

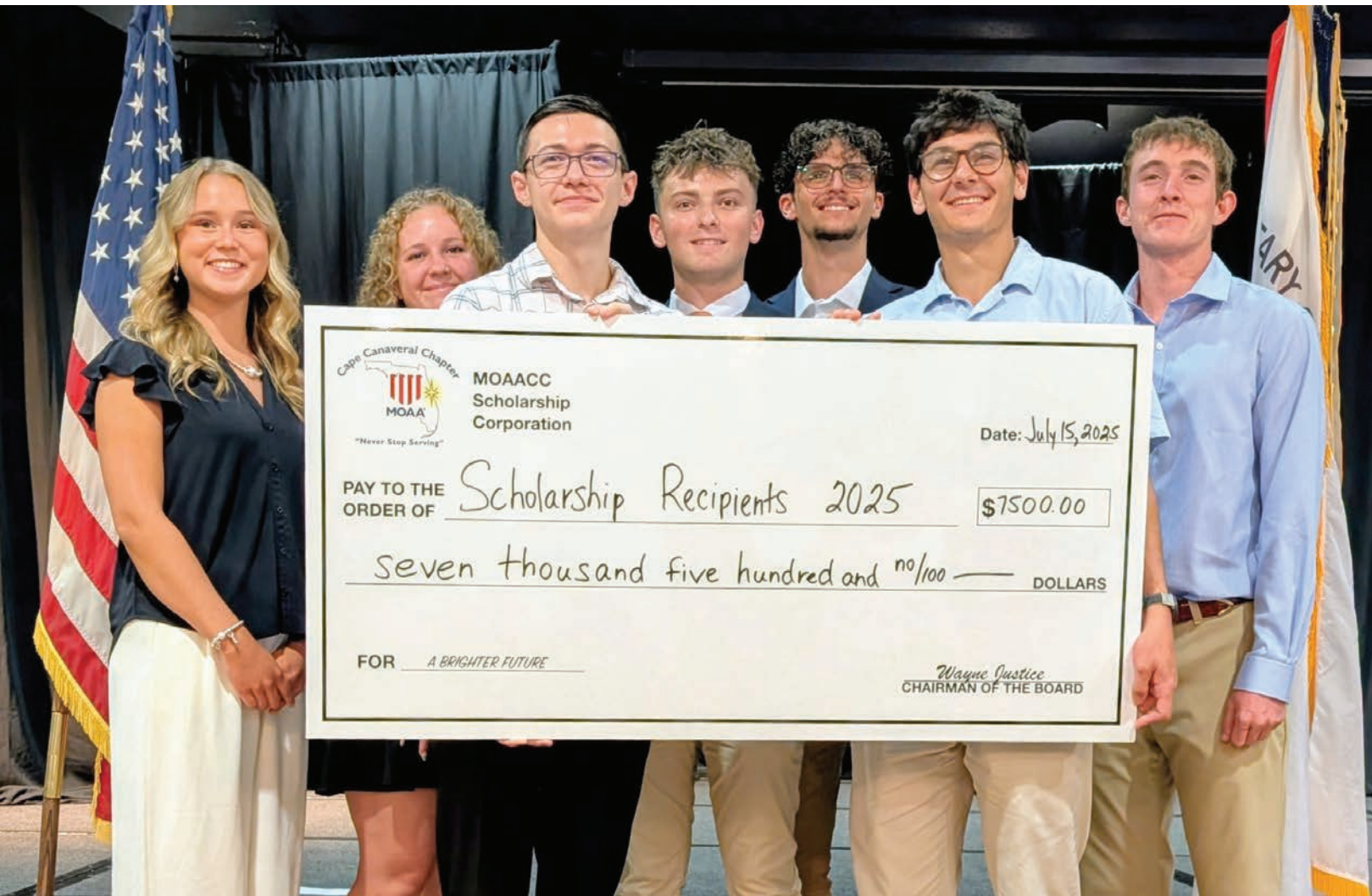


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MOAACC 41st Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon



On July 15, 2025, The Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) held its 41st Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) in Melbourne, FL.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Steve Cusick, Captain, USN (Ret), President, MOAACC

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Social Activities and Events

Hello again and welcome to the August 2025 edition of the INTERCOM. This month I would like to focus on our Social Activities and Events which are always available to our members. But first, a **BIG WELL DONE** to our Chapter Scholarship Corporation for another outstanding year of scholarship awards followed by the Annual Awards Luncheon on July 15. This is a special benefit available to our members, and we are so very proud of our eleven Scholarship winners this year.

Each month we host social activities and events which have been described as “**Camaraderie with a Purpose**” to take care of each other and keep informed on the latest information in our local community. Of course, we are very fortunate to have the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) as our headquarters, and to always stream on ZOOM the events held at the Club.



- The Thursday Morning Breakfast Club (**TMBC** for short) is held at 8am **every Thursday** to update us on the latest retirement benefits, Patrick SFB services and our many social events. It is a lot of fun, so please join us in person or on the ZOOM Link available on our webpage: <https://moaacc.org>
- The “**On the Go**” luncheons are also very popular, held at 1130 on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at a local restaurant. No business of course and we would love to have you, and your guest join us. Check out the details on our webpage.
- Finally, our main MOAACC Luncheon with a “Special” Guest Speaker is held at 1130 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Reservations are required with easy sign-ups available via the Events and Activities heading on our webpage.

As always, thank you so much for your support and dedication to MOAACC, truly the best (Award Winning) MOAA chapter in the country.

CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY - INCREASE OUR MEMBERSHIP

Hans Hunt reports that we have several new members again this month. We are now very close to our goal of increasing our membership to 1000! So please help, invite a friend and bring them to one of our many events.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Steve

EDITOR'S NOTE

John Franco, COL, USAF (ret)

Congratulations to our 11 well-deserving scholarship winners, and our best wishes for an exciting future that awaits them. Many thanks to those who have made MOAACC's scholarship program unequalled nationally including: our chapter leadership and members, scholarship committee, Good Deeds Foundation, sponsors and generous donors. This program is what helps make MOAACC unequalled nationally.



AUGUST EVENTS

[\(Click Event for Details\)](#)

- 8/4 Support the Navy League of Cape Canaveral - 5 PM
@ Texas Roadhouse - Rockledge, FL
- 8/7 Current Affairs Forum - 8 AM
Guest: Dr. Brandan Wormsbacher, MD, FAAFP
Chief Medical Officer - Viera
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/12 On-The-Go Luncheon - 11:30 AM
@ Fujiyama Steak House - Melbourne, FL
- 8/14 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/16 MOAACC Summer Picnic - 11 AM
@ Veterans Memorial Center - Merritt Island, FL
- 8/19 MOAACC Board of Directors Meeting - 9:30 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - Chapel
- 8/19 MOAACC Luncheon - 11:30 AM
Guest Speaker: Congressman Mike Haridopolos,
8th District of Florida
@ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 8/21 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/28 TMBC - 8 AM
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole

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What Are the Essential Documents for an Estate Plan?

A well-crafted estate plan typically includes six or seven key documents. Many people are surprised to learn that planning for medical situations is just as important as addressing financial matters. If your plan is missing any of these core elements, your loved ones may face unnecessary legal delays, added expenses, or even be unable to help you in an emergency. Having these documents up-to-date offers peace of mind—knowing you’ve taken thoughtful steps to prepare for the unknown.

1. A Will Is Essential

Whether or not you create a trust (discussed below), you should always have a valid, current Last Will and Testament. Your will directs how assets without a named beneficiary (such as personal property or accounts held solely in your name) will be distributed through probate. It also allows you to name guardians for minor children and appoint a personal representative (executor) to manage your estate.

2. Durable Power of Attorney

If an accident or illness leaves you incapacitated, who would manage your finances, legal affairs, and day-to-day obligations? Many assume that family members automatically have this authority—but that’s not true. To ensure someone you trust can act on your behalf, you must create a Durable Power of Attorney (POA). This legal document empowers your designated agent to handle banking, real estate, insurance, taxes, and other financial matters if you’re unable to do so.

3. Health Care Directives

Your estate plan should also include documents that address your medical needs. A Health Care Surrogate appoints someone you trust to make medical decisions if you’re unable to do so. A Living Will expresses your wishes for end-of-life care, such as whether you want life-sustaining treatments. A Health Care Workbook provides detailed preferences and values regarding your medical care to guide your surrogate’s decisions.

4. Pre-Need Guardian Designation

If your POA or health care surrogate is challenged or deemed invalid by a court, a Pre-Need Guardian designation allows you to pre-select someone to assume responsibility for your personal and/or financial affairs. Without this, a court-appointed guardian may be chosen—potentially not someone you would prefer.

5. Trusts: A Foundation for Asset Protection and Planning

A trust can serve as the cornerstone of your estate plan, depending on your goals. Trusts can help:

- Avoid probate (Revocable Living Trust)
- Provide for a disabled loved one (Special Needs Trust)
- Protect assets and qualify for Medicaid (Irrevocable Asset Protection Trust)
- Support a charitable cause while reducing taxes (Charitable Remainder Trust)

A trust allows you to manage and distribute assets according to your wishes, both during your lifetime and after. You may serve as the initial trustee and beneficiary, with successor trustees and beneficiaries stepping in upon incapacity or after your death.

6. Regular Reviews and Updates

Life events—such as marriage, divorce, the birth of a child, relocation, or changes in the law—can affect your estate plan. Review your documents at least every 2 years, or anytime your personal circumstances change, to ensure your plan reflects your current wishes and legal requirements.

Final Thought

Estate planning is about more than just passing on your assets—it’s about protecting yourself and those you love. With these essential documents in place, you’re not only securing your legacy but also making it easier for others to help you when you need it most.



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John R. McMahon, BG, USA (Retired)

A Reset on the Budget

The One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBA), which MOAA has dubbed the “megabill,” was signed into law on July 4, 2025, by President Trump. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) it could add up to \$3.3 Trillion to the national debt over the next ten years. The new Public Law No. 119-21, passed by slim Republican majorities in both chambers, assumes the best-case scenario, which projects vastly improved economic conditions with an artificial intelligence-driven efficiency boom that raises incomes and tax receipts while keeping federal spending under wraps.

It is important to understand what this Reconciliation Bill does to reset and make changes to existing laws related to spending, revenue, and the debt limit by making changes to mandatory spending programs (e.g., Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid), setting tax rates and provisions, and setting broad targets for discretionary spending. It is a fast-track process designed to avoid the Senate filibuster when one party has control of both chambers of Congress. Nonetheless, the annual appropriations process must also proceed to allocate specific funding levels to the various government agencies and programs, aimed at discretionary spending (e.g., Defense, Veterans Affairs), within the broad target levels set by the Reconciliation Act.

As unappealing as many pundits and Democrats characterize this new law, it also sets conditions for future negotiations in Congress. For example, by making President Trump’s first-term tax cuts permanent, it may force Democrats to join with Republicans to finally address our deteriorating fiscal situation in a manner more in line with Republican policy priorities. As in past attempts for our elected representatives to address the situation responsibly, this new law sets a new baseline for future negotiations.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve (FED) finds itself in a precarious position in which the nation accumulates more debt, tariffs increase inflationary pressure, and the Treasury market flutters in the hope that another disastrous blow to the economy (i.e., COVID-19 Crisis) does not occur. As an independent player in this ebb and flow of Congressional and Presidential action, the FED’s mission is to foster a healthy and stable economy and financial system for the USA by promoting maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates. Its mandate is to conduct monetary policy to influence interest rates and credit conditions, to supervise and regulate financial institutions to ensure their safety and soundness, and to minimize risks to the overall financial system. Additionally, it provides financial services to banks, the US Government, and other institutions, including operating the payments system.

As a taxpayer, there is certainly some good news in the new law including a new \$6,000 deduction (\$12,000 for couples) for those 65 and older who earn up to \$75,000 per year (or \$150,000 for couples); this deduction decreases for higher earners and phases out for singles who exceed \$175,000 per year and couples after

\$250,000 per year. The standard deduction increases to \$15,750 for singles and \$31,500 for couples. For homeowners, the State and Local Tax provision (SALT) raises the cap on deductions for these items from \$10,000 to \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000. The bill also repeals Biden-era student loan forgiveness programs with other sensible measures that reward borrowers for making on-time payments, for example. The new law includes \$150 billion in DoD funding, some of which addresses MOAA focus areas:

- **Better BAH:** \$2.9 billion in supplemental funds for the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), though details on how the funds will be spent remain unclear. MOAA has fought to restore BAH to 100% of projected housing costs.
- **Unaccompanied Housing:** \$1 billion for Army, Navy, Air Force, and Space Force housing, and more than \$230 million to support the Marine Corps Barracks 2030 program.
- **Health Care:** \$2 billion in additional funding for the Defense Health Program.
- **Child Care:** \$100 million in childcare fee assistance, and another \$62 million to modernize staffing at DoD childcare centers.
- **More Spouse and Family Support:** \$100 million for Impact Aid payments (designed to assist school districts with large DoD populations), and \$10 million for military spouse professional licensure.



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POINTS TO PONDER

Ch, LtCol, Thomas Unrath

It is likely you've never seen or heard the service song of our newest branch, the Space Force. The song "Semper Supera," also the Space Force motto, which means, "Always Above," was included during the installation banquet. I dare say none of us recall it. I have gotten acquainted since I am writing this article. It is only one verse:

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue.
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high!

James Techenor, a former Air Force Band member at the Airforce Academy composed the lyrics and melody. He wanted, "to encompass all the capabilities that the Space Force offers and its vision." He then collaborated with Sean Nelson, a trombonist and chief arranger for the U.S. Coast Guard Band, on the orchestration. The song was first played by the USCG band as they assisted in the arrangement. Techenor and Nelson gave the copyrights for lyrics and music to the USAF.

While the song was written with the USSF in mind, and the lyrics certainly fit that thought. I also see many of those words and phrases as the promises we have from our God.

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LTC (Ret) Hans Hunt

Brevard County School Board Awarded MOAACC Coins



On 24 Jun 2025, Dan Wilson (Student Affairs Committee Chairman) and Hans Hunt (2VP/Student Affairs Committee) presented MOAACC coins to the Brevard County School Board and the Superintendent with over 100 people present. Hans Hunt as the spokesperson for MOAACC thanked the Brevard County School Board and Superintendent for their outstanding support to the Military and their families, Veterans Community as well as to the students in JROTC within the county. They were also thanked for hosting the Brevard County enlistment ceremony held at Viera High School where over a hundred students from Brevard County enlisted in the Military. This recognition shows our great working relationship with the School Board thanks to the efforts of Don Weaver and the Student Affairs Committee.

JULY CURRENT AFFAIRS FORUM

Current Affairs Forum presented by representatives from Care Patrol & Assisting Hands Home Care



L-R: Alexis Gragg, Susan Houts and Jeanna Gigi Rodriguez
Photo by Pish Pishdad



Mark Your Calendar!

Save the Dates for upcoming MOAACC Events:

(Click on the event or see our website events calendar for details)

- 4 August 2025: Support the Navy League of Cape Canaveral @ Texas Road House Viera
- 7 August 2025: Current Affairs Forum - w/Dr. Brandon Wormsbacher, MD, FFAFP Chief Medical Officer – Veterans Administration Clinic (Viera)
- 16 August 2025: MOAACC Summer Picnic, Veterans Memorial Center
- 19 August 2025: MOAACC Luncheon w/ Congressman Mike Haridopolos - 8th District
- 12 September 2025: Tuskegee Airmen - 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament
- 16 September 2025: MOAACC Luncheon w/Dr. Doris Newman, DO, FFAO. Dean
- 3 October 2025: 10th Annual Rescuing Veterans Lost in America Gala
- 08 November 2025: 1st Annual VyStar MOAACC Veterans Day Recognition Dinner
- 18 November 2025: MOAACC Luncheon & Annual Membership Business Meeting**
- 5 December 2025: MOAACC Annual Christmas Dinner Dance
- 11 December 2025: MOAACC Surviving Spouses & Spouses Christmas Tea
- 13 December 2025: 4th Annual Space Force 10-Miler



Indian River Colony Golf Club 1936 Freeman Drive, Melbourne, FL 32940

Join us as we celebrate the Legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen. Come be a part of the Seventh Annual Charity Golf Tournament. Experience the natural preserves, abundance of wildlife which provides a pleasant respite as you proceed around the course. You will remember each hole for its own unique personality traits.

7:30 AM-Registration Check-in
8:30 AM-18-Hole 4-person shotgun

Registration
\$130 per individual
\$500 foursome

Post-tournament luncheon after play.
All proceeds to benefit our youth outreach programs



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MOAACC On-the-Go-Luncheon August 12, 2025

Fujiyama Steak House

5000 North Wickham Road #111
Melbourne, Florida 32940

This month's 'On-the-Go we will meet at Fujiyama Steak House. 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.



MOAACC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

WELCOME

Welcome our New Members!

Last Name	First Name	Prefix	Service	Component	Duty Status	Membership Level	Member's Sponsor
Eremita	Carol	Mrs	Surviving Spouse	Other	Surviving Spouse	Annual	Ellie Joy
Gill	Mario	CDR	Coast Guard	Regular	Active	Annual	Dan McIntyre
Hall	Raymond	Captain	Marines	Regular	Retired	Annual	Hans Hunt
Ham	Jeanette	MAJ	Army	Reserve	Retired	Annual	Dean Schaaf
Mallamaci	John	MAJ	Army	Regular	Retired	Annual	Steve Bond
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July 15, 2025

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Back Row L-R:

Col Mandi Fuller, USSF (mother of Hadlee Fuller), CDR Alan Lim, USN (representing daughter Astrid Lim); LTC Hans Hunt, USA (representing daughter Keely-Ross Hunt), CAPT David Ellers, USCG (representing daughter Brooke Ehlers), Col Michael Beddard, USAF (representing daughter Hannah Beddard), CAPT Julius Gostel, USN (grandfather of Amanda Gostel)

Front Row L-R:

Amanda Gostel, Hadlee Fuller, Ryan Flammini, Evan Lanoue, Aaron Luther, Hunter Crook, Carson Waggoner

On July 15, 2025, The Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) held its 41st Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) in Melbourne, FL. This year, eleven recipients, all college juniors, seniors or graduate students and descendants of area military veterans were selected to receive a \$7,500 scholarship, a total of \$82,500 in awards! The MOAACC Scholarship Corporation was established in 1984, beginning with a single \$1,000 award. To date, 327 students have received awards with a total dollar value of \$1,069,500! MOAACC scholarships have been entirely funded through the generous contributions of our chapter members over the years. For more information on how you can help carry on this tradition, please see our website at www.MOAACC.org.

Hannah Bedard

University of Florida

Sponsor:
Col Michael Bedard, USAF

Award Presented by:
Col Fred D. Galey, USAF and Frances M. Galey

Name of Scholarship:
Col Fred D. Galey, USAF and Frances M. Galey
Joe & Ruth Oblack
Dawson E. & Charlotte B Molyneaux



Hunter Crook

Milligan University

Sponsor:
LTC James Crook, USA

Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
COL Laurence W. Eskell
Glenn L. Anderson
Lt Col John & Martha Aldinger



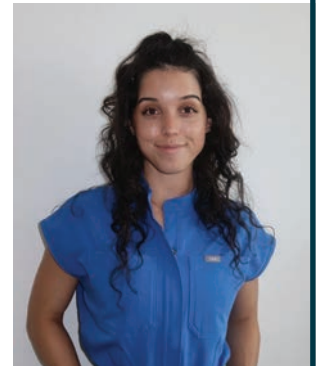
Brooke Ehlers

Lake Erie College

Sponsor:
CAPT David Ehlers, USCG

Award Presented by:
Sam Ginsburg

Name of Scholarship
Betty and Sam Ginsburg



Ryan Flammini*University of Central Florida*

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Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
Nancy Lyons Hall
Col & Mrs. Robert L. Bangert
Aura Charlene Kendall

**Hadlee Fuller***University of Florida*

Sponsor:
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Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
LTC Sylvester A. Merritt
Patricia Oates
CAPT Alfred & Winifred Schumann, USN

**Amanda Gostel***The Ohio State University*

Sponsor:
CAPT Julius Gostel, USN

Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
COL Raymond A. Williams
Lt Col Robert H. Clark Family
David & Delores Whiteside

**Keely-Ross Hunt***Brigham Young University*

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Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
Doug & Denise Ackerman
COL William B. Hawley
MAJ George Bowdren

**Evan Lanoue***Clemson University*

Sponsor:
Lt Col Richard Lanoue, USAF

Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
LTC Leila (Mickie) Kehoe, USA Nursing Corps
CAPT Bill & Bobbie Reidel
CAPT Merrill K. Wood

**Astrid Lim***South University*

Sponsor:
CDR Alan Lim, USN

Award Presented by:
Wayne Justice

Name of Scholarship:
COL John & Beverly Rawson Dibble
Brig Gen Gordon & Doris Masterson
COL Erwin C. & Jeanne E. Hamm

**Aaron Luther***University of Florida*

Sponsor:
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Award Presented by:
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Name of Scholarship:
Wilfred G. Riopelle, MD
Jean & Charles Baldwin

**Carson Waggoner***Clemson University*

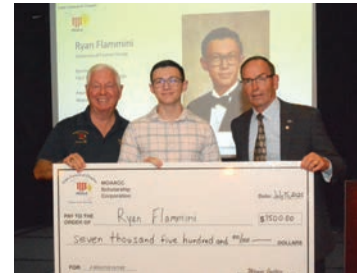
Sponsor:
LTC Scott Waggoner, USA

Award Presented by:
Dan & Mary McIntyre

Name of Scholarship:
CAPT Thomas D. Nunn
Sue Schneider
Kathleen B. Kelsey



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Countdown to the 250th: BCSO Independence Day Parade of 2025 is a Patriotic Launch



Finishing just before the rains came on a cooler than usual Fourth of July, the Sixth Annual Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Independence Day Parade was a good start of a special year long countdown to mark America's 250th Birthday. There were more first responder entries than ever as Sheriff Wayne Ivey and his team also made sure security was everywhere — just in case, given threats nationwide the days before.

There were hundreds and hundreds of spectators lining the route from Merritt Island High School south on Courtney Blvd to Merritt Ave. While other parades may have had more spectators in the five previous years, all were enthusiastic and applauded the entrants, including four major veteran groups — Veterans Memorial Center, MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter, Marine Corps League and Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

There were three big stars of the parade this year: Sheriff Ivey who greeted everyone at the finish line, Grand Marshal Medal of Honor Recipient SFC Melvin Morris, USA Ret, and 99 year old WWII and Korean War Veteran Maj George Rosenfield, USA, Ret.

The BCSO Huey Helicopter flew overhead much of the Parade as hand held flags and pounds of candy were passed out to spectators along the route. So many of those who came to watch were children - a good omen for the future of American patriotism.

The photos below were taken during final set up for the parade of some of the over 70 participant groups. They capture the enthusiasm and outright fun of keeping this old American tradition alive and well. It is worth remembering that this parade was even held in 2020 during the Covid restrictions, though that year it was a Parade in Reverse. Participants lined route S20 on Merritt Island as hundreds of cars passed by heading to the beach with many honking while their passengers smiled and waved.





MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

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

The busy summer for your Good Deeds Foundation continues.

We hope you have enjoyed or are planning some summer travel, but I can assure you the Good Deeds Foundation remains busy. As noted in previous Intercom reports, we need the help of many MOAACC members to make our First Annual Veterans Recognition Dinner on 8 November a success. Please check out our new flyer below as well as an update on the program. Thank you in advance. This month we would also like to update you on some unique and special GDF grants. These include:

- \$500 to a Navy Spouse mother of two working with VA and NVHS helping vet families in distress who needed a computer while also working on a master's Degree (thanks to Brian Whalen for bringing that request to GDF)
- \$1500 to the All Military Services Ball in November at the KSC Visitors Center.
- \$800 to fund a Gold Star Family Dinner at VMC on the new national Gold Star Family Holiday 28 Sep.

- Sponsorship of \$1250 for a MOAACC/GDF Table at the 3 Oct NVHS Awards Dinner.
- \$48,000 for the 2025-26 JROTC and other cadet grants to be provided 6 Aug at the VMC Museum, 0745-0900. We hope some MOAACC leadership will join GDF and SAC at that event. We can safely say this amount of support to JROTC and our youth is unmatched by any MOAA chapter in the entire country.

NOTE: The FY 2025 through three quarters Impact list for GDF is on the MOAACC website through June — you will be proud when you review same. Please reach out to any GDF Board member for information about our fundraiser or any questions on GDF you might have. Of course, we also welcome any donations of any size all year round to:

MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation
PO Box 320358
Cocoa Beach, FL 32932
Warm regards, Donn Weaver, GDF President

Veterans Day Recognition Dinner “Elevator Speech”

I am asking your organization to participate in our upcoming fund-raising event. The Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) will be hosting a Veterans Day Recognition dinner on Saturday, November 8, 2025. Holiday Inn Viera Conference Center, Reception 5:15 PM, Dinner 6:00 PM, \$125 per person.

The purpose of our dinner is twofold: 1. Raise funds for the GDF's projects and 2. Increase public awareness of projects, organizations that are supporting US Military veterans here in Brevard County.

1. Military Officers Association of America Cape Canaveral Chapter's philanthropy arm is known as The Good Deeds Foundation (GDF), a 501(c)3 organization. GDF provides grants to JROTC/ROTC/Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol units, Active Duty Military units and veterans' support organizations in Brevard County.

2. Our dinner will be held on the weekend before November 11, Veterans Day. We will be presenting awards in three categories for entities in Brevard County: Veterans Organization of the Year, Best Veterans Project of the Year and Most Outstanding Veterans Affairs Volunteer of the Year.

We are seeking sponsors for the following:

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VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER UPDATE

Not Forgotten — BVMC Park Hosts Memorial AMN Bellmore 5K



On your Mark

issues. Many runners wore their MIHS Class of 2022 Senior Shirts with Christian's name on them. By November there will be a memorial bench and tree honoring the young airman in the expanded BVMC Park. His name is already etched twice in our plaza with a brick on and on the MIHS bench. As the Greeks said, a soldier only dies if he is forgotten. BVMC was honored to host the event which is slated to take place many years coming.

On 21 June 35 runners and 30 others came together at the west side of Veterans Memorial Park on Merritt Island to remember a young patriot. Airman Christian Bellmore died at age 19 in Oklahoma in June 2023 while serving in the United States Air Force, just before his first deployment. He was a 2022 Merritt Island High School graduate. His mother, US Army active duty SOC SFC Samantha Mecke and her family came together to remember Christian via a second annual 5K run.

Bellmore was slated to be assigned to Air Force One weeks before his death due to medical/training



The three overall winners with Gold Star Mom "Sam" Mecke second from left.

Join Us for the MOAACC Summer Picnic – Food, Friends, and Fun Await!

Dear MOAACC Members,

We're excited to invite you to our **Annual MOAACC Summer Picnic** on **Saturday, August 16, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island.

Come spend a relaxing afternoon with fellow members, enjoying delicious **grilled burgers and hotdogs, classic picnic sides, and refreshing drinks** – all served with the warm camaraderie that makes our chapter so special. **Indoor seating will be available** for your comfort, rain or shine.

This is more than just a picnic – it's an opportunity to **connect with old friends, welcome new members, and celebrate our shared mission**. Explore the inspiring museum exhibits and impressive static displays at the Veterans Memorial Center. Don't miss the **guided tour of the JROTC Obstacle Course**, proudly funded by our Good Deeds Foundation, and get a **sneak peek at the new Amphitheater currently under construction**.

Donations will be accepted at the door to support our chapter's ongoing programs.

Please register in advance via our Events Calendar at www.MOAACC.org to help us plan a wonderful day for all.

Let's come together to celebrate the summer, our community, and the impact we make as MOAA members. We look forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

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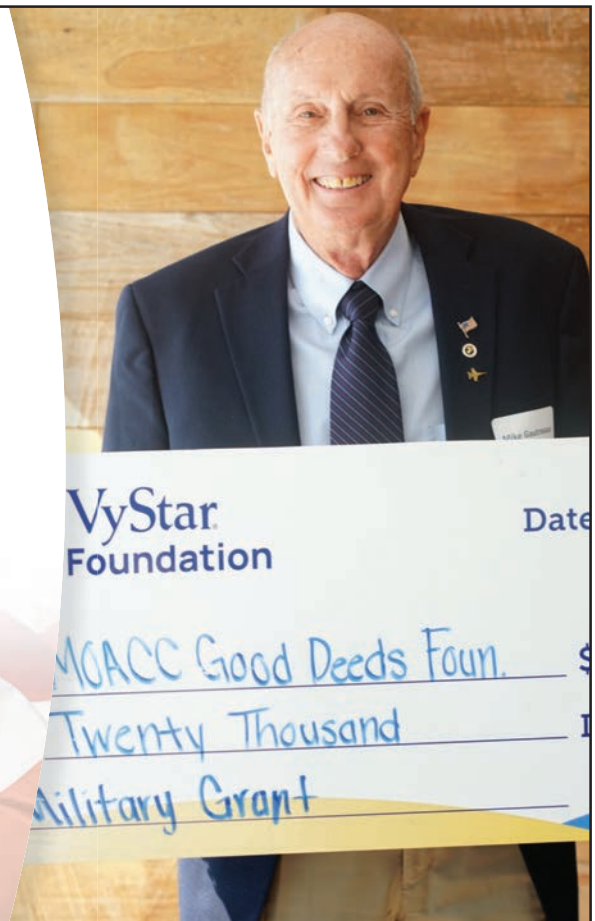
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We need your help—THANK YOU!

The Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) of the Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter, proudly announces the launch of its JROTC Support Program. This initiative is dedicated to enriching the educational experiences of over 2,500 cadets enrolled in 14 Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) programs throughout Brevard County.

Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders

The JROTC Support Program aims to empower young cadets across various military branches, including Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Marine Corps. By fostering community and youth initiatives, the program seeks to bolster these cadets; growth and development in critical areas.

Impactful Contributions

Through generous contributions and community support, the JROTC Support Program will:

- **Enhance Core Activities:** By increasing annual grants to every JROTC program, the initiative allows cadets to focus more on their training and less on fundraising efforts.
- **Support Competitive Excellence:** Sponsorship of ribbons, medals, and trophies for 13 competitive events—including Raider Challenge, Air Rifle, Drill, Brain Bowls, Run and Shoot—promotes a culture of achievement and excellence among cadets.
- **Recognize Excellence:** Outstanding cadets will be

honored with a \$200 cash stipend through the MOAA Medal Award, recognizing their dedication and leadership within their programs.

- **Enable Special Projects:** Funds will be allocated to provide essential resources such as computers for cadets, flight and navigation consoles, and specialized training opportunities away from their local units.
- **Ensure Long-Term Sustainability:** A booster shot in the second semester will address any financial shortfalls, ensuring continuity and success in the JROTC programs.

How You Can Contribute:

Your support is vital to the success of these initiatives. Donations can be made securely online or by mail to the following address:

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PO Box 320358
Cocoa Beach, FL 32932-0358
(Memo: JROTC Support Program)

For more information on how you can make a difference or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact GDF President Donn Weaver or any member of the GDF Board.

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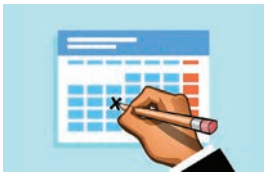
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Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar

August 2025 & Beyond

Contact VMC for any additions or other information.

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

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

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

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

AUGUST

3 Aug — Annual Military Order of Purpose Heart Honor Ceremony, 1400 at VMC Gray Hall. Program - Nine Purple Heart Recipients from Vietnam to Afghanistan will be recognized.

8 Nov — Annual VFW Post 10131 and City of Cape Canaveral Veterans Day Parade 1000-1130. Details in August. This year VFW Post in Cape Canaveral is hosting and managing the event.

9 Nov — 8th Annual Homestretch 5K by NVHS for Homeless and at-risk veterans. 0800-11100. Eau Gallie Arts District at the Square Park. For more info and to sign up as a sponsor and/or runner see: runsignup.com/Homestretch5K

11 Sep — 09/11 Remembrance Ceremony - BVMC Plaza and Gray Hall, 1630 - 1900. Sponsored by Club 1013, MOAACC GDF and BVMC.

11 Nov — VMC (and many other) Veterans Day Ceremony. 0930 - 1030 VMC Plaza/Park. Details in August with possible Parade of Colors that afternoon in the new Amphitheater/Park. May also serve as Ribbon Cutting for the Amphitheater and expanded VM Park.

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

3 Oct — Annual NVHS Dinner and Fundraiser to support homeless and at-risk veterans and their families. The Difference a Decade Has Made. 1700 - 2100 at Radisson Resort by the Port. Hosted by Brevard's constitutional officers. Semi to formal attire.

NOVEMBER

8 Nov — Annual St Francis Reflections 5K Fundraiser at VMC Plaza and Park. 0800 - 1200 Includes - veteran recognition and pinning. Details in August.

8 Nov — Veterans Day Recognition VyStar Dinner at Holiday Inn Viera Conference Center 1715-2030. Sponsored by MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter Good Deeds Foundation. To honor and express our and community gratitude to individuals, associations and projects that make a significant impact on military veterans in Brevard County. Sponsors at levels from \$10K to \$5K and tables of 10 at \$1250. To become a sponsor out seek more information go to GDFD.ORG or contact event chair Larry Jackson on 321-242-1331 or larryj59@gmail.com.

DECEMBER

6 Dec — Merritt Island Community and Gold Star Family Christmas Tree Grand Illumination at expanded Veterans Memorial Center Park and Plaza. Details in September.

13 Dec — National Wreaths Across America Day at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery and five other Brevard locations. Details in September.

Please help us spread the word and advise of any new events.

Donn Weaver

Vice President , Veterans Memorial Center
757-871-6576 | donnweaver2020@gmail.com

A New Partnership: VFW Teams up with Wreaths Across America at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery



In July, VFW Post 10131 completed a new partnership with Wreaths Across America (WAA) at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (CCNC). The action took place over two months and included approvals from VFW District and State leadership. This is important since the CCNC area of coverage support includes five counties, not only Brevard. There are dozens of VFW Posts in those counties which will hopefully lead to more fund raising support for wreath purchases at \$17 each, and fundraising events to make sure expenses for the 13 December 2025 WAA Ceremony at CCNC are covered.



*Ruth Osborne
WAA/CCNC Location Coordinator*

Post 10131 is the active Cape Canaveral VFW Post whose quartermaster Mike Tucker has spearheaded the partnership. The VFW will serve as the 501c3 partner to house event funds collected by WAA/CCNC, hold meetings for WAA/CCNC volunteers and host WAA led fundraisers. Eventually more VFW Posts in the five counties will do the two latter missions bringing in more wreaths as well as getting more people outside Brevard to be engaged at the WAA annual Ceremony. Last year WAA covered all eligible grade sites with over 10,000 wreaths but this year the number has expanded to almost 13,000.

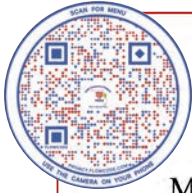
In February a new WAA/CCNC Location Coordinator volunteered for the leadership position with approval from WAA Regional and National. She is Ruth Osborne and lives in the Lake Mary area. She is a USMC Veteran, owns an accounting business and one of her hobbies is cleaning veteran tombstones. She was recognized by the Orlando Business Journal in 2021 as Veteran of Influence. Donn Weaver of MOAACC and the BVMC remains as the WAA Deputy Location Coordinator.

Partnerships between veteran organizations in Brevard and elsewhere bring huge dividends. This newest one should be no different. Good luck WAA/CCNC and VFW!!



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L-R: Outgoing Commander Jonathan Potterton and incoming Commander Steven Welch. Commander Potterton was simultaneously promoted to Captain during the change of command ceremony.



Commander CDR Jonathan Potterton saying goodbye to the men of the USCGC VIGILANT after change of command during a ceremony at Port Canaveral, Florida.



Captain Jonathan Potterton's daughter wearing dad's hat.

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- Survivor Assistance Team – Support families during times of loss and transition.
- Vets Back to Class / Joe Foss Institute – Share your story and inspire students.
- Speakers Bureau – Represent the chapter at schools, clubs, and civic events (we receive 60+ speaker requests each year).
- Transition & Career Support – Help fellow veterans adjust to civilian life.
- ROTC, JROTC, Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol – Mentor tomorrow's military leaders.
- Newsletter & Communications – Assist with editing and distributing The Intercom.
- Special Events – Participate in ceremonies on Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Armed Forces Day, and more.

Community Engagement

- Veterans Memorial Center – Volunteer at this local treasure in Merritt Island.
- USO Support – Help at Orlando and Melbourne airports.
- Cape Canaveral Ladies – Honor veterans at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

- Veterans Court Mentorship – Guide and encourage fellow veterans in need.
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- Scholarship Corporation (501(c)(3)) – Help provide college scholarships to 10+ local students annually.
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- Annual Golf Tournament – Play or volunteer for our largest fundraiser of the year.

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Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation

Each year the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation hosts a July fundraiser to support operation and improvements at the historic lighthouse museum on the Space Station.



Donn Weaver and Jane Hodges enjoy the holiday spirit before heading home in 93 degree weather.

A past MOAACC member, Bob Merillee helped create the foundation, and many current members are also members of the Foundation. The event raised over \$15,000 and was held 15 July at the Port’s Tap House and Grill.

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NOTU Sailor of the Quarter



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

On 23 July at the Greenhouse, Dean Schaaf, MOAACC Board Member and retired Navy officer, presented the MOAACC/Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) Certificate and cash award to Missile Technician Second Class Michael Cochran the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) Jr. Sailor of the Quarter.

Schaaf also passed along recognition for the NOTU Sailor of the Quarter, Submarine Logistics Specialist First Class Andrew Lando, who was on temporary duty that day. MOAACC/GDF has a strong program of supporting our active duty Mission Partners. GDF President Donn Weaver also attended the event and coordinated a possible FY 26 GDF Grant to support their NOTU's Honor Guard missions which increased in recent months at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

Important Reminder for Retirees, Spouses and Dependents regarding Military ID cards

Military retirees are encouraged to update their Uniformed Services Identification (USID) cards to the **Next Generation USID card**.

The Department of Defense has transitioned from its legacy paper-based Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card to a more secure, next generation USID card. The Next Generation USID card incorporates an updated design and security features to deter counterfeiting and fraud, and is printed on a plastic cardstock. USID cards are issued to retired and reserve members, dependent family members of uniformed Service members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy to facilitate access to benefits, privileges, and DoD bases. The Next Generation USID card does not change the populations who are eligible to receive the current card.

Legacy USID cards remain valid through their expiration date, however, individuals with an indefinite (INDEF) expiration date on their legacy USID card may replace those ID cards with a Next Generation USID card.

USID cards may also now be renewed online. Please see the [online USID card renewal page](#) for more information.

There are several ways to make an appointment to get a new ID card. (1) You can visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website to find the closest office and either call them to make an appointment or (2) schedule your own appointment using the website <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/> To make an appointment using this site select the "ID Card Office Locator & Appointments" block. - do it now!

Jim Ketchum's 30th Annual Parachute Party and Service Remembrance

Submitted by Mrs. Patsy Ketchum, MOAACC Spouse

Rescued Meets His Rescuer

A pilot rescued by helicopter in Vietnam last year met his rescuer at Myrtle Beach AFB recently while investigating still another rescue.

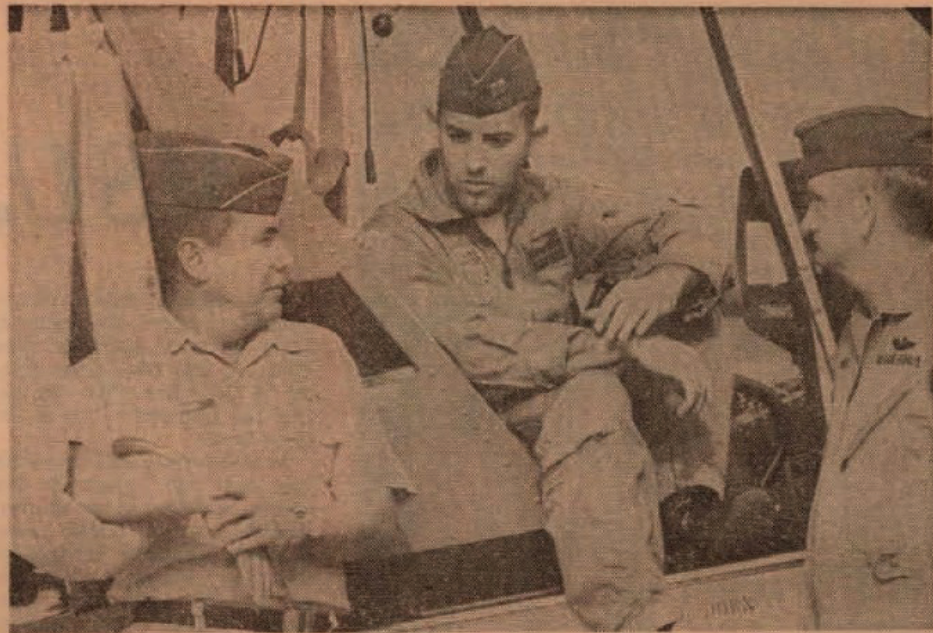
The reunion took place when Lt. Col. James E. Ketchum, chief of safety for the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Shaw AFB was assigned to investigate the recent ditching of a jet off Myrtle Beach.

During the investigation Col. Ketchum questioned helicopter rescue pilot Capt. Fernand Espiau who had plucked the pilot that rescued me in Vietnam!"

The resulting conversation brought out that Col. Ketchum had had to eject from his jet in July, 1967, while returning from his 75th mission over North Vietnam. Capt. Espiau rescued him.

Captain Espiau's crew at Myrtle Beach include Staff Sgt. Robert O. Smith, who was with Espiau Vietnam the day he rescued Col. Ketchum.

Sergeant Smith recalled, "Both missions went off re- smooth."



REUNION — Lt. Col. James C. Ketchum, left, who was rescued in Vietnam by Capt. Fernand M. Espiau, in helicopter, discuss a recent mercy mission during which Espiau picked up an-

other pilot who ditched his plane off the S.C. coast. Staff Sgt. Robert O. Smith, right, was a crewman aboard Espiau's helicopter in Vietnam when Ketchum was rescued.



On July 7, 2025, the 30th annual Parachute Party was held at IRCC to honor Jim Ketchum and mark the 77th anniversary of his remarkable

mission over North Vietnam. During that mission, Jim's aircraft was disabled, forcing him to eject over South Vietnam. He landed near a South Vietnamese firing range, where he was greeted by a South Vietnamese sergeant who identified himself as a fellow paratrooper. Jim, making his first parachute jump, replied that he was an American paratrooper. The sergeant, noting Jim's less-than-graceful landing, joked, "You #10," referring to the toughest type of jump landing—a reference to Jim's rough arrival and a bloody forehead. At that time, Air Force personnel did not routinely practice jumping from single-engine aircraft except via ejection simulators.

Shortly after landing, a helicopter transported Jim back to Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon. The previous day, July 6, Jim was awarded the ABLE AERONAUT Award for successfully bringing home a plane with only one functioning engine. The RF-101, a heavy reconnaissance aircraft equipped with cameras, bears the motto "Alone, Unarmed, Unafraid." Jim served with the "Polka Dots" unit during this period.

Jim left Vietnam in September 1967, having completed 167 missions in Vietnam including 100 over North Vietnam. Following his service overseas, he dedicated 12 years to teaching at the Training Command. Of those, 8 years were spent at the Instrument Pilots Instructor School, and then 4 years at Williams Air Force Base from 1962 to 1966 as a student squadron instructor.

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