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MOAACC Celebrates 2026 Scholarship Recipients



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Rosa M. Reich, Capt, USAF (Former)

Over the past few months, our chapter has been busy awarding medals and/or cash awards. In April, the Good Deeds Foundation honored outstanding students involved in ROTC, JROTC, Sea Cadet units, and Civil Air Patrol squadrons. In May, we honored students selected for military academy appointments. This month, the members of the MOAACC Scholarship Corporation had the opportunity to review dozens of applications for the annual scholarship awards.



According to the Scholarship Committee's report, this year's applicants were outstanding candidates. The committee carefully reviewed the applications and selected 12 recipients.

Since the inception of the MOAACC Scholarship Corporation in 1984, awards have totaled **\$1,153,500 for 339 students attending 86 different colleges nationwide**. In 2026, the Corporation awarded 12 scholarships at \$7,000 each.

These three events are meaningful examples of our chapter's dedication to supporting youth in our community. By honoring and encouraging these students, we help recognize their commitment to good citizenship and the skills that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

Thank you for your continued support of these two worthy foundations, and sincere thanks to the volunteers who generously serve through them.

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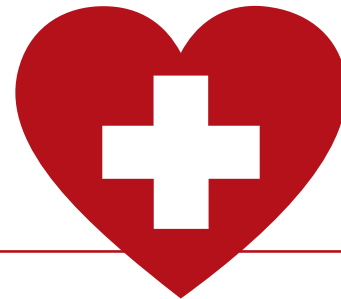
EDITOR'S NOTE

John Franco, COL, USAF (ret)

This has been quite a month! Our brothers and sisters in arms have been doing us proud in the Persian Gulf, World Cup soccer captured our attention for the entire month of July, celebrations abounded in recognition of our nation's 250th birthday, MOAACC again was recognized as the top chapter in MOAA's Advocacy in Action participation, just recently our Scholarship Corporation awarded 12 students with \$7,000 scholarships and in July MOAACC again broke thru the 1,000-member ceiling.



In this Intercom, I will be adding a new feature, pictures with names of our new members. This is to help old guys like me remember those who have recently joined. If anyone has joined in the last year, please see me on Thursday mornings at TMBC, at a luncheon or send me a picture so that I can include you in a future Intercom edition.



Health of the Chapter

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- 8/6 Current Affairs Forum - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 8/11 On-The-Go Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Margarita Island - Viera
- 8/13 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 8/13 Armed Forces Mutual &
MOAACC Meet & Greet - 4:30 PM
@ Brevard Veterans Memorial Center
- 8/18 MOAACC BOD Mtg. - 9:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, Chapel
- 8/18 MOAACC Luncheon - 11:30 AM
Guest Speaker Colony Brian Chatman,
Commander, Space Launch Delta 45
@ Indian River Colony Club, Colony Hall
- 8/20 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole
- 8/27 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole

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A Busy Summer Season

I trust everyone celebrated our Nation's 250th birthday, signified by the signing of the Declaration of Independence, in fine style. As with most of you, I can remember the Bicentennial milestone in 1976, when, as a ROTC cadet attending Advanced Camp at Fort Bragg, we were released for the long weekend and made the most of that opportunity to escape the trials and tribulations of that formative experience.

Congress is now back in session after a short break with lots to do before the August recess sets upon them. Over the recent break, our Congressman, Mike Haridopolos, hosted a Veterans and Military Affairs Roundtable with several of our members including past President, Steve Bond. Steve reports a lively meeting centered on the Congressman's support of the Take Care of America's Veterans Act (TCAVA), a comprehensive package that includes the Major Richard Star Act among other legislative initiatives. Needless to say, the main challenge is identifying the "best" billpayers needed to offset the additional costs of this "new" legislation, including a potential decrement to some future veterans' benefits. MOAA supports this Omnibus approach which includes more than 20 MOAA-backed bills and includes: elimination of the penalty to combat-injured veterans who are prematurely retired, education, employment, and retirement support to caregivers to those who served, ending penalties to surviving spouses who remarry before age 55, and reducing eligibility requirements for enhanced Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for survivors of veterans with ALS.

Meanwhile, with the unfortunate and untimely passing of Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC), as well as the long absence of Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), who is in hospital recovering from a recent fall, Republican control of the Senate is tight. Graham is being touted as "one of the most effective Republican politicians" due to his political resilience despite on-again-off-again criticism of the President. As such, he maintained influence with the President and others, especially in regard to the defense of Ukraine. McConnell is due back to work soon, while Graham's seat will be filled by his relatively politically inexperienced sister, Darlene Graham Nordone, until his term ends in January 2027. That should give Senate majority leader John Thune (R-SD) some breathing room to deal with the many thorny issues facing the Senate in the coming days and weeks.

Finally, there was an excellent recent analysis in the New York Times of the Trump Administration's strategy to level the playing field in the changing global economic system, in which the US has been taken advantage of for decades. Known as the Bessent Doctrine after our current Treasury Secretary, Scott Bessent, it espouses five core principles that underpin our economic statecraft under President Trump. These are: national economic capacity is critical to economic security; trade and investment openness must be strictly reciprocated; the US must proactively set standards for emerging technologies; the global dominance of the US financial system must be actively protected and leveraged as an instrument of statecraft; and, all of this must be aimed at visibly improving the welfare of American households. If nothing else, this makes for good campaigning on behalf of the American people in the upcoming November elections, but more importantly, puts our peer competitors on notice that the US is no longer willing to "play nice" while everyone else runs roughshod over us. It may take some time for this doctrine to yield real and tangible benefits, but in the long run, it makes good sense, especially as the US attempts to increase spending on Defense.



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FINANCIAL LITERACY

CAPT Arnold Lim, USNR (Ret)

Internet / Financial Security, Part III

Last month, we talked about protecting yourself from scams. We conclude with relatively new security tools.

Virtual Private Networks (VPN)

A VPN encrypts your internet connection and masks your internet protocol (IP) offering several benefits like enhanced privacy and access to geo-restricted content, but it can also introduce slower speeds and compatibility issues with some websites. Most people think VPNs are only for downloads, but they're really about privacy and security, like keeping your internet service provider (ISP) and public wifi from seeing everything you do. Using VPNs are certainly not required but definitely enhances security. Summarizing, using a VPN in general has its benefits. They offer far better encryption; privacy from snooping eyes of your ISP; data privacy from apps and services. But VPNs are not free; usually charge a monthly fee.

PassKeys

One newer aspect that one might see when logging into accounts is passkeys. Passkeys are the next evolution of passwords, which you have probably been using for decades. As we all know, a password is a word/phrase/sequence of letters/digits/symbols that you have to remember, typically to unlock access to an account. A passkey is a cryptographic key stored on a device (like a cell phone or laptop) and unlocked by the owner to access the account. Some advantages are that a passkey is harder to steal and impossible to reuse. A passkey is tied to an identity. Passkeys are more secure than passwords because they are: a) tied to a specific domain or account; b) tied to a specific authenticator key (held on your device); c) are not replicable or reusable. Passkeys are more secure than passwords because they protect users from common threats and reduce the need for two factor authentication. Passkeys are designed to replace traditional passwords over time, offering a secure option that isn't vulnerable to human error and, therefore, less vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Disadvantages: It is complex to explain in this short article for sure. For example, passkeys have to be stored somewhere, like in the cloud, by a password manager or on a physical key. With the probable need for multiple passkeys for your numerous accounts, keeping track of them all could likely be problematic. Just be aware that passkeys are in many ways better and easier to use but perhaps more complex to maintain. So, get educated before jumping all in.

POINTS TO PONDER

MAJ (Chaplain, USAR Ret.) Bill Adams

Military Chaplains and the Separation of Church and State

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." (First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution)

Your chaplains are privileged to provide spiritual support to the Chapter as are our colleagues who serve across the ranks of our nation's Active, Guard, and Reserve forces. I say "privileged" because the post of the chaplain has been challenged repeatedly on its constitutionality.

The problem with the oft-used phrase "constitutionally mandated separation of church and state" is that it's not actually in the Constitution or any of our founding documents! The phrase first appeared in an 1801 letter from President Thomas Jefferson to the Connecticut Baptist Association whose concern was the government regulating their religious expression. Jefferson wrote there is a "wall of separation between Church and State" to reassure the faithful that the First Amendment prohibited the government from restricting their religious freedom. Whereas many since have claimed separation is meant to keep religion out of public life, the reverse is constitutionally established: the First Amendment is to keep government from regulating religion.

But what of the establishment clause? The founders eschewed the idea of a state church as they had experienced in Europe. No, America would be founded on safeguarding the free exercise of every religion.

In 1985 Harvard Law School students brought a court case alleging that the Army chaplaincy was unconstitutional under the establishment clause. The court ruled against them saying that the Constitution "obligates Congress, upon creating an Army, to make religion available to soldiers who have been moved to areas of the world where their own denomination is not available to them."

Since chaplains minister to men and women whose duty takes them far from home, and since they serve personnel of faiths different from their own, the post is not considered a "religious" establishment. Instead, it is an affirmation of the constitutional right of Americans to worship as they choose.

Army Regulation 165-1: "The Army chaplaincy, in providing religious services and ministries to the command, is an instrument of the U.S. government to ensure that soldiers' free exercise rights are protected. At the same time, chaplains are...to avoid any establishment of religion."

That's the constitutional tightrope your chaplains walk—with much prayer!

SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE

Project Officer Col Gary D. Eppler, USAF, (Ret)

Early PREPARATION for Your Family

Most MOAACC members understand the importance of being PREPARED BEFORE the first spouse dies. This is absolutely by far the best time to get prepared while both spouses are still available and can work together. Working together is best so both have an input and can gain knowledge of everything that needs to take place after the first spouse dies. Documenting those actions and making decisions about the impacts can provide guidance to the remaining family at a very critical and emotional time. Once decisions are made they need to be documented and kept in a place known to the surviving spouse and any identified estate designee. These should be reviewed on a frequent basis to insure they are kept current. Each family is different. Things can change and families can be impacted differently.

The new MOAACC Surviving Spouse Guide will be on the MOAACC website to provide some assistance and references. You can print the Guide directly from the MOAACC website.

Service attachments will be provided in the future based upon their development. This will keep each service's information from being comingled. The availability of a surviving spouse internet website is being considered among several other items.

A feedback system will also provide membership feedback to compliment the normal direct feedback.

While such a document will probably not be perfect we need to have an updated version on the MOAACC so members have a reference to begin. There will be orientations soon in addition to our weekly Thursday Morning Breakfast Club (TMBC) 8AM meetings at Indian River Colony Club in the At Ease Club 19th Hole.

A Critical Resource for Planning Ahead and Supporting Families

The MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter's updated Survivor Assistance webpage is an important resource designed to help members, spouses, surviving spouses, and families prepare before a loss occurs and navigate the difficult steps that follow when that day comes.

Planning ahead is one of the most important steps members and spouses can take to help reduce confusion and stress for their families later. The Survivor Assistance webpage is designed as a practical tool to support that planning by placing useful information in one easy-to-find location. It provides reminders to review benefits, gather key documents, discuss final wishes, identify key points of contact, and keep important information in a safe location that family members can access when needed. The goal is to give families a useful starting point when questions arise and help them better understand where to turn for assistance.

The webpage can also help members think through who should have authority to act if the member and spouse are deceased or unable to provide direction. Depending on the situation and applicable documents, this person may be called

a personal representative, executor, trustee, next of kin, or other legally authorized designee. Including this topic as part of the planning information can help families know what to look for and what questions to ask when addressing final arrangements, estate closeout, agency coordination, and remaining benefit requirements.

The Survivor Assistance Program is one of MOAACC's most important member-support efforts. Its purpose is not only to assist families after the death of a member, spouse, or auxiliary member, but also to help families prepare in advance by understanding benefits, organizing important documents, and knowing where to turn for help.

MOAACC's Survivor Assistance webpage provides a central location for planning tools, contact resources, benefit-related guidance, and links to key agencies and programs. The site is designed to support members, spouses, family members, and chapter volunteers with practical information before and after a loss occurs.

The webpage includes resources such as surviving spouse checklists, immediate action guidance, veteran funeral arrangement information, federal benefit links, military records support, financial readiness resources, forms libraries, and planning materials. It also provides links to key agencies and programs, including DFAS, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security, and other military-related resources.

This webpage reflects MOAACC's effort to make survivor assistance information easier to locate and use. It is intended as a practical tool for members, spouses, surviving spouses, families, and chapter volunteers who may need guidance before or after a loss.

All members are encouraged to visit the updated MOAACC Survivor Assistance webpage at www.moaacc.org/about/survivor-assistance. The webpage is also located on the MOAACC website (<https://www.moaacc.org/>) under the "Our Chapter" tab. Members are encouraged to review the available resources and share the information with their spouse and family members.

Several resources on the webpage are available as PDF files that can be downloaded, saved to a computer, or printed for personal use. These files are intended to make it easier for members and families to keep important planning information where it can be found when needed.

Because this is a working resource, feedback and suggested updates are welcome. If you have recommended changes, corrections, or additional resources to consider, please email us at admin@moaacc.org.

The webpage is not intended to replace professional legal, financial, or benefits counseling. Rather, it helps point families toward information, documents, and agencies that may be useful when planning ahead or responding after a loss. It is one more way MOAACC continues to support our members, families, and surviving spouses — and another way we "Never Stop Serving."

 Mark Your Calendar!

Save the Dates for Upcoming MOAACC 2026 Events:

(See our website events calendar for details)

13 August 2026: Armed Forces Mutual & MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter Meet-and-Greet

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

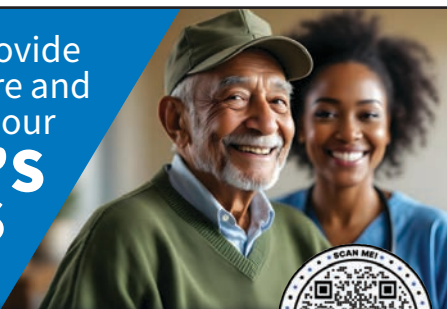
11 December 2026: MOAACC Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

15 December 2026: Annual Spouse & Surviving Spouse Christmas Tea

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	Behling	James	Captain	Air Force	Regular	Former	Annual	04/23/2026
Jose Prieto	Belconis	Gary	Captain	Air Force	Regular	Former	Annual	05/07/2026
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Eric Gardner	Clagnaz	John	Lt Col	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	04/27/2026
	Guarnieri	Frank	Captain	Air Force	Reserve	Retired	Annual	05/07/2026
Jose Prieto	Lambert	Ruth	Mrs	Spouse	Other	Surviving Spouse	Annual	05/11/2026
	Light	Giles	Colonel	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	05/05/2026
Steve Cusick	Moore	Chris	Mrs	Spouse	Other	Surviving Spouse	Life	05/07/2026
	Nason	Fiorella	2nd Lt	Air Force	Reserve	Active	Annual	05/14/2026
Jose Prieto	Ryder	David	CPT	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	05/14/2026
	Traver	Arline	Mrs	Spouse	Other	Surviving Spouse	Life	05/11/2026

Meet Our Newest Members!



Stephen Cooley



John Clagnaz

TAPS

Anthony Korvas
June 27, 2026

Jean McCarthy
May 20, 2026

Patrica Edney
April 2, 2026

Charles McKusick
August 21, 2025

Betty Tremaine
June 11, 2026

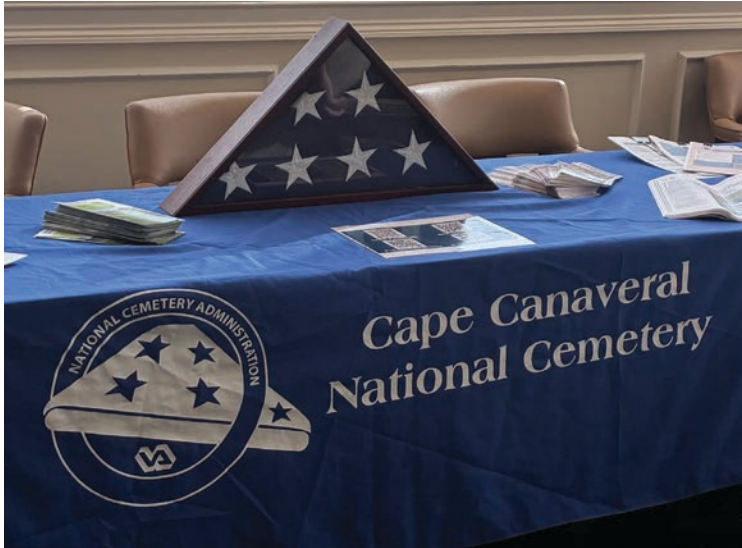
Albert E. Laferte
July 2, 2026



JULY CURRENT AFFAIRS

CAPE CANAVERAL NATIONAL CEMETERY PRESENTATION

John Franco, Editor, *The Intercom*



Cape Canaveral Cemetery display with important information

July's TMBC Current Affairs included a presentation by Cindy Van Bibber, Director of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, Florida. Her slide presentation included the history of National cemeteries, its governing body, the Veterans Administration, as well as the uniqueness of Arlington National Cemetery. Her presentation contained the statistics of how many war veterans have been interred in National cemeteries as depicted on the charts



TBMC audience listening attentively

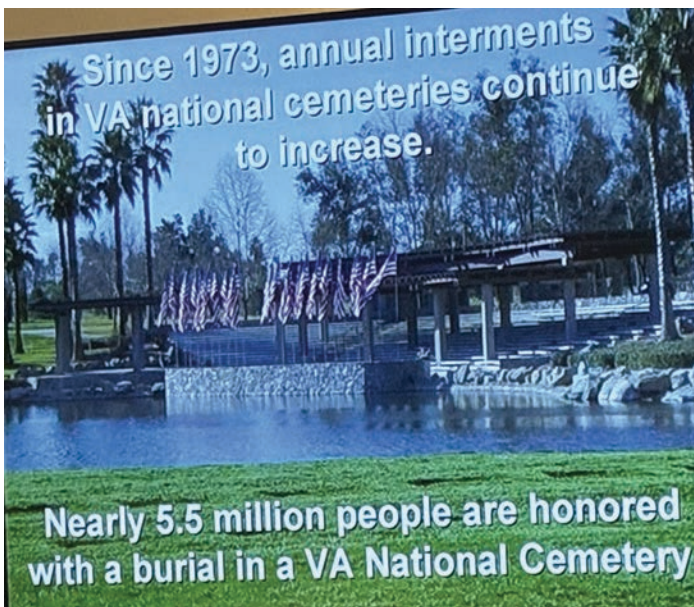


Chart showing number of interments at VA cemeteries



Director Cindy Van Bibber describes requirement for burials in VA National cemeteries



Cape Canaveral Ladies:

Fran Majcher, Ellie Joy, Elizabeth Whalen and Teri Jaeger with Cindy Van Bibber, Director, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.



Director Cindy Van Bibber with MOAACC President Rosa Reich

MOAACC Celebrates 2026 Scholarship Recipients

Mike Schroeder, Colonel, USA (Ret)



Scholarship winners pictured with VADM Hagen

Individual pictures of scholarship winners are available on MOAACC.org website.

The MOAACC Scholarship Corporation proudly recognized its 2026 scholarship recipients during the annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held on July 21 at Colony Hall, Indian River Colony Club.

This year, twelve outstanding students were each awarded a \$7,000 scholarship, representing a total investment of \$84,000 in their continued education. The recipients were selected from 28 completed applications following a highly competitive and thoughtful review process.

Nine of the twelve recipients attended the luncheon in person, accompanied by family members and friends. For the three recipients unable to attend, a parent or family representative proudly accepted the scholarship on their behalf. It was an inspiring event that provided members an opportunity to meet these exceptional young scholars, hear about their accomplishments, and congratulate them as they continue their academic journeys.

Led by Vice Admiral Don Hagen, USN (Retired), the awards ceremony was outstanding, as always. Special thanks are extended to Dan Levy, Brent Basinger, Mike Jaeger, Arnold Lim, and the entire Scholarship Selection Committee and Scholarship Corporation team for their dedication and hard work in making another scholarship year such a tremendous success.

During the luncheon, Sam Ginsburg was also recognized for his generous and sustained contributions to the MOAACC Scholarship Corporation over the past several years. Sam, thank you for all you have done—and continue to do—to support the education and future success of our military families.

Since its founding in 1984, the MOAACC Scholarship Corporation has awarded more than \$1.15 million in scholarships to 339 students attending 86 colleges and universities nationwide. This year's luncheon was another proud example of MOAACC's enduring commitment to service, education, and the next generation.

MOAACC Celebrates 2026 Scholarship Recipients



Luncheon attendees including parents and scholarship recipients



VADM Don Hagen, Chairman, Scholarship Corporation comments on the outstanding quality of applicants and especially this year's winners



VADM Don Hagen presents and award to Sam ("I Am") Ginsburg for his outstanding support of the scholarship program



Dan Levy, moderator of the luncheon provides his comments

Images From Local Independence Day Celebrations





MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

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

Good Deeds Revs Up for Record Setting FY 2027

Hope you all are enjoying the summer with travel and family. Your Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) is busy preparing our budget cycle for FY 2027 which begins 1 October and preparing for our biggest single grant in one day to the 14 Brevard JROTC Programs. On 5 August at the annual JROTC In service class prior to the new school year starting 10 Aug, GDF will present \$3,500 to all JROTC programs and \$1500 to all six cadet programs not in the JROTC realm — Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol and Sea Scouts. What a way to end this FY.

Please check the MOAACC and GDF websites to consider joining us through table seat purchases at the 7 November Veteran Recognition Dinner at the Melbourne Rialto. With your help, it should be our best fund raiser in our 12-year history and put GDF on track to have as much as \$200,000 for fiscal year 2027 grants to youth, active duty, vets in distress and great vet organizations.

We will be looking for several new GDF Board members to begin in January 2027. Please speak with President Donn Weaver or any board member if you might be interested. It is a great way to have a huge impact with thousands benefiting.

Thought you might enjoy a recent photo taken at the May Space Coast Honor Flight at Melbourne Airport. Your GDF provided a \$6,400 grant to SCHF in 2026 to fund 16 Guardians from Florida Institute of Technology as well as over \$80K to the JROTC Programs including the one pictured from Rockledge High School. Community impact indeed!!!



Good Deeds Supports PSFB Ceremony Honoring the Fallen 30 Years Ago



Khobar Tower Ceremony on PSFB 25 June 2026

On 25 June at the Patrick Space Force Base Memorial Plaza, a very special ceremony was held. MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation provided \$1,000 to the 920 RQW Foundation to help fly in six families whose loved ones perished in the Al Qaeda terrorist attack against Khobar Towers in Saudi Arabia thirty years ago. At that time, the USAF Air Rescue team lost more than 100 in the attack. The commander that night returned for the ceremony, along with over 120 in attendance to honor and recognize the fallen and their survivors even after three decades and after the more remembered attack on 9/11 five years later. The families will never forget and this ceremony helped make sure active duty and veterans of today do not either. Thanks to Gary Eppler and Brian Whalen for representing MOAACC and Good Deeds at the event. GDF is honored to support such special missions when DoD funding is not otherwise available.



The Fallen whose Loved Ones Came to Remember



One Gold Star Family from Texas.

Surprising Benefits of MOAACC

Gloria Makowskim, MOAACC Member



Gen Bash and Gloria

30 years ago, I was surprised to receive a letter from The Retired Officers of America inviting me to attend a luncheon at the PAFB Officers Club. I had only served 6 years in the Air Force. The first two years as enlisted prior to graduating from OCS, Class 53C. I had recently retired in 1996 from working for Air Force contractors at PAFB and knew nothing about TROA.

I'll be 95 years old on 24 August and so grateful I was accepted in 1996 to be a member (now MOAACC). It was an honor to be with all the military veterans, at the time, mostly WWII veterans. I felt like they were all my "big brothers."

I was 10 years old when WWII began and very proud of my own "big brother." Although he was working in a shipyard, exempt from the draft, he wanted to be a pilot. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp. Lt Edward Linfante became a proud long-range P-51 pilot, based on Iwo Jima, flying missions with B-29s to Japan. He was my hero. I wish I had kept all the letters. I just have the page from my 1945 grammar school graduation book. I sent a page to him. He returned

it with signatures, comments from his pilot friends I knew from photos. Wow! He was active in the NJANG after the war, mostly flying P-47s. He took me up in an AT-6 and did aerobatics over the ocean. I was glad I had the brown bag. He graduated from NYU with Aircraft Engineer degree. He was recalled to duty once. Lucky him, he had a desk job in Paris. He retired from American Airlines and ANG and became very active with The Lions Club. He died at age 90 in 2013.

Two years later, May 2015, Lt Col Bob Clark invited me to a Daedalian luncheon at The Tides. When the President, Lt Gen. Welser, asked about guests, Bob introduced me and mentioned my brother's service. Lunch was served and then Gen Welser introduced the speaker, Lt Gen Brooks Bash. He had been protocol officer for Air Force One and that was his topic. However, the first thing he said, "Gloria-My Dad was also a P-51 pilot on Iwo, same Group." Later, we chatted a bit about that.

I went home and looked at the 506th History Book. This book was made by Robert Grant, the son of the oldest pilot on Iwo Jima, JJ Grant. Two pilots were assigned to each P-51, taking turns flying the extra-long missions. To my amazement, my brother's plane had his name on one side of cockpit and Lt Darrel Bash, the General's father, on the opposite side! The plane was named Shanghai Lil. Both pilots had girlfriends named Lillie Mae. (That is how my sister-in-law spelled it. General Bash's mother was Lily May.) I notified the historian, Robert Grant, who was in California. He said Lt Bash was his dad's tent mate! He would really like to meet the General. I sent message to Gen Bash.

Gen. Bash invited us to his home in Suntree. He would be moving soon to the west coast of Florida. He had all his dad's records, missions, etc. Robert was delighted and grateful for all the information. What an extraordinary afternoon! Besides the Iwo history tales, I enjoyed looking thru General Bash's big, beautiful photo album with 8X10 colored photos taken at Air Force One events with the General and Presidents.

I found it fantastic. 73 years later, to meet the son of the pilot who shared plane with my brother. It was my first time at a Daedalian luncheon, and we didn't know who the guest speaker would be. I'm sorry all the Iwo pilots passed on. I treasure these memories. Thank you MOAACC!



MOAACC Five Things

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

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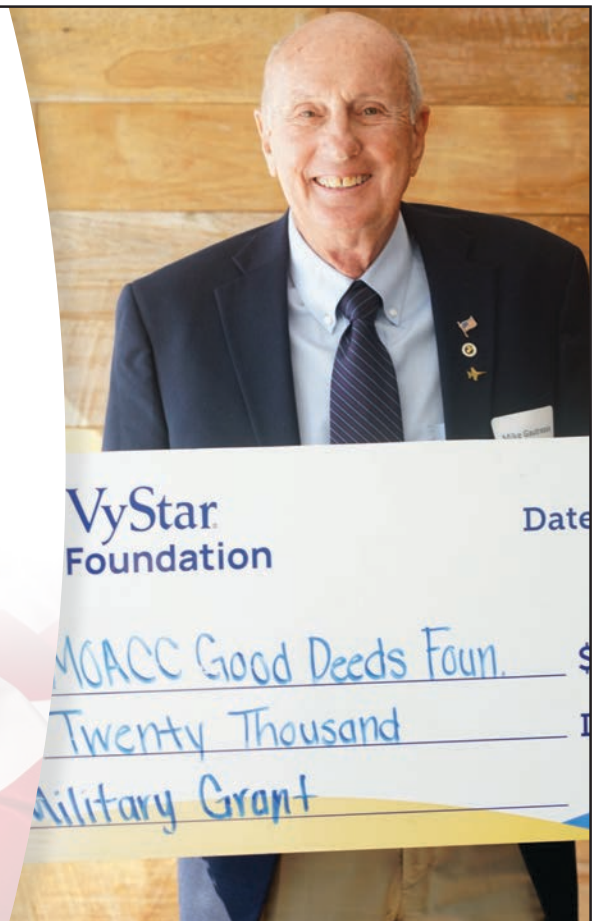
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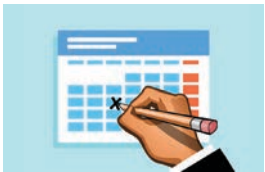
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Unofficial Brevard VMC Veteran Events Calendar

August - November 2026

Contact BVMC for any additions or other information.

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/> or donnweaver2020@gmail.com for more information or to participate.

AUGUST

1 Aug — Kids Back to school Bash for Military and all kids. Parks and Rec at Mclarty Park Community Center, 790 Barton Blvd Rockledge. 1000-1400. Food trucks, vendors, games, full back packs for kids.

7 August— NVHS Annual Lost in America, Rescuing American Veterans facing homelessness dinner, 1700-2100 Radisson, Cape Canaveral. Sold Out!! Thank you NVHS.

9 Aug — Annual Military Order of Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony at the BVMC Museum (1400-1600) with special recognition of 10 Purple Heart Recipients. Their stories of courage and sacrifice will be told. Quilts of Valor are also presented along with recognition from several officials. Contact Donn Weaver for more information.

SEPTEMBER

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. 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

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.

12 Sep — Space Coast Honor Flight #4 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Wash 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 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.

OCTOBER

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

10 Oct — Medal of Honor Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

BVMC Park (1100- 1500).

17 Oct — Space Coast Honor Flight #5 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Wash DC. Starts at 0400 hours at Melbourne International Airport Main Terminal with Welcome Home set for 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 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.

31 Oct — JROTC Raider Challenge Meet #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. Details and registration in August.

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. Sign-ups and more information in August.

7 Nov — Second Annual VyStar MOACC Good Deeds Foundation Veterans Recognition Dinner 1700-2000 Fundraiser at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto, recognizing veteran organizations, projects and individuals who have made major contributions on the Space Coast in 2025-2026. 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 and many other locations in the county. Details in August.

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

More than Money: Good Deeds Impact to Our Active Duty Partners

From: Knuckle Busters Booster Club, Inc.

More than one year ago your Good Deeds Foundation contributed funding to a special project on PSFB. The project is now complete, and we thought you would enjoy a special thank you to MOAACC and the community.



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13 June 2026

FROM: Knuckle Busters Booster Club Inc

SUBJECT: Thank You!!!

Dear Military Officers Association of America,

On behalf of the members of the 920th Maintenance Squadron at Patrick Space Force Base, thank you for your generous donation in support of our pavilion renovation project.

Your contribution directly enhances a space that will be used for squadron gatherings, training events, and morale-building activities. This renovated pavilion will serve as a lasting benefit to our Airmen, providing a welcoming environment that supports teamwork, resilience, and esprit de corps.

We are sincerely grateful for your commitment and for investing in the well-being of the men and women of the 920th MXS. Your support makes a meaningful difference, and we truly appreciate your partnership.

Thank you again for your generosity and continued support.

Respectfully,


JOHN T FULLER, CMSgt
Representative
Knuckle Busters Booster Inc.

(1) Original morale pavilion, nearly 30 years old.



(2) New morale pavilion with deck extension



(3) Memorial plaque and thank you message

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This renovation project replaced the morale pavilion previously built over 30 years ago by the members of the 920th Maintenance Squadron. The original pavilion was dedicated to TSgt Comer Curtis Baxley, a former member of the unit who was tragically lost while serving. This new pavilion was made possible by the generous monetary, materials, and labor donations from the organizations below and members of the 920th Maintenance Squadron.

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Photo: Intercom Editor John Franco with Good Deeds Foundation President Donn Weaver producing first video clip



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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.

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Good to see
you

Sincerely,

Mike Haridopolos
Member of Congress

On 8 July 2026, members of MOAACC met with Congressman Haridopolos as well as others from the Veterans Community as part of the Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Council Roundtable. MOAACC members included; Dean Schaaf, Hans Hunt, Steve Bond, Donn Weaver, and Kevin McKeown. Issues that were discussed were the Richard Star Act, Take Care of America's Veterans Act, Suicide Prevention and Treatment, Women Veterans issues and care as well as the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center.

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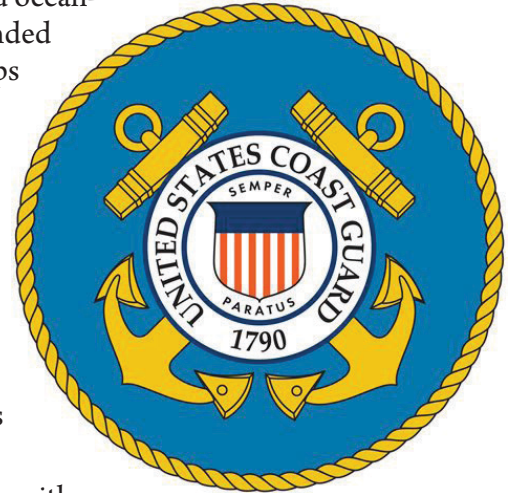
Happy 236th Birthday (4 August) to the United States Coast Guard (1790-2026)

CWO4 Dan S. McIntyre USCGR Ret

This article includes content from the Association of the United States Navy birthday wish for the USCG with additional information added.

In 1775 the United States Navy was born and continued to serve as an armed ocean-going service during the Revolutionary War. In 1785 the Navy was disbanded due to lack of funding. The sailors were sent home and most of the ships were sold. This left only the United States Army as the continuing military service. The Navy was reestablished in 1794.

During the absence of an armed ocean-going service the USA was experiencing a heavy wave of countries refusing to pay their import taxes and tariffs. On August 4, 1790, at the request of Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of the Treasury to President Washington, the first U.S. Congress authorized the construction of 10 vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws, prevent smuggling, and protect the collection of federal revenue. That force was known initially as the Revenue Marine and later as the Revenue Cutter Service



A new name – the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) – emerged from the 1915 merger with the U.S. Life-Saving Service, creating a single nautical service dedicated to the safety of life at sea and enforcing national maritime laws. Responsibilities were further expanded in 1939 when the Lighthouse Service became part of the USCG and, again, in 1946, with the addition of the Commerce Department Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation. The Coast Guard remained under the control of the Treasury Department until 1967 when it was moved to the Department of Transportation and then to Homeland Security in 2003.

There are claims that the Coast Guard is older than the Navy with the latter being disbanded in 1785 after the Revolutionary War and then re-established in 1794. (No USN for 9 years). So, the USCG is the oldest continuous sea going service.

As the only military branch of our government to operate under the Department of Homeland Security, the Coast Guard serves both as a military force abroad and as a law enforcement agency at home. Duties of this branch include:

- Control the U.S. border and maritime approaches
- Protect America's ports and waterways
- Conduct military operations to defend the nation
- Save lives (From 1790 to 2007 the USCG saved 1,000,000 lives)
- 33,000 rescues in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2006.
- Enforce federal law interdicting illegal migrants and drugs and fishing laws
- Lead in national emergencies
- Maintain the flow of maritime commerce to ensure America's economic prosperity

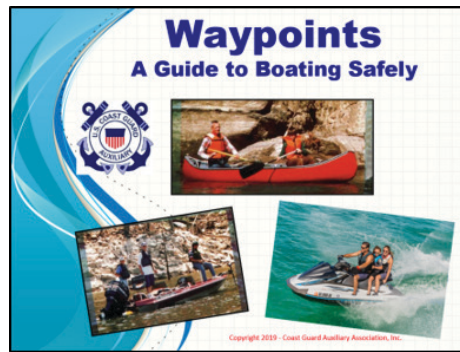
With a workforce of approximately 42,000 active-duty service members, 8,000 reservists, 20,000 volunteer auxiliaries, and just under 9,000 civilian employees supports the operation of an extensive fleet of roughly 250 coastal and ocean-going cutters, patrol ships, buoy tenders, tugs, and icebreakers, along with nearly 2,000 small boats and specialized craft. The Coast Guard also has over 150 land-based units, more than any other branch of the United States military. The USCG also maintains an aviation division consisting of more than 200 helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft. While in terms of membership this service is the second smallest of the U.S. military branches, the Coast Guard by itself is the world's 12th largest naval force.

Semper Paratus! AUSN applauds this hard-working branch of our military that is always ready on our nation's behalf to save the good people and arrest the bad people.

Happy 236th!

2026 SUMMER SCHOOL BOATING SAFETY IS A BIG HIT!

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This summer, members from Flotilla 17-06 continued their strong commitment to youth boating safety through presentations at six Brevard County elementary school summer programs, Sunrise, Mila, Surfside, Atlantis, Riviera, and Longleaf elementary schools. Auxiliary members presented **19 class sessions** and proudly graduated **674 students**. The classes included nine **Water 'N Kids** sessions, three **Waypoints** sessions, and seven **Paddle Craft for Kids** sessions, giving young people practical information they can use to stay safer on and around the water.

We can rest assured that these students now have important tools to help protect themselves, assist others, and care for the maritime environment throughout the summer boating season. A special thank-you goes to Dan McIntyre for his leadership in arranging these summer classes, as well as all of our youth boating safety training throughout the year. We also gratefully recognize instructors Eustace King, Steve Laur, Donna Miller, Monique Wong, and Anda Ray for their time and dedication relating boating safety in a manner that was interesting, informative and fun for this age group.



Auxiliarist Instructor George Peek, Teaching Waypoints at Longleaf Elementary School Summer Program (photo: Anda Ray)



Auxiliarist Instructors Dan McIntyre, Eustace King and Donna Miller Teaching Water N' Kids and Paddle Craft for Kids at Longleaf Elementary School Summer Program (photo: Anda Ray)

Bravo Zulu Team!

“Thank you, Dan. I have gotten wonderful feedback from our sites and appreciate you and your program. I am looking forward to working with you again in the future summer camps.”

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The Good Deeds Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization that provides monetary support to youth, active duty military, and Veteran programs in Brevard County. All net proceeds from this event will be used to support: (1) local high school JROTC programs and the Florida Institute of Technology ROTC program; (2) active duty junior enlisted programs at Patrick Space Force Base, Port Canaveral Coast Guard Station, Naval Ordnance Test Unit, and local National Guard and Reserve Units; and (3) Veteran programs that include Honor Flight, Veterans Treatment Court, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery Ladies, Solemn Pride Caisson, and North Brevard Honor Guard.

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- **Location:** Hilton Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL
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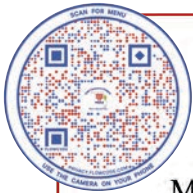
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