, **Options for reducing the Deficit, 2023-2032**, was released on December 17th (found at <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/58164>), intended to inform the new Congress on how it might address the Nation's budget challenges. Of the 78 “options” proposed in the 2-Volume report, MOAA has identified 13 options which could weaken or eliminate earned benefits for nearly all members of the uniformed services and veteran communities. Specifically, they would cost service members, their families, survivors, and caregivers – thousands of dollars every year:

- retirees and survivors would face TRICARE For Life enrollment fees and increased medical costs and receive smaller cost-of-living increases for their retirement pay and survivor benefits
- veterans would see significant reductions in available VA care and reduced benefit payments
- Servicemembers and their families would suffer from a cap on pay raises and cuts to a critical housing benefit

This will not stand as long as we continue to fight for our hard-earned benefits, supporting MOAA through our membership and follow up action.

Finally, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (D-FAS) announced the third and final phase in the elimination of the SBP-DIC Offset, effective 1 January 2023. This is good news for surviving spouses who will begin to receive their full Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments with no offset (reduction) in their Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the VA. This final phase is the last step in implementing the NDAA authorized change in 2020; it will not affect any DIC payments made by the VA. Herein lies another feather in MOAA's cap for advocating on our behalf and how your active membership and action in MOAA can pay off. Happy New Year!

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

John C. Murphy, COL (Ret)

Five Estate Planning Resolutions for 2023

It's a great time to reflect on the past year and the perfect time to set aspirations for the year ahead. Were you able to achieve the goals you set for yourself last December? Some of the best resolutions to make may involve estate planning. These resolutions are easy to complete.

Resolution 1: Make an Estate Plan If You Don't Already Have One

If you have yet to create your estate plan, the new year is the perfect time to do so. An estate plan takes full inventory of all your finances, assets, medical preferences, and retirement information. Creating a customized estate plan and making it easily accessible to your fiduciaries/beneficiaries will ensure that your wishes are met when the time comes.

Resolution 2: Review Your Estate Plan with Your Loved Ones

The best way to find out if your estate plan is complete is to discuss it with your loved ones. Go through each aspect of your estate plan with your fiduciaries/beneficiaries to make sure they fully understand how it all will work. This discussion gives you a chance to make a list of questions for your attorney to answer.

Resolution 3: Establish a Life Plan

The new year is a great time to think about who you would want to make your power of attorney (POA) and health care surrogate (HCS). If something happens during your lifetime that inhibits you from making decisions for yourself, the person you designate can step in and make decisions for you.

Resolution 4: Review Your Beneficiaries and Assets

Another excellent estate planning resolution is to evaluate your current list of beneficiaries and assets. Do you need to add new family additions to your beneficiaries? Have you added or sold any assets like a home, a business, or a vehicle? Keeping this information updated and current is very important.

Resolution 5: Organize Your Digital Information

Nowadays people handle their financial transactions through websites and apps. Chances are good you don't have all your various usernames and passwords collected in one safe place. Recording and securing your passwords could be very important if something happens to you and those in charge of your estate need that information.

If you have not yet created an estate plan, there's no time like 2023! Making an estate plan is very important, but so is keeping it updated throughout your life. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



POINTS TO PONDER

CH (MAJ) Bill Adams, USAR (Ret.)

Lord, I'm a Real Slouch in Prayer

How's your prayer life? The Bible shoots straight on the matter...

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." (Col. 4:2)

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks." (1 Thess. 5:16-18)

Pray without ceasing...really? For us, it may be more like "Cease without praying." What might be your first step in ratcheting up your ailing prayer life? I suggest you try this: Be honest with God. Offer yourself to God in prayer by being completely honest about how much of a slouch you really are when it comes to prayer!

I can contribute some honesty here: My problem in prayer is unbelief ("God, are you there?") and doubt ("God, are you listening?") in talking to someone who doesn't talk back to me (much). Prayer seems so lopsided since we're not able to have a conversation with deity like we do with humanity.

But that's not the way of prayer. Prayer is not based on our senses, like seeing, hearing and feeling. Prayer is based on faith, and faith is not pie-in-the-sky but something substantial, a gift from God. Without faith it is impossible to please God.

While we don't get to hear God directly that often, there are moments when He drops something right into the heart. When those rare moments come, something shifts God-ward in our inner being. I'll bet you know that shift.

One of those came for me when I was on a spiritual retreat. Walking through field and forest in the upper Midwest, I was seeking God about why it was so hard for me to hear Him. That's when He downloaded a bit of truth right into my core:

"You'll hear me as you go."

I've walked in that truth ever since. My job is to get going, praying as I go, and He'll speak to me through the Scriptures, in circumstances He ordains, and by His peace confirming my path.

If you'll be honest with God and make your first prayer to Him a confession of your prayerlessness, you'll be pleasing Him and can expect to hearing back from Him. With that in mind, let us pray...



SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

Lt Col Chuck Shaw, USAF, (Ret)

The “Survivor Assistance Lessons Learned” articles are based on actual experiences for what to do or not to do to help getting through a tough time. However, when you lose someone just before, during or soon after a Holiday, that can make it even tougher to deal with. So, I thought I would pass on some tips that might help that I found on the websites of some of the caregiving organizations on dealing with grief of losing someone close at holiday season. For instance:

Set realistic expectations for yourself. Remind yourself that this year is different. Decide if you can still handle past responsibilities and expectations. Examine the tasks and events of celebrating and ask yourself if you want to continue them. Accept others’ offers to cook, shop, decorate, etc. Consider shopping by phone, Internet or catalog this year if you feel a need to avoid crowds or memories.

Surround yourself with people who love and support you. Share your plans with family and friends and let them know of changes in holiday routines. Memories can sometimes be a source of comfort to the bereaved, so share them by telling stories and looking at photo albums.

Despite the temptation, try to avoid “canceling” the holiday. It is OK to avoid some circumstances that you don’t feel ready to handle, but don’t isolate yourself. Make some time for solitude, remembering and grieving, but balance it with planned social activities.

Allow yourself to feel joy, sadness, anger – allow yourself to grieve. It is important to recognize that every family member has his/her own unique grief experience. No one way is right or wrong. Experiencing joy and laughter during a time of grief does not mean you have forgotten your loved one.

Draw comfort from doing for others. Consider giving a donation or gift in memory of your loved one. Invite a guest who might otherwise be alone for the holidays. Adopt a needy family during the holiday season.

The most important thing to remember is there is no right or wrong way to celebrate the holiday season after the death of a loved one. The best coping mechanism for the first holiday season is to plan ahead, get support from others and take it easy.

SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

Col Brent Baysinger, USAF Ret
SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION
TO CHANGE HANDS

It has been just over 3 years since I took the helm of the Scholarship Corporation from the very knowledgeable and loving hands of General “Bat” Masterson. While it might seem cliché to say that the time has flown by - it truly has! It takes some deliberate reflection to realize what all has changed in those three years. Nobody had heard of COVID in November of 2019, yet we had to adapt to the pandemic and perform our first ever Scholarship Awards presentation by Zoom. Despite the challenges, we still managed to award \$150,000 in scholarships to 30 deserving students! With the help of our stalwart investment partners at Generations Wealth Management, and with many generous donations from you, the membership of MOAACC, we have managed to grow the Scholarship fund by almost 20% in those same three years (despite some very turbulent economic times). A hearty congratulations to all who have given to ensure our ability to award these scholarships in the future! While I have truly enjoyed overseeing all of these wonderful events, I have also had changes in my primary job that have been forcing me to be absent more than I would like to be. For this reason, it is time to once again prove that the only thing constant is change!

Fortunately, we have a healthy stock of members in the corporation to pull from for a replacement. Lt Col (Ret) Joe Tichich has been a member of the Scholarship Corporation for longer than I have and has run the Selection Committee (arguably the most important function within the corporation) for most of that time, making him an ideal replacement to ensure continuity of operations. Please join me in welcoming Joe to the Head of the Table!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not make one last effort to solicit donations! As a reminder, Required Minimum Distributions can be donated directly to any 501(c)3 organization (including the Scholarship Corporation) without creating a taxable event. Also, including the Scholarship Corporation in your will during your annual update of important documents is a wonderful way to create a lasting legacy in your name. Donations can be made on the [MOAACC website](#) via credit card or by mailing a check to:

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Once again, thank you for your support and for making my job an easy and enjoyable one!



Mark Your Calendar!

JANUARY MOAACC LUNCHEON

Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF (Ret) Installation Ceremony Luncheon



Maj Gen Ed Wilson, USAF (Ret)

We will install our 2023 Chapter Officers and Directors, and present our 2022 Chapter Awards on Tuesday, 17 January, from 1130 in the afternoon to 1400. The luncheon will take place in Colony Hall in Indian River Colony Club. All members are encouraged to attend.

We are honored to have Maj Gen Ed Wilson,

USAF (Ret) as our installing officer. He is a former Commander of the 45th Space Wing and Director of the Eastern Range, responsible for the processing and launch of satellites from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. Maj Gen Wilson commanded at the squadron, group, wing and Numbered Air Force levels, and served on the staffs of Headquarters Air Force, Air Force Space Command, 24th Air Force, the National Reconnaissance Office, North American Aerospace Defense Command and the former U.S. Space Command.

He graduated from USAF Academy with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and went on to earn an M.S. in Electrical/Computer engineering from Northeastern University, and an M.A. from the USAF School of Advanced Airpower Studies. Following his retirement with over 30 years in the USAF, he served as a Senior Civilian Government Appointee as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy. He is currently the founder and CEO of Pinnacle Strategic Consulting, LLC.

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR LUNCHEON](#)

MOAACC On-The-Go Luncheon

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

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480 Cocoa Beach Causeway West (FL-520E)

Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Call Toni Lowe (321) 474-6889 for reservations.

SPACE COAST NAVY WIVES

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Our speaker will be Maryann Esenwein. Maryann will speak on growing up on an Osage Indian Reservation with her mixed Osage and white family.

Our menu choices are Mozzarella, Ham on Ciabatta sandwich with house fried chips or a Reuben Sandwich with house fried chips. For dessert we will have white cake.

For more information and to make reservations, call Rebecca Kersey at (207) 607-0006 no later than noon on Tuesday, January 17th.

Remember friends and family are always welcome.

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MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

CPT Donn Weaver, USA, Fmr, President GDF

December 2022 a groundbreaking month for Good Deeds Foundation:

Please read about some special Good Deeds Foundation Activities as 2022 wound down:

1. The Golf Fundraiser Tournament netted more than \$23,000 which is more than double the proceeds of any other GDF Golf event in our nine-year history of this major fundraiser. ([Photos and story - pages 10-12](#))
2. GDF won 211 Brevard's Community 2022 Superstar of the Space Coast Award surpassing several veteran category organizations in only the ninth year since GDF was founded.
3. Adding the Oct-Dec Grants to our FY 2022 totals, GDF provided more than \$110,000 to support active-duty military, veterans in distress, JROTC, and other Youth programs as well as other major 501c3's in Brevard like Space Coast Honor Flight, National Veterans Homeless Support and Wreaths Across America.

We appreciate support of many MOAACC Members in any amount as we hope to further improve in all areas in 2023. Happy New Year.

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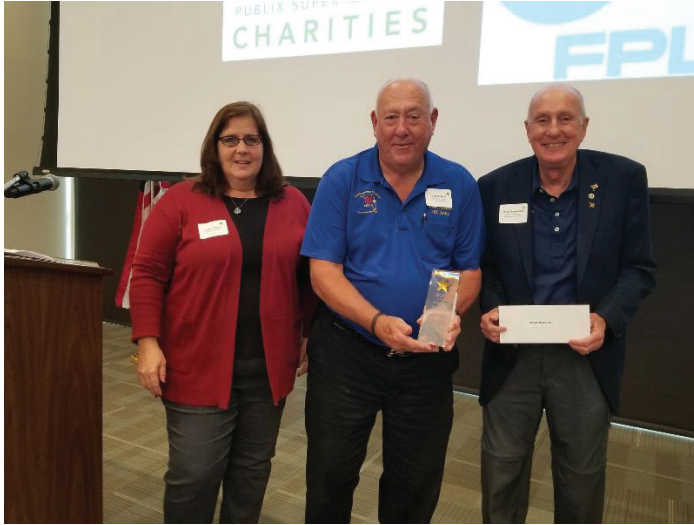
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MOAACC/Good Deeds Foundation Selected as 2022 Space Coast Superstar Winner



GDF Pres Donn Weaver (center), VP Mike Gautreaux (right) accept the award from Ms. Casey (left) on behalf of GDF Board and MOAACC



Greg Pallone (channel 13) as MC at the awards ceremony

On 02 December, the Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) (501c3) was recognized by 211 Brevard and its many corporate sponsors as the “Superstar” among three veteran related organization candidates at the 8th annual “Stars of the Space Coast” Ceremony with more than 150 attending. Greg Pallone of Channel 13 was the MC. GDF was awarded the Trophy and \$500.

The Veteran Services Award category this year was sponsored by CBRE/Imperial Plaza as their officer, Carla Casey, read off what GDF accomplished in 2022. This year GDF grants totaling more than \$110,000 were presented to support active-duty military units, especially junior enlisted families; JROTC and other Cadet organizations; veterans and their families facing housing and utilities hardship. As well as to many local organizations that support hundreds of veterans and their families, like Space Coast Honor Flight, Wreaths Across America, National Veterans Homeless Support, Brevard USO, Veterans Treatment Court and others.

The Superstar Award winners in various categories were:

- **Good Deeds Foundation of Military Officers Association of America Cape Canaveral Chapter** for the [CBRE/Imperial Plaza](#) Superstar Award for veterans services.
- **Brevard County Public Libraries** for the [Publix](#) Super Markets Charities All-Star Award for children’s services.
- **Housing for Homeless** for the [Florida Power & Light](#) Community Star Award for homelessness prevention.
- **Brevard CARES Mobile Response Team** for the [Space Coast Credit Union](#) Supernova Award for mental health support.

After hearing the GDF story, several major sponsors of the evening, including Florida Power and Light, reached out to offer potential support to GDF in 2023. Specifically, the FPL sponsor team offered to be a \$1000 sponsor for the GDF 10 Dec 2022 Military and Veteran Support Golf Tournament fundraiser and to examine a larger role in 2023.

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Golfing for Good Deeds

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Good Deeds Lead to Success on the Golf Course

By CPT Donn Weaver, USA (fmr)

For the past 9 years, the Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of MOAA has held a Golf Tournament to support the Veterans and active Military in Brevard County.

On 10 December 126 golfers competed for raffle and cash prizes, enjoyed a great barbecue lunch and many other “goodies” at the Cocoa Beach Country Club under beautiful skies and cooler weather.

The Named Sponsors: Royal Caribbean International/ Cruise Holidays of Viera, Silver Sponsors Craig Technologies and Erdman Motors led a group of 35 major and hole sponsors which helped net more than \$23,000 by the end of the day. The event included silent and live auctions and plenty of cash prizes for the top three teams as well as closest to the pin and longest drive. While nobody had a hole in one to walk away with the Mike Erdman Toyota prize, everyone enjoyed that they came, golfed and supported the causes of GDF.

While he could not attend this year due to a conflict, Sheriff Wayne Ivey was the Tournament’s Honorary Chairman.

More than thirty MOAACC and GDF members helped at the event. The GDF Golf Committee worked for past 8 months to ensure success. Special thanks to the staff of CBCC and Slow and Low BBQ of Cocoa Beach for a great lunch (leftovers of which made its way to the Cocoa Beach Fire Station).

During the past year the MOAACC/GDF has provided grants totaling almost \$110,000 to JROTC and both Cadet Programs; active-duty military units and service members and their families, facing hardships; and veterans in need as well as supporting numerous events for veterans and the public. In addition, GDF supports numerous major 501c3 local organizations in their missions including Space Coast Honor Flight, National Veterans Homeless Support, Wreaths Across America and many others.

Only days before the Golf Tournament, GDF was awarded the 2022 Superstar of the Space Coast in the Veteran Category by 211 Brevard and its board. Only eight years old, the GDF does have impact and looks for continued support in 2023 to do even more by carrying out their missions.

Details about the Golf event as well as GDF can be found at moaacc.org



See more photos on pages 10-11 & [Click Here](#)

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USCG Station Port Canaveral Sailor of the Quarter

Sailor of the Quarter, BM1 Taylor Geuting, is recognized for his high level of performance, positive attitude and dedication to duty. Standing extra duty to enhance search and rescue, maritime law enforcement and security. As Weapons Petty Officer he expertly coordinated preparation and recovery from Hurricane Ian with multiple Coast Guard units. In addition, he organized a variety of community morale events including the outstanding Coast Day Event that included over 200 members of the Coast Guard, government agencies, and community members.



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Florida Tech ROTC Panther Battalion Commissions four new Army Second Lieutenants

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New Army Lieutenants and speakers at the Florida Tech Commissioning Ceremony on December 16th. (L-R) LTC Jimmy Crook--Florida Tech Professor of Military Science; 2LT Jared Blanco; Florida Tech Interim President Robert King, J.D; 2LT Jonathan Shimer; Brigadier General John Dreska--Guest Speaker; 2LT Nathan Johnson; COL Steve Bond--USA Retired, Military Officers Association of America, MSG Alan Roche—Senior Military Science Instructor; and 2LT Julia Seibold. MOAACC presented the new Second Lieutenants with Gold Bar Commissioning Sets and membership in MOAA and the chapter

The Florida Institute of Technology Army ROTC Panther Battalion held their winter ceremony to commission four new Army Second Lieutenants on Friday, December 16th. The Commissioning Ceremony was held outdoors at the Florida Tech Panthereum with fellow cadets, friends, and families in attendance. The new Lieutenants took the commissioning oath of office and pinned on their new “gold bars”—the rank insignia of Second Lieutenants--in the ceremony. The new officers have also met the requirements to graduate from Florida Tech at the winter commencement. At the Commissioning Ceremony, the new officers heard messages from the Interim President of Florida Tech, Robert King, J.D. and Guest Speaker, Brigadier General John M. Dreska Jr, the Commander of the 311th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary) in Los Angeles, CA. Of note to chapter members, BG Dreska is the son of MG John Dreska and Lurana Dreska, a surviving spouse member of the chapter. The new Lieutenants were also congratulated by chapter member LTC Jimmy Crook, Florida Tech Professor of Military Science and COL Steve Bond, USA-Retired, MOAACC Past President.

The new Army Second Lieutenants, Florida Tech Graduates, and members of MOAA and the Cape Canaveral Chapter are:

- Jared Blanco—Jared is a graduate of Merritt Island High School and earned his B.S. degree at Florida Tech in Software Engineering. He was the cadet battalion commander and earned the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold. Jared will initially serve in the National Guard as a Cyber Officer.
- Nathan Johnson—Nathan graduated from High School in Fairfax, VA and earned his B.S. degree at Florida Tech in Mechanical Engineering and Mathematics. He also completed Air Assault School as a cadet. Nathan was commissioned as an Engineer Officer and will initially serve in the Army Reserves in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- Julia Seibold—Julia attended High School in North Carolina and earned a B.S. degree in Ocean Engineering from Florida Tech, where she was also on the Rowing Team. She was commissioned as an active-duty Engineer Officer and is awaiting her unit assignment.
- Jonathan Shimer—Jonathan graduated from Cocoa Beach High School and earned a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering at Florida Tech, where he was also the President of the Rugby Club. Jonathan was commissioned as a National Guard Ordnance Officer with assignment in Quincy, FL.

Additionally, MOAACC was represented by CAPT Steve Cusick, (USN-Retired) incoming 2nd Vice President who helped present the new officers with their “Gold Bar” commissioning sets on behalf of MOAA and the Cape Canaveral Chapter, as well as membership in MOAA and the chapter.



VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER UPDATE

Dean Schaaf and Donn Weaver

While November was busy with events at the Veterans Memorial Center, December included some good news and unique activities. Here are the VMC highlights that bode well for 2022:

- The County Approved the Final Plan and Schedule for Construction of the Amphitheater and earlier needed upgrades. Supporting utilities begin development in January and the Amphitheater Ground Breaking should take place NLT September 2023.
- Major improvements to the library, repainting all helicopters and other vehicles were completed and others advanced.
- A church donated \$12,000 to the VMC and other donations and rental proceeds picked up as the VMC gets busier.
- Stand Down to Stand Up planning resumed for even to be held 20-21 January 2023.



Visitors and TAPS from the VMC Museum Tower

Please consider visiting the VMC Museum and Center behind the Merritt Square Mall if you have not done so. MOAACC Members are encouraged and welcomed to join there as well and/or volunteer in the museum, library, store, for events, and more.

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United Way of Brevard Income Tax Assistance Program

By: Don Winterich

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The Palm Bay City Hall (120 Malabar Road, 32907); Wednesday and Thursday; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Salvation Army (1080 Hickory Street) in Melbourne 32901; Monday and Saturday; 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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- Social Security Benefits (SSA-1099)
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- Unemployment Income (1099)
- Self-Employment Income (1099-MISC & 1099-K)
- Child Care payments (Form 2441)
- Tuition Statement (Form 1098-T)
- Personal business expenses already itemized
- Market Place Health Insurance Forms (1095A)
- Bank information for Direct Deposit of tax refund or to Debit to pay amount owed.
- Copy of previous year tax return

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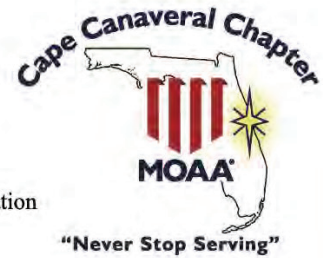
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GDF President Donn Weaver (left), GDF Treasurer Wayne Justice (right) presenting \$500 donation to President of the CFLUSAFA Parents Allen Deibert (center)

Every three years Parents of USAF Academy Cadets organize a Military Ball to honor the current group of cadets at all the Service Academies when they are home for Christmas break. This year the Good Deeds Foundation has joined with several other sponsors to help make the event a success.

The Ball will be held at the Cocoa Beach Hilton on 27 December. Among those attending, are future JROTC cadets and other high school students who interested in attending one of the National

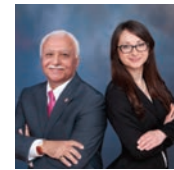
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Toys for Tots Big Success at VMC -2022

By: Donn Weaver, Chairman Brevard Veterans Council, VP
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Vinnie Howard and Bob Doyle on the right

The Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) is home base for The Brevard Marine Corps League Detachment. USMC Reserve units spearhead the annual Toys for Tots program throughout the country.

From late November until 22 December, when you came to the VMC you saw two big “Toys for Tots” boxes filling with unwrapped, donated toys for needy kids on the Space Coast for the 2022 Holiday Season. In fact, many understood that with the current economic pressures what many families are going through. Hence the toys this season would have been low on the priority list.

On 10 December all the toys collected in those Toys for Tots boxes at VMC were taken to Merritt Island Airport for a traditional fly-in to contribute to this annual event.

Back ON — VMC Sponsored Stand Down to Stand Up Tries Again

Last October when Hurricane IAN took our Cocoa National Guard soldiers away days before the Stand Down to Stand Up at the Cocoa Armory was scheduled, we had to regroup. Finally, we will try again to support likely 250 homeless and at risk Veterans and their families with close to that number in volunteers on 21 January at the Armory with set-up the afternoon prior. Check the poster. If you have not signed up to volunteer but would like to, please contact Jill or Donn per the poster. Look for a great story about the event in The February Issue.

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The China Marines on Okinawa

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC (ret)

The China Marines remained in Guam for nearly three weeks following the end of organized resistance. By 30 August 1944, all units of the regiment had embarked on the return trip to Guadalcanal. While some of its elements were still at sea, the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade was redesignated the 6th Marine Division (6th MarDiv).

The 6th MarDiv, newest of all combat units on Okinawa in April 1945 was the only Marine Corps division formed overseas in the Solomons in 1944. Despite being brand new, the 6th wasn't considered a virgin combat unit. Populated with both veterans, and green troops, the unit was untested, but filled with combat experience.



Okinawan refugees and retreating Japanese soldiers both sought shelter in Okinawa's many caves, creating difficult situations for American troops tasked with clearing them. US Marine Corps official photograph. The National WWII Museum, Gift of Dylan Utley, Accession #2012.019.491

The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, including the 4th Marine Regiment, around which it was built, were veterans of the campaign for Guam. Other combat veterans, including veterans of the 4th Marine Raider Battalion, filled the ranks and poured their hard-earned combat experience into the new troops before landing on Okinawa.

The unit received its baptism of fire near the Motobu Peninsula in April, and moved with such rapidity that it earned the Army's praise. The bloodied unit turned south to relieve the battered 27th Infantry Division that had worn itself to a frazzle at Kakazu Ridge earlier that month.

The 6th slipped into the lines in early May alongside their brothers in the 1st MarDiv, on the "Old Breed's" left flank, and pushed south, preparing to attack the Shuri Line. In front of the

6th MarDiv lay three small hills which were part of the Japanese defensive complex overlooking the open country that led straight up to the Japanese main line of resistance near Shuri Castle, the western anchor of the Shuri Line.

The crest of the first hill rose to a height of 230 feet, about 50 feet above the northern approaches to its slopes. Codenamed Sugar Loaf by the Marines, the other two small hills that were part of the defense complex were codenamed Half-Moon and Horseshoe. The unassuming little hills did not appear to be anything more than a bump in the road to the Marines.

Eight days later, they found out how wrong their assumptions were. While the defensive complex was no Mount Suribachi in terms of height, it was honeycombed with enemy positions. Interlocking fields of fire from each hill protected the slopes and approach to the others. Pre-registered artillery spots were gridded on Sugar Loaf's terrain, allowing any step by Marines to come under withering artillery fire. Machine gun positions were on Half-Moon and Horseshoe, while the real beast, Sugar Loaf, was pockmarked with concrete reverse slope positions that had to be eliminated one by one, by hand. (Next month: The China Marines still on Okinawa)



MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION - continued

A Beautiful Day and Way to Honor Veterans: Wreaths Across America 2022



What a wonderful Ceremony and perfect day at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (CCNC). More than 300 volunteers supported about 1500 visitors, over 850 cars, 50 motorcycles and 2 Semi Tractor Trailer Trucks in what was described by CCNC Director Ed Lyons, as the best organized and most impactful Wreaths Across America (WAA) Ceremony he had seen or heard about. Hundreds in the crowd said similar things in different ways.

Much of the credit is due to the core team of volunteers who work year round and to the large numbers who come to unload and stage the wreaths. They also set the scene after the traditional WAA Ceremony to make sure families of loved ones who rest at CCNC go first, but that volunteers are there to place a wreath and read the name of every veteran eligible. This year that meant 10,600 wreaths at CCNC. For seven years Betty Jo Green has led the WAA/CCNC effort since the cemetery opened. She will turn the Location Coordinator reigns and fundraising plans over to Bette Nelson after the wreaths are recovered on 07 January 2023.

Many, many veteran and youth organizations, as well as private companies and individuals come together every year to support WAA. This year, more than 3200 locations in the US and in the American Military Cemetery at Normandy France (100,000) held ceremonies as more than 3 million wreaths were placed at veteran's markers.

Besides CCNC, there are four other WAA Locations in Brevard County that have Other WAA Coordinators and volunteer teams. One of them, WAA of Brevard, is led by Dorothy Walsh, who is working with American Legion and VFW Posts to try to cover the more than 90 other cemeteries where veterans were laid to rest since 1846. WAA national in Maine notes Brevard County is perhaps the most active WAA area in the country, in terms of cemeteries covered.

The CCNC Ceremony held on 17 Dec at 1145 hours (Noon is the Scheduled time for WAA Ceremonies to be synchronized to happen around the country) included a number of MOAACC Members in the program and many others in attendance. The Good Deeds Foundation also contributed \$2,500 for the Ceremony which allowed 500 chairs, 6 golf carts, the sound system and much more to be rented and enhance the program.

Among MOAACC Members present, Wayne Justice and Tim Thomas were primary speakers; Donn Weaver was the event MC; Dan McIntyre, and Phil DaWalt (CO, USCG Station Port Canaveral) placed Ceremonial Service Wreaths, Joe Tichich worked behind the scenes and many others placed wreaths throughout the CCNC. Donn and Jeanne Weaver placed a wreath at the Monument to the Fallen along the Memorial Path.

Florida Today covered the event and pictures reflect the moment. If you are interested in joining WAA at CCNC or elsewhere in 2023, please contact Donn Weaver, Deputy WAA CCNC Coordinator on 757-871-6576.



Donn Weaver thanks Tom Fitzgerald who had the 1850's sale Caisson built to carry the Ceremonial Wreaths as he wears a replica 1846 US Army uniform.

Cocoa Beach HS Lady Raider Challenge Team Wins Florida State Title; Males finish Third



Alessandra Lane and Ella Walker led the Lady Raiders with team members Reagan Fish, Sophia Ricks, Ever Sills, Ally Tuggle, Katlyn Staddie, Vittoria Lane, Valerie Pruna, Olivia Espenschied, Elena Widick, and Elisabeth Wolverson

For many years MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation and the Veterans Memorial Center have been supporting all 15 Brevard County JROTC programs as well as five other cadet programs. That help has been in the form of using the Veterans Memorial Park and facilities, as well as funding for all trophies all nine events of the Raider Challenge, Drill and Air Rifle competitions (at Palm Bay and Rockledge High Schools). While GDF and VMC and others encourage and support approximately 2900 JROTC and other Cadets in Brevard, credit goes solely to them and their instructors/trainers when they finish, regardless at what level. Thus, celebrating their success.

During the weekend of 2-4 December, the Cocoa Beach JROTC Raiders competed at the Florida

JROTC Raider Championships and the Lady Raiders were once again the State Champions (State Champions in 2021) and our Male team placed third overall in a very competitive division (tier), as reported by JROTC Instructor LTC Jim DesJardin, USA, Ret.

Florida has 172 JROTC programs, with 78 competing at the State Championship. Our Female team bested every female team at the state championship regardless of tier placing. The Raiders compete in the toughest competition in high school, starting with a team 5K run, 100-meter team 400-pound tire flip, constructing a 60-foot rope bridge, running a 1-mile cross-country course with weighted equipment, and completing a fitness challenge of individually moving four 30 lb kettlebells over 50 meters.

The Lady Raiders show determination and resilience, and are some of the best athletes and students at the Cocoa Beach HS.



5K Run



Rope Bridge Construction

JROTC Air Rifle Competition Season Begins



JROTC Cadets firing in prone position

On 17 December, the first 2022-23 JROTC School Year Air Rifle Competition was held at Palm Bay HS.

Eight JROTC schools fielded 16 teams with 66 shooters. One Team came from Orange County.

Palm Bay Cadets took Veteran and New Shooter Team First places trophies. Congratulations to the JROTC Marines of Palm Bay Jr/Sr Magnet High School. They are the only Marine JROTC unit in Brevard. Cocoa Beach, Astronaut and Cocoa also did very well.

As for every JROTC meet of every type, the GDF provided all the trophies, medals and awards (\$400 in this case). While GDF supported Wreaths Across America at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery was occurring at the same time, Col Mike Gautreaux USMC, Ret. (vice pres. GDF) represented the MOAACC/GDF and helped present the awards. It was a great event and good way to begin the holidays and the next round of JROTC competitions.



*Mike is in the center with JROTC Lead Instructor
SgtMaj Roy DeYoung, USMC, Ret to his left*

Staying Connected with Fond Memories



Greg Phelps greets Donn Weaver in front of the Toys for Tots Tree

One of the most significant GDF donors of 2022 with over \$16,000 contributed as the family of Steve Phelps, a long time MOAACC member and supporter of GDF and the Scholarship Corporation. Readers may remember Steve died suddenly in early 2022 and his family asked friends, family and Stanley Morgan business associates to contribute to GDF in Steve's memory. Months later more than 60 people had done so for the amazing total above.

Steve's office is now in his son Greg's hands and MOAACC members were invited to a Holiday Open House in mid-December to support the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The family has not stopped serving. We will keep them in our thoughts and suspect future Phelps family support to MOAACC advertising and Golf Tournament Sponsorships will be on the horizon.

FPL Lights up Another Veteran Family Home:



Four Generations of the Trotter Family ages from 97 WWII vet to the youngest, age six, next to his great grandfather. Three generations of military service to our country from WWII to Afghanistan

For the past three years the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) MOAACC, and Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 453 at VMC has worked with Florida Power and Light (FPL) on a special Holiday Mission.

Tom Trotter was wounded in combat in Afghanistan and is medically retired from the USMC. He and his wife Rachel have three children and live near other family members, one of whom, age 97, is a WWII veteran.

On 28 Nov the home of Tom Trotter in Grant Valkyrie was decorated with hundreds of lights and many gifts for the family of five, all thanks to FPL. All were surprised when they returned from an outing to find the terrific decorations and gifts thanking Tom and his family for his service.

Trotter noted that his selection really represents all veterans and many are gratified by the FPL and so many other on the Space Coast that support the veterans.

The event was covered by TV Channel 2 and Florida Today.



Marine Santa stands watch



Gate Sign for Surprise



Welcoming the Trotter Family (right) home is FPL worker (left), Carl Miller MOPH (left-center) and Donn Weaver VMC/GDF (center)



The FPL Elves

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GDF has contributed nearly \$100,000 to these groups last year!

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On 10 December GDF President Weaver (l) and Treasurer Wayne Justice (r) present CFLAFA Parents President Allen Deibert with the funds to help support the Ball. Deibert not only has a USAFA cadet son, but has a CBHS junior JROTC Cadet son who is on their Raider Challenge Team which placed third in the State Meet in December. Naturally, the younger son is aiming for an Academy appointment as well. Deibert is shown here at the GDF Golf Tournament where he was a player supporting our fundraising effort.

Cadets Home for the Holidays

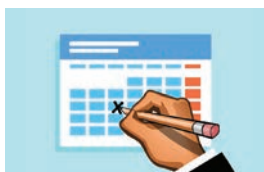
Every three years the Central Florida US Air Force Academy Parents Association sponsors a Military Ball for vacationing cadets from all Military Service Academies. Your Good Deeds Foundation found out about the Ball just recently, and quickly provided financial support and helped advertise the event.

This new GDF Mission ties into our September 2022 effort to bring almost 100 high school students into contact with Academy and ROTC Scholarship Reps at VMC. It was expected some of them and other high schoolers would also attend the Ball. They would thus have the chance to learn first-hand about current cadet experiences. Perhaps three years from now students we helped in September 2022, will be attending the next Ball.

The All Academies Military Ball was held at the Cocoa Beach Hilton on 27 December 1700-2100. Look for photos and more of this unique story in the February Intercom.

MOAACC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

- Florida Today carried an article and photos on Page A5 on Saturday naming MOAACC/Good Deeds Foundation as the Superstar Winner in our category. No members were named but a good way to start expanding the GDF brand in the community!!!
- "Mayfield Minute" (11Dec22 edition) which contains a nice "Constituent of the Week" article about our Chapter's own George Rosenfield.
- Article, "Without notice, Port Authority commissioners OK raise for lawyer" from Florida Today (12Dec22) that mentions Chapter member Wayne Justice.



Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar

January 2023 and Beyond

Contact VMC for any additions or other information.

NOTE: Some Events Change in-between our monthly mailing of the VMC Calendar.

Keep up to date with those changes using our web link:

<https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/other-veterans-events/>

07 Jan — Frogman Outdoors all expenses paid Bass Fishing Day for wounded or ill veterans 0600-1500 on Headwaters Lake in Fellsmere. Call Missy on 757-348-1569 for more information and to sign up. 20 Spots available.

20 - 21 Jan — The Central Brevard “Veteran Stand Down to Stand Up” (Formerly known as Stand Down) event will be held at the Cocoa Armory on 20 Jan (set up) and 21 Jan 2023 for the actual activity. Earlier Date of 07-08 Oct had to be scrubbed since FLARNG Unit called up to assist Ian recovery in SW Florida. As many as 250 homeless and at-risk veterans usually attend the event with more than that number of volunteers providing a wide range of services from the private sector, the VA, the Medical Community, charitable organizations, etc. The Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) is the primary organizer of the event, but partners with National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS), Volunteers of America, the Veterans Administration and dozens of others to help the program support many veterans in need. This event will focus on homeless and at-risk veterans and their families, while also matching the veterans with job options on the Space Coast. Contact BVC Council Chairman Donn Weaver 757-871-6576 for more information.

04 Feb — JROTC Drill Meet in Veterans Memorial Park (0700-1230)

05 Feb — Immortal Four Chaplains Ceremony 1400-1600 VMC Plaza and Gray Hall.

18 Feb — JROTC Drill Meet in Veterans Memorial Park (0700-1300)

23 Feb — Liberty Bell Museum Patriot Awards Dinner 1800-2100 Grand Manor Catering 1450 Sarno Road, Melbourne. Details follow to register and help honor local volunteers who support veterans in many ways.

25 Feb — Back Brevard Heroes Fundraiser in Veterans Memorial Park 0900-1700

01 Apr — American Legion AUX 344 annual Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Memorial Park 1300-1500

04 Mar — JROTC Drill Meet in Veterans Memorial Park District Championship (0700-1300)

18 Mar — Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution 1000-1300 VMC Plaza, Museum and Gray Hall

07 May — Back Brevard Heroes Festival to honor First Responders and Veterans, VMC Plaza, Gray Hall and Park 0930- 1400.

20 May — Space Coast Military and Family Appreciation Day and BBQ — On Armed Forces Day 2023, From 1500-1900 at the VMC and Park. Featuring CW Award winning singer Rocky Lynne!!!! “Heroes Come from Small Towns” and “Proud to Be a Soldier: Active-duty unit displays, music, food, kids’ games, many special activities to honor our active duty forces and their families who eat free. Co-sponsored by CBRCC MAC, VMC and Military Recruiters.

29 May — Memorial Day Remembrance VMC 0930-1030

03 Jun — Annual Courageous Division NSCC Sea Cadet Awards Ceremony, VMC Gray Hall and Library 0800-1500

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and advise of any new events.*

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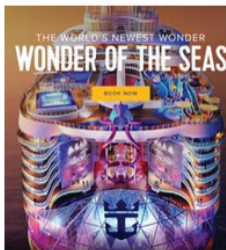
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