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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Rick Kniseley, Colonel, USAF (Ret), President, MOAACC



Something to Keep in Your Back Pocket

Boy has this been quite a week! Cheryl and I planned to take a short cruise to the Keys and Perfect Day at CocoCay. We were leaving on Sunday and be home on Friday. Little did we anticipate Hurricane Milton. Listening to the Weather Channel we decided we would be safe to go on the cruise because Milton was forecasted to go up the Gulf side of Florida. Well, the best laid plans ... Just in case, we put all the outdoor furniture in the house. The morning of sailing we got the word from Celebrity the Keys and the CocoCay were out and get an extra day at Sea and a stop in Nassau. Oh well.

The best thing we did was to sign up for Wi-Fi. We could get emails and watch the local TV stations about Milton. I couldn't believe how many people from Brevard were onboard the ship. We never lacked for information about Milton from the Captain and the Brevard locals, not to mention emails from relatives and friends. Best part we had a super time on the Ship traversing around the Caribbean --lots of

activities, great shows, and terrific food.

When Milton finally struck near Siesta Key and would stay a major hurricane moving across Central Florida the way towards Brevard we feared we made the wrong decision to go on the cruise. It was about this time our communications began to falter on the ship. We couldn't get local Orlando stations and the Weather Station seemed to focus on the damage around Tampa and predicted damage for Orlando. All we heard were predictions of tornadoes in Port St. Lucie, and Fort Pierce on Thursday night, and "something about a tornado in Brevard". What? We care about Brevard County! All we heard were rumors. We didn't get real word about Brevard until around 6:00 AM on Friday. Weather Channel said it looked like Brevard fared well. We breathed easier, but without any real knowledge until we could use our cell phones. We prayed for those who suffered damage to their homes and property. We thanked God for watching over our neighbors and our home. We were VERY LUCKY only a couple torn pool screens and lots of leaves and sticks in the yard.

When I got time to read my emails, I read an important email from Steve Bond to the MOAA Chapter Presidents. He wrote about a great way to help members and let others know about the **MOAA Foundation Crisis Grants** program for current MOAA members currently serving, retired, or honorably discharged or any surviving spouses sustaining a monetary loss during natural disasters, **including hurricanes and flooding**. All you have to do go to the MOAA website and fill out a relatively easy form. MOAA will evaluate your request and get you necessary funds once it's approved.

This information is something to keep in your back pocket. Who knows when you or someone you know may have a serious need for assistance. MOAA can be an important solution.

All I know for the future I won't forget about MOAA Foundation Grants and will definitely get Wi-Fi anytime we are on a cruise.

EXECUTIVE EDITOR & PAO

Amir M.Pishdad, CW3, USA (Ret)



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- 11/3 Free Veterans Day Open House - 1 PM - 4 PM
@ American Muscle Car Museum - Melbourne
- 11/7 Current Affairs Forum w/William (Bill) Toti, CAPT,
USN (Ret) - Israel & Gaza - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 11/12 On-The-Go Luncheon - 8 AM
@ Squid Lips - Cocoa Beach
- 11/14 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 11/16 VyStar 2024 Good Deeds Foundation
Golf Tournament @ Indian River Colony Club
- 11/19 MOAACC B.O.D. Mtg. - 9:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - Chapel
- 11/19 MOAACC Luncheon & Annual Membership
Business Meeting - 11:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 11/21 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 11/28 No TMBC - Happy Thanksgiving

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Potpourri

Five days and counting (from when you receive this) until election day! With so much at stake, it seems like a no-brainer for all of us to get out to vote by mail or in person. While during my 35 years of active-duty service, I voted exclusively by mail, I now prefer to cast my vote in person at my local precinct. There's a certain vibe one feels at the polling station, an air of professionalism in the volunteers who guide you through the steps, not to mention the feeling of pride and patriotism in having performed one's civic duty. I hope you all get as excited about voting as I do and get 'er done.

In last month's column, I described the Continuing Resolution (CR) dilemma faced by the US Congress as the clock ticked down to another potential government shutdown generated by Congress's failure to pass a new FY2025 budget on time. It has been 27 years since Congress passed a budget on time! Anyway, while many celebrated the moment as a short-lived victory (the current CR runs out on 20 December 2024), the upshot includes degradation to military readiness, key project delays, and the denial of essential services for veterans. SECDEF Lloyd Austin characterized the impacts on DoD as "creating uncertainty and putting us at a strategic disadvantage," affecting military operations, readiness, and long-term planning, as well as recruiting, training, and capability development. The VA is confronted with a \$12 Billion shortfall as demands for expanded coverage and access to care under the recently passed PACT Act increase. What a mess!

Meanwhile, the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) figures for 2025 are finalized at a 2.5% increase based on the Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W); this compares to a 3.2% increase last year, an 8.7% increase in 2023, and a 5.9% increase in 2022. The "good news" is rampant inflation is generally "under control." We'll have to wait and see what happens next year when more tariffs on imported goods kick in as promised by both presidential candidates (Trump and Harris). One of MOAA's claims to fame is its continuing efforts to track COLAs while protecting this sacred benefit which is constantly under attack in the Congressional Budget Office' biennial report on budget-cutting options. This is due out again in January 2025 when the new 119th Congress convenes.

Finally, after the vote tallying is completed and the new Congress is seated, what follows is the subject of a recent report, Fixing Congress, the product of a bipartisan group of retired Members (House and Senate) who focus on changing the "rules of the road" used in the Congress to produce results—legislating and allocating funding. Among their eight major recommendations are some no-brainers, all of which would require Congressional leaders to relinquish some control to its members. First, improve collegiality and interaction with non-partisan seating

in chambers and committees and limit party caucus lunches and meetings. Next, modulate the working atmosphere on the Hill by including five working legislative days per week (rather than three) and allow legislators to spend every fourth week in their home districts. Implement a new rule guaranteeing debate and voting for relevant floor amendments that have significant support from Members on both sides of the aisle; give bipartisan amendments a vote during internal committee "markup" sessions. Allow a petition process for committee members to bring any bipartisan committee-approved matter to the floor without the approval of the House Speaker, thus empowering the rank and file. Make committees smaller, with each Member assigned to only one "major" and one "minor" committee and allow those committees to elect their own chairs and ranking party members; these committees should reflect the overall composition of the chamber. Strengthen majority rule by simplifying the manner in which a majority can bring any matter to the floor. Make a "Motion to Vacate" require at least fifty Members of the majority party (as opposed to anyone in either party), thus reducing the temptation to hold the Speaker politically hostage to any issue, trivial or otherwise. Restore the talking filibuster and require at least 41 votes to continue the debate (rather than the current 60 required to close the debate). As arcane and byzantine as some of the current rules seem, these recommendations heed some thoughtful consideration, especially in the current climate of partisan warfare. Good luck!!

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

CAPT Arnold Lim, USNR (Ret)

How To Report Your QCD on Your Taxes

Did you or someone you know make a QCD? This author wrote an article on Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) in the February 2022, edition of the Intercom. To follow up on that topic, if you made a QCD from your traditional IRA, it's important to report it properly when filing your federal income taxes. However, it can be tricky to know how to do this.

Individuals aged 70.5 years and older may transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional IRA directly to charity organization(s) each calendar year and have it count as what is known as a QCD. These can count as all or part of your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for that tax year, but you're not taxed on them, and they're not added to your adjusted gross income. That is a big deal.

That being said, when you receive your 1099-R Form from the brokerage company holding your traditional IRA in Q1 of the following tax year, the form will not directly reflect the QCD amount. Rather the form will only show the total distributions taken that entire tax year; the form will not segregate regular withdrawals from an IRA versus QCDs. So, how do you make sure your regular distributions and QCDs are reported correctly, so you will not get improperly overtaxed? Let's go through the steps.

Step 1: Locate your Gross Distribution (on Line 1) on your 1099-R Form. For this example, let's say your QCD for 2024 totaled \$26,000.00.

Step 2: Subtract what you know to be the correct total amount of QCD from that Gross Distribution amount. For this example, let's say your QCD for 2024 totaled \$10,000.00.

Step 3: Locate your 1040 Form. For "IRA Distributions" (on Line 4a), insert the total amount of distributions previously found on your 1099-R Form. For this example, that would be \$26,000.00.

Step 4: For "Taxable Amount" of "IRA Distributions" (on Line 4b) of your 1040 Form, report the taxable remainder found earlier in your calculations (even if this amount is \$0). For this example, that would be $\$26,000.00 - \$10,000.00 = \$16,000.00$.

Step 5: If using paper filing, write "QCD" next to Line 4b so the IRS knows why the numbers for Lines 4a & 4b don't match. If using a tax filing software like TurboTax, a drop-down box for Line 4b should give you the choice to select QCD, and then the QCD number will automatically be subtracted.

That will do it!

Reminder: MOAACC has two outstanding charitable 501(c)(3) organizations that can certainly utilize contributions, e.g., QCDs, to benefit our local community: Scholarship Corporation (TIN: 59-3563724) and Good Deeds Foundation (TIN: 46-5148264). So, if you are able, please consider contributing.



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POINTS TO PONDER

MAJ (Chaplain, USAR Ret.) Bill Adams, MOAACC

The planetary season is fall, but what is the spiritual season? Known as the “High Holy Days,” the Jews also call it the “Season of Awe.” The rabbis hold that in the time of the fall feasts of Israel, God is judging the world, calling His people to repent and account for their actions toward Him and each other.

The season began when the sun set on 2 October and the world entered the year 5785 (Hebrew calendar). The holy day (holiday) observed in Israel and around the Jewish world is Rosh Hashanah (Head of the Year). The Bible calls it the Feast of Trumpets for it is the time to blast the shofar (ram’s horn) that heralds the new year. Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) follows as the holiest day of all. Tabernacles, the ingathering feast, is capped off by Simchat Torah when the Torah scrolls are rewound to Genesis, the book of beginnings.

“Speak to the children of Israel and say to them: The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts” (Leviticus 23:1-2). Notice whose feasts they are...because the Jews have kept them for millennia, we tend to call them “The Jewish Feasts,” yet the Scripture says, “The feasts of the Lord,” and God Himself says, “these are My feasts.”

When we hear “feast” we think of a big meal, and there are wonderfully festive meals, but the word in Hebrew actually means “an appointed time” in contrast with Greek chronos (and our chronometers) that dictate most of our daily life.

Like Israel, our opportunity is to meet with God at His appointed time. Think about it: The Lord of Heaven and Earth has saved the date on His calendar for His people to enter the awe of His presence and be changed.

The Jews sum up the feasts... “They tried to kill us. We won. Let’s eat!” Some dark humor is needed as Iran and its terror proxies are attacking the Jews, intent on wiping Israel off the map. With the painful anniversary of the Oct 7 massacre and 100 hostages still captive in Gaza, the people of Israel are traumatized, but soldiering on to victory, in these days of awe.

HEALTHY LIVING

CAPT (ret) Rita Shapiro, MA, DPT

*Health Awareness or Well Awareness?
That is the Question!!*

We are inundated with the advertisements for this drug will be good for this condition or the next one for something else! But have you noticed while they promote those drugs on the commercials, and quietly list the nasty side effects, the actors representing the “patients with such grave diseases” are always shown to be dancing and happy! Makes you wonder!! Hmmmmmmm!

But I think what they really mean to promote is well awareness; but having to promote their products, they tend to equate that with the use of that pharmaceutical thus making the audience captive to that product.

Do I sound cynical? I do not really mean to be, but I feel that our society has become captive to the “Give me a pill to fix the issue” motto than to take responsibility of our health and wellness matter into our own hands. We have stopped questioning or becoming more engaged in our own well being, so are content to let others lead us, instead of taking responsibility for our own health.

Our health is in our own hands but only if we are willing to take responsibility for ourselves to be WELL!



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Mark Your Calendar!

Save the Dates for upcoming MOAACC Events:

- 7 November 2024:** Current Affairs Forum
- 16 November 2024:** MOAACC Annual Golf Tournament
- 19 November 2024:** Annual Membership Business Meeting
- 7 December 2024:** Annual Christmas Dinner Dance
- 10 December 2024:** On-The-Go Christmas Luncheon
- 17 December 2024:** MOAACC Surviving Spouses/ Spouses Christmas Tea
- 4 January 2025:** MOAACC 2025 Installation Banquet
- 17-19 January 2025:** MOAA FCoC Training Seminar & Mini-Convention in Orlando

Next On-the-Go Luncheon:

This month's 'On-the-Go we will meet at Squid Lips (2200 S. Orlando Ave, Cocoa Beach, FL). For reservations or additional information phone Toni Lowe at (321) 474-6888. Cut off for reservations, cancellations is the Friday prior, so she can inform the restaurant on how many are coming. Cost: Per individual. As always, please honor your reservation or call Toni if you cannot attend so she can inform the restaurant in a timely fashion. Everyone is invited so please join us.

Space Coast Navy Wives' Club

Please join us for our November 15th luncheon at THE TIDES on Rt A1A Patrick Space Force Base. Social hour begins at 11:30am and lunch is served at noon.

Our speaker will be Gerard Straub. He will talk about his journey from Hollywood, and going from riches to rags and being happy. Gerard now runs a children's orphanage in Haiti.

Our menu choices are Turkey dinner with all the fixings or Caesar Chicken Salad. Dessert will be Pumpkin Pie.

For more information and to make reservations, please call or text Ellie Joy at (321) 961-2962.

Reservations must be made no later than noon, Tuesday, November 12th.

Remember friends and family are always welcome. This month we will meet in the Ballroom, so bring a wrap or sweater to keep warm.

MOAACC Luncheon & Annual Membership Business Meeting

11/19/2024 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM

Location:

Indian River Colony Club

1936 Freedom Drive

Melbourne, FL 32940

Building Number: Colony Hall

Cost is \$25.00 for luncheon. Meal choices are:

1. Beef Stroganoff over Pasta w/veggies
2. Chef Salad
3. Vegetarian meals available upon request

All meals include rolls & butter, coffee & tea and the Chef's sweet choice for dessert. Cash bar available.

Please RSVP/cancel by 14 November 2024, online, or by contacting Grace Catron at events@moaacc.org or (417) 294-0798. You can pay [online](#) with Credit Card, pay at the door or mail payment with RSVP to:

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Mark your calendar to cast your vote for the Chapter leadership in November. See page 9 for a list of nominees.

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MOAACC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WELCOME

The Following New Members were approved by the BOD on [...date needed here...]:

Name	Rank	Service	Status	Sponsor
Lee Crusius	CDR	Coast Guard	Active	Dan McIntyre
Robert Ingram	LT	Navy	Former	
Thomas Palmer	Lt Col	Air Force	Retired	Wayne Justice

TAPS

**MOAA CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER
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2nd Vice President	LTC Hans Hunt, USA Ret
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Assistant Secretary	CDR Eric Gardner, USN Ret
Treasurer	COL Michael (Mike) Schroeder, USA Ret
Assistant Treasurer	LTC William (Bill) Vanasse, USA Ret
Master-At-Arms	CW4 Jose Prieto, USA Ret
Assist Master -At –Arms	Col Mike Notley, USAF Ret

Directors

CY 2025 (Term expires Jan 2026)
 PP Col Richard (Rick) Kniseley, USAF Ret
 CDR Kenneth (Ken) Lowe, USNR Ret
 LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN Ret

CY 2025 (Term expires Jan 2027)
 Col John Franco, USAF Ret
 Ellie Joy, Surviving Spouse
 CW5 Michael (Mike) Tucker, USA Ret

Chaplains who were previously appointed by MOAACC President
 Lt Col Thomas (Tom) Unrath, USAF Ret
 MAJ William (Bill) Adams, USA Ret

I wish to thank Jeff Rogers & Dan McIntyre who served superbly with me on the Nomination Committee.

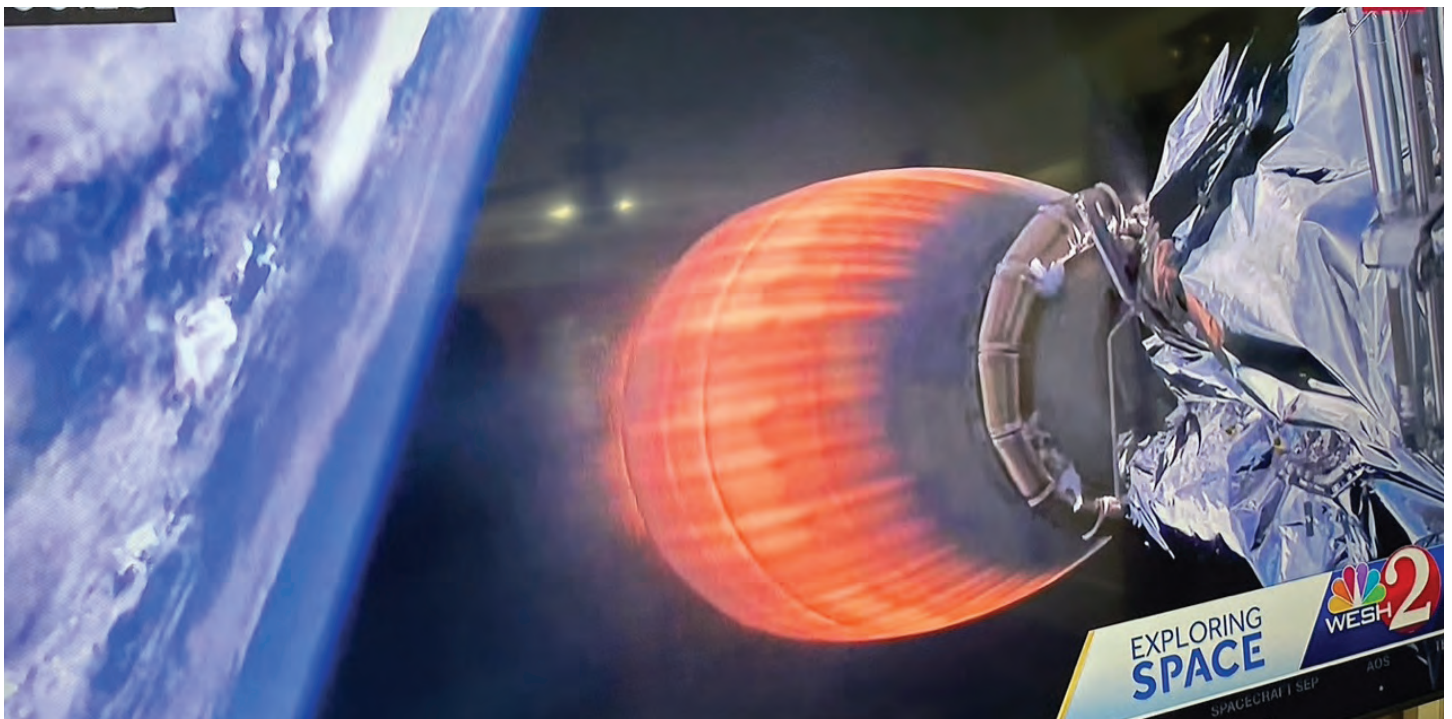
Gary D. Eppler
 Col Gary D. Eppler, USAF Ret
 Committee Chair



*Col Gary D. Eppler, USAF Ret,
 MOAACC Nominating Committee Chair*

MOAACC Photo by Tim Pishlad

EUROPA here we come! Where is the water?



Facts:

- *Europa is one of eighty moons of Jupiter*
- *About 360 million miles from earth.*
- *It takes roughly five years to get there.*

NASA photos from TV

MOAACC Past Presidents Dinner



MOAACC Photo by Pish Pishdad

The Dinner was held on 5 October 2024, at Indian River Colony Club

Above photo, back row, far right, Rick Kniseley, Colonel, USAF (Ret), 2024 MOAACC President, joined the annual photograph with ten other Past presidents.

Front Row L-R:

MAJ Tim Pishdad USA, 2020
Col Susan Neugebauer USAF, 2011
Maj. Joe Oblack USAF, 2010
Col Steve Bond USA, 2021
CAPT Robert D. Watts USN, 2015
Col Gary Eppler USAF, 2018

Back Row L-R:

CPT Donn Weaver USA, 2016
LtCol Brian Whalen USAF, 2023
COL Jeffrey C. Rogers USA, 2014
CDR A Courtney Yelle USN, 2013
Soon to be Past President, Col Rick Kniseley USAF, 2024

(Not present: CDR Ken Lowe USNR 2022)



MOAACC Members & Friends Aloha Trip - September 2024



MAJ (R) Tim Pishdad and LTC (R) Cynthia Watkins-Pishdad besides the "Might Moe", USS Missouri, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



LTC (R) Ben Zoller, CPT (F) Rob Dale, COL (R) Virginia Zoller, and Michelle Dale, in a Banyan Tree at Lolani Palace, Former home of Hawaii's Final Monarchs, Honolulu, Hawaii

Photos Courtesy of Tim Pishdad



MOAACC members visit Hawaii!

Foreground: CPT(former) Rob Dale and his wife Michelle, Center: MAJ (R) Tim Pishdad, Susan Weeks, COL (R) Virginia Zoller and her husband, LTC (R) Ben Zoller, Back: COL (R) Lanny Weeks and LTC (R) Cynthia Watkins Pishdad. Heading out to a Luau at the Hale Koa, Military Hotel, Waikiki Beach.



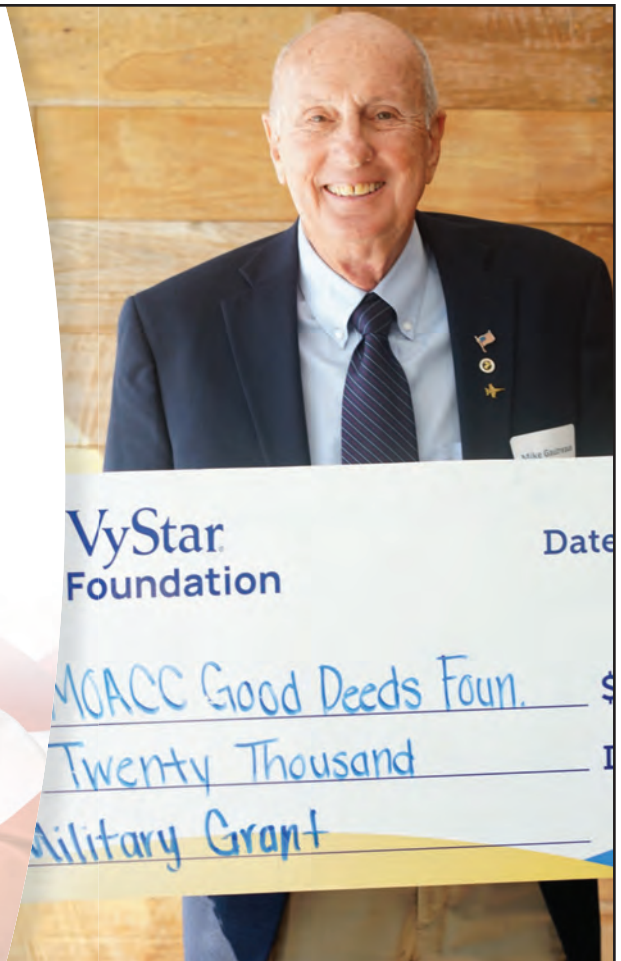
MAJ (R) Tim Pishdad, LTC (R) Cynthia Watkins-Pishdad, Susan Weeks (Wife of COL (R) Lanny Weeks), and MSgt (R) Stephen Dewey visiting Hanauma Bay, Oahu, Hawaii

VyStar Foundation is a proud sponsor of MOAACC

On behalf of The Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC), we extend our heartfelt gratitude for VyStar Foundation's support of The Good Deeds Foundation, allowing us to continue our mission of service and camaraderie. As Vice President of the Good Deeds Foundation and a VyStar member for four decades I am proud of their unwavering support of the military community. Thank you for standing with us as we serve and support those who have served our nation.

Mike Gautreaux

Colonel, USMC (ret)
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Donn Weaver, CPT (USA) Former

A Fall of Records and Impact for Good Deeds Foundation.

While waiting for Hurricane Milton and preparing for long planned travel right afterwards, I wanted to share some remarkable news about your Good Deeds Foundation in this November Intercom Issue. Here is what we reported to the MOAACC Board at the 15 October Board Meeting which provides great highlights.

A. FY 2024: We ended FY 2024 with another record of \$130,000 donations to our Four Pillars: Youth, Active Duty, Veterans and Vet 501c3 with Great Support Track records like, WAA, SCHF, BNOVLB, Back Brevard Heroes and many more.

B. FY 2025: Thanks to expected generous donations and what looks like a positive 16 November Golf Tourney we have increased our FY 2025 Budget, see below.

C. EVENTS: Thanks to MOAACC for great support to many GDF sponsored events including 9/11 ceremony and BNOVLB recently. NOTE: Space Coast Honor Flight set for 12 Oct was scrubbed. GDF Check for \$6,400 for 8 FIT ROTC Cadets and 8 FIT PhD VA Candidates to serve as Guardians will be presented with first 2025 flight set for early April 2025. The JROTC Raider meet set for 12 Oct was cancelled due to impending hurricane Milton. Final Raiders meet at VMC Park will be 02 November (10-1200 hours) and hope that the MOAACC will be there to talk with cadets and hand out trophies.

D. ANNUAL GRANTS: GDF is setting records this Fall for many donations. Among Them:

- PSFB Warm-Heart \$10K
- OASIS for Troops. \$1,500
- CCNC Caisson \$2,500
- CCNC North Brevard Honor Guard. . . \$1,000
- Veteran Connections (vets in distress) . . \$4,000
- Their Voice of Hope (Women Vets) . . . \$3,000
- SCHF \$6.4K

E. GOLF: With \$26K in sponsorships and 66 golfers so far, we are on track for the most successful Golf Fundraiser ever. We are working with NOTU, USCG, VFW CC, JROTC and many others for teams and support. Mike will provide a full update. Appreciate MOAACC sign sponsors and other support for the event which we will finalize early November.

G. IMPACT LIST and Annual Meeting Report: Hurricane has hampered finalizing our \$130K FY 2024 Impact list but will have it for website and more in late October. It will be a key piece for our portion of the annual Chapter report in November.

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

or contact donnweaver2020@gmail.com for more information or to participate.

NOVEMBER 2024

02 Nov — JROTC Raider Challenge DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP Invitational Competition at the Veterans Memorial Center Park (0630-1300). Support hundreds of JROTC cadets engaging in five grueling events in 10-person male, female and mixed teams.

09 Nov — First Annual City of Cape Canaveral Veterans Day Parade 0930-1100 starting at City Hall with plenty of entrants and food and drinks at VFW Post 10131 of Cape Canaveral.

09 Nov — St Francis Reflections "LIFE stage Care Veterans Day 5K" at VMC Park. 0800-0930. Merges into VMC Veterans Day Ceremony.

09-10 Nov — Veterans Open House 2024 at Valiant Air Command War Birds Museum at TICO Airport, Titusville 1000-1700 both days. Veterans get in free with lots of food, special events and more. Check the War Bird Museum web site for more information.

11 Nov — Veterans Day Ceremony at VMC Plaza 0930 - 1100. Many others in Brevard as well.

16 Nov — Annual MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraiser at the Indian River Colony Club 0800-1300. Save the date. Details this summer. Looking for sponsors. Contact Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576.

16 Nov — Annual Dinner and Fund Raiser by the Support Committee of the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (SC/CCNC) 1730- 2000 at American Legion Post 1, US 1 in Titusville. 50/50 raffles, silent auction, Music by Dave Johnson, great food and more all to support the SC/CCNC during the year. They organize ceremonies and events at CCNC; support the CCNC Director and her team, as well as through the Cape Canaveral Ladies, who make sure no veteran is ever buried alone. Reservations required by 01 Nov to Priscilla Southworth (saavik31324@yahoo.com). Dinner costs \$20 with checks made out to SC/CCNC. Priscilla has all details.

17 Nov — Bowling for Heroes Charity event by Heroes United to Heal Foundation at Palm Bay Shore Lanes 4851 Dairy Rd, Melbourne 1300-1500. Five-man team entry fee is \$70 for each lane with grand prizes available in Juniors (under 21). Corporate/Private Business, Hero (Vets and First Responders) categories. Register your team by email: admin@hu2h.org. The event is aimed at "Striking Out" the stigma of PTSD and vet/first responder suicide.

25 Nov — Senator Marco Rubio's Staff Mobile Office Hours at the VMC 1300-1500, specifically for Veterans and their families.

DECEMBER 2024

13-14 Dec — JROTC District Air Rifle Championship 0800-1200 Palm Beach Jr/Sr Magnet School. State Qualifier Meet.

14 Dec — Wreaths Across America Day in many Brevard Locations. Cape Canaveral National Cemetery 1000-1200 with details on all WAA events in October.

14 Dec — JROTC District Invitational Air Rifle Meet at Palm Bay HS 0800-1200. Support dozens of cadets from 10 or more

High Schools compete at the indoor range for marksmanship team honors. 2

14 Dec — Second Annual Merritt Island Community and Gold Star Family Tribute Christmas Tree Illumination and Holiday Party. VMC Park 1500- 2000. More details in August.

15 Dec — Wreaths Across America at Pinecrest Cemetery/Brevard County Honors Veterans 1400 - 1600, 815 Clearlake Road, Cocoa. Honors also Medal of Honor Recipient Emory Bennett, and all deceased veterans and Gold Star Families of veterans as well as First responders. Rolling Thunder FL-1 Chapter will escort the wreaths from VMC with KSU at 1300. Contact Dorothy Walsh for more information through the VMC.

JANUARY 2025

11 Jan — Second Annual Stop the Traffic 5K Fundraiser, VMC PARK 0700-1200. Organized by Edgewood HS students and parents to raise money to bring awareness and action to help stop human trafficking, a growing problem even in America. More details in November.

10-11 Jan — Palm Bay JROTC Air Rifle Commanders Cup Match, PM Friday; 0800-1200 Saturday at Palm Bay Jr/Sr HS.

FEBRUARY 2025

01 Feb — County wide JROTC Air Rifle Run and Shoot Competing at VMC Memorial Park. 0700-1200. Hosted by Satellite HS JROTC.

02 Feb — Annual Ceremony to Commemorate the Immortal Four Chaplains of WWII. VMC Plaza 1400-1500. Marine Corps League and VMC Sponsors and Presents.

15 Feb — Annual Commemoration of the WWII Bataan Death March at VMC Park 0700-1100. Air Force and Space Force JROTC units only come together for a long ruck March to remember this tragic chapter in American military history and reflect on the sacrifice of our prisoners of war.

22 Feb — JROTC District Drill Meet at VMC Park 0700-1200. See many teams compete in Color Guard, Squad and Platoon drills.

22 Feb — USAF JROTC Statewide Drill meet for Air/Space Force programs at Melbourne HS 0800-1300.

MARCH 2025

08 Mar — JROTC District Drill Meet with hundreds of cadets in competition in five events. VMC Park 0700-1200.

15 Mar — Annual Last Naval Battle of the Revolutionary War Celebration at VMC Plaza. Sponsored and staged by the Brevard Sons of the American Revolution with assistance from VMC and MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation. Details in December 2024.

29 March — JROTC District Championship Drill Meet at VMC Park 0700-1300. State Championship Qualifier.

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Rockledge High School's New Rifle Range Flooring



Above:

GDF President Donn Weaver, Center right met at Rockledge HS to inspect the new Rifle Range Flooring paid for in part by GDF funds and help promote a cadet. Ryan Burke (center left), owner of Garage Experts which did the work joined the celebration.

Right:

Freshman Cadets undergo and inspection before the morning class.



SPEAKERS BUREAU



COL Jeff Rogers, USA (ret) presented "A Soldiers' Perspective" talk at the Navy Wives' Club Luncheon on 18 October 2024

TMBC



President Col (R) Rick Kniseley presents TMBC guest speaker, Major Luke Wyckoff, USAF, BSC, BCPS - Chief, Pharmacy Operations Patrick SFB with chapter challenge coin, with Navy CAPT(R) Rita Shapiro.



VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER UPDATE



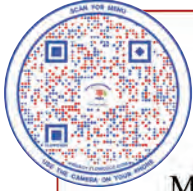
On 20 Sep, the Veterans Memorial Center was honored as Space Coast Star Non-profit of the year by the CBRCC. Accepting was VMC Vice President Donn Weaver and BVC Chair Don Pearsall (l) with Cheryl Clark of the Chamber. This was the first Award for VMC since the Cocoa Beach Chamber began such awards in 1969. MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation received that award two years ago. Two great veteran organizations getting recognized by the community.

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Storms Change Schedule- Not Focus — JROTC Raider Challenge Meets in 2024

The two Hurricanes Helene, and Milton, forced changes and the cancellation of one Raider Challenge Meet in Brevard at the Veterans Memorial Center Park this Fall, but the cadets never lost spirit.

More than 250 JROTC cadets from 11 High Schools including two from other counties competed in the once postponed Raider Challenge event on 05 October. The event saw over 400 parents and siblings watch the five grueling events which include a 2k run, Big Tire Flip, Rope Bridge crossing, Drag and Carry relay, and Litter Carry competition with 10 person teams fighting time and skill requirements. 29 Male, female, and mixed teams did their best with Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach teams winning the most trophies but all giving their best and using teamwork, leadership, motivation and athleticism and much more to high levels — unusual actions for most high school students on a Saturday morning.

A second Raider Challenge for later in October had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Milton and scheduling conflicts. The final District Championship is all set for 02 November at the VMC Park, From 0900 -1200 MOAACC and VMC members are encouraged to come out and support the JRIOTC cadets and help present dozens of medals, ribbons and trophies to the winners, many of whom hope to qualify for the State Raider Challenge Championships on 16 Nov. The awards are all funded by MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation.



Maj Steve Celeste, USA, Ret and Rockledge JROTC Instructor briefs the team captains, instructors and volunteer graders on the program in the early morning hours.



The two-mile run begins.



Opening Ceremonies



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In the early morning of 25 Sep at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery Tom and Denise Fitzgerald, whose Caisson Solemn Pride, is one of the few in frequent use in the country at a VA/NCA Cemetery

The second Service of Brevard No One Veteran Left Behind (BNOVLB) was held at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (CCNC) on 25 September. Over 140 volunteers and witnesses attended the Service which had two major parts.

First, the names and some bio data for six veterans, nineteen family members and one Ohio Army National Guardsman well known in Brevard, were read aloud. These veterans and family members were abandoned when they passed, and their cremains were left unclaimed in Brevard County funeral homes for many years in one case of a WWI for nearly six decades. They were honored by many who came and are now finally at rest where they are entitled, at a beautiful VA/NCA Cemetery, joining over 10,000 already at their final duty station here.

Second, CCNC staff members read the names of another 140 veterans who were laid to rest at CCNC in the past 15 months without family in attendance. It was a moving and memorable service covered by five media outlets, including Florida Today, which did an advance story on 24 Sep.

CCNC, like only the Arlington National Cemetery in Northern Virginia, is unique. There were more than 20 members of the Cape Canaveral Ladies who attended the service and were at every burial at CCNC, when no family members attended. Thanks to them, and the Arlington Ladies, at CCNC and ANC, no veteran or eligible family member is truly ever buried alone.

The North Brevard Honor Guard conducted full military honors at the service and clearly the 50-minute program meant the promise made to all veterans of never forgetting them and being among those who also served.

The next BNOVLB Service will hopefully take place in the Spring of 2025. There are an estimated 3-400 such veterans and eligible family members now forgotten on funeral home storage shelves. Not much longer is our BNOVLB Mission.



Caisson Ready to Proceed open a Final Mission for 19 Vets and Family Members



GDF President Weaver presents a check from Good Deeds for 2025 FY expenses in the amount of \$2000, to the Brevard No One Veteran Left Behind Service.

MOAACC members played a major role in the Service with three speakers, two organizers and more than 15 members in attendance including the Officer Leadership Team. Good Deeds Foundation provided funding for programs, honoraria, and other expenses.

For more information or to volunteer for the next Service, contact BNOVLB Coordinator, Donn Weaver.

VAYA-Space

By Dr. Jane Hodges



Vaya Space founded in 2017 by Astronaut Sid Gutierrez develops and manufactures orbital launch vehicles, in space propulsion systems and advanced missile engines. Dr. Hodges participated in an exclusive tour of the company's facilities on Oct. 1 with other NASA Alumni League members. Kevin Lowdermilk, CEO, gave a very interesting talk and will be invited to speak at an upcoming MOAACC event. The work environment is work friendly, even allowing its young employees to bring their dogs to work. Mr. Lowdermilk said employees will stay at work longer if they don't have to hurry home to feed the dogs! Dr Hodges and the visitors were very impressed with their hybrid rocket engines which are simpler and safer, with non-toxic, non-explosive propellants and require fewer parts than traditional rocket engines. For further information on this new company (vayaspace.com)



Bob Sieck, former Shuttle launch director (and previous MOAACC speaker), Damon Nelson, Shuttle payload processing, and Jane Hodges, former NASA KSC Public Affairs, enjoy the tour and briefing.

THE ROLE OF AIRCRAFT IN WWI (Part 10)

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC



WERNER VOSS: Werner Voss was the closest competitor to the Red Baron. Voss entered the war in 1914 at the age of 17, serving in the cavalry before transferring to the air service. He was assigned to the same squadron as the Baron and quickly won fame for his acrobatic flying style and deadly combat accuracy. He had 48 aerial victories and won the “Pour le Merite,” Germany’s highest military honor during World War I.

Voss had a flair for the dramatic. He routinely landed next to his downed adversaries’ planes to claim a souvenir from the wreckage. When his defeated enemies were captured alive, Voss would sometimes pay them a visit with cigars or an autographed photo of himself.

Voss’s final flight is often called the greatest dogfight of the war. He singlehandedly engaged seven British experienced aces over Belgium. Voss spent a full ten minutes flying circles around his opponents, dodging machine gun tracers, and eventually forcing three of the British planes down before being shot down and killed. James McCudden, one of the British pilots, would later describe the 20-year-old Voss as “the bravest German airman whom it has been my privilege to see fight.”

GEORGES GUYNEMER: Famed French ace Georges Guynemer entered World War I as a mechanic. He received his pilot’s license in June 1915. Guynemer established himself as the most feared pilot in France’s famed N.3 squadron, known as the “storks.” He used his mechanical know-how to make technical improvements to his aircraft such as the “avion magique,” a specially designed Spad XII fighter with a 37mm single-shot cannon.

Guynemer embodied the myth of the chivalrous pilot. In June 1917, he engaged in a lengthy dogfight with Ernst Udet, a top German ace. As each man twisted his machine through the sky in an attempt to gain the upper hand, Udet discovered that the guns on his plane had become hopelessly jammed. The German was certain he would be killed, but to his surprise, Guynemer simply acknowledged his plight with a wave of his hand and flew off. He shot down 54 enemy planes, second best France’s “ace of aces,” Rene Fonck. (Some content was from articles by Evan Andrews.)

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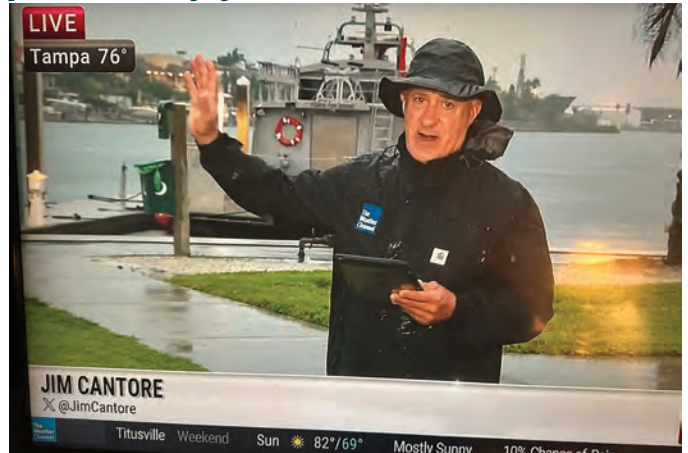
Photo left to right: BM3 Hayden Cooper USCG, Station Port Canaveral, SA Courtney Tate USCG, recent basic training graduate, MKCS Carlton Prescott USCG, Recruiter in Charge Orlando Recruiting Office, LTC Michael Dunning USA (Ret), JROTC Senior Instructor, CWO4 Dan McIntyre USCGR (Ret) MOAACC USCG Liaison



MOAACC members, MAJ (R) Tim Pishdad and Bill Cook show off their large mouth bass caught at Headwaters Lake, Brevard County. They hauled in over 40 Bass! Bill smoked Tim!

Hurricane Milton

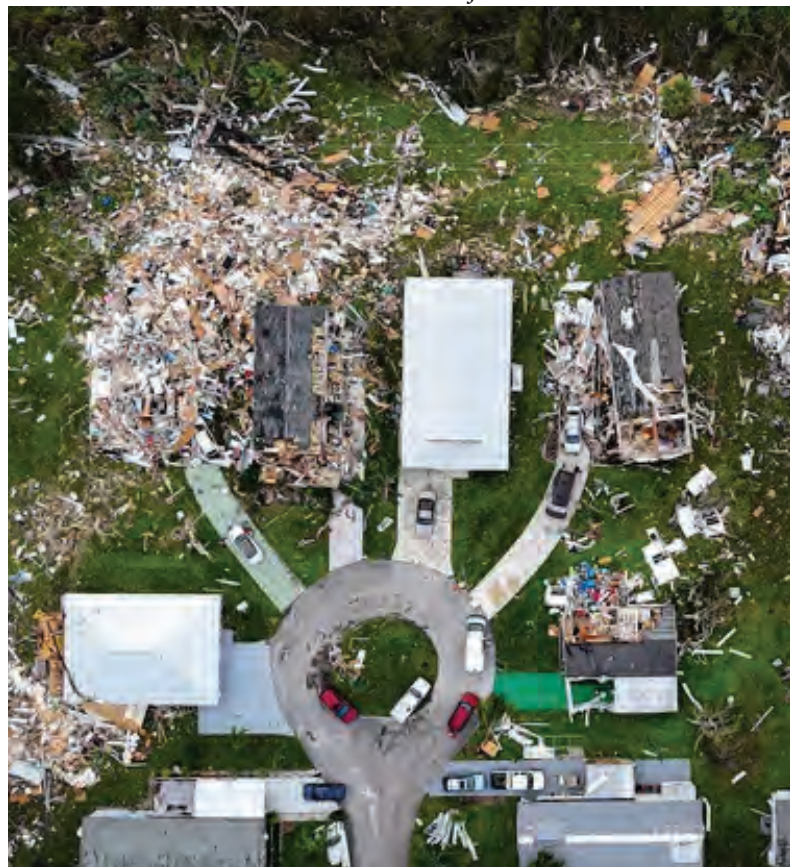
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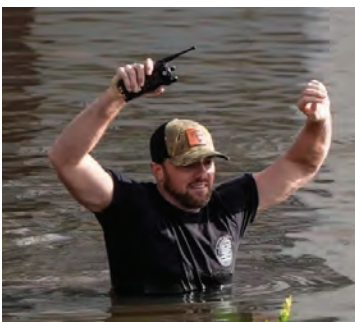
The Well-known Mr. weatherman, Jim Cantore stayed up all night to keep Listeners informed.



A drone image shows the dome of Tropicana Field which has been torn open due to Hurricane Milton in St. Petersburg, Fla., on October 10, 2024.



Aerial view of destroyed houses are seen in Port St Lucie, Fla., on Oct. 11, 2024, after a tornado hit the area and caused severe damage as Hurricane Milton swept through Florida.



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- **Engaging Cadet, ROTC, JROTC Programs**
- **Protecting Veterans and Veterans' Survivors**

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- ✓ **Brevard/No One Veteran Left Behind**



Good Deeds Foundation, Inc.
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2024 VyStar Good Deeds Foundation Golf TOURNAMENT

Saturday
November 16, 2024
7:00am Registration
8:00am Shotgun Start

Indian River Colony Club
1936 Freedom Dr
Melbourne, FL. 32940





MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION, INC.
2024 VyStar FUNDRAISER Golf Tournament

Hole Sponsorship Donation Form
Contact: *Capt Larry Jackson*, 321-242-1331
larryj59@gmail.com

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Purpose: Provide financing for philanthropic endeavors supported by the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation in Brevard County.

Location: *Indian River Colony Club*
1936 Freedom Dr
Melbourne, FL
32940

Donation Options: Select a sponsorship level below:

- Corporate Sponsor \$1,000 or More (Official Program Logo & Advertising Support)
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Name: _____

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Provide Suggested Language for your Sponsorship Sign: _____

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\$125 Entry Fee Includes:

- Green & Cart Fee
- Range Balls
- AM Coffee, pastries & Bloody Marys
- PM Awards luncheon
- Raffle Prizes & Silent Auction
- Sleeve of Golf Balls & Raffle Ticket
- Awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Team Place
- Awards for Men's and Ladies long drive, closest to the pin on par 3's



MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION, INC.
2024 VyStar Fund Raiser Golf Tournament
ENTRY FORM.

Date: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Time: 7:00am Registration, 8:00 Shotgun Start

Location: *Indian River Colony Club*

Purpose: Provide financing for MOAACC's philanthropic endeavors in Brevard County

Entry Fee: \$125.00 per golfer

Format: Four Person Scramble. If you do not enter a team list, you will be placed on a team with other players.

Team Information:

Player 1: Name: _____

Telephone: _____

EMAIL: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Player 4: _____

Convenient online registration and payment available at: GDFgolf.com

Or mail this form with checks payable to
MOAACC GDF to
PO Box 320358

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Benefiting Brevard County Military,
Veterans' and ROTC/JROTC Units



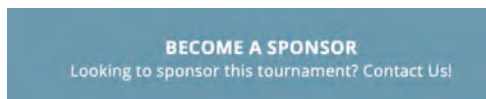
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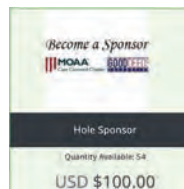
We'll place a sign at one of the tournament's tee boxes with your name and a message. Your message can honor a loved one or a fallen comrade.

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Click:
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