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MOAACC Leads Forum on Gaining Academy and ROTC Admissions



LTC Ken Harris Moderates while Brevard High School JROTC students learn how to apply for military academies



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Full story on page 12

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OCTOBER EVENTS

- 10/6 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom)
- 10/8 25th Annual Central Brevard Stand Down to Stand Up
- 10/8 MOAACC Past Presidents Dinner (By Invitation Only)
- 10/11 On-The-Go Luncheon at Salt and Sweet
- 10/13 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom)
- 10/18 MOAACC Board of Directors Meeting
- 10/18 MOAACC Meet Our Authors and Book-Fair Luncheon
- 10/20 TMBC & Current Affairs - A Shuttle Launch from Beginning to End by Jane A. Hodges, Ph.D. And...
- 10/27 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom)

To see times and details and for these events, visit <https://moaacc.org/events>

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



CDR Ken Lowe, USNR Ret

Well, here we are in October, welcome to Fall and hopefully some cooler temperatures! It also marks the beginning of the last quarter of 2022. Halloween is just around the corner, then Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas, and New Year; time is flying by ever so quickly.

October also signifies that my term as chapter President is drawing to a close and therefore, we must begin to consider next year's chapter leadership. In November, we will hold our annual business meeting and one of our important duties will be to vote on the 2023 slate of officers and Board Members that has been submitted by the Nomination Committee found on page 18. I want to thank Jeff Rogers, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, and Ellie Joy and Jerry Gill for their hard work in identifying candidates to fill these important positions. It takes a significant amount of effort to find those members who are willing to volunteer to lead our chapter. I believe that they have found an excellent group of candidates and hope you will consider approving the slate. I also want to thank those individuals who have stepped forward to serve our chapter.

Now is the time that you can nominate a member who you believe should be recognized for their contributions to our chapter. We have several awards that we give annually, and their criteria can be found in our chapter Handbook Section 8 (no pun intended) located on our website moaacc.org under Resources. Just identify the member you are nominating, for which award, and why you believe they merit the award and submit it to the Awards Committee. The awards will be presented during the installation luncheon in January.

I also want to remind you that this month's Luncheon will be held at the Tides Collocated Club at Patrick SFB and not at IRCC. This is our annual opportunity for you to meet our chapter authors, learn a bit about them and the books they have written. Perhaps you'll find a Christmas present or two.

Wishing you'll have a safe and happy Halloween!

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Health of the Chapter

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

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Thanks again to our adjusted PR/M team described in this space last month, we can shift gears to make sure the Intercom News stays up to date and Press Releases covering major events are timely. This process will pick up the pace all the way through December and the Good Deeds Golf Tournament, Christmas Dance, etc. Thanks again to all who serve on the PR/M team.

Articles can be submitted at any time to: moaaccintercom@greenmancreations.com. If they are received too late, the next month is right around the corner. Please call me if you have any ideas or questions. Have a great summer.

Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576.

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SPACE COAST NAVY WIVES

The next luncheon of the Space Coast Navy Wives' Club will be on Friday, October 21, 2022 at **THE TIDES**. Social hour begins at 11:30am and lunch is served at noon.

Our speaker this month will be Dr. Paul Grimm of Chiropractic Health Clinic of Brevard, located in Merritt Island. His topic will be Health and Wellness in Chiropractic Care. Please join us for this informative presentation.

The menu choices are Beef Enchiladas with rice and street corn or Harvest Salad of mixed greens, chicken, apples, walnuts and feta cheese. For dessert we will have a birthday cake in honor of the US Navy's 247th birthday.

For more information and reservations, please call or text Rebecca Kersey at (207) 607-0006. You may email her at oceanspruce@prontonmail.com. Reservations must be made no later than noon, Tuesday, October 19th.

Remember friends and family are always welcome.
Ellie Joy, (321) 757-0193

MILITARY WIVES

The Military (Army) Wives and Friends will meet for lunch on Friday, 14 October 2022 at The Tides Club. PSFB. Meet and Greet at 1130 followed by lunch from the menu.

We look forward to seeing you! It has been a very long time since we last got together. Call Monsie Woehler at 321-305-7710 for further information.

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Joe Tichich, Selection Committee Chair

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This month, October, is the new Fiscal Year for the US Government. So many financial issues affecting our Military and Families hang in the balance. Here are just a few:

Pharmacy Changes

Approximately 15,000 community pharmacies will leave the TRICARE retail pharmacy network on 24 Oct 22. Nearly 400,000 beneficiaries, or roughly 4% of the TRICARE-eligible population, will be affected by the change.

Impacted beneficiaries will receive a letter from Express Scripts with a list of alternative in-network pharmacies. Walgreens and CVS remain in-network, as do many grocery store pharmacies and smaller chains. If you or your family are impacted, make your voice heard below!!

Tricare Pharmacy Changes - **TAKE ACTION:** <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/42615/>

Budget

Take Action: Ask Your Senators to Preserve Key Benefits in the FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/42214/>

Elections

You heard the comment before: "Elections Have Consequences"!! We have been blessed in Brevard County with Legislative Representatives who have been strong advocates for Veterans. Choose wisely. New candidates have no legislative record to compare. Remember, the News only tells you the story they want you to know, so do your own independent research to ensure our community continues with strong, principled leaders committed to our MOAA Legislative Goals and Objectives.

We highlighted a few issues above. **Please, Please, Please** go to this **TAKE ACTION LINK** and support all the actions listed. **This will take you 10 minutes or less!! Our Veterans and Families will benefit.**

**TAKE ACTION:**

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Over 30 critical issues, but will take you just minutes of your time.

This Includes the Concurrent Receipt, Richard Star Act. MAJ Star passed away in 2021 and was buried 13 Sept 22 in Arlington National Cemetery.

You will also personally benefit from this TAKE ACTION LINK, so please give those who have sacrificed so much for us all, **10 MINUTES!!** Thank you so much for your personal effort and contributions to our Nation.



POINTS TO PONDER

Ch, LtCol, Thomas Unrath, USAF (Ret)

Change is in the Air!

As I write this in early September, summer heat is still very much in the air, but! Change is in the air as we “Floridians” wait for the crisper fall air to bring comfort. October is the month of my birthday and Cindy and my 35th Wedding Anniversary! Also, apple season up north! Some of my favorites will soon be on the market. I always look forward to October and that “fall” feeling.

Fall was always a great time to have family surrounding us – unfortunately for us, our family is too far away to get together. It is always great to have family with us – friends are fantastic for sure, but family bonds are the best. As I reflect on these fall feelings, I am reminded of how much God loves having us around, not only on the festive days, but also every day. Daily time with God is a great escape, for a little while, from the day-to-day issues that life brings us. There are many devotionals, online and in the stores, that are an easy habit to get into every day. For me that time is the first 20-30 minutes every day.

Our time with God must include a time of listening... that is probably the most difficult for us. We miss so much that God has to say because we are constantly distracted by life. When you give God a time of silence, even 5 minutes, on a regular basis, you will be amazed at what God will show you. Always be prepared for God to speak to you by having a pen and pad handy to write it down. If it doesn't happen at first, be persistent each day with pen in hand... God will speak to you, and I don't mean necessarily in an audible way, but God speaks in many ways and by many people. Always be open to listening for God to speak to you through others, and, from what I have found, through the most unexpected people.

Keep an open mind that change in climate is not the only change that is in the air – God wants us to be in a close relationship with us – God wants us to have eternal life with God. Make the change(s) you need to make today to get closer to God. When you make a little effort, you will be amazed how God will reveal Himself to you. Have a wonderful and blessed fall!

TAPS

**MOAA CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER
MEMBER, AUXILIARY, and SPOUSE DEATHS**

Reported 1 Aug 2022 thru 31 Aug 2022:
(Names listed in chronological order of date of death)

Caryl Curran, SSM
4 August 2022

Robert E. Solien, LtCol, USAF Ret
13 August 2022

Kenneth K Dickinson, COL, USA Ret
29 August 2022

Robert Kilbane, Capt, USMC (Former)
22 August 2022

Richard C. Orth, Jr, CPT, USA (Former)
31 August 2022

Last Death on the July 2022 Taps List:

Susan Stout,
Spouse of Bruce F. Stout, COL, USA Ret.
16 July 2022





FINANCIAL LITERACY

CAPT Arnold Lim, USNR (Ret)

Credit Reports and Freezes

Like it or not, credit reports and freezes are important aspects in most adults' lives in the modern world. This article is the second of a two-part series on these topics. Last month, we discussed credit scores and some of the attributes that are considered on how they are calculated as well as how to request credit reports. We follow on with other details.

The impact of having a good or bad score: The obvious impact is the higher your score, the lower the interest rates you should get on any loans that you apply for. Too low a score might even cause a loan application to be disapproved. Also, whether you know it or not, your credit score can affect how big your premiums for home and auto insurance are. In the eyes of insurance companies, having a low vs high credit score somehow correlates to how often you might make a claim.

Authorized users – for example, one can add a teenage child to be an authorized user on a credit card account, and, as long as one dutifully pays the credit card bill in a timely manner, this could positively enhance the score of the teenager as he builds up his own record.

A credit freeze prevents others from accessing your credit information and/or opening new credit in your name. The benefits of freezing your credit with each of the 3 major bureaus are that it will go a long way towards preventing a bad person from fraudulently opening an account in your name. This is widely seen as the very strongest act that one can take towards preventing any problems, including identity fraud. After one freezes your report, one can then temporarily “thaw” that report when needed; common reasons are: to open a new credit account or loan; allow a company to see your credit report from that bureau, for example to approve a lease application.

How to freeze: Go to the credit bureau's website, confirm your identity by providing information such as your social security number and likely a password, and then specify the desired beginning and end dates of the thaw period. The thaw takes effect immediately. This service is free with each of the 3 major bureaus and takes only minutes to perform.

Also, be aware that bureaus or other companies may offer a credit lock (vs credit freeze). Is this as good? In my opinion, no. Not only do the bureaus sometimes charge you for this service, the regulations of a lock are not as strong nor federally governed. So, credit locks are generally not worth the effort or cost.

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SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

Lt Col Chuck Shaw, USAF (Ret)

One of the benefits of a MOAA Premium or Life membership in addition to having a Chapter membership is having easy access to a treasure trove of information pertinent to active duty and retired officers. Part of the mission statement of the MOAACC Survivor Assistance Team is to help you and your family prepare for the inevitable. One of the things many of us are not familiar with is Military Burial benefits. The SAT Lesson Learned for October 2022 is that you do NOT want to leave funeral and burial arrangements to your surviving spouse! It's usually a very traumatic time for the survivor anyway, but however hard it might be for you to bring yourself to address those issues now, it is many times harder for your survivor(s) in the days after you pass. So, how do you ease into this task? I suggest you and your family get informed on the topic.

MOAA provides very well written publications they will send you for free. One of them is "Your Guide To Military Burials". You can call MOAA at (800)-234-6622 to have them send you a copy. Or you can order a copy via the MOAA Website at www.moaa.org/publications/ Among many other things it provides eligibility criteria for being buried in a National Cemetery, or overseas, or burial at sea, and how and when to go about making arrangements beforehand.



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VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER EVENTS & UPDATE

Dean Schaaf and Donn Weaver

The last month at the Veterans Memorial Center was amazing in terms of events and impact which you will read more about this October edition of the Intercom. Events ranged from the 9/11 and Allied Forces Monument Unveiling Ceremonies and much more. The VMC seemed busier than ever and is in more and more demand for special events, rentals, tours and much more. If you have not visited and you are a MOAACC member, we promise you will enjoy it.

Look for more details below and check out the VMC Vets Calendar for much more that lies ahead in 2022 and into 2023.



On 17 Sep, Donn Weaver, VMC VP and MOAACC member (far right), accepts to turnover of the new United States Allied Forces Memorial from the Unforgettable Memories Foundation after the Unveiling Ceremony.

Remembering 9/11 and Its Ongoing Costs

There were several major events in Brevard County on Sunday 11 Sep, 21 years after terrorists attacked our shores. At the Veterans Memorial Center, more than 350 gathered to remember and reflect on those events and ongoing costs. The Remembrance Ceremony was organized by Club 1013 which is a local organization of retired NYPD and other officers and the Veterans Memorial Center. It was sponsored by a number of businesses and organizations including the Good Deeds Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.



Club 1013 Member Al Boettjer as MC while the Bell Tolls



Boettjer with Brevard Veteran Council Chairman Donn Weaver on stage as the Flag is Folded to symbolically recognize all the fallen and be presented to their families left behind.

During the event numbers were cited, but those statistics also became people and their families left behind:

- The nearly 3000 who died on 9/11/2001 in NYC, Wash DC and Pennsylvania
- The several thousand who died or become seriously ill as a result of toxic exposure in NYC or Iraq and countries when we took the fight to the radical terrorists who attacked America

— The total of 7,061 American service members killed in combat since October 2001 through July 2022 and the thousands more grievously injured or who died as a result for military service.

At the VMC Ceremony the Fire Bell Tolls for all of them in remembrance as all speakers and supporters vowed to never forget and each year return to honor the fallen and their families who lost so much when America changed that fall day in 2001.



BCSO Fife and Drum Corps



RADM Wayne Ivey USCG, Ret speaking about the Pentagon and sacrifice in Iraq after 9/11



Marine Corps League based at VMC Color Guard Leads the Ceremony



The Crowd recognizing WWII and Korean War 96 year old veteran George Rosenfield (Center) as he links his generation to those now fighting the GWOT.

Brevard High School Students Learn How to Apply to Military Academies and College ROTC Scholarships



Maj. Brian Mummery Senior Army Advisor speaks to His JROTC student from Rockledge High School

On September 17, at the Veterans Memorial Center on Merritt Island, high school students, parents and siblings gathered to learn from presenters the ways to apply for military academy positions, for ROTC college scholarships and other programs that could help them reach those goals. The Forum was organized by Ken Harris, the recruiters for the ROTC program at Florida Tech and a member of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC). Dan McIntyre, MOAACC's Student Liaison Officer and the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation which funded the event, assisted.

This program, the first of its kind in Brevard County, was advertised to all high schools through JROTC Instructors, Event Coordinators and Guidance Counselors. Even two Home Schooled students came.

Thirty Nine Students signed up for ongoing support after the seminar and hopefully the event will spark interest throughout the county and follow up questions. Plans are to hold it every year in September mostly targeting juniors in high school since then, or even earlier, is when the student should start engaging the rigorous process.

Representatives from the Academies (USMA, USNA, USAFA & USCGA) as well as Congressman Posey's nominating committee discussed the processes to gain admission. Additionally, ROTC representatives covered all the services and various schools & scholarship opportunities. These schools included Florida Tech and Embry Riddle in Florida, Senior Military Colleges (Texas A&M, VMI & the Citadel), the Junior Military Colleges (specifically Marion Military Institute), and of course the excellence of the Leaders within MOAACC! Each of the equities provided a briefing, materials, timelines and contact information.

There was a total of 93 participants which included parents, students, instructors and MOAACC members. 39 student/cadets signed in with their Academy or college of their interest and

contact information for follow-up by the presenters. The audience included students from 13 schools in Brevard, 1 in Orange County and a few home schoolers. The top two schools for participation were Rockledge High and Heritage High with 9 each.

While a military college program is not for everyone, it offers huge benefits not just in cost savings but in life time development whether recipients stay in the service for five or thirty five years after their education. Hopefully next year, even more students will attend the event.



L-R Maj. Tim Pishdad and Lt. Corey Jones briefing a student and his father about VMI.



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See another VMC highlight in the online section, on page 21



MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

CPT Donn Weaver, USA, Fmr, President GDF

If you look at the long list of highlights which follow, you will see the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation continues to be very active in our community. In October you will read about our FY 2022 Impact List and plans for continuing to get great contributions through special grants, envelope donations and the 10 December Golf Tournament so we can begin 2023 in a great way. Please consider donating in the weeks ahead to help us do just that!!

Meanwhile, take a look at the varied and impressive list of grants given out in the last month or so by your GDF.

Some Very Special Rings



Last Fall the Cocoa Beach High School female JROTC Raider Challenge Team took first place in the State of Florida Championship. This was the first time in many, many years a Brevard JROTC team took home that title. Incidentally, the CBHS male team finished second at the same meet, only 1.15 seconds from first!

JROTC Instructor, LTC Jim DesJardins, USA Ret and a MOAACC Member, wanted to do something special to recognize his cadets. He reached out to MOAACC Good Deeds, the VFW of Cape Canaveral and the Elks Club of Cocoa Beach to fund the purchase of championship rings for the 11 cadets who triumphed that December 2021 day. Unfortunately supply chain issues created delays in receiving the rings until late July

2022. After the first 2022 Raider Challenge Practice on 27 August, the ceremony could finally take place. In front of about 200 other cadets and parents, the 11 proudly accepted the rings.

Two of the winners returned home from college campuses that weekend to pick up theirs.



Good Deeds covered three of the rings as all cheered, at long last, the victors. It was no coincidence that MOAACC Board Member Joe Tichich represented the VFW and MOAACC, along with GDF President Donn Weaver at the event. LTC DesJardins announced that the title had already been added on the banner to the long line of JROTC Academic and Competitive victories since the school opened in 1964.

Special Monument Unveiled at Brevard Veterans Memorial Plaza



photo courtesy of Malcom Denmark of Florida Today

For eight years the Unforgettable Memories Foundation based in Orlando has been raising funds and searching for a location for a unique Monument to honor America's Allies by name. While the dedication on September 17 was timed to remember POW/MIA day and the Vietnam conflict, as the years go by names of other allies will be added on dedicated bricks. They, too, sacrificed for America and their own country and have done so since the Revolution when France sent many ships and advisers.

Already two Afghan , one Dutch and one British - the Spanish American War- names have been added to more than 300 Republic of Vietnam and their American partners who fell during the Vietnam War.

The project was presented to the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) and Brevard County Parks/County for approval just after Memorial Day 2021. Several other venues in Central Florida had turned it down. As far as is known, there is no other such monument including names in Florida and very few in the Country. Perhaps this is the only site intended to honor our allies by name throughout America's history of conflicts.

With the help of dozens of donors including the VMC, Rolling Thunder FL Chapter 1 and the Good Deeds

Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, the eight year effort by Unforgettable Memories achieved success and was witnessed by more than 250 people on that Saturday morning.

For more information about making tax deductible donations for named bricks to the monument or the story contact the VMC 321-453-1776, or Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576.



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Unveiling the Monument Were:

COL. Gerry Berry USMC, Ret
COL. Jose Ramos USA Ret
Steven T, Dao RVNAF
Caption. Donn Weaver USA Ret
Mr. Jim Justice
Mr. Don Reynolds, Artist

Wreath Presentation at VMC

L-R US Wreath:

LT.COL Al Schroeder USAF, Ret
Steven T. Dao RVNAF

L-R Vietnam Wreath:

Maj. Vinh Dao Ret. Vietnamese Air Force
Lt. Sean Dao Ret. Vietnamese Air Force



MEMBERSHIP BRIEF

From the Quartermaster: COL (Ret) Jerry Gill

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We welcome 16 new members this month, and 1 new life member:

CDR Michael Warde, Navy, Retired (Kathleen Hoffman)

CAPT Jason Schneider, Navy, Active Duty (Dan Levy)

2Lt Corey C Jones, Air Force, Active Duty (Tim Pishdad)

MAJ Steven Celeste, Army, Retired (Tim Thomas)

CPT Robert J Pittman, Army, Former (Amir Pishdad)

LtCol Matt Karas, Air Force, Retired (Website)

MAJ Daniel Gil, Army, Reserve, Active Duty (Steve Bond)

CW3 William (Mike) M Selig, Army, Former (Tim Pishdad) **LIFE MEMBER**

2LT Regina Gaglione, Army, Active Duty (Steve Bond)

Col James Boyd, Air Force, Retired (Dan Levy)

LtCol Joseph W Stevens, Air Force, Retired (Website)

LtCol Anthony Surman, Air Force, Active Duty (Lloyd Stafford)

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USAF OCS HISTORY



Air Force OCS started 19 February 1942 in Miami Beach resort hotels. Candidates were former aviation cadets eliminated for medical or flying deficiency, active-duty warrant officers, and enlisted men up to age 35. OCS adopted the standards of the US Military Academy. It was 4 months duration and more a test of students' endurance as well as academic proficiency. OCS relocated to San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center 19 April 1944, then Maxwell Field in June 1945, and returned to San Antonio AAF Military Training Center (Lackland AFB) in February 1946 with 33 men in two classes.

After the USAF was constituted August 1947, Air Training Command organized the 3700th Officer Candidate Training Group in August 1948. OCS was extended to six months. The West Point class system with its attendant hazing, was subordinated in 1947 to a student organization with flights, squadrons, and groups as a means of inculcating military discipline and command. The AFOCS continued to graduate commissioned reserve officers 300-600 for the next 16 years. The Korean War saw a temporary increase from 970 graduates in 1951 to 1,494 in 1952 and to 2,085 in 1953.

OCS, the main commissioning program for enlisted personnel, produced 450 new officers annually between 1953 and 1957. In 1958, the annual quota was raised to 600. Then, with the Air Force Academy and ROTC, the Air Force now had two major sources of rated officers capable of furnishing numbers far in excess of need. Few Aviation Cadets had college degrees. The Cadet program was cut from 70% in 1957 to 12% in 1959. The Air Force needed a program that could produce college-educated officers and still respond to rapid changes in manpower needs. A program for college graduates – The Officer Training School – OTS, started in 1960 with 79 men and 13 women. The last OCS class, 63-D, graduated 119 students 21 June 1963. During 21 years, AFOCS commissioned over 43,000 officers, including 47 who became generals. MG Charles D. Link and BG Lawrence A. Mitchell graduated in the final class.

In a study made in 1962, OCS trained officers maintained academic, flying, and military grades equal to A.F Academy graduates and superior to those of aviation cadets or officers from OTS and ROTC.



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MEMORANDUM FOR: President MOAACC

20 September 2022

Dear Mr. President:

The Chapter Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate of nominees to lead our stellar 5-Star Cape Canaveral Chapter for 2023. The below listed candidates are offered in nomination to the General Membership for election during the Annual Business Meeting at the luncheon on Tuesday, 15 November 2022.

President	Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF Ret
1 st Vice President	Col Richard ("Rick") Kniseley, USAF Ret
2 nd Vice President	CAPT Stephen ("Steve") Cusick, USN Ret
Secretary	CAPT Arnold Lim, USN Ret
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Assistant Treasurer	LTC William ("Bill") Vanasse, USA Ret
Master-at-Arms	CW4 Jose Prieto, USA Ret
Directors	
(Immediate PP Term expires 2024	CDR Kenneth ("Ken") Lowe, USNR Ret
Term 2023-2025	LTC David ("Dave") Kobey, USA Ret
Term 2023-2025	MAJ Timothy ("Tim") Pishdad, USA Ret
Term 2023-2025	Lt Col Joseph ("Joe") Tichich, USAF Ret
Previously Elected Term expires 2024	LCDR Daniel ("Dan") Levy, USN Fmr
Term expires 2024	CAPT Rita Shapiro, USPHS Ret
Term expires 2024	LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN Ret
	(Filling vacancy of Col Richard ("Rick") Kniseley)

Chaplains who were previously appointed by Chapter President:

Lt Col Thomas ("Tom") Unrath, USAF Ret
MAJ William ("Bill") Adams, USA Ret
MAJ William ("Bill") Otis, USA Ret

Wish to thank Jerry Gill and Ellie Joy both of whom served superbly with me on the Nominating Committee.

COL Jeffrey C. ("Jeff") Rogers, USA Ret
Committee Chair

COL Jerry M. Gill, USA Ret - Committee Member
Mrs. Eleanor A. ("Ellie") Joy SSM - Committee Member

A FEW PHOTOS FROM RECENT MOAACC MEETINGS



Plaque Presentation

Moaacc September guest speaker was LTC Ken Karris USAR Ret. Who spoke of his mission 2011-2012 in Guantanamo (GITMO)

He was presented with an Moaacc plaque of appreciation by 1st VP Lt Col Brian Whalen (center) and Lt Col Joe Tichich (left)

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USN Ret. Captain Jacqueline Rychnovsky is the Executive Director of U.S. Public Health Service (Commissioned Officers Association).

She addressed the Moaacc members via Zoom, explaining the various national responsibilities of her office.

OCTOBER MOAACC LUNCHEON

Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF (Ret)

October Book Fair Luncheon at The Tides on October 18

Please join us at the October luncheon and get a chance to meet some members of our Authors League and learn about them and their books. The luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 18 at the Tides on A1A across from Patrick Space Force Base. **Reminder:** This Luncheon will be at The Tides on Highway A1A across from Patrick Space Force Base and not at Indian River Colony Club!

Each of our Author's League members will tell us about themselves and the book(s) they have written. Their books will be available for sale or to order. We have two new authors this year, William "Bill" Toti and Jim "Shotgun" Boyd, and they will both be participating. Returning authors are Tony Deane, Robert Faulkender, Jeanne Harris Weaver, and Daniel Wilson. Unfortunately, our other authors had schedule conflicts.

To learn more about our Authors League Members and their books visit the Authors League page on our website at <https://moaacc.org/about/authors-page/>. This page also has information on how to purchase their books.

This luncheon is a good opportunity to get some of your holiday shopping done early and also meet two new chapter members.

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Dessert: Chocolate Cake; coffee & tea

Please RSVP/cancel by 12 Oct 2022.

Contact **Grace Catron**

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VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER EVENTS - continued

2022 Brevard Stand Down to Stand Up: No One Left Behind



After nearly three years of the event on hold due to Covid, the 25th Annual Central Brevard County "Stand Down to Stand Up" will take place at the Cocoa Armory on October 8. The event is designed to offer a wide range of support and much more to homeless veterans and veterans in distress during these tough economic times and their families.

This year's event organizers project about 100 homeless veterans and 150 or more veterans facing major challenges will attend. Also expected are 200 or more volunteers including professionals who will offer a wide range of services (see list below).

The 2022 program is staged by the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center in partnership with the Florida Army National Guard in Cocoa and many veteran and other organizations. Generous donations from the Good Deeds Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter

of the Military Officers Association of America, the IRCC Foundation in Viera and individual donors have come through with funding, while hundreds are donating items like good clothes, toiletries, towels, and food and their TIME to make it a big success.

When on active duty military members always had each other to offer help when needed. After leaving the service, veterans, like all of us, run into rough patches. The Stand Down to Stand Up is focused on helping them out and especially on connecting them to job opportunities where over 30 vendors are expected. That is the Stand Up focus this year so that no veteran or their family is left behind.

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MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION - continued

Good Deeds Expands Role to Help Active Duty Military on PSFB

Thanks to good leads from MOAACC's USAF Liaison team of Brian Whalen and Joe Tichich, your Good Deeds Foundation was able for the first time in its history reach out to support an organization on Patrick Space Force Base called "The Space Coast Top 3". Made up of senior "Top Sergeants" from all the non Space Force units like 920th Wing, AFTAC, DEOMI, Security and others, this foundation supports family functions, award ceremonies, emergency requests and much more. The 45D Space Force WarmHeart Foundation with the First Sergeant's Council of PSFB is the Top 3 Space Force counterpart. MOAACC has supported WarmHeart for over 25 years.

The presentation to Space Coast Top 3 took place at the PSFB Marina on 24 August.



GDF provided \$3000 to support the Space Coast Top 3. Here, L-R GDF President Donn Weaver, Two Space Coast Top 3 Board members, GDF Board member Dean Schaaf and MOAACC USAF Liaison and former GDF Board member, Brian Whalen make GDF history.

Sea Scout Ship 172 in Palm Bay Gets Good Deeds Visit



On 06 Sep, MOAACC Student Affairs Chairman and Good Deeds Board Member, Dan McIntyre (Center) presents a check for \$1000 to the leaders of Sea Scout Ship 172 in Palm Bay. The organization is newly formed in Palm Bay and falls under the Good Deeds Foundation umbrella of support to all non JROTC Brevard Cadet programs, now at five. This first ever donation to Ship 172 adds to two Civil Air Patrol Squadrons and two Sea Cadet Divisions GDF supported this 2022-23 school year. It figures a retired Coast Guard Guy would find and help us support the new Sea Scout Unit!!!

Impacting More Youth: Good Deeds Visits Titusville CAP



In between rain showers the evening of 07 Sep, the above photo was taken. Your MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation attended a meeting of the Titusville (TICO) Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol to present them with \$1000 in support of their FY 2023 activities. It was great to be able to continue this effort with the CAP at the Space Coast Regional Airport (formerly TICO) and we all recalled about six years ago when GDF helped fund the rehab of the trailer in the background, where the CAP Cadets meet. Attending the event were Brian Whalen (1), who is MOAACC's IVP and USAF Liaison as well as many years a member of GDF; Dan McIntyre, MOAACC Student Affairs and GDF Board member; and Donn Weaver, GDF President. The Cadet and adult leaders gladly receive the largest annual funding GDF has been able to give to the CAP, firmly holding onto the real check.

Making Sure All Cadet Units Get GDF Support



On Patriot's Day during the 9/11 Ceremony at the VMC, cadets and leaders of the US Naval Sea Cadet Courageous Division were presented their \$1000 to support operations this school year. Good Deeds Foundation President Donn Weaver (old person in center) presents the big check to two Sea Cadets and the real check to their commander, Heather Owen.

The Courageous Division is home based at the Veterans Memorial Center and supports many VMC events with MOAACC members often in attendance. They currently include 17 cadets ranging from age 11-18 and five active adult leaders. Earlier this year GDF supported the unit with funding for gasoline and boat rental since their unit actively works lagoon restoration projects with the county. Go Sea Cadets!!



Mission Complete: Sea Cadets of David McCampbell BN Receives Funds

On 17 September at their bi-weekly meeting, Dan McIntyre (3rd from left standing), MOAACC Student Liaison and GDF Board Member, presents \$1000 to the Sea Cadets and leaders of the David McCampbell Division. The Unit CO, ENS Jacob Pyatt receives the check on behalf of the cadets and program. Pyatt is standing directly under the Florida flag. This event completed the presentations of actual checks to all 15 JROTC Units and five other cadet units begun 04 August. The symbolic county wide presentation of the record \$32,700 total at Viera HS appears in this Intercom Issue as well.

One Hundred Military Softball Teams from Around the World land on the Space Coast

From 21-26 Sep, the Space Coast Stadium hosted 100 All World Military Slow Pitch Softball Teams from bases on several continents. It was a great weekend that included the 24 Sep Veteran Appreciation Day and POW/MIA Chair Dedication (See separate article) and games by the USA Patriots, a team composed of very determined and courageous wounded warriors from all service branches.

On 22 September, our focus was on the Patrick Space Force Base Coed Team which MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation sponsored again this year by covering the \$350 entry fee. The team began play at 0800 on 22 Sep led by Captain Jeremy Woods as they took 2 of 3 the morning games. After playing two more games the PSFB squad finished 3-2 in games, good enough for fifth place in a very big field of teams. Their fate was complicated when two players went down with foot/leg injuries as they played very hard all day long.

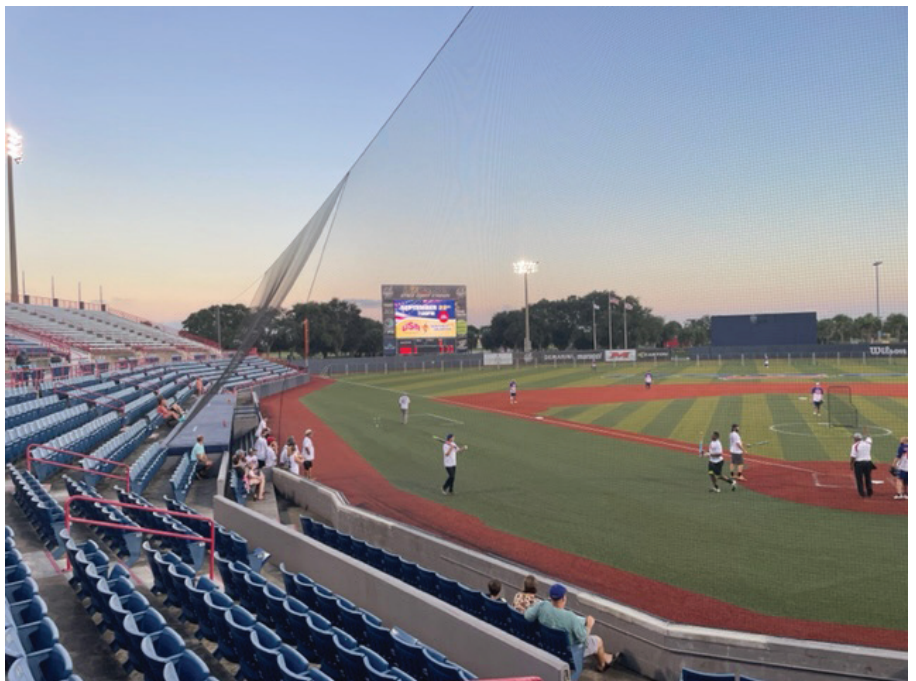
Congratulations to "OUR" team and thanks for YOUR Service on, and especially of, the field. Get ready for SpaceX and Artemis next week!



What a team as they pose after Game 1



Determination blended with fun!!



USA Patriots on the Big Field 22 Sep

Return of Patrick Composite CAP Wing: Good Deeds is There

After two years of Covid restrictions on PSFB, the Civil Air Patrol Patrick Composite Wing returned to operations in the summer of 2022. The Good Deeds Foundation, through member and MOAACC youth liaison rep Dan McIntyre learned about the program in early August.

GDF quickly approved adding Patrick CAP to our youth organizations not in JROTC (two Sea Cadets, one Sea Scout Ship and two CAPs) so that on 24 August we could present a \$1000 check to support them for the coming year.



Dan McIntyre and Donn Weaver present the check at CAP Patrick's monthly drill meeting. They are already back to 30 cadets and growing. The USAF provides CAP Patrick an off base building in Satellite Beach to do their meetings and training. Just after getting the money, the unit went on a 5 K run!!

End of GDF Articles

MOAACC Sponsors Veterans Benefits and Information Seminar

New Chapter Business Partner, One Senior Place hosted a Veterans Benefits and Resources Information Fair at their facility on Thursday, Sept 22nd. MOAACC, along with VITAS sponsored the event to provide veterans with information on their benefits and where to go for further information. COL Steve Bond (USA-Ret), MOAACC Speakers Bureau Chair provided the Legislative Update for the participating veterans and family members. CW5 Mike Tucker (USA-Ret), Chapter Member and VITAS Veterans Representative coordinated the event with participation in addition to MOAACC of National Cremation Society, DAV, and others.



COL Steve Bond (L), presents a legislative update to veterans at the One Senior Place Veterans Benefits and Resources information fair on September 22nd.



Chapter Member CW5 Mike Tucker (L), VITAS Veterans Representation, presents at the One Senior Place Veterans Benefits and Resources information fair on September 22nd.

Record Support to JROTC and Cadet Programs in Brevard : A Football Game is the Stage



There are 15 JROTC High School programs in Brevard County with many having 180 or more cadets enrolled in the 2022-23 school years. Viera HS leads the way with 250!! There are also two Sea Cadet, two Civil Air Patrol and one Sea Scout Ship programs in Brevard, who have cadets from around the county interested in their programs.

The Good Deeds Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC) works year round to raise funds to support four major pillars: Veterans in need; Active Duty Units and Personnel; Veteran Related 501c3 organizations with great track records that

support veteran and active duty causes; and youth programs focused on military related missions.

In the past year, donors have been very generous so MOAACC's GDF was able to provide every JROTC Program \$1800 each at a minimum and \$1000 each to the five other Cadet Programs. The grand total of \$32,700 was symbolically presented on the Viera HS Football Field in a pore-game program on 16 September, VHS's Veteran and First Responders Appreciation Night.

As best we can determine, the collective amount is the biggest ever given to all programs in Brevard and likely unmatched elsewhere in Florida or around the country by a single veterans organization. Each year JROTC and Cadet programs encounter a number of expenses not covered by the sponsoring branch of service or the schools. With a typical goal of raising \$3000 each year on average per each program, this year Brevard JROTC and other Cadet programs are off to a strong start. MOAACC's GDF Board is happy to be able to offer funding and hopes next year's contributions will allow us to match or exceed the record amount this year.

MOAACC/GDF has also pledged to purchase every trophy for nine major JROTC competitions in the Raider Challenge, Drill Teams and Rifle Team events from October to April, helping the JROTC even further.

That night of the ceremony, VHS painted its mid-field logo Red, White and Blue as more than 70 veterans and first responders walked through two rows of JROTC cadets all saluting at halftime. The stadium was almost full despite a drizzling rain and the fans cheered the vets as loudly as they did their home team Viera Hawks football team playing against a tough Orlando opponent. It was a moving night for veterans and first responders accented by the BCFD Hook and Ladder engine four stories up with a giant American Flag.



MOAACC Good Deeds President Donn Weaver, center, presents the symbolic, county-wide check to VHS JROTC Cadet Leaders and Instructors LTC Tim Thomas, USA Ret and 1SG Carl Thomas, USA Ret.

On the left is MOAACC's Student Affairs coordinator and GDF member CW4 Dan McIntyre, USCGR, ret and Sheriff Wayne Ivey, with is great dog Juni.

Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey was also at the game. He not only represented First Responders at the ceremony, but also supports MOAACC and JROTC programs regularly. The Sheriff is the MOAACC/GDF Honorary Chairman for the 10 Dec 2022 Golf Tournament Fundraise at Cocoa Beach Country Club. His BCSO also raised thousands of dollars in June for four 501c3 charities via Dancing with The Space Coast. One charity chosen supports veterans and JROTC programs. Tim Thomas and his partner won the dance contest, representing veterans!!



Florida Tech ROTC Panther Battalion Commissions New Army Second Lieutenant

Melbourne, FL – September 2, 2022

The Florida Institute of Technology ROTC Panther Battalion commissioned the newest Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in ceremonies at the Florida Tech All Faiths Center on Friday, September 2nd. Cadet Regina Gaglione took the oath of office and pinned on the rank of an Army Second Lieutenant, with Florida Tech Panther Battalion Cadets, Cadre, family, and friends in attendance.

Dean Robert A. Taylor, Ph.D., Professor of History and Dean of the College of Psychology and Liberal Arts at Florida Tech was the guest speaker at the ceremony. He reminded Gaglione of the importance of her training and on being recognized as a leader in the future. Colonel Steve Bond, US Army Retired, Senior Vice President for the Florida Council of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), welcomed her to the Officers Corps on behalf of the 350,000 members of MOAA and wished her well on her journey as an Army Officer. He presented Gaglione with a "Gold Bar Commissioning set" --the rank insignia of Second Lieutenants in the Army from the MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter.

Second Lieutenant Gaglione also graduated from Florida Tech with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Forensic Psychology. While at Florida Tech, she served in multiple leadership positions in the Panther ROTC Battalion, including on the Battalion Staff and in the Color Guard. She earned a competitive three-year ROTC scholarship and was the President of the Florida Tech Rugby Club. She is currently awaiting her service branch assignment to start her Army career.



Second Lieutenant Regina Gaglione (Center-L), receives a certificate of membership in the Military Officers Association of America from Colonel Steve Bond (Center-R), US Army Retired. Dean Robert Taylor (R) and Major Daniel Gil (L), Ass't Professor of Military Science, look on.



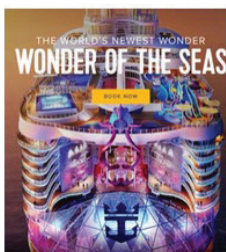
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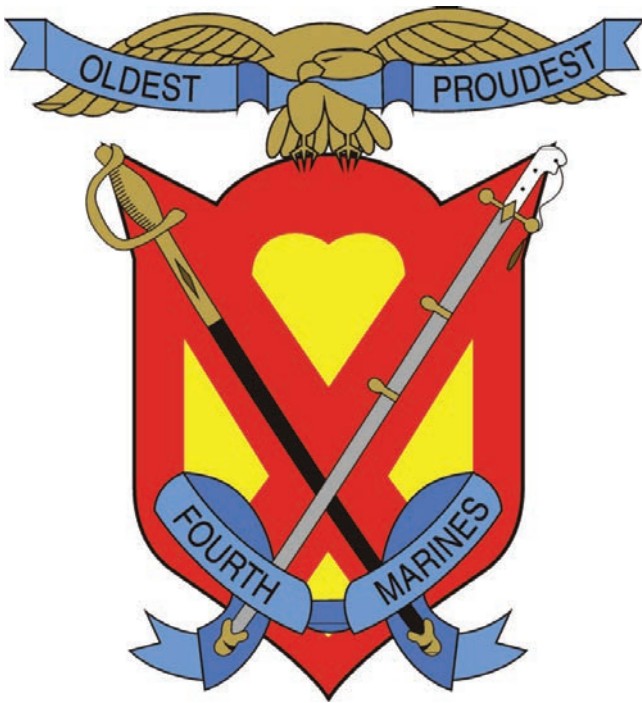
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The China Marines in China

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC



In 1926, an intensive training program was ongoing including maneuvers in Hawaii. The remaining elements of the Fourth Marine Regiment returned to San Diego with the last unit arriving in San Diego in 1927.

Threats to the security of the International Settlement in Shanghai, China, in 1927 sent the Fourth Marines to a new and more colorful period in its history. Stationed in Shanghai, the regiment became known throughout the Marine Corps as the “China Marines.”

The Fourth Marines protected American interests and maintained an American presence in Shanghai for fifteen years without resorting to actual combat, although, at times, the situation in the city was extremely critical. For years China was troubled by internal disorders and civil wars. During times of crisis, events in China often took on an anti-foreign tinge, prompting the call by foreign nationals for intervention.

Fears of the foreign element in Shanghai were intensified by the reputation of the Nationalists, especially the Communist faction, who were violently opposed to foreigners and their interests. The

fanatic outbursts of the Boxers caused foreign governments to send forces to Shanghai to protect them and their interests. Shanghai became relatively peaceful for the next few years, but the security of the International Settlement was threatened in 1932. The Japanese forces stationed in Manchuria began the outright seizure of the region and moved into China.

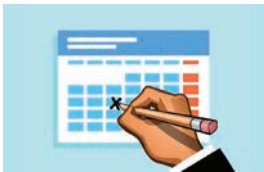
The China Marines performed guard duty on board ships plying the Yangtze River. Small detachments of Marines were placed on board vessels of the Yangtze Rapid Steamship Company from 1933 through 1935. The Leathernecks were ordered to protect these ships on their voyages to the interior of the country and to repel attacks by Chinese river pirates.

Heavy fighting between Japanese and Chinese forces in Shanghai persisted in 1937. The China Marines were relieved after several months of continual employment in defensive positions. While on the perimeter, the Marines were constantly exposed to danger by small arms fire, stray shells, and bombs. Fighting around Shanghai ended a month later resulting in Japan being in full control of the territory. All American forces were withdrawn as an uneasy peace settled over the city. The China Marines became the sole protector of American interests in Shanghai in 1938. (Next month: The China Marines in the Pacific)

NOTE: Six China Marines later became Commandants of the Marine Corps: Alexander A. Vandegrift, Clifton B. Cates, Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Randolph McC. Pate, David N. Shoup, and Wallace N. Greene, Jr. (Next month: The China Marines in The Philippines)



Smedley Butler Inspects China Marines



Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar

October 2022 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/>

07-08 Oct — The Central Brevard “Veteran Stand Down to Stand Up” (Formerly known as Stand Down) event will be held at the Cocoa Armory on 07 October (set up) and 08 October for the actual activity. As many as 250 homeless and at risk veterans usually attend the event with more than that number of volunteers providing a wide range of services from the private sector, the VA, the Medical Community, charitable organizations, etc. The Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) is the primary organizer of the event, but partners with National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS), Volunteers of America, the Veterans Administration and dozens of others to help the program support many veterans in need. Planning meetings are being held at the VMC. This event will focus on homeless and at risk veterans and their families, while also matching the veterans with job options on the Space Coast. Contact BVC Council Chairman Donn Weaver 757-871-6576 for more information.

08 Oct — Raider Challenge JROTC County Meet #1 in Veterans Memorial Park (0700-1230)

15 Oct — Support Committee Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (SC/CCNC) VMC Gray Hall Dinner and Fundraiser - 1600-2000

22 Oct — Raider Challenge JROTC Invitational Meet #2 in Veterans Memorial Park (0700-1230)

27 Oct — BCSO Free Shredder Event at the Veterans Memorial Park 0900 - 1100.

05 Nov — Raider Challenge JROTC District Championship Meet #3 in Veterans Memorial Park 0700-1300.

08 Nov — Election Day including at VMC which is a polling station 0700-1900.

11 Nov — VMC Veterans Day Ceremony 0930-1100 with lunch by Chick fil a, dessert by Texas Longhorn Steak House, drinks and refreshments, special exhibits, speeches and vendors. .

12 Nov — 247th Marine Corps Birthday Celebration 1800-2100 Marine Ball at Radisson Resort Cape Canaveral. Tickets required in advance NLT 01 Nov at \$34.00 per person. Contact MCLBrevard513@gmail.com for more information and to register.

12 Nov — St Francis Reflections Veterans Dash for LIFE 5K (0800-1200) in the Veterans Memorial Park to celebrate Veterans Day week, honor veterans and raise funds for SFR county wide veteran support programs. Contact Gloria Lorey of SFR 321-423-0506 for more information.

20 Nov — Meet the MOB: Museums of Brevard (MOB) Exposition with many member museums participating. Warbird Museum, Vietnam Hangar 1300- 1500. Meet with reps from 21 Brevard County Museums and what they offer. Contact Dean Schaaf at VMC for any questions.

17 Nov — Office of Sen. Marco Rubio monthly office hours for veterans to report issues and questions to the senator. VMC Library 1400-1600. POC: Tom Self 407-254-2573. Appointments encouraged. No office hours at VMC in December.

03 Dec — First Annual Veteran Benefit Car and Motorcycle Show by VMC and American Legion Post 344 at VMC Park 10-1600. Up to 100 cars and 100 motorcycles, food, music by Doc Holiday, vendors and much more. Contact Mike Hriciso on 321-350-6163, mhricis02002@yahoo.com. to register and for more information. See Poster.

10 Dec — MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation Veterans and Military Support Golf Tournament. Cocoa Beach Country Club 0730-1400. Sponsorships and Hole Sponsor signs available. To sponsor or play connect to moaacc.org for Golf Tournament out call Donn Weaver 757-871-6576. GDF provides funding to support veterans in need, active duty special events, JROTC and. all youth organizations in Brevard as many veteran organizations that help veterans with special efforts like NVHS, Space Coast Honor Flight, Wreaths Across America and many more.

17 Dec — JROTC Sprint Relay in Veterans Memorial Park (0730-1200) with combat pack run followed by air rifle target shooting. American Legion Post 344 to sponsor trophies.

17 Dec — Wreaths Across America Ceremonies and laying out at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery (0800-1100) and many other Brevard areas and cemeteries with WAA Location Coordinators. Contact VMC for more information and wreathsassamerica.org to donate for a wreath at \$15.

LONG RANGE - 2023:

05 Feb — Immortal Four Chaplains Ceremony 1400-1600 VMC Plaza and Gray Hall.

25 Feb — Back Brevard Heroes Fundraiser in Veterans Memorial Park 0900-1700

18 Mar — Commemoration of the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolution 1000-1300 VMC Plaza, Museum and Gray Hall

07 May — Back Brevard Heroes Festival to honor First Responders and Veterans, VMC Plaza, Gray Hall and Park 0930- 1300.

20 May — Space Coast Military and Family Appreciation Day and BBQ — On Armed Forces Day 2023, From 1000-1500 at the VMC and Park. Active duty unit displays, music, food, kids games, many special activities to honor our active duty forces and their families. Co-sponsored by CBRCC MAC, VMC and US Army Recruiting Command. Look for details by January.

29 May — Memorial Day Remembrance VMC 0930-1030

03 Jun — Annual Courageous Division NSCC Sea Cadet Awards Ceremony, VMC Gray Hall and Library 0800- 1500

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