

INTERCOM



MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Cape Canaveral Chapter, Inc.

Five Star Chapter



Above, L-R: Kelsey Kressler, Embry - Riddle Univ.; Paula Biggs, Univ. Of Maryland; Ian Vogt, Univ for Peace (Costa Rica); Meagan McIntyre, Univ. of West Georgia; & Megan Lee, Univ. of Florida. —more photos on page 10



Patrick Baney, LeTourneau Univ.



Miles Brinkley, Vanderbilt Univ.



Elena Fentress, Univ. of Florida



Andrew Lim, San Diego State Univ.



Jaelyn Mitchell, Howard Univ.



Megan Murphy, Univ. of North Florida



Natalie Timm, Florida State Univ.

The 40th MOAACC Annual Scholarship Awards

On July 18, 2023, The Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) held its 40th Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) in Melbourne, Fl. This year, twelve recipients, all College Juniors, Seniors, or Graduate Students and descendants of area military veterans were selected to each receive a \$5,000 scholarship, a total of \$60,000 in awards. The MOAACC Scholarship Corporation was established in 1984, beginning with a \$1,000 award. To date, 305 students have received MOAACC Scholarships, a total dollar value of \$910,000!

MOAACC Scholarships are primarily funded through the generous contributions of our chapter members over the years. For more information on MOAACC Scholarships, see our website at www.MOAACC.org.



Color Guard: Members of Patrick Composite Squadron - Civil Air Patrol Unit FL 293





AUGUST EVENTS

(Click Event for Details)

- 8/3 Current Affairs Forum/TMBC w/guest speaker - 8 AM @ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/4 Coast Guard Day 233 Years of Service 10 AM

 @ USCG Station Port Canaveral
- 8/8 On-The-Go Luncheon 11:30 AM @ La Catrina Mexican Restaurant
- 8/10 TMBC (In person & via Zoom) 8 AM @ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/15 MOAACC Board of Directors Meeting 8 AM
 @ Indian River Colony Club Chapel
- 8/15 MOAACC Luncheon w/guest speaker, Mr. Bud Murphy - Seniors vs Crime - 11:30 AM @ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 8/17 TMBC (In person & via Zoom) 8 AM @ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/24 TMBC (In person & via Zoom) 8 AM

 @ Indian River Colony Club 19th Hole
- 8/26 ROTC Scholarship and Academy Appointment Education Forum - 1 PM @ Veterans Memorial Center
- 8/31 TMBC (In person & via Zoom) 8 AM @ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole

To see details for these events, visit https://moaacc.org/events

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- 2 President's Perspective
- 3 Article Submission & Rules, Executive Editor & PAO
- 4 Legislative Affairs
- 5 Financial Literacy, Points to Ponder
- 6 Survivor Assistance, Scholarship Corporation
- 7 Monthly Luncheon, Mark Your Calendar!
- **8 MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation**

10-11 MOAACC Photos

- 12 Membership Brief, TAPS
- 13 VMC Update
- 17 Directory
- 19 Membership Form
 See more in the online version
 at https://moaacc.org

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE





Lt Col Brian R. Whalen, USAF (Ret)

Brevard County is a Great Place to be a Veteran

We participated in the annual Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO)/Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) Independence Day Parade on Merritt Island. Jose and Lupe Pietro provided, decorated, and towed their trailer in the parade while George Rosenfield waved, and Gary Eppler shaded him with an umbrella. Donn and Jeanne Weaver drove their convertible and Elizabeth and I rode with them. The BCSO did an outstanding job organizing and marshaling the participants and they looked sharp along the parade route. Seeing all the families along the parade route despite the heat was inspiring. The post-parade BBQ at the VMC provided by the American Veterans EMPOWERMENT Team (AVET) helped cap off a great event.

Retired Army Master Sergeant "Ranger Mike" Sonnenschein, returned for Military Appreciation Night at Space Coast Stadium. He was shot and partially paralyzed in Haiti while doing missionary work. He thanked everyone for their support. Meeting him and his wife Hope and hearing him speak was humbling. While the weather did not cooperate, people adapted and it was a meaningful, moving event.

We responded to a short notice call to reach out to our legislators to amend the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to include the verbiage of the Major Richard Starr Act. All our legislators cosponsored the Starr Act, but the language was not included in the original NDAA. We need to monitor MOAA's advocacy page and take action to ensure our veterans, activeduty personnel, and their families are supported, and their earned benefits are not watered down or stripped away.

We combined funds from the MOAA grant with money from the Good Deeds Foundation and National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) to help two veteran families retain their housing after suffering financial setbacks. NVHS tells us the number of veteran families at risk of losing housing is growing.

We recognized some outstanding scholars and future leaders in our July Luncheon. On August 26 the VMC will be hosting our second ROTC Scholarship and Academy Appointment Education Forum. Students and parents will gain insights about these and other paths to higher education and military leadership opportunities.

MOAACC is doing meaningful things in our community. Come out, participate, and get to know more about your fellow members.

INTERCOM Photo & Article Submission Rules

PHOTOS:

- Photos must be in "High Resolution" in jpg format and sent as an "Attachment."
- When sending photos, select "actual size" on computer or cell phone.
- Submit one photo per article, or more if absolutely necessary.
- All photos must have "captions" of who, what, when, where and why.

ARTICLES:

- Articles must be in Microsoft "Word" format. PDF NOT ACCEPTED.
- LIMITS: One article per email, not more that 375 words. Each Article must include Author Name & Rank

NEW DEADLINE & SUBMISSION EMAIL:

 Photos & Articles are DUE NO LATER THAN the 15th of each month, to give our staff enough time for editing. Do not send your submission to Jeremiah, Rita, or Pish. Please send ALL submissions to the following email address:

intercom@moaacc.org

INTERCOM PUBLICATION:

- THE INTERCOM is published 12 times annually by the Cape Canaveral Chapter, Inc. (MOAACC), an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Alexandria, Va.
- Contents of the Intercom articles are opinions solely of the authors and do not express the policy or official views of MOAA or The the Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC)
- The advertisements that appear in this publication do not reflect an endorsement by MOAA or by MOAACC.
- Comments and suggestion are welcome. Contact EXECUTIVE EDITOR: pish104@bellsouth.net

Health of the Chapter

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

Let Mary Dunagan know and she will be happy to send them a card from the chapter.

Mary E. Dunagan • 321-775-3896 • kwaj13@aol.com



EXECUTIVE EDITOR & PAO

Amir M.Pishdad, CW3, USA (Ret)

DON'T Miss All the goodies... Log on: MOAACC.org

I am happy to report that our new Members Only Corner (MOC) has become more active with many photos and short captions.

Remember,

The MOC section of INTERCOM is only published on the ELECTRONIC section.

If you receive the Printed INTERCOM, you must log on to MOAACC.org, and look for THE INTERCOM of the month.

Send articles and photos to: intercom@moaacc.org

PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING COMMITTEES

INTERCOM:

EXECUTIVE EDITOR & PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR

INTERCOM: Amir M. Pishdad, Sr.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR: Rita Shapiro

LAYOUT/GRAPHICS: Jeremiah Zeleny

PRESS RELEASES & MEDIA LIAISON: Marilyn Sanford

DISTRIBUTION: Jan Clark

WEB LINK AND ELECTRONIC DISTRO: Mike Schroeder

PHOTOGRAPHERS: Skip Taylor, Amir Pishdad, Jr., Gloria

Makowski, Tim Pishdad, Jose Prieto

ADVERTISING: Larry Jackson

Other Media Related Roles:

ADVERTISERS/SPONSORS: Donn Weaver, Mike Schroeder,

Larry Johnson

(Includes other MOAACC Missions as well as Intercom)

WEBMASTER: Mike Schroeder

FIVE THINGS: Steve Bond

FACEBOOK: Tim Pishdad

MOAA/FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS LIAISON:

Marilyn Sanford



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

John R. McMahon, BG, USA (Retired)

NDAA Progress and Other Good News

The annual FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) having passed the house is now making its way through the Senate and MOAA Headquarters reports good news from both camps albeit without any ironclad guarantees. Ah, the vagaries of political negotiations! MOAA reports "two clear victories" in the omission of any TRICARE for Life enrollment fees or deductibles, AND no mention of any medical staff cuts at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) such as ours at Patrick Space Force Base. There is also proposed language in the House to evaluate TRICARE pharmacy access which has seen its network of 55,000 locations fall to about 42,000 locations as of February 2023. There is a good rundown on all this and more on the MOAA website (www.moaa.org).

Meanwhile, there is additional good news on the inflation front. With the consumer price index up by only 3% in June (compared to its peak of 9.1% in June 2022) and the Federal Reserve's best indicator of inflation down to 4.6% in May. The FED's efforts to bringing inflation under control (that is to its 2% target) are paying dividends (no pun intended). Hence, the prospect of a "soft landing" is increasing with a continuing strong labor market, stronger than expected economic growth, and the diminishing possibility of recession, all potentially good news assuming the Fed keeps interest rates higher for longer (not good news if you are looking to buy a house with a mortgage). One direct upshot of all this is how it gets reflected in the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for military retirement pay, disability pay and social security. The June 2023 consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers (CPI-W) was 2.6% above the FY2023 baseline. The 2024 COLA will be calculated based on CPI-W figures for July, August and September 2023 as compared to the FY2023 baseline. Stay tuned.

Finally, it is time to make another push for the Major Richard Star Act which has 325/435 Congressmen (H.R.1282) and 68/100 Senators (S.344) as cosponsors. Our two Florida Senators, Rubio and Scott,

and Representative Posey are all co-sponsors. The bill would ensure that veterans who were medically retired from the military with less than 20 years of service AND are eligible for Combat-Related Special Compensation receive full earned benefits (which are currently offset) from both sources, DoD and VA. The bill could proceed to the House for a stand-alone vote, but then budgetary rules become a problem. This second "budgetary rule" problem stems from a requirement for an offset to be found (somewhere else in the budget) to keep mandatory spending at the same level—an offset is required to remove an offset—go figure.

I trust you are enjoying another great Florida summer with family and friends. As a reminder, be safe and be prepared for the unfolding hurricane season which runs through November! August, September and October seem to be the most menacing months, so have a plan.





FINANCIAL LITERACY

COL John C. Murphy, USAR (Ret.)

Do I need a Trust? YES!

Last month, I discussed avoiding probate through titling of assets, designating beneficiaries and payable-on-death transfers. This month, I will discuss the use of trust(s). Setting up and properly funding a trust is the number 1 way to avoid probate.

SET-UP

A revocable trust is created by signing a trust agreement. The agreement involves three types of parties who are the grantor, the trustee, and the beneficiary(s). As the names imply, the grantor is the person (you) who makes and funds the trust. The beneficiary is the person or persons who benefit from the trust. The trustee manages the trust and its property. With a typical revocable trust, initially, the grantor, trustee, and beneficiary are all typically the same person.

AVOID PROBATE - FUNDING

With a trust, you have to be sure to name the trust as legal owner of property or is the designated beneficiary. The trust must have legal title to assets to provide its benefits. If assets remain in your name alone, they move to the trust through the pour over Will with probate into the Trust. Exactly what we are trying to avoid.

MANAGEMENT

A living trust provides for smoother transition of management and ownership of property. You initially serve as trustee and manage the property. The successor trustee takes over management of the trust and it's property after you become incapacitated or pass away. After death, the successor trustee manages and distributes the trust property according to the terms of the trust. The Probate court is not involved.

AVOID GUARDIANSHIP

If you become incapacitated, then a Living Trust can protect your family from undergoing a guardianship action, which I refer to as Probate in advance. Guardianship is when a court-appointed representative is given authority to manage an incapacitated person's financial matters for them. This feature of a Trust is comforting to families since they do not have to worry about going to court and requesting access to the incapacitated person's finances.

An estate planning attorney can advise you in creating an estate plan that fits your unique circumstances and may include the use of trusts.



POINTS TO PONDER

Thomas Unrath Chaplain, LtCol, USAF (ret)

SEMPER FIDELIS

You might think this a strange title for a message by an AF Chaplain... or maybe not. Please understand, although I play a part in each of the two stories below, this is not about me.

Carefully note the groups of names below:

- 1) Thomas Brigham, Alan London, Christine McLaren, Anita Lindner and the unborn child of Michele Sigmon.
- 2) Robert Wolf, Mark McGeehan, Ken Houston, and Bud Holland.

Both groups of names came together in a terrible way at Fairchild AFB in June 1994. I was stationed there at the time.

Anita, my wife, had just graduated with her masters on Friday June 17. My parents and hers were in attendance. My folks, Anita, our children, and I left on a trip after chapel on Sunday to Banff, Canada. Tuesday morning my dad came into our cabin from his, saying he had just seen a news report that there had been a mass shooting at the FAFB hospital on Monday. I was the hospital chaplain. I called my boss, and he said he could use my help if I was willing to return from vacation, so I did. I flew home on Wednesday and did a memorial service for the base on Thursday. Five had been killed and 22 wounded. See the first group above.

Friday, I was getting ready for Dr London's funeral when I saw a B-52 preparing for an air show Saturday. It crashed. I was the 325th bomb squadron chaplain. I knew who was on that plane. See the second list.

I ask that we see and recognize all the names above. It is important to remember. Throughout all this, I got pretty torn up. I was still, perhaps because I was gutted, able to do some good ministry. I do recall praying later, "God I'm grateful I could serve in this way, but don't ever do this to me again."

I was able to do what I did, not by my strength or training, though they did play a part, but because of God's faithfulness. Semper Fidelis, Always Faithful.



ADVERTISEMENT



SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

Lt Col Chuck Shaw, USAF, (Ret)

The most common way the Survivor Assistance Team (SAT) finds out about a Member, Spouse or Auxiliary death is from the Death Notices or the Obituaries published in the "Florida Today" newspaper. We review the Obituary page in the paper 7 days/week and when a Member, Spouse, or Auxiliary name is seen, and then verified to be associated with the MOAACC, we report the death to MOAA National, and we write a Letter of Condolence for the Chapter President's signature and mailing to the survivor(s). The letter also has contact information for the MOAACC SAT and the MOAACC Auxiliary Liaison if the survivor wants assistance.

If there is no Death Notice or Obituary (which sometimes is the deceased or survivor's preference), the SAT sometimes get notified by a friend of the deceased or the survivor, or in the case of Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) residents, the IRCC notifies other IRCC residents and in turn they notify the MOAACC SAT. Sometimes, the word simply never gets out and we only find out when MOAACC memberships are not renewed, which has resulted in long delays in the survivor's getting assistance with Military and VA notifications and claims.

So, the "Lesson Learned" for this month is to make sure your survivor(s) know how to contact someone for "Survivor Assistance" if they find out they do need assistance after all and somehow word did not get out about the death.

At least three sources of Survivor Assistance, and for assistance in beforehand preparations, to be aware of in this local area include:

- If you are an IRCC Resident, the IRCC has their own Survivor Assistance Team. You can contact the IRCC Admin at 321-255-6000 to notify the IRCC SAT (Team Lead: Sally Souder)
- You can contact the MOAACC Survivor Assistance Team by calling me, Chuck Shaw, (my contact information is in the Intercom every month)
- You can also call the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Spacecoast Chapter 123 at 321-452-1774.

Keep this list of options to get assistance with your Survivor paperwork for your Survivor to be able to get assistance quickly with the time critical notifications, etc.



SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

CAPT Scott Harley, USCG Ret

MOAACC Scholarship Corporation 40th Annual Awards Luncheon



C Photo by Pish Pishdau

The Annual Scholarship Awards luncheon was held at the Indian River Colony Club on Tuesday 18 July 2023.

The MOAACC Scholarship corporation was established in 1984 and is a 501(c)3 corporation, presided by RADM Wayne Justice, USCG (ret). The first scholarship given in 1984 was for \$1,000. The present day has remarkably grown and there were 12 scholarships given each for \$5,000. The corporation thus far has granted 305 total scholarships for a total award valued at \$910,000 which have over the years been funded by thousands of donations from the MOAACC membership.

The distinguished donors for this year's awards are: Jean and Charles Baldwin, Bill & Betsy Cook, Cruise Holidays of Viera, Sam Ginsburg, Diane Manahan, and Roger Wilf.

The 12 award recipients were:



Jaelyn Mitchell Elena Fentress Miles Brinkley Megan Lee
Congratulations to the 2023 scholarship recipients. Go forth
and do Good!

Mark Your Calendar!

- MOAACC - On-the-Go - Luncheon

La Catrina Mexican Restaurant

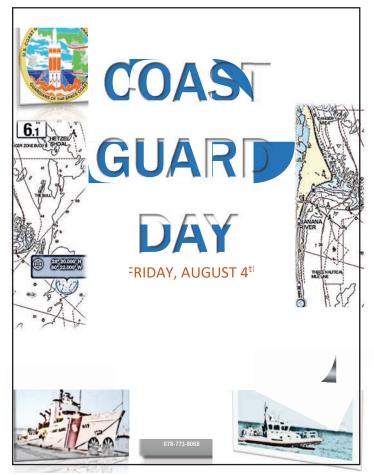
August 8, 2023

315 W Cocoa Beach Causeway Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

This month's 'On-the-Go we will meet at La Catrina Mexican Restaurant. For reservations or additional information phone Elizabeth Whalen at 321-501-7254.

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 Liz if you cannot attend so she can inform the restaurant in a timely fashion. Everyone is invited so please join us.



AUGUST MOAACC LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker Mr. Bud Murphy -Seniors vs Crime

> August 15, 2023 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Indian River Colony Club Colony Hall Venue 1936 Freedom Drive Melbourne, FL 32940

Cost is \$20.00 for luncheon. Meal choices are:

- 1. Lasagna with Vegetables & garlic bread
- 2. Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken and garlic bread
- 3. Vegetarian/Gluten Free Meal Upon Request Only All meals include rolls & butter, coffee & tea, and the Chef's sweet choice for dessert. Cash bar available.

Please RSVP/cancel by 9 August 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:

MOAACC

c/o Michael J Schroeder, Treasurer PO Box 254186 Patrick SFB, FL 32925





MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

Donn Weaver, CPT, USA (fmr) Focus on Youth in August for GDF

As School resumes this month the Good Deeds Foundation and MOAACC's Student Affairs representatives will be just as busy as the teachers and students. Besides all the GDF does year-round for many other military and veteran related causes support to our youth, especially JROTC and other Cadet programs is our largest piece both in terms of money and volunteer time investment.

Look for details and plenty of photos about GDF August activities in the September issue, but here are some highlights:

- A. 04 August MOAACC/GDF will present the largest grant to all 14 JROTC programs. Included also will be support to all Sea Cadet and Civil Air Patrol units as they all gear up for the 2023-24 school year. The event will be held at the VMC from 0800-0930 and will include many goals such as promoting Vets Back to Class, lining up Color Guards for the year, preparing to support JROTC Meets, etc. Brevard lost its AFJROTC program at Florida Prep since the private school could not get enough cadets to sign up. However, other public JROTC programs continue with likely average 160 members in each.
- B. New Student Affairs Team: You will hear more in September about what Dan McIntyre has accomplished as MOAACC's solo Student Affairs Chairman, but 04 August marks his transition. Taking over will be Joe Tichich as Chair, as well as Hans Hunt, Jose Prieto and Michael Tucker. That alone tells us how much Dan has accomplished in his six years on that job. Dan will stay on with the Good Deeds Foundation.
- C. On 26 August at the VMC MOAACC Student Affairs and GDF will host the Second Annual Military Leadership seminar for high school juniors and seniors looking to apply to the Academies, ROTC Scholarships and many others tracks toward military leadership.
- D. As August ends we will know the full schedule of JROTC Raider Challenge, Drill and Air Rifle competition meets for the school year and GDF will again provide all trophies and medals and support the effort along with the VMC, where most meets at County and District level are held.

Please continue to consider supporting your GDF with donations (see how on the web site or mailing in the GDF Board listing) and mark your calendars for the major GDF fundraiser of the year — our Golf Tournament at IRCC on 18 November. More details next month on that effort to seeks sponsors and golfers as well as MOAACC help at the event.

In High School? Want to Become A Military Officer?

Join Us For a Seminar on the application process and hints to attend U.S. Military Academies; compete for ROTC College Scholarships and other paths to getting a commission in all military branches.

WHO: 2023-24 HS Juniors/Seniors WHAT: 2 two hours seminars WHEN: August 26, 2023 Either 1-3 pm or 3-5pm WHERE: Brevard VMC (see below)

WHY: Help students and parents know

the ropes.

HOW: Reps from all academies, several colleges and special Mil programs



/MC: Veterans Memorial Center, 400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island (behind Merritt Square Mall)

More details/time slot registration when school starts

In the meantime: Contact/ Questions:

in August.

donnweaver2020@gmail.com

Retire your way

Start with a plan

I ask the right questions to help you understand what you need for the retirement you want. Then I show you how to get there. For some of life's questions, you're not alone. Together we can find an answer

See more GDF content on page 18, and online, on page 21



Daniel Levy, CFA®, CPWA® Financial Advisor 321-722-5427 daniel.levy@ubs.com

Indian River Wealth Management UBS Financial Services Inc.

6905 N Wickham Road Melbourne, Fl. 32940-7552

321-729-6770 800-456-6770 advisors.ubs.com/indianriverwmg



As a firm providing wealth management services to clients, UBS Financial Services Inc. offers investment advisory services in its capacity as an SEC-registered investment adviser and brokerage services in its capacity as an SEC-registered broker-dealer Investment advisory services and brokerage services are separates and distinct, differ in material ways and exported by different laws and separate arrangements. It is important that clients understand the ways in which we conduct business, that they carefully read the agreements and disclosures that we provide to them about the products or services we offer. For mor information, please review the PDF document at ubs.com/relationshipsummary. For designation disclosures with https://www.ubs.com/user/designation-disclosures html. QUBS 2022. All rights reserved. UBS Financial Services Inc. is a subsidiary of UBS Group AG. Member FINRA/SIPC. D-UBS-6D5218AB

Save the Date - October 6th

2023 National Veterans Homeless Support 8th Annual Dinner Fundraiser

Hosted by Brevard's Constitutional Officers
Property Appraiser Dana Blickley
Sheriff Wayne Ivey
Clerk of Court Rachel Sadoff
Tax Collector Lisa Cullen
Supervisor of Elections Tim Bobanic
State Attorney Phil Archer
Public Defender Blaise Trettis

Friday, October 6th
Radisson Resort at the Port
8701 Astronaut Blvd. Cape Canaveral
5:30pm Cocktails 6:15pm Dinner

Platinum Sponsorship: \$25,000 Gold Star Sponsorship: \$10,000 Silver Star Sponsorship: \$5,000 Bronze Star Sponsorship: \$1,000

Dinner: \$100 per person or \$1,000 per table of 10 Program ads: Full page - \$250 or Half page - \$150 For advance reservations or to place camera-ready ads in the program, reach out to us:

<u>www.nvhs.org/events</u> or email <u>events@nvhs.org</u> or call the NVHS Office at 321-208-7562



* * EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY! * *



Every day is Veterans Day at One Senior Place and its trusted affiliate, Senior Partner Care Services. On site, you'll find a full-time VITAS veterans liaison, a large selection of veterans benefits & resources and your personal invitation to our annual salute to veterans event!

Seniors & Caregivers: We're your one-stop source for information, referrals and senior services!

One Senior Place

- Dozens of senior-focused businesses
- Daily events and seminars
- Free 30-minute consultation

Senior Partner Care Services

- Tailored in-home personal care
- Registered nurse on call 24/7
- Complimentary assessments

OneSeniorPlace.com • 321-751-6771 • 8085 Spyglass Hill Road, Viera, Florida 32940

40th Annual MOAACC Scholarship Awards





Paula Biggs receives check from Cozette Merritt



Megan Lee receives check from MOAACC President, Lt Col Brian R. Whalen, USAF

Left: LCDR Dan Levy, USN, Scholarship Donor Relations. Below: \$5000 checks presented to scholarship recipients.



Ian Vogt receives check from RADM Wayne Justice, USCG



Meaghan McIntyre receives check from CW04 Dan McIntyre, USCG



Miles Brinkley's father receives check in his place, from Lt Col Joe Tichich, USAF



President's table

Bon-Voyage Enjoy your new home Daytona, Florida. We will miss you.





The ladies in the photo on the right had a farewell luncheon today (Monday 24 July 2023) honoring Chapter luminary Gloria Makowski who is leaving the area very shortly. Brought to light were many of Gloria's contributions to our Chapter to include running the Speakers Bureau for many years, undertaking the 50-50 raffle at our monthly luncheons and annual golf tournaments, plus serving as the chief Chapter photographer for a number of years.

Pictured left to right in the photograph are:

Front Row: Ros Bates, Gloria Makowski, Ellie Joy, and Mary Dunagan

Back Row: Elizabeth Whalen, Ruth Oblack, Joy Dickson, Carlie Rogers, and Gail Holder

Guardian ad Leitem representative speaks at Current Forum



Our speaker for the July 6, 2023 Current Affairs Forum was Ms. Cynthia Rickerd of the Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office, Circuit Eighteen. The Guardian ad Litem Office recruits, trains, and supports court-appointed Guardian ad Litem volunteers for advocacy work on behalf of abused and neglected children. Cynthia having had a personal life experience of bullying of her teenage daughter in school, and successfully thwarting and helping her daughter grow-up without many lasting effects.

Ms. Rickerd works passionately to increase the awareness of the need for child advocates and to recruit volunteers for this vital work in Brevard County.



MOAACC Photos by Pish Pishdad



MEMBERSHIP BRIEF

Welcome 10 new members:

COL William Crock, USA, Retired

Mrs Jean Durham, Surviving Spouse

Col Ron Fortson, USAF, Retired

LTC David Graham, USA, Former

Mrs Anita Harrower, Surviving Spouse

LT Paul Kosieracki, USN, Former

LTC Mark Manley, USA, Retired

MG Gregg Martin, USA, Retired

LCDR Andrew Russo, USCG, Active

Mrs Patricia Smith, Surviving Spouse



TAPS

MOAA CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER MEMBER, AUXILIARY, and SPOUSE DEATHS

(Names are listed by chronological date of death)

Sidney E. Durham, Capt, USMC Ret 28 May 2023

Anne R. Jones, SSM 31 May 2023

Gloria J. Anderson, Spouse of Thurman E Anderson, MG USA Ret 3 June 2023



Former, Active, Retired Military Officers,

Warrant Officers & Spouses



JOIN MOAA CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER (MOAACC)

- Advocacy from the National to the State and Local levels
 - Philanthropy and Community Service
 - Comradery with a Purpose

NEVER STOP SERVING

Visit us at: www.MOAACC.org/membership

As Military Officers, our shared experience of service forms a bond like no other. And while MOAA is based in Washington, D.C., the heart and soul of our organization lies in our local community.

For more information about us and what we do, visit our website at www.MOAACC.org



Carl Saladino, MD

Internal Medicine-Primary Care

Board Certified-Practicing in Suntree since 1990
We take the time to listen, explain, and answer all of
your medical questions. Let us serve you with same
day appointments and a helpful staff.

We accept All Tricare Programs

Medicare & most insurance also accepted CALL FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY We are ACCEPTING New Patients (321) 757-9711

6420 3rd Street #104, Off Suntree Blvd Routine Gynecologic care available



Cristina Cantees, APRN Evelyn Torres, APRN



ADVERTISEMENT



VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER UPDATE

Donn Weaver, CPT, USA (fmr)

Fifth Annual BCSO/VMC July Fourth Parade on Merritt Island



WWII and Korean War Veteran George Rosenfield and Gary

Although the morning was very warm and few clouds protected participants and spectators from the July sun, the Fifth Annual Independence Day Parade on Merritt Island was the best attended ever. Over 200 entries took about an hour to parade along the 1.3-mile route often passing spectators several deep which numbered in the several thousand decked out in patriotic garb and carrying and waving US flags.

The Parade was co-sponsored by Sheriff Ivey and the BCSO team, with Lindsey Deaton of BCSO Special Charities as the primary organizer. This year's parade was not only the most in collective numbers, but also very well organized thanks to Lindsey and dozens of BCSO members who organized the start and finish and blocked every possible intersection along

the usually busy Courteney Pkwy in both directions for the Merritt Island HS start point to Edgewood Jr/Sr HS.

The Veterans Memorial Center was co-sponsor of the event and this year. Following the parade more than 300 people including many children came to the VMC for free food and to cool off in the heat museum and Gray Hall. Thanks to Kim and Garret Cone of AVET for arranging the food and much more, including a children's fishing session as well as the Lonnie and Delinda Beach Band for great patriotic music and the MI BSA Troop for great desserts at their bake sale.

The MOAACC entry was led by President Brian Whalen and his wife Liz being escorted by Donn and Jeanne Weaver in their convertible. Jose Prieto and his wife Lupe Soto used their truck and trailer to drive the indomitable WWII Veteran 98 years old George Rosenfield, escorted by Gary Eppler on the Trailer. George was a great hit using his special WWII and Korean War Vet sign.



Freedom the Eagle truck

Jose Prieto driving the MOAACC float

VMC Officers and Board Sworn In for 2023-24 Year

By: Donn Weaver, CPT, USA (Fmr)



Swearing In with FL Rep Tyler Sirois on far right, Kristi Blanchard and Donn Weaver on far left; Dean Schaaf back row under Council Seal and Paul Julian dark shirt fro nt row in front of Schaaf.

On 12 July the annual ceremony to swear-in new Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) and Council officers and Board of Directors members took place after a recognition of many of the 75 volunteers who support VMC.

This year FL House Rep. Tyler Sirois did the honors which is always done by an elected official. Joining him were Joshua McWilliams, representing FL Sen Debbie Mayfield; Rob Medina, Palm Bay Mayor and US Rep Bill Posey's staff member; Tim Thomas, Melbourne City Council and Viera HS JTOTC Instructor; Amanda Herrnkind representing the

Brevard Property Appraiser's Office; and Larry Lallo of MIRA representing County Commissioner Tom Goodson. VMC President Dean Schaaf introduced them and BVC Outgoing Chairman Donn Weaver noted how much they have supported the expansion of VMC and the Park since 2015.

Among those accepting leadership positions for the coming year were MOAACC members Dean Schaaf, VMC President; Kristi Blanchard, VMC and BVC Secretary; Paul Julian VMC Vice President and Donn Weaver, Board of Directors. Schaaf and Weaver also received lifetime Presidential Volunteer Service Awards based on thousands of hours they contributed and. Weaver was presented a farewell gift after ending 10 years as BVC Chairman and other leadership positions at VMC.



Schaaf presents outgoing BVC Chairman Weaver and his wife Jeanne a farewell present. Weaver remains on as member of the Board of Directors through July 2024.

Bluegrass Purple Heart

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC



Bobby Van Osborne

Bobby Van Osborne, and younger brother Sonny, were born in Thousandsticks, Kentucky. They founded the Osborne Brothers, were members of the Grand Ole Opry, and inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame. Bobby, born on December 7, 1931, was an instructor of bluegrass music at the Kentucky School of Bluegrass and Traditional Music in Hyden, Kentucky. His primary instrument was the mandolin.

Bobby Osborne began his professional music career in the late 1940s. He and Sonny moved to West Virginia to form the Lonesome Pine Fiddlers at age eighteen. They were joined by sister, Louise, for their first album in 1951.

Bobby Osborne was drafted in 1951. He chose the Marine Corps over the Army when told the soldiers would be sent to Fort Meade, Maryland, while the Marines would go to Camp Pendleton, California. Bobby chose the Corps so he could see Southern California and avoid "freezing my butt off." He served in Korea for two years.

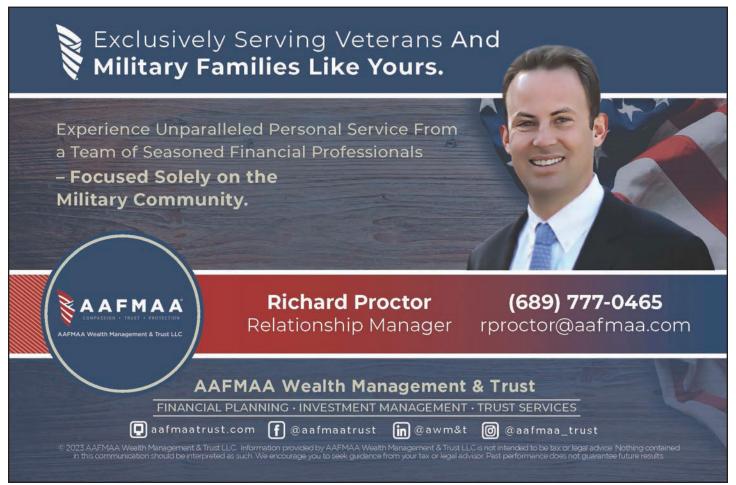
He was sent on a "fox hunt" one night to capture an enemy prisoner. They climbed an enemy-held hill and infiltrated that position. Upon reaching the top of the hill, the enemy opened up with small arms and mortars. Bobby didn't realize he'd been

hit. "By the time I got to the top of the trench line, it felt like someone just poured warm water all over, I couldn't see, it was dark."

Bobby Osborne was shot in the head and passed out while still on the enemy hill. "The battle was over when I come to. My helmet was gone. It was so cold, when I touched my head, it was like someone threw dirt in my face."

Everyone had left by daylight. Osborne got up and walked down the hill, where he encountered a young Marine who was missing a hand. Osborne convinced the boy to hobble out of the area with him. "The only thing that saved us was a tank that had a searchlight on it, We started walking toward it."

"If it hadn't been so cold, I probably would have died there." Osborne's family was informed he was missing in action. Three telegrams were sent back home. The last one informed his family that he was wounded. Osborne received a Purple Heart.





Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar

AUGUST 2023 AND 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/other-veterans-events/

August

04 Aug — Coast Guard Day at Canaveral USCG Station 1000-1500; Open to active duty, retired, veterans and families. Water slide, food, tours and great fun. POC: BM1 Tyler Wilson, USCG Station Port Canaveral

06 Aug — Purple Heart Remembrance Day by MOPH Brevard at the VMC Gray Hall and Plaza 1400-1600. Contact Donn Weaver (757-871-6576) for more information. By Invitation Only.

26 Aug — MOAACC Sponsored Military Leadership Preparation Seminar at VMC with two sessions 1300-1500 and 1500-1700. Reps from all academies, 10 ROTC college programs and other routes to military leadership available. Review of the application process for various options. Open to all High School Juniors and Seniors and their parents. Contact Donn Weaver 757-871-6576 for more information

September

11 Sep — Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at VMC 1630-1900.

October

06 Oct — Eighth Annual NVHS Rescuing Veterans Lost in America Dinner and Fundraiser. 1730-2100 at the Radisson Resort Port Canaveral, 8701Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral. Sponsorships available for \$100 per plate fundraiser. email event@nvhs.org or Call NVHS 321-208-7562 for more info.

26 Oct — BCSO Shredder Event - VMC PARK - 0900-1030.

November

11 Nov — SFR Veterans Day 5K VM PARK and Center - 0600-1000

11 Nov — VMC Veterans Day Ceremony Plaza, Center, Gray Hall with lunch courtesy of Chick Fil a 1000—1200

12 Nov — Sixth Annual NVHS Homestretch 5K for Homeless Veterans. 0700-1200 in the Eau Gallie Square. More Details in August. Call NVHS 321-208-7562 for more info.

18 Nov — The 2023 Veterans and Military Support MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation Golf Tournament at IRCC 0800-1400. Primary GDF Fundraiser of the year with sponsorships, hole sponsorships, golfing slots and auction/raffle prizes. Proceeds Support the GDF: A 501(c) (3) charitable organization supporting the aims of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC). It has provided direct support and grants to area military (primarily in enlisted ranks), veterans, and their families; ROTC, JROTC, Sea Cadet, Civil Air Patrol, as well as other Veteran organizations and groups since 2014.

December

16 Dec — Wreaths Across America at the VA Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims and other veteran cemeteries in the area. Details in September.

17 Dec — Wreaths Across America Special Ceremony 1500-1630 at Pinecrest Cemetery on Clearlake Road in Cocoa. Honors Brevard Native Korean War Medal of Honor Recipient Emory Bennett and other veterans laid to rest in that cemetery. RTFL: -1 Motorcycle wreath escort from VMC at 1400. Contact Dorothy Walsh of VMC for more information

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



MOAACC OFFICERS / DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF Ret

1ST VICE PRESIDENT, PROGRAMS & SPEAKERS

Colonel Rick Kniseley, USAF Ret

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

CAPT Steve Cusick, USN Ret

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

MAJ Tim Pishdad, USA Ret

SECRETARY

CAPT Arnold Lim, USN Ret

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Capt Bill Muckler, USMC Fmr

TREASURER

COL Mike Schroeder, USA Ret

ASSISTANT TREASURER

LTC William "Bill" Vanasse, USA Ret

MASTER-AT-ARMS

CW4 Jose Prieto, USA Ret

ASSISTANT MASTER-AT-ARMS

VACANT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(Term expires Jan 2024)

CDR Ken Lowe, USN, Ret

Daniel Levy, USN (Fmr)

CAPT Rita Shapiro, USPHS, Ret

LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN Ret

(Term expires Jan 2025)

LTC David Kobey, USA Ret

MAJ Tim Pishdad, USA Ret

Lt Col Joseph Tichich, USAF Ret

CHAPTER LIAISONS & COMMITTEES

AUXILIARY (See SSM Liaison) Chair **AWARDS CHAIR**

COL Steve Bond, USA Ret

AWARDS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CDR Ken Lowe, USNR Ret

Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF Ret

BREVARD VETS RESOURCE NETWORK

LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN Ret

BUDGET & FINANCE

COL Mike Schroeder, USA Ret

CAPE CANAVERAL LADIES

Cozette Merritt, SSM

CHAPLAINS

CH (Lt Col) Thomas Unrath, USAF Ret CH (MAJ) Williams P. Adams, USA Ret

COCOA BEACH CHAMBER (MAC)

LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN Ret

CURRENT AFFAIRS FORUM

CDR Donald Reott, USN Ret

ENTERTAINMENT/EVENTS

VACANT

HEALTH OF THE CHAPTER

Mary E. Dunagan, SSM

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

National (Chairman):

BG John McMahon, USA Ret

State/Local (Deputy Chairman):

MAJ Tim Pishdad, USA Ret

LUNCHEON COORDINATOR

Grace Catron, SPM

MEDICAL & VA CLINIC LIAISON

LTC Harry "Skip" Taylor, USA Ret

MEMBERSHIP

CAPT Steve Cusick, USN Ret Jan Clark, Hon Mbr, Secretary

NOMINATING (Leadership-2023)

CAPT Robert Watts, USN Ret

ON-THE-GO LUNCHEON COORDINATOR

Toni Lowe, SpM

SERVICE LIAISONS

US Army

COL Steve Bond, US Army Ret

US Marine Corps

Col Mike Gautreaux, USMC Ret

US Navy & NOTU

COL Pat Keane, US Army Ret

LCDR Dan Levy, USN Former

US Air Force

Lt Col Joseph Tichich, USAF Ret

920 RQW

Col Brent Baysinger, USAF Ret

US Space Force

Colonel Susan Dabrowski, USAF Ret

US Coast Guard

CWO4 Dan McIntyre, USCGR Ret

NOAA & USPHS

CAPT Rita Shapiro, USPHS Ret

SPEAKERS BUREAU

COL Stephen Bond, USA Ret

STORE

COL Jerry M. Gill, USA Ret

COL Patrick J. Keane, USA Ret

STUDENT, VETERAN &

COMMUNITY LIASONS

VA Clinic / PSFB Medical Clinic LTC Skip Taylor, USA Ret

Student Affairs (JROTC & ROTC)

CWO4 Dan McIntyre, USCG Ret

SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE

Lt Col Charles Shaw, USAF Ret

CAPT Don England, USN Ret CH (Lt Col) Thomas Unrath, USAF Ret

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON &

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

Ellie Joy, SSM

THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF Ret

CAREER SUPPORT RE Transition (TCS)

Pending

VETS BACK TO CLASS (JOE FOSS)

CPT Donn Weaver, USA Fmr

VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER

LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN Ret

CPT Donn Weaver, USA Fmr

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

LTC Harry "Skip" Taylor, USA Ret Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF Ret

SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

President

RADM Wayne Justice, USCG Ret

Secretary

CAPT Arnold Lim, USNR Ret

Treasurer

Col Brent Baysinger, USAF Ret

Assistant Treasurer

Roslyn Bates, SSM

BOARD MEMBERS

Cozette Merritt, SSM

CDR Fred J. Reeg, USN

CDR Courtney Yelle, USN Ret

ADVISORS & SELECTION

CHAIR: CAPT Scott Hartley, USCG Ret

Cozette Merritt, SSM

CDR Fred J. Reeg, USN Ret

CDR Dennis Reilly, USN Ret

CPT Steve Griffin, USA Fmr

COL Mike Schroeder, USA Ret Lt Col Joseph Tichich, USAF Ret

DONOR RELATIONS

LCDR Daniel Levy, USN Fmr

GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

President

CPT Donn Weaver, USA Fmr

Vice President

Col Mike Gautreaux, USMC Ret

Treasurer

RADM Wayne Justice, USCG Ret

BOARD MEMBERS

1LT Doug Bisset, USA Fmr

MAJ Norm Easton, USA Ret

COL Jerry Gill, USA Ret

Capt Larry Jackson, USAF Fmr

MAJ Mike Kahanca, USA Ret

CWO4 Dan McIntyre, USCG Ret

LTC Harry "Skip" Taylor, USA Ret

COL Joe Tichich, USAF Ret COL Tom Rozek, USAR Ret Board

COL Mike Schroeder, USA, Ret.

DONATIONS:

MOAACC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

P.O. BOX 254708 Patrick AFB, FL 32925-4708

MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation

PO Box 320358

Cocoa Beach, FL 32932

Weather Challenges but USSSA Stadium and Veterans Win

By Donn Weaver, CPT (fmr), USA

On 24 June the heavy rain and lightning strikes came at exactly the wrong time at the Space Coast Stadium in Viera. It was the starting time for the annual Military and Veteran Appreciation Night Ceremony preceding a game between the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) women's professional fast pitch softball team, the Pride, and the Oklahoma Spark.

Our military and veterans are used to dealing with bad weather, so the entire ceremony involving four major components was shifted to the concourse area under cover while the weather raged on. The game was eventually played, but the ceremony won the evening with about 250 fans and participants seeing the program hastily converted from field to underneath the grandstands.

HOMECOMING: More than 30 veterans and active-duty military personnel took part in the ceremony that began with a special tribute to former Army Ranger and Viera JROTC Instructor, CMSGT Mike Sonnenschein USA, Ret. After surviving four combat deployments with no major injuries,



Tim Thomas and Ranger Mike (left) tell their story

Ranger Mike was shot and nearly killed when he and his wife worked in Haiti as missionaries in June 2021. Starting at Space Coast Stadium that same month and year, the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation and LTC Tim Thomas, USA, Ret and Viera JROTC Instructor raised over \$30,000 to fund expenses not covered until Ranger Mike got into the VA care in Tampa. It was a heartwarming homecoming, although Ranger Mike will always be largely paralyzed below his chest.



Rolling Thunder and the Crowd with Pres Lance Armstrong mid bike center

POW/MIA Permanent Chair Dedication: Rolling Thunder Chapter FL-1, led by President Dr. Lance Armstrong, dedicated a beautiful, permanent POW/MIA Chair and Marker directly behind home plate. Very few stadiums have such a reminder and protected seat to go empty every game, but Bob Grey and his team at Space Coast Stadium made it happen.

COLOR GUARDS: Two Color Guards representing past and present served to present our colors as USAF Veteran Phil Black sang a great rendition of the National Anthem. The veterans of today color guard were represented by the Brevard Marine Corps League, led by Chuck Betz and the soldiers of yesteryear were represented by the Brevard Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, led by Nic Mihora, joined by Linda Jensen of the Daughters of the American Revolution. FIRST PITCHERS: Six active duty and veterans from all military branches were ready to throughout simultaneous first pitches:

- Army: SFC Steve Trudel, USA, Combat Vet and USA recruiter in Brevard County the past two years.
- Marines: MCL Officer Chuck Betz
- Navy: LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN and NASA retired and VMC President.
- USAF: Representing CMsgt George Taylor, Jr of 920th Air Rescue was Kasey Corson, who is a member of the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS), led by Taylor in Cocoa.
- US Space Force: Col Robert Fabian, USAF, Ret, President of local Space Force Association
- Coast Guard: CWO3 Phillip DaWalt, USCG, Commander USCG Station, Port Canaveral

MC for the event was CPT Donn Weaver, USA, former, who is MOAACC GDF President and BVC Chairman.

Most who attended were very pleased by the flexibility that the ceremony was not affected by the summer evening Florida weather. The participants repeatedly noted how much it means for the military and veteran community to have the support of the USSSA staff and the USSSA Pride Team.



POW/MIA Bench before the storm.



MC Weaver announces all the First Pitchers from the six services. L-R Trudell and his wife Janna and kids, Betz, Schaaf, Corson, Fabian, and DeWalt and his wife Jen.

The Military Officers Association of America Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) P.O. Box 254186, Patrick SFB, FL 32925-4186

Name		Spouse's l	Name	_		Stop Serving"	
Street Address						lembership Drilling Rese	
City		State	Zip	-1		ear - No Cost	
Telephone		Email		-			
Rank	Service	Member DOI	B		Life Membership		
Check appropria	te box:			Age	Fee	Age Fe	ee
Retired Active Duty Wide		ow (er) Spouse of Member	40-49	\$460		155	
= =				50-59	\$400		75
Regular	Reserve Nat	1 Gd Former Offi	cer	60-69	\$330	100+ No c	ost
Member of National MOAA? Y / N Member				70-79	\$235		
If No, may we sign you up for a no-charge MOAA National Basic Membership?				Life membership payable over three consecutive months. Make checks			
a 1				7 5 5 5 5 5 5 5		ACC or pay on	com-
Signature		Date		MOAA	CC.org. D	Dues and Fees i	nclud
						HE INTERCOM Ve Things e- No	



Get The Intercom on The Internet!

Contact MOAACC Treasurer to change from paper to web Visit our MOAACC Chapter website: www.moaacc.org



A better world starts with the best people.

MOAACC knows that helping others is hard work. Yet that's their life's passion. They sacrifice their time and talents to support the greater good and to make an impact on our entire community. The Saad Group at Morgan Stanley salutes you. Your actions make our world a better place.



The Saad Group at Morgan Stanley

Ayad B. Saad
Senior Vice President
Financial Advisor
8150 N Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL 32940
321-751-2007
Ayad.Saad@morganstanley.com
www.morganstanleyfa.com/
ayad.saad
NMLS #1316581

© 2023 Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC. Member SIPC. SUP030 CRC 3942248 01/22 CS 639170_3233461 04/23



Indian River Colony Club

"The Place Patriots Call Home"

321-255-6000 ColonyClub.com/icm

ACTIVE 55+ MILITARY GOLFING COMMUNITY IN MELBOURNE, FL







Social & Golf Memberships

Enjoy the country club lifestyle and the camaraderie of like-minded veterans without the need to buy a home.

Play golf, tennis or join the 60+ activities and social groups.

Celebrate your service's birthday at our military balls.

- 18 HOLE, PAR 72 GORDON LEWIS GOLF COURSE
- 3 REGULATION SIZE HAR-TRU TENNIS COURTS
- RESORT STYLE POOL WITH LAP LANES

- CASUAL & FINE DINING AT THE AT EASE CLUB
- 19™ HOLE BAR & GRILL

FOUR STAR

SCHEDULE A TOUR TO LEARN MORE!

On 28 June MOAACC's GDF was able to present \$150 each to the two winners of the MOAACC Award from both Civil Air Patrol Units — First in Titusville and then at South Patrick SFB.



Student Liaison chairman, CWO4 Dan McIntyre Presents the money and recognition to Cadet Evan Wiseman of the Patrick Composite Squadron.



MOAACC President LtCol Brian Whalen, IUSAF, Ret (l) joins McIntyre in presenting the funds to Cadet Carter Hall TICO Member at the War Bird Museum.



Patrick Composite Squadron and parents, CAP leaders

WHY JOIN MOAACC?

Legislative Advocacy

Philanthropy

Camaraderie

Provides grassroots level support to MOAA aims and keeps members informed and engaged

18th Annual MOAACC Good Deeds Cruise







Includes \$50 Per Cabin
Donation to Good Deeds
Foundation

CELEBRITY BEYOND

(Celebrity's Newest Ship)

January 29 to February 9, 2024 11 Night Panama Canal & Southern Caribbean



Experts at Land and Sea

Holidays of Viera

Cruise

w w w.justcruisinviera.com

Who plans your vacation really does make a difference.

At Cruise Holidays of Viera, every guest and each vacation is special, and should be a memory-making event. Our Old Style Retro Service will have you returning time and time again as we guide you to that perfect travel vacation for you, your family or your friends.

We specialize in small ship, luxury cruises.



Call us today 321-242-1331



Experts at Land and Sea

ADVERTISEMENT



Photos submitted by MOAACC members. Get your photos featured in the Intercom!

- Send us your high resolution photos
- Please provide names and captions
 - Send to: intercom@moaacc.org



VADM Donald & Mrs. Hagen visit USS ARIZONA memorial in Hawaii

We were escorted to the memorial by Banjo company 3rd Marines, the same regiment that I served when we landed in Chu Lai in 1965.

Annual Parachute Party at Indian River Colony Club

Rescued Meets His Rescuer

A pilot rescued by helicopter in Vietman 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. Eapiau rescued

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

Sergeant Smith recalled missions went off rea



helicopter, discuss a recent mercy n sion during which Espiau picked up



Submitted by: Mrs. Patsy Ketchum, spouse member MOACC.

Jim Ketchum's 28th annual Parachute Party at IRCC on 07 July 2023, celebrated the 75th year of his mission over North Vietnam, when his plane became disabled and he had to

bail out in South Vietnam. He landed near a South Vietnam firing range, and was greeted by a south Vietnamese Sgt who saluted him and said "Me South Vietnamese paratrooper." To that Jim responded, "me American Paratrooper" (his first jump) and the Sgt said "You #10 (the worst in jumps) since he had landed like a sack of potatoes and a bloody head. In those days, the Air Force did not practice jumping out of single engine airplanes.

Shortly after that, a helicopter picked Jim up to return to TanSonNhut air base in Saigon. The day before that fateful day on 06 July, Jim had been awarded the ABLE AERONAUNT Award, for bringing home a plane with one engine. The RF 101 is a very heavy plane loaded with Cameras. Their motto is "Alone, Unarmed, Unafraid." Jim at time was serving with the Polka Dots. He left VietNam in Sept 1967 after 157 total missions over North Vietnam.

He taught for 12 years at the Training command, of which, 8 years were as Instrument Pilots Instructor school, and 4 years at the Williams AFB from 1962-1966.



Jim Ketchum with friends and family





CW4 Jose Prieto Memories

CW4 (ret) shows pictures of some of the helicopter landing areas used by US Forces during operation "Just Cause", the invasion of Panama. "Just Cause" ousted dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega who was wanted by the US for the shipping of illicit drugs into the US.

US ARMY BAND PLAYS IN HISTORIC COCOA

The 208th Army Band from Concord, NC played Independence Day concert at Cocoa Riverfront Park on 29 July 2023.

The band recently completed a concert tour at the following locations: Camden, SC, Shaw Air Force Base, SC; North Charleston, SC; Valdosta, GA; Miami, FL (Miami Marlins); Coral Gables, FL; Vero Beach, FL; Cocoa, FL; Tobacco Ville, NC; High Point, NC; Harrisburg, NC; and Charlotte, NC.

The band performed various functions, including a Change of Command Ceremonies, National Anthem for the Miami Marlins game, and presenting "Salute to America" patriotic concert in several other locations. Honoring all US Military veterans.

Army Band Commander CW3 Robert Slade and 60 US Army Reserve soldiers are under 81st Readiness Division, Ft. Jackson, SC.















MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER (MOAACC)

MOAACC Needs Your Support – Advertise!

The MOAACC is comprised of 1,200 members of active, retired, former officers, their spouses and auxiliary members. The Chapter is the largest in Florida and one of the largest in the United States.

The INTERCOM is the primary communications vehicle for the Chapter. Copies are mailed to members, friends and other MOAA Chapters throughout Florida and the United States. Additional copies are disseminated at facilities on Patrick SFB and throughout Brevard County. The INTERCOM is also posted to our award-winning website (www.moaacc.org) and distributed to over 1,500 email subscribers. Members are patriotic and professional. We encourage our members to support businesses that support MOAACC.

These publications provide a unique opportunity for advertisers to reach military professionals throughout Brevard County.

ADVERTISEMENT ORDER FORM

	Size	Per Issue	12 Issues/12 months
Quarter Page Package ¹	~3 1/2" W x 4" H	\$100	\$1,000
Half Page Package ¹	~7 1/2" W x 5" H	\$200	\$2,000
Website Ad Only ²	www.moaacc.org		\$500
Website Business Card	www.moaacc.org		\$200

- 1. Includes publication in *The Intercom* printed/mailed version, website version and posted to our sponsor page/banner (12 months). Includes sponsor table at monthly luncheons.
- 2. Website ads posted to our sponsor page/banner (12 months).

Size of Ad:	Mo/Yr to Begin	Mo/Yr to End	# of Ads
Rate:	Total:	Company Name:	
Address:			
			Zip:
Email:		Company Contact:	
		Fax #	

- Submit Ads in .pdf or .jpeg file format.
- Email Ad & completed order form to moaacapecanaveral@gmail.com.
- Ads must be submitted by the 10th of the month preceding the first month of publication.
- Please make check payable to MOAACC.
- Mail check and order form to: MOAACC, PO Box 254186, Patrick SFB, FL 32925.
- For assistance, please contact Larry Jackson at (321) 242-1331; or Mike Schroeder at (910) 528-4337; or email us at moaacapecanaveral@gmail.com.

Thank You For Your Support!!!