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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

**Rosa M. Reich, Capt, USAF (Former)**

This month I would like to highlight volunteerism in our chapter. April is designated as National Volunteer Month. The first national recognition of volunteers was established in 1974 by President Nixon, held on the third week of April. This was later expanded to include the entire month of April by President George H.W. Bush through the 1000 Points of Light campaign.



Our motto "Never Stop Serving" is not just a phrase under our logo but truly describes the level of volunteerism and community engagement of our chapter. Please take a moment to look at the Directory page found later in this issue. The people listed in the directory are all volunteers, along with many others who step up and help in various capacities. They help at events such as the monthly luncheon, annual barbecue, Christmas Gala, Spouses Christmas Tea, Good Deeds annual fundraisers, Scholarship luncheon, to name some of the regular occasions. Our volunteers are comprised of members and spouses.

As the largest and most active chapter in MOAA we make a significant difference in the lives of Brevard County's active duty and veteran community. In just one month, through the Good Deeds Foundation, we sponsored the 920 Rescue Wing Family Day at Patrick Space Force Base, and Junior ROTC drill meets at the VMC.

As with any organization dependent on volunteers, we count on members seeing a need and stepping in to fill the gaps. In the Public Relations and Marketing column on page 3 and in the Directory, you will notice that there are vacancies. There are also other opportunities not listed. If you feel called to volunteer, please speak to one of the board members.

To those who have volunteered or are currently volunteering, thank you! You are appreciated.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

**John Franco, COL, USAF (ret)**

This has been an interesting edition to put together. I was looking for a general theme based on all the inputs I received; only two stuck as having any relationship: taxes and the need for a will. Both are affected by that "d" word, death. Interestingly, in our Points to Ponder section, our chaplain shared the "Certainties of Life", death and taxes. Our financial section brought out the need for a will and related documents that are executed upon the death of someone. I don't highlight this to sound morbid or put a damper on the very information issue. I am highlighting the effort underway in our chapter to develop an individual plan to help surviving spouses and yes, to remind you that your tax return deadline is this month. Let's get them both done so we can all be available to continue serving over the remainder of this very busy year.



### Health of the Chapter

Do you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital or in rehab?

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@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole - Melbourne
- 4/9 TMBC - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole - Melbourne
- 4/11 Heroes for Military Kids 5K and Kids Dash & Motorcycle Run - 11:30 AM  
@ The Avenue Viera - Melbourne
- 4/14 On-The-Go Luncheon at Niki's Rainbow Restaurant - 11:30 AM  
@ Niki's Rainbow Restaurant - Satellite Beach
- 4/16 TMBC - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole - Melbourne
- 4/17 Enlistment Ceremony of the Space Coast - 8 AM  
@ VMC Amphitheater - Merritt Island
- 4/18 2026 Retiree Appreciation Day - 8 AM  
@ University of Central Florida, Student Union - Orlando
- 4/21 MOAACC B.O.D. Mtg. - 9:30 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club, Chapel
- 4/21 MOAACC Luncheon - ROTC & JROTC Awards Ceremony - 11:30 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club, Colony Hall - Melbourne
- 4/23 TMBC - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole - Melbourne
- 4/30 TMBC - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club, 19th Hole - Melbourne

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## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

John R. McMahon, BG, USA (Retired)

### Issues on the conflict in Iran

Democrat Jared Golden has represented his Maine district since 2019. He is a USMC combat veteran (Iraq and Afghanistan) and member of the House Armed Services Committee. . . . This is instructional in 3 ways. First, it puts context to the long-standing debate about the War Powers Act, and the roles and responsibilities of the Executive and Legislative branches in making war. Second, it shows his unabashed support for our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, decisively engaged in carrying out their orders. And third, it's a good example of how important it is for our Members of Congress to explain their positions when the issues can be so complicated. What follows is my edited "verbatim" synopsis of his recent post on Substack. His subtitles are bold.

**There are key questions behind the War Powers resolution**, which he voted against recently because it would have forced an immediate stop to the United States' military engagement in Iran. This vote has been portrayed by media outlets as a simple, up-or-down vote where a "no" vote meant the president had the authority to strike Iran and was wise to do so, while a "yes" vote meant the president had started an illegal war of choice, which you oppose. The reality is much more complex.

There are longstanding and unresolved tensions between the president's and Congress's authority over military action. Rather than immediate withdrawal, it's more advisable to establish a realistic timeline for our military forces to degrade Iran's military capabilities to the degree that its ability to harm America's security interests, and our allies, is severely hamstrung. He argues that it's not sufficient to look backward and ask whether the president was right to start this conflict. With armed conflict having begun, Congress should help lead America toward a responsible pathway forward in the midst of a volatile situation.

**Iran's threat to the United States is real.** As a Member of the Armed Services Committee, Golden has received many briefings on Iran and his main conclusion is that the regime in Tehran is enough of a threat to the United States that military action could very well have become unavoidable. The incumbent Iranian regime is hostile to the United States, and its "forward defense" doctrine is a main driver of recent instability in the Middle East. For years, when American troops or civilians were targeted abroad, odds were good that those shooting at us had received financial support, training or arms from Tehran.

**The president must set clear goals — and Congress must hold him to them.** Since the strikes began on February 28, the president and his Cabinet have offered sometimes contradictory statements about the rationale for the conflict and the United States' goals in Iran. To get congressional authorization for sustained combat operations, the Administration must make clear that it has reasonable and achievable objectives. If the goal is regime change, a bombing campaign will unlikely break a mosaic defense designed for this exact scenario. Golden wholeheartedly rejects any notion that the United States should install its own leader in Tehran, or that Iranian democracy should be dictated by the US.

**What a responsible end to the conflict could look like.** Golden believes to safely walk away from a fight, you should have confidence that your opponent cannot, or at least will not, continue it. Insofar as the administration's goal is to degrade Iran's ability to threaten America and our allies — for example, by significantly degrading its missile capacity, its navy and its airpower — then Congress should provide the time and space to do so. The War Powers Act of 1973 gives the president 60 days to conclude military operations such as those he's undertaken against Iran.

**The need for constitutional clarity.** Hanging over this entire debate are unresolved questions about the division of authority between Congress and the president over the use of military force. Congress passed the War Powers Act of 1973 to reassert the legislative branch's power in the warmaking process in the wake of the Vietnam War. The law requires the president to notify Congress of any military action within 48 hours. It also requires the president to withdraw from hostilities within 60 days, absent congressional authorization for ongoing operations. So far, President Trump has met these benchmarks.

In fact, every president from both parties, since the law's enactment, has contended that the War Powers Act infringed upon their constitutional authority as commander in chief. The courts have never ruled definitively on the constitutionality of the Act itself. That legal ambiguity is a problem. Finally, Golden expects the president to articulate clear, achievable goals that convince the American people and Congress that this operation should continue, or to minimize Iran's military capabilities to the point that he can safely end hostilities.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

John C. Murphy, COL, USA (Ret)

### What Happens if You Die Without a Will?

When you pass away, you want your estate passed down to the beneficiaries you choose. But it's not that simple. There are certain rules and procedures that are already being applied to your assets whether you realize it or not.

The first rule is that a last will and testament ONLY controls assets that are solely in your name. This can be important when it comes to blended families. This is because joint ownership and beneficiary designations supersede your last will.

Another rule is the law of intestate succession. That means if someone dies without proper planning, their estate will automatically go to their closet next of kin. The law is state-specific but generally follows bloodlines. Your spouse will get most of it, and the rest will be passed down to your children.

If you understand the rules, you can ensure that you create a plan that passes your estate down to the beneficiaries that you want and not unintended beneficiaries. So long as you have a will, you have the power to control who receives an inheritance and who will be in charge of administering your estate. Without a will in place, those decisions will be determined by the courts and the law.

Having a last will and testament is only a part of the estate planning process. If you rely on just a will, your estate likely will have to go through probate. In addition, a will has nothing to do with appointing someone to make your medical and financial decisions if you become unable to do so.

A complete estate plan has the documents needed for any situation that might arise. This includes designating a health care surrogate, a power of attorney, a revocable trust agreement that allows you to pass your estate down to your beneficiaries without the need of probate court and, finally, a will.

With a complete estate plan, you have the power to protect your estate while you're alive, ensuring that your wishes will be followed once you're gone.

## HEALTHY LIVING

Rita Shapiro, MA DPT

### Challenge Yourself to Healthier Living

With Spring around the corner let us challenge ourselves to living healthier in April. Here are some challenges to consider this month. We can look for some more challenges next month.

- Drink at least 6-8 glasses of water daily to stay hydrated. Hydration is the foundation of energy, focus and overall wellness.
- Incorporate 30 minutes of physical activity into your daily routine. Stretch your body for 5-10 minutes every day. You can view some guided stretches on You-Tube. Move for 30 minutes. You can use free apps like Nike Run Club or use the smart watch to challenge and encourage you.
- Prepare at least three home-cooked meals each week to improve nutrition. Home cooked meals are easier to balance with protein, healthy fats and vegetables. And they are more economical than eating out.
- Try a new fruit or vegetable each week to diversify your diet. Explore something new and nourishing. Examples: purple carrots, roasted fennel, baby bock choy, start fruit, guava. All these are beyond the norm of our daily lives.

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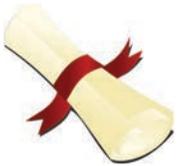
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## SCHOLARSHIP

Col D Brent Baysinger, USAF (Ret)

### 2026 Application Season is Open

As April 15 kicks off our new 2-month scholarship application season, I'd like to thank the MOAACC community for making 2025 another successful year for the MOAACC Scholarship Corporation. This was our largest total annual award--\$82,500—and supported 11 worthy college students. Hopefully we can meet or beat the total award this summer.

This year we continue to strive to reach as many qualified scholarship applicants as possible. Over the last few years, we have expanded the pool of eligibility from prospective college sophomores all the way up to PhD candidates. I'd like to ask you, fellow MOAACC members, to all to be on the lookout for potential scholarship candidates. As MOAACC members, both YOU and YOUR families represent the greatest audience for which the scholarship exists to serve. In addition, eligible candidates can also be the children or grandchildren of retired veterans residing in Brevard County. We hope you will consider the scholarship opportunity and share it with eligible members of your families, fellow MOAACC members, and those in Brevard who may not have a MOAACC sponsor.

Lastly, inflation and specifically the cost of college remains elevated. You can also support the Scholarship Corporation with your generous contributions. You can become a 'Distinguished Donor' by donating \$1,000 or more and you can become a 'Named Scholarship' donor by donating \$10,000 or more. Both contribution types are recognized on our website as well as put on display at the annual luncheon. In addition, you can support the Scholarship Corporation with your time. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to a Scholarship board member. We are always on the lookout for motivated individuals, especially within the Selection Committee.

## POINTS TO PONDER

Chap, LtCol, Thomas Unrath USAF (Ret)

### Lifes' Conundrums

For most Americans the month of April means time to deal with the IRS. Paying taxes has never been a real crowd-pleaser, I think. No one relishes the thought of dying either. I recall Ben Franklin tied these two unpleasant ideas with the notion that the only certainties in life are death and taxes. The dislike of being taxed has a long and storied history. One example comes from the Christian scriptures where "tax collectors and sinners" were lumped together.

The notion of paying taxes was also utterly and universally disliked in Jesus' day. The religious leaders who wanted to do away with Jesus tried to trip him up by asking if it was right to pay taxes. They knew if Jesus said "yes" the people listening would have a backlash. If he said "no" the Roman authorities would come after him. It looked like a no-win situation. Jesus instead asked for a coin used to pay taxes. He asked, "Whose picture is on the coin?" The answer: "Caeser's." He replied, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

This answer has led to many ethical debates. Some may say the authorities should be obeyed no matter what. Others choose to side more with the conclusion we are obligated to follow "lawful" orders and challenge those which defy ethical principles. This conundrum gives us examples today. Many people with power have used that power to convince and coerce others to do things which they would not otherwise do. Think of abusive parents, teachers or coaches who molest students and athletes. The list is unfortunately long.

We are still leaders with an obligation to "never stop serving." What will guide our service? Our former service ties and professions will, no doubt, inform our decisions as will our religious and ethical training.

Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and most other religions have at their base "Love God and love your neighbor." Love is action not feeling. Care for, build up, make a better life for the other. Even if you don't happen to like them.

Human authorities don't always act that way. Some decisions made by those in power might be more for their own benefit rather than what is truly loving. Certainly give to "Caesar" what is due, but first follow what God wants from and for us.



# Mark Your Calendar!

## Save the Dates for Upcoming MOAACC 2026 Events:

([See our website events calendar for details](#))

15 April: Scholarship Application Process Opens

18 April: Retiree Appreciation Day

21 April 2026: ROTC & JROTC Awards Ceremony

19 May 2026: MOAACC Luncheon to Honor Students with Service Academy Appointments or ROTC Scholarships

15 June 2026: Scholarship Application Process Closes

21 July 2026: Scholarship Award Presentations

7 November 2026: GDF 2nd Annual Heroes for Veterans Dinner

17 November 2026: MOAACC Luncheon & Annual Member Business Meeting

11 December 2026: MOAACC Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

17 December 2026: Annual Spouse & Surviving Spouse Christmas Tea



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# MOAAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

# WELCOME

## Welcome our New Members!

Member's Sponsor (C)	Last Name	First Name	Prefix	Service (C)	Component (C)	Duty Status (C)	Membership Level	Membership Start Date
	Adams	George	Lt Col	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 18
	Brutsche	Kimberly	Lt Col	Space Force	Regular	Active	Annual	Mar 16
	Clark	Douglas	CH (LCDR)	Navy	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 18
	Cusimano	George	COL	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 24
Grace Catron	Doughten	Paul	Lt Col	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 22
Steve Bond	Evans	Matthew	MAJ	Army	Regular	Active	Annual	Mar 3
	Everett	Charles	Major	Air Force	National Guard	Retired	Annual	Feb 18
	Glynn	Bryan	COL	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Life	Feb 18
	Gozikowski	Jason	CW05	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 22
	Heeler	James	Lt Col	Air Force	National Guard	Retired	Annual	Feb 20
	Kachenmeister	John	CPT	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	Mar 1
Steve Bond	Matthews	Joseph	COL	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 17
Jane Hodges	McMorrough	John	CDR	Navy	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 17
	Molitoris	Patricia	LtCol	Marines	Reserve	Retired	Annual	Feb 18
Dan McIntyre	Pawelczyk	Jessup	LT	Coast Guard	Regular	Active	Annual	Mar 2
	Prebeck	Steven	Colonel	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 18
Sabrina Hunt	Russell	Edward	Colonel	Marines	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 21
	Smith	Zachery	MAJ	Army	Regular	Active	Annual	Feb 20
Steve Bond	Steffen	Andrew	COL	Air Force	Regular	Retired	Life	Feb 18
	Zetterberg	Robert	COL	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	Feb 24

## TAPS

LCDR Mark Majcher, USN (Ret), died 3 March 2026.

Mrs. Anair Echevarria, Surviving Spouse member, died on 2 March 2026.

Mrs. Linda Todsén, member's spouse, died on 26 February 2026.

Mrs. Marilyn C. Hayes, Surviving Spouse member, died on 2 February 2026.

Mrs. Maria J. Stacy, Surviving Spouse member, died on 9 February 2026.

Bernadette LaChance, Surviving Spouse member, died on March 10, 2026.



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# Current Affairs



Dr. Miriam Moore gives presentation of Housing for Homeless

## Colonel John Franco,USAF (ret)

The presentation at the March 12 Thursday Morning Breakfast Club (TMBC) Current Affairs meeting was on “Housing for Homeless” (HfH) Dr. Miriam Moore, Operations Director for HfH supportive housing, brings nearly three decades of public service to her role in affordable housing and homeless prevention. Following a 20-year career in law enforcement, she transitioned to the nonprofit sector, where she currently works as the Operations Director for HfH Supportive Housing, overseeing property management and the development of several multi-family affordable housing projects in Brevard and Volusia counties. Her work ensures the veterans we serve have access to high-quality, stable homes and essential supportive services. The HfH facility consists of 21 beds that are primarily used by first-time homeless veterans. Occupants can stay for up to two years unless discharged for drug use or other disciplinary problems. The facility staff is on duty 24/7.



MOAACC President Rosa Reich thanks Dr. Moore

Photos by Steve Bond

# Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral Sailor of the Quarter



## by CWO4 Dan McIntyre USCGR (ret)

MK3 Colby L. Ventura USCG, demonstrated remarkable initiative by overhauling the station’s storage and oily waste systems and creating a digital tracking system that became the unit standard. His administrative diligence resulted in exceptional compliance scores during recent safety and environmental inspections, earning high praise from inspection teams. Beyond his engineering duties, he served as a Tactical Boat Crew Member and Boarding Officer, providing vital support for the U.S. Space Force and commercial space launch missions. His professionalism, technical competence, and selfless service make him a premier representative of the Boat Forces community.

# MOAACC March 17 Luncheon

Article & Photos by Colonel John Franco, USAF (ret)



*MOAACC President Rosa Reich welcomes luncheon attendees*



*FL Rep Hodgers speaks*

Florida State Representative, Brian Hodgers, was the March Luncheon guest speaker. He began by introducing himself, including his background in insurance and real estate. Because he was elected to finish out a term, he wasn't even considered a freshman legislator. Normally, the latter, prior to being sworn in, receive special orientation briefings and agency familiarization visits to acquaint themselves with the "rules of the rode." He admitted that he needed to familiarize himself with the legislative processes, otherwise known as, "sausage making", the hard way. In spite of his rookie status, he nevertheless was successful in sponsoring two significant bills that made it to the Governor. The first dealt with adding the requirement in high school to have an insurance course taught to prepare graduating seniors with adult financial education. The other was providing trustees with the ability to discharge the proceeds of a trust without the need for an attorney. His presentation was well received by all in attendance.



*MOAACC President Rosa Reich thanks Rep Hodgers*



*Luncheon gathering*



*Titusville High School Color Guard, (l to r) LCDR Sheldon Chatman, USN, Isabella Rodgers, Cadet LCDR, Tyler Ledford, Cadet ENS, Arianna Johnson, Cadet LTJg, Kaniah Jarvis, Cadet Senior Chief*

# Scenes from the March 14 Drill Meet at BVMC

Photos by John Franco and R. Scruggs



MOAACC President Rosa Reich and husband, Doug Shull



## MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

CPT Donn Weaver, USA (fmr), President Good Deeds Foundation

### Your Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) Already in Full Gear in 2026

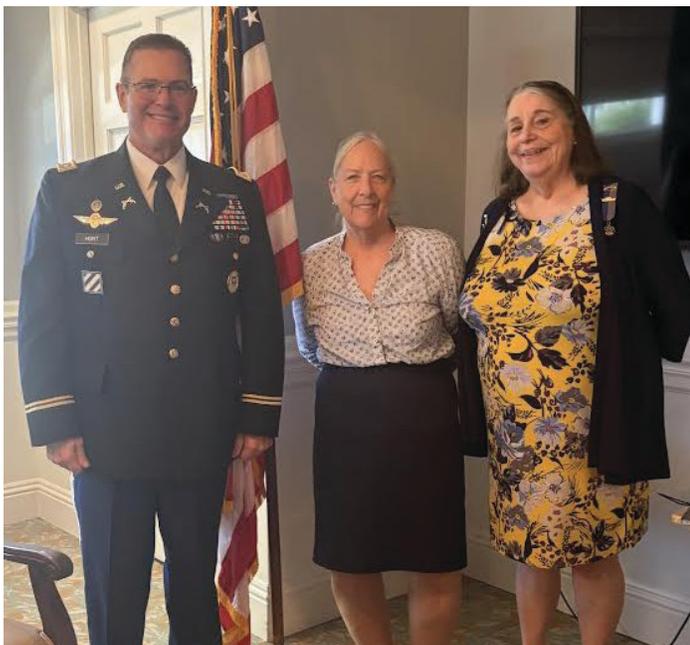
After more detailed planning, including time on the GDF cruise when 30 MOAACC members brainstormed their ideas, our Board will launch the Call for Sponsors for the VyStar Veterans Recognition Dinner on 7 November at the Melbourne Rialto near the airport. Check out our fact sheet for early information below. Thanks to Larry Jackson, the VRD Event Chairman and his committee, which includes all GDF Board members and several more from MOAACC. We know it will be a great event and surpass our \$34,000 net from the 2025 event.

GDF was there on 14 Feb to launch the JROTC Drill Meet season at BVMC Park. We hope, by the district meet on 14 March, to be able to utilize the entire new Park, including the Amphitheater. The building is complete and is awaiting power and turnover to the county,

Check this Intercom issue and in future months for the unfolding stories of JROTC impacting the community.

GDF led the effort to raise \$2K to provide Enlistment Ceremony Challenge Coins. We expect 300 Brevard area high school graduates to attend the 17 April all military branches event at the BVMC Park.

Special thanks to our very busy GDF Board as the pace picks up yet again. As noted last month, we anticipate a record \$180,000 budget for FY26 to be given to the many causes we support. This amount is unsurpassed by any MOAA Chapter in the country. I am blessed to be the GDF President in such an environment.



### Good Deeds Firing On All Cylinders into April

Your Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) shifted to even a higher gear last month, in view of

- the final JROTC Drill Meet of the year
- the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution
- launching our sponsor and support request for the 7 November GDF fundraiser
- helping the 920RQW celebrate Family Day when many service members were deployed to support operations over Iran

Please join us in April for our annual recognition of very special ROTC, JROTC and Other Cadets on 21 April at the monthly MOAACC luncheon at IRCC. This is one of the highlights of the year in terms of MOAACC's focus on youth. At the luncheon, GDF will provide sizable cash awards to the 14 JROTC cadets and five other cadets from Sea Scouts, Civil Air Patrol and the Sea Scout Ship who earn have earned the MOAA Medal and other special awards.

Thanks to our Student Affairs Committee (SAC) and MOAACC IVP Hans Hunt, for organizing this big event. Welcome to LTC Jim DesJardin USA, Ret who joined the SAC as Chair in March. He also became a member of the GDF Board while bringing 14 years' experience as Cocoa Beach HS High School JROTC Instructor. Mike Broski rounds out the SAC which is a real partner with GDF, in making sure MOAACC leads the Country in supporting future leaders.

Check out our new 07 Nov VyStar GDF Veteran Recognition Dinner poster and donation at all levels information. Please consider attending, sponsoring, serving on committees or taking out remembrance notices in our program. Larry Jackson is Event Chairman and all GDF Board members are engaged, so ask any of them for more information. This is our only shot each year to raise the funds that could continue to make your GDF number one in the Nation. Thanks in advance. Donn Weaver, GDF Pres.

Photo: IVP LTC Hans Hunt, USA(Ret) delivered a well-received presentation on the JROTC Program to the Daughters of the American Colonists (DAC) and the Daughters of 1812 (War of 1812) under our Speakers Bureau umbrella. The two ladies in the photo with Hans from the clubs are (L-R) Bonnie Charles and Deb Plaag.

## Rockledge Army JROTC Ball

By: CPT Donn A. Weaver USA (Former)



Each year, several MOAACC members are invited to attend and sometimes speak at some of the 14 JROTC military balls held in the winter months. The evening is a highlight for the cadets each year and ends with music and dancing somewhat different than MOAACC members may recall. On 7 Feb at the Cocoa Beach Oceanside Hilton, Rockledge Army JROTC held their gala and invited Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) President Donn Weaver. In the photograph, MOAACC member and JROTC instructor, Major Steve Celeste, USA (Retired), directs the color guard to retire the colors in preparation for the commencement of dancing following the ceremony and dinner. What an evening!



## Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) Supports 920RQW Family Day During Period of High Deployments

By: CPT Donn A. Weaver USA (Former)

More than 2,500 people attended the 920th Rescue Wing's annual Family Day at Patrick Space Force Base on March 8. Representatives from MOAACC and GDF, including President Rosa Reich, her husband Doug Shull, Gary Eppler and Donn Weaver, were present to show support for the unit, whose members have experienced numerous recent deployments. GDF contributed \$1,000 toward food and additional support to partner organizations AVET and the USO. The event brought together service members, families, and guests for a well-attended and positive community gathering. The GDF has also previously supported the 920RQW with a \$1,500 contribution for Thanksgiving meal during the last budget shutdown.



## MOAACC Member and Good Deeds Foundation President Receives Award

by Jay Freeland, Honor America Board President

At the annual 2026 Patriot Award Ceremony on 18 Feb in Melbourne, Honor America, which runs the Liberty Bell Museum, presented the Patriot Award to Donn Weaver and six other recipients. Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey and Honor America Board President Jay Freeland, who served as co-MCs, shared the moment. The Award is given for lifetime achievement to Space Coast leaders who exemplify service before self-style volunteerism and patriotism. This year seven were recognized including COL Danny McKnight, USA, (ret) who could not attend, and his wife Linda, Jay Freeland.

Comment: This award began in 2014 and included several MOAACC members as recipients, Along with Weaver and McKnight this year, Dean Schaaf 2025, Tim Thomas 2024 and George Rosenfield 2023 were also awarded.

Photo by Honor America.

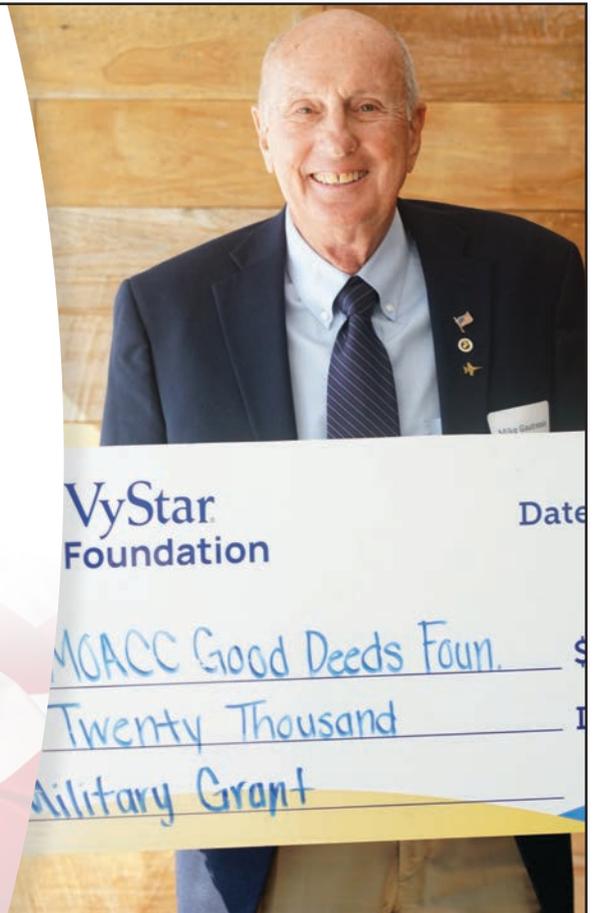


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# SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE REBIRTH

By Colonel Gary Eppler USAF (ret)

The recommended concept for the rebirth of the MOAACC Survivor Assistance Program was approved by the MOAACC BOD. The concept is to concentrate on raising awareness of the membership to PREPARING for the passing of the first spouse. When this is done the initial notifications to government agencies can take place in an efficient and timely manner. The second part of this effort is to build a Surviving Spouse Liaison (SSL) awareness program for all MOAACC members to better understand & perhaps get better organized. Having everything in one secure location &/or in a portable device; guide/booklet, laptop or cell can really make it easier for the surviving spouse.

Some of the problems which have been found are: no preparation, only limited understanding of what a Surviving Spouse needs to do and why; not sharing passwords; missing key critical information; misunderstanding when certain tasks need to be done; keeping their personal information current; and not identifying a person to close out the estate after both spouses have passed. All of these can cause wasted time and effort, frustrations and emotions to surface unnecessarily. We should get PREPARED and review our plans to make sure they are still current. It does not take long to get PREPARED; it's just getting started!

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## APRIL - JUNE

Contact BVMC for any additions or other information.

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<https://veteransmemorialcenter.org/upcoming-veterans-events/> or [donnweaver2020@gmail.com](mailto:donnweaver2020@gmail.com) for more information or to participate.

*SPECIAL NOTE: Grand Opening of the Amphitheater and Expanded Veterans Memorial Park on Merritt Island his expected in Early April. Brevard Parks and Rec Central in Cocoa schedules and approves all events for the Park.*

### APRIL

**4 Apr** — Easter Egg Hunt presented by Georgianna Church for almost 1000 kids. BVMC Park. 0900- 1300

**10 Apr** — 2026 Shrimp Feast sponsored by the Propeller Club 1800-2200 at Gator's Portside in Cape Canaveral Port. Event helps Propeller Club Maritime Education Programs while enjoying great seafood and having fun with door prizes, live auction and dancing. Cocktails at 1800 with Shrimp Dinner beginning at 1830. Tickets much be purchased in advance at \$50 each before 17 March and \$60 each after that date. contact 321-698-5286 or register at [www.spacecoastshrimpfest.com](http://www.spacecoastshrimpfest.com).

**11 Apr** — Heroes for Military Kids 5 K Kids Dash. 0800-1030 at the Avenues in Viera. Sponsored by AVET. Check out [www/avet-project.org](http://www/avet-project.org).

**11 Apr** — Space Coast Honor Flight #1 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Wash DC. It 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](http://schf.org) for more information and to sign up on the waiting list for both honorees and guardians.

**17 Apr** — 30th Annual Stars and Stripes Patriotic Golf Classic hosted by the Military Affairs Council of Accelerate Brevard 1100- 1800. At the Cocoa Beach Country Club on 5000 Tom Warriner Blvd, Cocoa Beach. Sign up to Golf or come for auctions and raffles. See Accelerate Brevard Events Web site for info.

**17 Apr** — NEW VENUE Second Annual Space Coast Military Enlistment Ceremony 1500- Check in; 1600-1800 Ceremony. Viera High School Football Field Support more than 300 young men and women who have elected to enlist in all military service branches at or near high school graduation. Contact Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576 for more information.

**18 Apr** — USAF and Space Force JROTC Drill Meet at Melbourne High 0800-1200. Suggest Visit between 0930- 1100. Trophies are also funded by MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation. Contact Donn Weaver for more information.

**24 April** — 5th Annual NVHS Golf Tournament Fundraiser 0700-1400 at Rockledge Country Club. Sponsors needed and registration at \$125 per golfer available at: [event@nvhs.org](mailto:event@nvhs.org). Prizes, Lunch, Hole in One free Car and much more, all to support the work of NVHS to prevent veteran family homelessness. and help those who are.

**25 Apr** — Civil War Day at Liberty Bell Museum 1601 Oak Street

Melbourne. 1000- 1500. Reenactments, period uniforms and equipment, displays, family friendly activities. Free admission. All ages welcome. Contact. [DUVCWFL15@Gmail.com](mailto:DUVCWFL15@Gmail.com) for more info.

### MAY

**07-10 May** — Florida's 38th Annual "All Veterans Reunion" at Wickham Park. Sponsored by Veterans Memorial Reunion Inc. Wall escort and set up 03 May with the full reunion featuring vendors, food, live music, beverages, moving walls, static displays and much more daily from 07-10 May all day into the evenings. Visit <https://travelingwall.us> and VMRI.org web site for more information and to sign up as vendors.

**03 May** — Hero Fest by Back Brevard Heroes to honor all first responders. 1000- 1600. BVMC Plaza, Gray Hall, Park. Details in early April.

**16 May** — Space Coast Honor Flight #2 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Wash DC. It 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](http://schf.org) for more information and to sign up on the waiting list for both honorees and guardians.

**22-24 May** — In the BVMC Park and Plaza: Florida wide Ride for Freedom presented by Rolling Thunder FL- 1. Friday focus is ride in, Gold Star Family Dinner and Flame Walk to the Walls and Monuments. Saturday is Rally with food, music and much more. Sunday, 25 May will be a motorcycle ride for freedom starting at BVMC Plaza and MI Mall 0900-1100. More details in April.

**25 May** — BVMC Memorial Day Ceremony BVMC Plaza 0930-1100.

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**25 May** — Cocoa Memorial Day Ceremony at Riverfront Park 1600-1800. Details in early April. Contact Donn Weaver 757-871-6576 for information.

### JUNE

**12 Jun** — Celebration and Lunch for our Military Women at the Avenues in Viera 1130 -1300. Contact [www.avet-project.org](http://www.avet-project.org)

**13 Jun** — Space Coast Honor Flight #3 of 5 2026 visits by veterans to see their monuments and memorials in Wash DC. It 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](http://schf.org) for more information and to sign up on the waiting list for both honorees and guardians.

NOTE: Fall SCHF's set for 12 Sep and 17 Oct.

# NOTU and America 250th Highlight Last Naval Battle Ceremony

By: CPT Donn A. Weaver USA (Former)



*Participants in front of Brevard Veterans Memorial Center*



*NOTU Saluting Battery in action*

On a beautiful Saturday morning of 21 March, over 200 gathered to celebrate and remember the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War. Fought off the coast of Cape Canaveral AFTER the British had surrendered at Yorktown, the battle was a crucial American victory since our fleet saved the silver brought north from Mexico to pay our soldiers and sailors. Amid America's 250th anniversary, the ceremony at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center was special.

The Naval Ordnance Test Unit from Port Canaveral opened and closed the program in rousing fashion with the NOTU Executive Officer, CDR Brian Purvis gave an engaging and historically fascinating keynote address. Connecting our Naval history to today's Navy was effectively done and even more important to know given current conflict in the Middle East. The NOTU Color Guard led the Parade of colors and the saluting battery of Submarine Squadron Four in deck guns brought the program to a dramatic conclusion.

The annual event is presented every year by the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution supported by many other SAR Chapters in Florida as well as numerous Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and one Children of the American Revolution (CAR) Chapters. More than 35 SAR, DAR and CAR members in colonial attire participated and laid memorial wreaths of remembrance. Brevard SAR President Christopher Ratzel served as the master of ceremonies with Florida State SAR, DAR and CAR leaders bringing greetings. Dean Schaaf, Brevard Veterans Memorial Center (BVMC) President, welcomed the guests and spoke about the new Amphitheater Park which will host the event in 2027, Donn Weaver, MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) President, the major sponsor along with SAR of the event, focused on the America 250 aspect of the event by handing out 100 large handheld America 250 flags provided by GDF and SAR.

Additional support was provided by more than 20 Courageous Division Sea Cadets, audio and music by Lonnie and Delinda Griffiss and numerous BVMC volunteers who managed logistics. The ceremony brought American history to life and was well received by all in attendance.



*CDR Brian Purvis thanked by SAR President Christopher Ratzel*



*CDR Purvis with Keynote Speech with (l-r) Dean Schaaf, Donn Weaver and Christopher Ratzel on stage*



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## Finally Laid to Rest after 76 Years. - Korean War KIA Army Soldier Willard Edwards



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*The Fitzgeralds and Horse Drawn Caisson Team followed by active Army Casualty Assistance Officer approaches the Interment Shelter at CCNC*

While the process is very slow and arduous, America has not given up trying to locate its fallen in all wars since WWII who became POW's or Missing in Action. An amazing story of that effort, and a decorated hero of what many call, our Forgotten War, Korea 1950-52, came home to be honored on 27 February.

Private First Class Willard Hoyt Edwards, born in West Virginia, died on his twentieth birthday, 02 December 1950, during the brutal fighting at the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He served in the 31st Regiment of the 7th Infantry Division. His combat heroism is reflected in the shadow box which is pictured below and which was assembled by the US Army for his descendants, many of whom now live in Florida. Some came far away to honor him and had not seen each other in 30 years.

Edwards remains were discovered in North Korea about two years ago and only two months ago were positively identified by the Defense POW/MIA Agency in Hawaii. Finally, PFC Edwards came home. There was a moving, if short, service and sharing memories at the North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville, followed by interment at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

Rolling Thunder FL-Chapter 1 escorted the hearse and formed an honor line, Tom and Denise Fitzgerald led their new Caisson horse team and Donn Weaver, who served in Korea two decades after Edwards, offered reflections on Edwards service and sacrifice. He linked Edwards to Cocoa Native Emory Bennett, who fell in Korea in 1952 and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Bennett is buried at the Pinecrest Cemetery in Cocoa. As far as is known, Edwards becomes the first combat death from a war buried at CCNC. He was finally laid to honored rest and will be neither missing nor forgotten any longer.



*The Rolling Thunder and Marine Corps League honor guard awaits. Doug Greene, himself a Korean War Combat Veteran, second from right, joins in tribute.*

# 2026 VyStar Veterans Recognition Dinner



**Saturday, November 7, 2026 Melbourne**

**Hilton Rialto**

**5:00 PM Reception**

**6:00 PM Dinner**

**\$125 per person**



**Keynote Speaker:**

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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.

# 2026 VyStar Veterans Recognition Dinner

Honoring the Brevard County Organizations, Projects, and Volunteers Who Support Our Veterans

**Please Join Us and Become a Sponsor**

**for an Evening of Recognition, Inspiration, and Community Impact**

- **Date:** Saturday, November 7, 2026
- **Time:** 5:00 PM – Cocktail Reception | 6:00 PM – Dinner & Program
- **Location:** Hilton Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL
- **Tickets:** \$125 per Seat (*Tables of 10 available for purchase*).

## **Highlights of the Evening:**

- **Prestigious Awards:** Celebrating Brevard County Veterans Organizations, Projects and Outstanding volunteers
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## CBHS JROTC Raider State Champions Celebrate



During the 13 March Cocoa Beach JROTC Military Ball, members of the Florida State Champion Female Raider Team were awarded and show off their championship rings, several of which were funded by Good Deeds Foundation. Our SAC member, Mike Broski, took the photo and represented MOAACC at this great event held at the Tides. Pictured left to right: BPS Superintendent Mark Rendell, LTC Robert Irick, USA, Ret, Instructor, the team!!, Principal Richard Powers and JROTC Instructor, 1SG Kevin Staddie.

## Good Deeds Helps Support “Unite for Heroes” Gala



Sheriff Wayne Ivey staged a very productive live auction and Clerk of Courts Rachel Sadoff served as MC at the 28 Feb fundraiser for Heroes United to Heal Foundation at the Cape Canaveral Conference Center with over 300 in attendance. Good Deeds Foundation was a sponsor and has given HU2H \$3000 in FY 2026 to support their Brevard Veterans Big Sky Retreat program in Montana. Seven veterans shared their experiences during the evening which raised over \$70K. Photo by Donn Weaver. Check out more about this organization at [hu2h.org](http://hu2h.org).

# JROTC Stages District Championship at VMP and Learns About the Medal of Honor.

More than 150 cadets from seven Army JROTC programs in Brevard County showed tremendous improvement in six



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*MOH presentation before trophies being awarded. Foreground: Donn Weaver, Richard Karkowski and 1SG Carlos Colon of Heritage HS.*

drill phases in a razor thin competition at Veterans Memorial Park on 14 March. In addition, they learned a lot about the Medal of Honor during the first annual MOH 5K and Car Show Fundraiser at the same venue. Forty two cadets, who were not on their drill teams ran in the 5K and many had a chance to talk with two MOH recipients. It was a remarkable end to the local JROTC Drill season this year and a very memorable day for the cadets and more than 300 family members.

After the Good Deeds Foundation provided trophies and medals were passed out, Viera was declared the overall winner and awarded the MOAACC annual Lloyd Stafford Texas AM Cadet trophy, taking over from last year's winner, Cocoa Beach. Four schools qualified various teams for the April State championship Drill Meet. The categories are Color Guard, Individual and Dual Rifle Exhibition, armed and unarmed squad drill and armed and unarmed platoon drill.

During the awards presentation we asked Richard Kartowski, an official from the Sebring FL Medal of Honor Memorial, to talk with all the cadets about the MOH and GDF provided a MOH Memorial Challenge coin to all Battalions on the field. MOAACC, MOPH and other veterans at the event took turns in presenting the dozens of trophies and medals.

GDF President Weaver thanked the parents for raising great kids and promised an even better series of JROTC events every year starting in September 2026 when the Amphitheater , Concessions Stand and much more will be fully available for all JROTC events, including award presentations on the Amphitheater stage. The project began in November 2024 which meant 11 JROTC events had to be arranged using the West side of the Park. No more.



*Medal of Honor Memorial Challenge Coin*



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*Preparing for Squad Drill*



*MOH 5K shirt for the total of 140 runners with BVMC and MOAACC/ GDF Sponsor logos on the back*

## Satellite, Space Coast and Palm Bay Rifle Teams Take National Championship Trophies



With GDF travel funds included to assist, three local JROTC Rifle Teams for the first time ever competed at the national level. In this photo the Space Coast Space Force JROTC Team, center, with Instructor LtCol Joe Stevens (right rear) takes the FIRST Place Award. Other schools in photo are not from Brevard. Congrats to all three schools as well as Rockledge who will compete at the National JROTC Raider Challenge meet in April!!



Space Coast JROTC cadet on target.

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**TO PARTICIPATE**  
If you are a veteran, simply contact us and we will arrange a video recorded interview in the BVMC library (400 South Sykes Creek Parkway, Merritt Island, 32952) or, in special cases, at your home. The conversation can last thirty minutes or up to two hours depending on your preference. The story can include your service and how your life was spent after the military. Remember hundreds of veterans have told their stories which are preserved forever on the BVMC YouTube Channel and in the LOC.

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## Is Your Email Address Still “@cfl.rr.com”? Here’s What You Need to Know

Many of our members have used Roadrunner-style email addresses (such as cfl.rr.com, @rr.com, or roadrunner.com) for years. These accounts were originally created through Bright House and Time Warner Cable and are now part of Spectrum. While these email addresses still work today, they are considered legacy accounts, and several changes in recent months have affected their reliability.

### What’s Happening?

- Spectrum no longer creates new Roadrunner-style email addresses. Some users have reported trouble connecting these older accounts to email apps like Outlook, Apple Mail, or smartphones. Spectrum support has indicated that parts of the old Roadrunner system are being phased out or migrated to newer platforms. In some cases, if a customer stops Spectrum internet service, the old “rr.com” mailbox may be shut down.

### Why This Matters

For many long-time users, the cfl.rr.com address has been stable for decades. But as the legacy system ages, the risk of service interruptions grows. Losing access to an email account can also mean losing password recovery options, contacts, subscriptions, and important messages. Additionally, within MOAACC we are now seeing a noticeable increase in “bounce-backs” when sending out chapter communications. Emails sent to cfl.rr.com addresses—including the Intercom, Five Things, event notices, and other important updates—are bouncing at a higher rate than in the past. When an email “bounces,” it means the message did not reach the member. As a result, some members may not be receiving critical chapter information without realizing it.

### Recommendations

If your cfl.rr.com email is still working, you do not need to give it up immediately. However, now is an excellent time to begin preparing for the future:

1. Set up a new, modern email account. Consider creating a free and reliable account such as Gmail (Google), Outlook.com (Microsoft), or Yahoo Mail. These are well-supported and are not tied to your internet provider.
2. Update your important accounts gradually. Begin updating your email address with banks, medical portals, Social Security, recurring bills, and newsletters. Take your time—this transition does not need to happen all at once.
3. Save or forward your important messages. Make sure any vital information stored in your old Roadrunner mailbox is backed up or forwarded to your new address.
4. Keep your Roadrunner address active if it works. Continue checking it for any notices from Spectrum and for messages from contacts who have not yet updated their records.

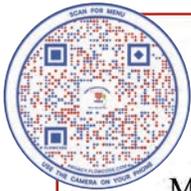
### Bottom Line

Your cfl.rr.com address may continue to function for now, but it is part of an older system that could eventually be discontinued. Taking a proactive approach—while the account is still working—will help ensure you don’t lose important messages or miss essential chapter communications. If you need help setting up a new email address or forwarding your old messages, please [click here](#) for step-by-step instructions, or reach out to us directly. We’re happy to assist.

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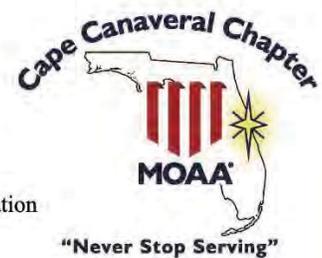
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