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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Rosa M. Reich, Capt, USAF (Former)

It is hard to believe 25 years have passed since our nation was attacked. An entire generation has been born since that day; for them, TSA lines at the airport and Real ID requirements for bus travel are simply normal parts of life.

Every generation faces a defining moment—a call to action whose response shapes not only that day, but the future of our nation. Within our chapter we have members who answered our nation's call to bring those who planned and supported the attack to justice. Some members lost friends or family members in the Global War on Terror.

We owe immeasurable gratitude to all who have risked life and limb since that day. As we pause to remember where we were that day and how we felt, let us also honor those who perished on 9/11 and in the years since, along with the families who continue to carry their loss.



EDITOR'S NOTE

Col John M. Franco, USAF (Ret)

Our monthly newsletter, *The Intercom*, both print and digital versions, informs members of events that have recently happened and those scheduled for the near future. It keeps members abreast of current issues of prime importance to the goals and objectives of the chapter. It also is the main way our chapter communicates with the public, the Florida Council of Chapters and the MOAA headquarters in Washington, DC.

Ads are an important part because the revenue helps defray the cost of producing *The Intercom*. However, the information is in the articles and photos that you supply each month. Therefore, it is important that they both adequately and accurately “tell the story.” I encourage all members to take pictures of events they attend and submit a short article of what the event is all about. If the photo is of members posing for a picture, please provide the names. If it is a large group such as an audience or luncheon, try not to get the backs of people. Also, if its for a pose as done for our scholarship winners, take two or three pics to make sure people are smiling, facing the camera/phone and don't have their eyes closed.

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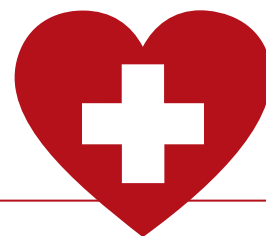
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- 9/3 Current Affairs Forum - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 9/8 On-The-Go Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Carrabba's Italian Grill
- 9/10 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 9/12 MOAACC Picnic - 8 AM
@ Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
- 9/12 Association of Former Intelligence Officers
Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Double Tree Hotel, Indialantic
- 9/15 MOAACC B.O.D. Mtg. - 9:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, Chapel
- 9/15 MOAACC Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, Colony Hall
- 9/17 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 9/24 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 9/25 8th Annual Tuskegee Airmen
Golf Tournament - 7:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club
- 9/25 Joint Military Ball - Honoring 250 Years of the
United States - 5:30 PM
@ Apollo/Saturn V Center, Titusville
- 9/26 Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Event - 3:30 PM
@ Azan Temple, Melbourne

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

John R. McMahon, BG, USA (Retired)

Another Recess

The Congress is in the middle of another recess, this one is a 5-week summer break, which ends on 31 August for the House (began on 24 July) and on 14 September for the Senate (began on 9 August). This is a curious offset of dates which only goes to show that the House and the Senate operate under different rules even though both are led by Republicans. One pressing piece of business for both chambers is the need to avoid another potential government shutdown after 30 September when the current set of appropriations expires. Since the House had already passed an extension in July (through 4 December), the ball was in the Senate's court where a last-minute compromise was negotiated and passed as another Continuing Resolution (CR). The compromise was approved overwhelmingly by a 90-6 vote in the Senate and would extend funding at current levels past the upcoming elections through 11 December. However, the compromise involved financing several requests from the White House including funds for housing and nutrition programs and extension of expiring veterans' health care programs as well as a controversial measure to block the White House from giving political appointees more control over federal grants. Since these were not included in the House version, the House must now take up the measure upon its return from its recess and negotiate a unified compromise in conference committee. So, for the time being, the possibility of another government shutdown after 30 September continues.

Every once in a while, I find myself going back to my Citizenship 101 handbook to figure out why what happened happened. In this case, it was to understand how the 21st Century Road to Housing Act, a "landmark" housing bill aimed at boosting the supply of housing in the face of an acute shortage across the country and supported overwhelmingly in both the House and the Senate, became law on 11 July. The President chose to withhold his signature rather than issue a formal, outright presidential veto, in protest of not getting his unrelated SAVE America Act passed in the Senate. With a flood of bipartisan support in the House (358-32) and the Senate ((85-5), numbers that far exceed the two-thirds supermajority required to overcome a veto, the bill became law automatically, without a signature nor an override vote, after 10 days under Article 1, Section 7 of the Constitution. So be it.

Meanwhile, before its recess, the Republicans unveiled their \$150 Billion spending framework to fund the ongoing Iran War and impose tougher restrictions on voting but

this effort was short-lived and deferred until the Senate reconvenes in September. The SAVE America Act, which the President strongly supports, lacks enough support to pass, according to Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD). The Senate's \$150 Billion tracks with a \$95 Billion plan approved last month by the House as both would allot \$60 Billion to the Pentagon, which faces an urgent budget shortfall, and \$13 Billion for intelligence needs related to the war; it would also provide \$12 Billion for farmers struggling to keep pace with inflation.

While the delay in considering these measures will give Republicans time to revise their plan and win over several skeptical senators, the budget framework is the first step in the reconciliation process, which would allow Republicans to evade a Democratic filibuster and move the bill with a simple majority instead of 60 votes. However, both chambers must approve identical budget frameworks to set funding levels before beginning work on the actual legislation — and time is running out before the midterms. After it returns, the Senate is scheduled to be in session for only three weeks before recessing again. Perhaps, kicking the can down the road (again) is not the best strategy. They certainly have "miles to go before they sleep".



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FINANCIAL LITERACY

CAPT Bob Houle, USCG (Ret.)

What Happens If You Live Too Long?

Part 1: The Invisible Threat

You survived the battlefield, built a nest egg, and retired. Mission accomplished—right?

Not quite. The rules of engagement have changed. Welcome to the era of longevity.

Retirement is no longer a short victory lap. It may last 20, 30, or even 40 years. That creates a new challenge for the MOAACC community, including retired officers, active-duty members, surviving spouses, and younger military families.

For decades, financial education focused on budgeting, investing, insurance, and debt management. Those skills remain essential, but they are no longer enough. Today, we also need **longevity literacy**—a realistic understanding of how long we may live and how that possibility should shape our financial decisions.

Most Americans are not good at estimating life expectancy. TIAA Institute research found that more than half of U.S. adults have an inaccurate understanding of how long people generally live. Only 37 percent demonstrate strong longevity knowledge. Women fare somewhat better than men—43 percent compared with 32 percent—but most of society is still planning with incomplete information.

The danger is simple: If you prepare for 15 years of retirement but live for 30, the consequences can be severe.

A longer life means more years of ordinary expenses, more exposure to inflation, and a greater likelihood of substantial healthcare or long-term-care costs. Purchasing power can erode quietly over decades, while the most expensive years may arrive near the end of life.

Financial literacy without longevity literacy may leave you with a sound plan built for the wrong timeline. Longevity literacy without financial literacy may help you understand the timeline but leave you without the resources to manage it.

The objective is to align your **wealth span** with your **life span**—and, as closely as possible, your **health span**.

In Part 2, we will examine practical steps for preparing for this two-front financial challenge.

And never stop serving.

POINTS TO PONDER

Rev. Dr. Kenneth V. Lewis (LCDR, CHC, USN, Ret.)

I Remember

Remembrance is a powerful and mindful activity that can even be spiritual. I remember getting off the white bus in June of 1978 at Recruit Training Command in Orlando, Florida, and encountering Chief Petty Officers with red “ropes” on their khaki uniforms who spoke to the new recruits in the most unique and interesting vocabulary. I also remember that as a Second-Class Hospital Corpsman, in September of 1986, raising my right hand and taking an oath, and becoming a commissioned officer, a newly minted Navy chaplain.

I also remember returning from a Combined Arms Exercise on September 10, 2001, and getting a call the next morning (9/11/2001) stating that the U.S. was under attack and that a meeting of the Marine Aircraft Group Principal staff was set for 1100, and I should be present, even though we were on a 96-hour liberty after returning from deployment. The Air Station was on high security alert. The Military Police were wearing flak jackets and armed with upgraded weaponry, and as far as we knew, America was at war. That day had a profound effect on our nation. I remember the towers collapsing, the attack of the Pentagon, and the sacrifice of those aboard United Flight 93. Many had been killed and injured on that day. A “Let’s Roll” call to duty echoed across America,

I also remember leaving the USS Saipan (LHA-3) in the Spring of 2003, by means of a CH 53E helicopter and entering Iraq with Marines and Sailors of Marine Aircraft Group 29. Not all those who made their way to Iraq aboard the USS Portland (LSD-37) and the USS Saipan, ships in which I served as chaplain during the journey across the Atlantic Ocean, the Med, the Suez Canal, and eventually into the North Arabian Gulf, returned home with us. Some of these Marines and Sailors died or were wounded. I remember faces, names, shipmates, and fellow warriors who served their country well, some giving their “last full measure.” I remember.

The Hebrew Bible presents remembrance as more than mentally recalling past events. This kind of remembrance brings defining moments in history back to life, helping people grasp their substance, magnitude, and significance in a personal way. When Jewish believers celebrate a Passover Seder, they remember the powerful story of liberation from slavery and the birth of a people. The Seder liturgy is more than recollection; it is participation in the story, making it personal and meaningful.

As people who have served our nation as leaders, it is our duty to remember. We must remember the service and sacrifice of our sisters and brothers who protected our nation. We must certainly remember those who gave all, and those who gave of themselves to make our lives better and more secure. I remember. We remember, and we have the responsibility to ensure that our nation remembers.

HEALTHY LIVING

CAPT (ret) Rita Shapiro, MA, DPT

Healthy Aging

To age healthy, we must strive to keep both our brains and bodies active. Research has increasingly demonstrated that a combination of physical and brain activity can prevent cognitive decline.

Here are a few simple activities to practice to challenge both the body and the brain simultaneously:

Standing on one leg with your eyes closed: Research informs that this type of balance may provide valuable insight into healthy aging and cognitive function. Balance appears to reflect how efficiently multiple parts of the nervous system are communicating with each other.

Dual-Task Walking: Walk while counting backward by threes, reciting every other letter of the alphabet, or naming animals. The brain must divide its attention between movement and thinking, making this a useful way to challenge executive function.

Word Recall: Read or hear three to five unrelated words, wait five minutes without writing them down, and see how many can be remembered. This exercises short-term memory and recall.

Reaction Time: Notice if you are responding more slowly during sports, driving, or everyday activities than you once did.

Learning New Skills: One of the best indicators of cognitive health is the ability to continue learning. So, try new technology, learn a language, take a cooking class, or learn to play musical instrument. All of these require the brain to build new neural pathways.

Grip Strength: Research has consistently shown that grip strength is associated with healthy aging, mobility, and even cognitive health. While it's not a direct measure of brain function, declining grip strength can sometimes reflect broader changes in overall health. Work to open jars, bottle caps.

Squeeze a stress ball throughout the day.

Source: National Society of Health Coaches

250 Years Ago This Month (Sep 1776)

LTC Hans F. Hunt, U.S. Army (Ret)



The **Battle of Harlem Heights** was fought during the New York and New Jersey campaign of the American Revolutionary War. The action took place on September 16, 1776. The Continental Army, under Commander-in-chief General George Washington, Major General Nathanael Greene, and Major General Israel Putnam, totaling around 9,000 men, held a series of high ground positions in upper Manhattan. Immediately opposite was the vanguard of the British Army totaling around 5,000 men under the command of Major General Henry Clinton.

An early morning skirmish between a patrol of Knowlton's Rangers and British light infantry pickets developed into a running fight as the British pursued the Americans back through woods towards Washington's position on Harlem Heights. The overconfident British light troops, having advanced too far from their lines without support, had exposed themselves to counter-attack. The outnumbered British retreated.

Meeting reinforcements coming from the south and with the added support of a pair of field pieces, the British light infantry turned and made a stand in open fields on Morningside Heights. The Americans, also reinforced, came on in strength and there followed a lengthy exchange of fire. After two hours, with ammunition running short, the British force began to pull back to their lines. Washington cut short the pursuit, unwilling to risk a general engagement with the British main force, and withdrew to his own lines. The battle helped restore the confidence of the Continental Army after suffering several defeats. It was Washington's first battlefield success of the war.



MOAACC Five Things

MOAACC Five Things is published every other Monday to inform our Members of:

- Legislation and actions affecting the military, veterans and their family members;
- What we are doing locally for the military, veterans and their families; and,
- Upcoming chapter social activities and events.

 Mark Your Calendar!

Save the Dates for Upcoming MOAACC 2026 Events:

(See our website events calendar for details)

12 September 2026: MOAACC Picnic at BVMC

7 November 2026: GDF 2026 VyStar Veterans Recognition Dinner

17 November 2026: MOAACC Luncheon & Annual Member Business Meeting

11 December 2026: MOAACC Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

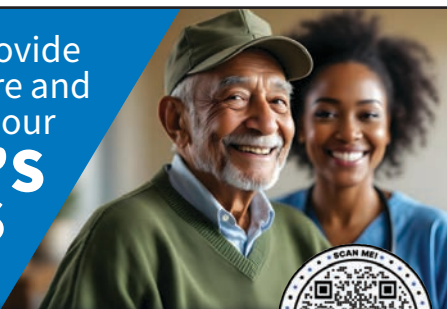
15 December 2026: Annual Spouse & Surviving Spouse Christmas Tea

10 January 2027: 2027 Installation Banquet

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—	Cheng	Richard	Captain	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	06/19/2026
Dave Kobey	Cooley	Stephen	Captain	Air Force	Regular	Former	Annual	06/25/2026
Rick Mariani	Dickens	Charles	LTC	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	06/18/2026
—	Henderson	Lorette	Mrs	Surviving Spouse	Other	Surviving Spouse	Surviving Spouse (Aux)	06/25/2026
—	Koski	Stephen	CPT	Army	Other	Former	Annual	07/09/2026
—	Laferte	Yvonne	Mrs	Surviving Spouse	Other	Surviving Spouse	Surviving Spouse (Aux)	07/12/2026
Rick Mariani	Morgan	Jonathan	CW3	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	07/04/2026
Dan McIntyre	Aloisi	Jacob	LT	Coast Guard	Regular	Active	Annual	08/07/2026
Dan McIntyre	Axelsson	Mikael	LT	Coast Guard	Regular	Active	Annual	08/07/2026
Cheri Hawes	Croskey	Christine	Lt Col	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	08/06/2026
—	Dodds	Charles	Colonel	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	07/23/2026
—	Livingston	Ashley	2LT	Army	National Guard	Active	Annual	07/21/2026
Dan McIntyre	Massell	Edward	ENS	Coast Guard	Regular	Active	Annual	08/07/2026
Dan McIntyre	McGaughan	Sean	LCDR	Coast Guard	Regular	Active	Annual	08/06/2026
—	Penney	Robert	CWO3	Coast Guard	Regular	Retired	Annual	08/06/2026
—	Watson	Dennis	CW3	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	07/24/2026

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TAPS

Nancy Kachenmeister
July 19, 2026

Major Marlin "Butchie" Jacobs
August 4, 2026

Mollie Sandberg, Surviving Spouse
August 5, 2026

Richard "Lovi" Lovisone
August 13, 2026



Current Affairs Forum



L-R: Talia Bryant, Technician; MOAACC President, Rosa Reich; Dr. Lindsay Eatman; Dr. Joseph Walden; Dr. Scott Fairchild

Treatment For Post Traumatic Stress Disorder(PTSD)

Col John M. Franco, USAF (Ret)

August's Forum dealt with the serious disease, PTSD, which affects many in the military, especially those who have been in combat situations. Staff members from Baytree Behavioral Health discussed the background, source and treatments for PTSD. Their organization provides neuropsychological testing and full assessment of injuries or disease in the brain which can lead to other bodily disorders. The overwhelming majority of the clients they serve are military active/retired, veterans, reservists and dependents. They also mentioned that veterans are offered free assessments at their facility in Melbourne. Their website is: <https://baytreebehavioralhealth.com>

Speakers Bureau - Veterans Back to Class

Col John M. Franco, USAF (Ret)

MOAACC member Colonel Lee Wyatt, US Army (Ret), recently gave a historical presentation at One Senior Place in Viera. He talked about Eli Whitney, Andrew Jackson and Former First Lady Sarah Polk. He also shared about "The Other Gettysburg Address" comparing Abraham Lincoln's 270 word speech compared to the 13,000+ word speech by the loquacious orator, Edward Everett.



WE REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

We Remember

Col John M. Franco, USAF (Ret)

Twenty-five years have passed since September 11, 2001, yet the events of that day remain deeply etched in the memories of millions of people around the world. For those of us old enough to remember the day of the JFK assassination, you know what I mean. For those who lived through it, 9/11 is remembered not only through violent and chaotic images of tragedy and destruction, but through the stories of ordinary people who showed extraordinary courage.

A quarter-century later, remembering 9/11 means more than looking back; it means honoring the lives that were lost, recognizing the military sacrifices in Iraq and Afghanistan that followed, and reflecting on the resilience of those who rebuilt their lives and communities.

Twenty-five years after that tragic day, we remember with sorrow, gratitude, and hope. We remember the people, the courage, and the profound sense of humanity that emerged amid unimaginable loss. And we recommit ourselves to ensuring that their stories—and the lessons of September 11—are never forgotten.

MOAACC August Luncheon Guest Presentation



Col Chatman and MOAACC President
Rosa Reich



Bayside High School NROTC Color Guard (l-r) Davens Francillon, Elaina Rivera, Danica Cole, Jeremiah Kelley



Colonel Chatman

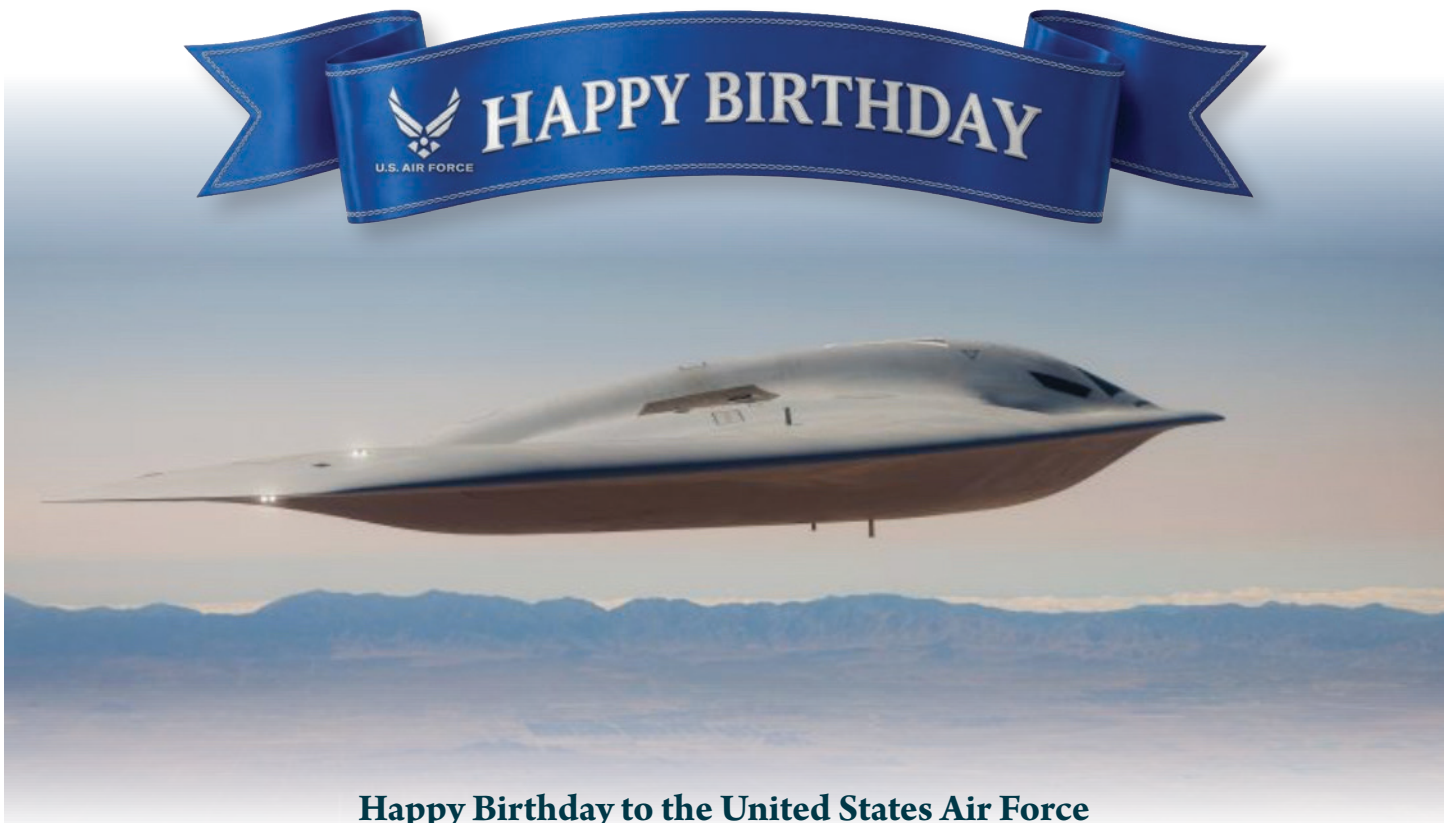


Luncheon attendees

Our speaker for the August luncheon was Colonel Brian Chatman, the Space Launch Delta 45 installation commander and the Director of the Eastern Range at Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, Florida. As the SLD 45 commander, he runs the world's busiest spaceport. He presented a highly informative presentation on the US Space Force mission, the specific mission SLD 45 has at Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. His outstanding use of static graphics and embedded launch videos added much to his extemporaneous remarks. He talked about 2025 being a historic year totaling 109 orbital launches with a record of three launches in 24 hours and 39 minutes and four launches in 36 hours. He also mentioned that Patrick SFB supported more than 17,000 sorties and executed 12 Special Operations Forces paratroops. Colonel Chatman talked about the "Spaceport of the Future" with its goals of establishing infrastructure redundancy and resiliency and supporting a launch every day in the near future.



Why space matters



Happy Birthday to the United States Air Force

Col John M. Franco, USAF (Ret)

Honoring the People Behind the Mission

Beyond its advanced aircraft, satellites, and technology, the enduring legacy of the United States Air Force rests with its people. Air crews, missileers, controllers, maintainers, and all support personnel work with discipline and expertise to ensure the nation can respond to crises anywhere in the world within hours.

From Army Air Forces to an Independent Service

Until the establishment of the U.S. Space Force in 2019, the Air Force was the youngest branch of the U.S. military. Its creation was shaped in large part by the visionary leadership of General Henry “Hap” Arnold, who laid essential groundwork during World War II as commanding general of the Army Air Forces.

Arnold understood that airpower was more than a support function for ground forces. He saw it as a strategic capability that could help win wars through long-range bombing, air superiority, and rapid global reach. His influence extended beyond the battlefield as he pressed for organizational and political recognition of airpower within the War Department. Those efforts helped pave the way for the National Security Act of 1947, which established the U.S. Air Force as an independent service.



A Legacy of Enduring and Future Airpower

Although the Air Force is among the youngest military services, it continues to operate one of America’s most enduring weapons systems: the B-52 Stratofortress bomber. First entering service in the 1950s, the B-52 remains a central part of U.S. airpower, alongside aircraft such as the KC-135 tanker, which also joined the Air Force inventory during that era. (While I’m on the subject of aircraft age, the F-35, our newest fighter until the F-47 arrives, is already 13 years old.)

Together, the latest addition to the fleet, the B-21, and the B-52 are expected to form the backbone of the future bomber force. The B-21 will bring modern stealth, survivability, and advanced sensing to highly contested environments, while the B-52 will continue to provide proven range, payload capacity, and reliability for broader mission sets. Their complementary “high-low” pairing will allow the Air Force to match aircraft capabilities to mission requirements while preserving flexibility across future operations.

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MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

CPT Donn Weaver, USA (Former) – President, Good Deeds Foundation

GDF Wants YOU as We gear Up for our Fundraiser and New Year

Your Good Deeds Foundation is maintaining quite a pace as the summer closes.

- On 5 August we spoke with all 28 JROTC Instructors about our support for the coming year and presented them a total of \$49,000 (\$3500 each) to help jump start the new year.
- We finalized our program for the 7 November VyStar GDF Veterans Recognition Dinner at the Melbourne Rialto Hilton 1700-2030. See the updated posters.
- GDF provided an Impact Sponsorship and had a table at the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) annual dinner. The grant covering all of 2027 to help prevent veteran family homelessness totals \$10K which means GDF will be the highlight supporter at the NVHS 8 Nov 5K in Eau Gallie.
- We provided support to the 25th Annual 9/11 Commemoration, the all Military Ball at KSC and other Fall events in the veteran and active-duty community.

Now, why GDF Needs YOU and more MOAACC Members:

- We have 11 unsold tables at the VRD on 7 Nov and ask that you and your friend purchase a table and perhaps leave a few of the 10 seats for JROTC Instructors and other special guests. Please scan or check the website per posters below.
- Please consider joining the GDF Board in 2027. We have 3-4 positions available since some of our members are facing their own transitions and we want to create a Board that will generate continuity in leadership in the coming years.

Contact Donn Weaver (757-871-6576, donnweaver2020@gmail.com) or any other GDF Board member for more information. We hope for sign-ups from September until the end of the year and would welcome possible newcomers to sit in on our monthly meetings. (1 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov 08 Dec).

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MOAACC and Others Support USCG Birthday and Family Day Celebration

On a hot Tuesday, 4 August, at the US Coast Guard Station in Port Canaveral, more than 130 members of the veteran and business community supported over 250 USCG members and their families at a dual celebration to mark the birthday and family day of this unique service. Your MOAACC and our Good Deeds Foundation were well represented as Jose Prieto and others set up our canopy and spoke to dozens of visitors, including several prospective new members.

GDF provided substantial funding to AVET whose volunteers provided free food and drinks and USO which offered snacks and materials for the kids. Other tents included the Viera VA, VFW 10131 of Cape Canaveral (which has many MOAACC Members as well), American Legion, etc.

Both USCG cutters were in port so a record crowd from the various units stationed at Port Canaveral made the effort from the community even more worthwhile. Happy Birthday to the US Coast Guard and thanks for your and your families' service to our homeland.



MOAACC members at USCG Birthday/Fun Day Picnic
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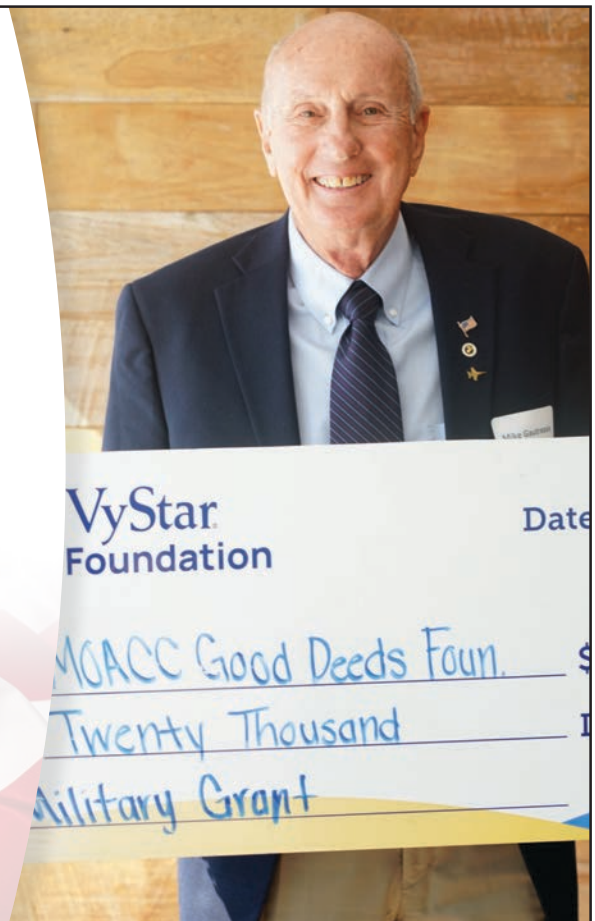
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Future Military Physician Leaders Complete Summer Military Training

**By: Lillian Marie McBee Leite, Former Surface Warfare Officer,
U.S. Navy Current Chief, U.S. Navy via HSCP, MOAACC Member**

Military medicine gained three stronger future physicians this summer as the founding student leaders of the inaugural Student Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons (SAMOPS) chapter at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine–Florida Campus completed their respective military training programs. All three student doctors are new members of the Military Officers Association of America Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) and are working closely with chapter leadership to help ensure the long-term success and sustainability of Burrell's newly established SAMOPS organization.

President 2LT Amanda Del Moral (U.S. Army), Vice President 2LT Karla McElheran (U.S. Army), and Secretary 2LT Fiorella Nason (U.S. Air Force) returned to campus after developing the leadership, resilience, and teamwork expected of future military medical officers.

Del Moral and McElheran completed the Army's Direct Commission Course (DCC) and Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC) in Oklahoma and Texas. Del Moral described learning to push beyond perceived limits while

Congratulations to these student doctors for successfully completing their summer training!



2Lt Nason- Air Force



2Lt Del Moral- Army
2LT McElheran - Army

Pictured are 2LT Fiorella Nason (U.S. Air Force, OTS), 2LT Amanda Del Moral (U.S. Army, DCC/BOLC), and 2LT Karla McElheran (U.S. Army, DCC/BOLC). OMS-III, Burrell College of Osteopathic

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discovering the power of trust, teamwork, and camaraderie during demanding missions. McElheran reflected that the experience taught her military medicine begins at the front lines and continues throughout a service member's journey home.

Nason completed Air Force Officer Training School (OTS) in Alabama, where she learned that maintaining physical readiness is not simply about meeting fitness standards but about remaining prepared to rescue and care for Airmen and civilians whenever duty calls.

Together, these experiences have strengthened the leadership of Burrell's newly established SAMOPS chapter. Working alongside MOAACC mentors and leaders, the organization aims to create a lasting military medicine community by promoting mentorship, leadership development, service, and professional growth for future military physicians. As the inaugural leadership team, Del Moral, McElheran, and Nason are committed to building a sustainable organization that will continue serving Burrell students for years to come.



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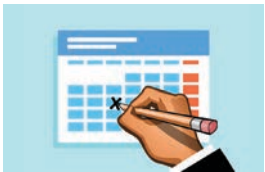
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Unofficial Brevard VMC Veteran Events Calendar

September 2026 & Beyond

NOTE: Some Events change in between our monthly mailing of the BVMC Calendar. Keep up to date with those changes using our web link:

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

SEPTEMBER

11 Sep — 25th Annual Commemoration of the attacks on America on 9/11/2001 sponsored by Club 1013 and BVMC. (1700-1830) In the new Park /Amphitheater. The ceremony will include several speakers who witnessed 9/11 attacks firsthand as well as somber reflections in music and patriotism.

12 Sep — Space Coast Honor Flight #4 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. Starts at 0400 hours at Melbourne International Airport Main Terminal with Welcome Home set 2030 hours same evening. Come out and honor these veterans, some from the Korean War era and their guardians that will travel with them. Many veteran organizations and community groups support this amazing program. MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation funds FIT ROTC cadets and veterans in the VA sponsored FIT Psych PhD program to serve as guardians throughout the year. Contact schf.org for more information and to sign up on the waiting list for both honorees and guardians.

6 Sep — Special Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Dinner and Celebration sponsored by the Vietnam Exhibit Project led by Ben Bydalek, Azon Temple, 1591 W Eau Gallie Blvd, Melbourne. The event starts at 1530. FREE dinner 1630 -1730 with other events until 2000. VVA Chapter 1096 co-sponsor. Contact Ben for more info. thenamwar@yahoo.com

OCTOBER

3 Oct — JROTC Raider Challenge Meet #1 at BVMC Park and Amphitheater. (0630- 1230)

10 Oct — Medal of Honor BBQ, craft fair, specialty car show, music, food trucks and more. Contact BVMC VP Don Pearsall for more information. (1000-1600). Veteran organizations are invited to set up displays. Proceeds to be used to help fund the new Brevard Medal of Honor 501c3 Project.

17 Oct — Space Coast Honor Flight #5 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Washington, DC. Starts at 0400 hours at Melbourne International Airport Main Terminal with Welcome Home set 2030 hours same evening. Come out and honor these veterans, some from the Korean War era and their Guardians that will travel with them. program. MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation funds FIT ROTC cadets and veterans in the VA sponsored FIT Psych PhD program to serve as guardians throughout the year. Contact schf.org

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31 Oct — JROTC Raider Challenge Meets #2 at BVMC Park and Amphitheater. (0630-1230)

NOVEMBER

7 Nov — Annual St Francis Hospice 5K Run for Veterans at the new Veterans Memorial Park Amphitheater and Plaza, 0730- 1130. Includes vendors, awards, veteran pinning as SFH raises funds for their "We Honor Veterans Program" throughout the County all year.

7 Nov — Third Annual Cape Canaveral Veterans Day Parade sponsored by VFW Post 10131. Starts and Ends near the Cape Canaveral City Hall at 1111 Hours until 1330. Includes music, vendors, food, and more.

7 Nov — Second Annual VyStar MOACC Good Deeds Foundation Veterans Recognition Dinner Fundraiser at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto, 1700-2000, to recognize veteran organizations, projects and individuals who have made major contributions on the Space Coast 2025-26. Keynote Speaker is US Congressman Mike Haridopolos, with Clerk of Courts Rachel Sadoff as MC and Sheriff Wayne Ivey as Auctioneer. Sign up to sponsor tables or reserve seats at moaacc.org

8 Nov — Home Stretch 9th Annual 5K sponsored by National Veterans Homeless Support in the Eau Gallie Arts District with the start at 0800 hours. Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/homestretch5k>

11 Nov — Veteran Day Events at BVMC (0930-1030) and many other locations in the county. Details in September.

14 Nov — JROTC Raider Challenge Meet #3 for District Championship at BVMC Park and Amphitheater (0630-1300) NOTE: State Championships on 12 Dec.

DECEMBER

5 Dec — Annual Merritt Island Grand Illumination sponsored by CAMI and BVMC 1500- 2000 at BVMC Amphitheater Park and Plaza. More details in September.

11-12 Dec — 2026 Superintendent's Cup Brevard County JROTC Air Rifle Championships at Palm Bay jr/Sr Magnet High School Shooting Range Building 0800-1700 each day. This event is a qualifier for the State Championships.

19 Dec — Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery and other Brevard locations. CCNC 0800 -1030 for family and friends, 1030 - 1100 to lay wreaths and 1100-1130 for the Ceremony at the Flag Assembly Area. Details in September.

MOAACC/Good Deeds Foundation Members Participate in Successful Fundraiser for Homeless Veterans

Photos Courtesy of Amir Pishdad



*Cynthia Watkins-Pishdad sings the National Anthem
next to MC Dana Blikley*



*MOAACC Table (l-r) : Larry and Lynda Jackson; Hans and Sabrina Hunt, Dan and Mary McIntyre, Donn Weaver, Dean SchAAF
(Photo courtesy of Amir Pishdad with apologies to Larry and Dean)*



*Almost 500 enjoying dinner
and contributing lots of money*



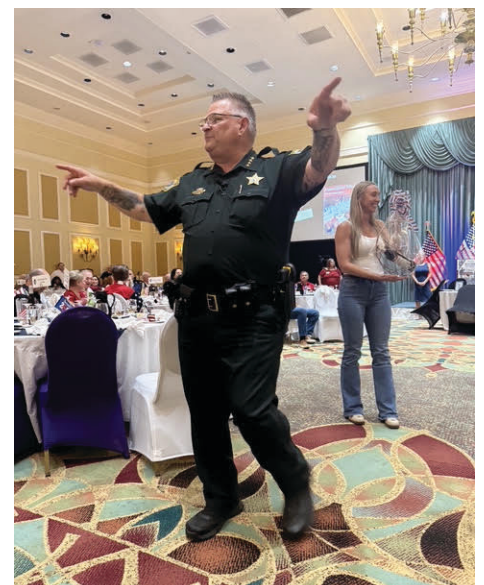
US Congressman Byron Donalds



US Congressman Mike Haridopolos

Counting state grants and funds raised through table sponsorships, silent auction and Sheriff Ivey's amazing live auction, the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) 501c3 organization reaped over \$400,000 at their 2026 dinner fundraiser on 7 Aug. The event was held at the Cape Canaveral Conference Center and featured keynote speeches from Florida US Representative Mike Haridopolos and Florida US Representative and candidate for Governor, Byron Donalds. The Cocoa Beach High School (CBHS) JROTC cadets presented the missing man table ceremony even though school has not yet started and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office Fife and Drum Corps led the CBHS Color Guard into the hall. NVHS CEO George Taylor, Jr. gave great update on NVHS success the past year to reduce veteran homelessness and prevent same for over 60 veterans and 20 family members, along with many other activities.

MOAACC/Good Deeds Foundation purchased a table along with many other veteran organizations as the event recognized more than 100 veterans in attendance in addition to some Gold Star families and Purple Heart recipients.



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USCG Petty Officer Ramos Receives Award



ET1 Kyle Ramos led the Electronics Technician Shop through the completion of 200 maintenance hours and 85 casualties. He creatively developed solutions to rig and wire the antenna for the High Frequency radio for the Over the Horizon Cutter Boat. In addition, he expertly restored ALERT's internet and server on multiple occasions without. Presenting the award is MOAACC member CWO4 Dan McIntyre USCGR (Ret).



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*Pish meets Virgin Atlantic pilot in flight deck after arrival at Orlando International Airport, after one month family visit to UK.
Occasion: the oldest passenger aboard
The flight... no lollipop*



John Fravel was teaching the Constitution at JROTC at Heritage High School
We have completed the integration of our Veterans Back to Class (VBC) Program and Speakers Bureau and are pleased to announce the new Veterans Back to Class webpage.

Please take a look: <https://www.moaacc.org/events/veterans-back-to-class>. A special thank you to Mike Schroeder for creating the page! The new VBC page links directly to our Speakers Bureau profiles (including new ones for those VBC members who submitted biographies) and includes an online speaker request form for educators. Requests submitted through the link will be sent to both Donn Weaver and me, and we will coordinate assignments with our volunteers.

Many Speakers Bureau members are already part of the VBC program. For those who are not, this integration simply means you may now be considered for school speaking opportunities as well. As always, participation is entirely voluntary and based on your availability and interest.

Soon, I'll be notifying area educators about the changes and providing them with the new VBC webpage as they prepare for the 2026–27 school year. If you receive a school speaking request directly rather than through Donn or me, please let us know and send us a brief summary of the event so we can keep our records current.

Thank you for your continued support for this important community outreach program. We look forward to another successful school year with our expanded Veterans Back to Class/Speakers Bureau program!

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Annual Spouses & Surviving Spouses Christmas Tea

Tuesday, Dec 15, 2026
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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We look forward to celebrating with you!

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More Photos from the Fundraiser for Homeless Veterans

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The Price of Service

When we raised our right hand and took the oath, few of us thought about what that commitment might mean 20, 30, or 40 years later. We thought about duty, mission, country, and the men and women standing beside us.

Military service gave us extraordinary opportunities, lifelong friendships, and the privilege of serving something greater than ourselves. But service can also leave its mark. Years later, old injuries return. Backs and knees remind us of miles traveled and missions accomplished. Some face surgeries, treatments, and uncertain recoveries. The price of service sometimes continues long after the uniform comes off.

I understand that more today than I once did. There are difficult days and, at times, difficult decisions about what comes next. But I would not trade my years of service for anything. The pain I may experience today cannot diminish the pride I have in having served our country and defended the freedoms we enjoy.

Perhaps that is also why organizations such as the **Military Officers Association of America and our MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter** remain so important.

One of the great pillars of our chapter is **camaraderie**. But camaraderie is more than gathering for lunch, attending an event, or enjoying one another's company. It is being there when one of our own needs us.

Sometimes it is something as simple as receiving a yellow sheet filled with signatures wishing you a quick recovery. Sometimes it is a phone call from someone who has traveled a similar road and understands what you are facing. It is knowing Survivor Assistance will be there for a member or family when the unthinkable happens. It is offering a helping hand without being asked.

These may seem like small gestures, but they matter. They remind us that the bonds forged through military service do not disappear when our careers end.

We served together. We sacrificed together. And as the years pass, we can continue to look after one another.

The price of service can sometimes be painful, but it is also a reminder of a life spent in service to our nation. I remain proud of that service and grateful for those who still stand beside me.

That is camaraderie. That is commitment.

And that is why we **Never Stop Serving**.



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Friday, Dec 11, 2026
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10th Annual Purple Heart Ceremony is Special

Donn Weaver, President, Good Deeds Foundation

The Brevard Veterans Memorial Center Military Museum was packed on Sunday, 9 August. More than 150 came to honor ten recipients of America's oldest military honor, The Purple Heart. The ceremony marked a decade the event has taken place at BVMC under the sponsorship of the Space Coast Chapter 453 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). They are based at the BVMC and have grown to over 130 members in recent years. Purple Heart recipients are those seriously wounded or killed in direct combat. George Washington established the award in 1782. With family members coming in from many states, the ten honored this year were:

Joseph Holly USMC Iraq/Afghanistan

Erwin Hayward USA Vietnam

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Jim Huckabee USA WWII/Korea

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Three of the awardees were deceased, but not killed in action, and well-remembered with their families in attendance. Each received an engraved 8x8 inch paver which will be added at the site of the Purple Heart Monument in the BVMC Memorial Plaza later. MOPH presented them with challenge coins and a Purple Heart license plate. President of the Sons of the American Revolution, Hans Hunt, presented a SAR challenge coin and certificate while State Senator Debbie Mayfield also gave them a certificate from Tallahassee. Each of the Purple Heart honorees also received a beautiful handmade quilt from Karmel Sowers and her Quilts of Valor team and will later be recognized by US Congressman Mike Haridopolos. MOPH 453 Commandeer, Keith Van Buren, served as Master of Ceremonies as he and other Chapter members read some of the highlights of the service, sacrifice and post military lives of the honorees.



Marine Corps League and Cocoa Police Comb tuned Color Guard Opens the Ceremony.

The ceremony was moving and emotional but also uplifting as the assembled visitors and family members remembered and honored the Purple Heart recipients. An official MOPH cake cutting concluded the event.



The recipients and family members

JROTC Launched with Great Support got 2026-27 School Year

CPT Donn A. Weaver USA (Former), President, MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation



All 14 JROTC Schools with both Instructors joined by MOAACC, BVMC members and BPS Supt Mark Rendell to celebrate the new year with big checks in hand.

All Brevard JROTC Instructors from 14 Army (7), Navy (2) Air Force (3) Marine (1) and Space Force (1) visited the BVMC Military Museum on 05 August for a workshop designed to kick off another banner school year, less than week before students/cadets return to classes. Over 15 MOAACC and BVMC attended the first 90 minutes of the program which featured community supporters. Highlights of the session included”

- Welcome by BVMC President Dean Schaaf who reminded how the museum and VM Park make for great field trips.
- MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation presentation of a record \$49,000 garter to help all the programs launch at \$3500 each.
- JROTC Units signed up for Color Guards all year long at BVMC and MOAACC.
- Brevard Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Rendell presented encouraging remarks and support to the programs and the veteran groups that help them.
- Briefings from FIT ROTC Leaders, all military recruiting offices, new program to support ROTC and Academy applications by Scott Waggoner, former MIHS JROTC Instructor, SAR and other veteran groups on awards and scholarship money. Coffee, donuts and lunch was provided courtesy of GDF.



Getting the word out with Hans Hunt in the foreground right.

It was a great start to what promises to be a solid year for Brevard JROTC programs with plenty of support from GDF, BVMC and many other veteran organizations. We know how important supporting such programs is to the future of our country.



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- **Time:** 5:00 PM – Cocktail Reception | 6:00 PM – Dinner & Program
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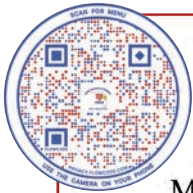
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