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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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39th Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter, (MOAACC) Scholarship Corporation Annual Awards Luncheon was held at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) on July 19, 2022. The Scholarship Winners were each awarded \$5,000. (See more on page 10.)

L-R: Alexis Linder, James Kasten, Kenneth Shimo, Gregory McLaughlin, Rebecca Schverak, Kate Witherspoon, Isaac Owen and Shea Hartley.

Winners Emily Green and Sawyer Rogers missing in photo.

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- 8/4 TMBC @ Indian River Colony Club - 8:00 AM-9:00 AM
- 8/5 Coast Guard Day @ USCG Station Port Canaveral - 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
- 8/9 On the Go Luncheon @ Carrabba's Italian Grill (Suntree) - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
- 8/11 TMBC @ Indian River Colony Club - 8:00 AM-9:00 AM
- 8/12 7th Annual Rescuing Veterans Lost in America Dinner Fundraiser for the NVHS @ Radisson Resort at the Port - 5:30 PM
- 8/16 MOAACC Board of Directors Meeting @ Indian River Colony Club - 9:30-11:00 AM
- 8/16 MOAACC Luncheon @ Indian River Colony Club - CAPT Jason J. Schneider, USN, Commanding Officer, Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
- 8/18 TMBC @ Indian River Colony Club - 8:00 AM-9:00 AM
- 8/25 TMBC @ Indian River Colony Club - 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

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**PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE****CDR Ken Lowe, USNR Ret****Communication**

Last week, I learned an important lesson about communication. Words enable us to convey our thoughts and ideas to others. Sometimes though, what we say is not what we really mean or what we said isn't what the listener believes they hear. Words can be misinterpreted and can have different meanings based upon our life experiences and preconceptions. There is a joke about the reason the military services bicker amongst themselves is that they don't speak the same language. The example is what "secure" means to each service: If you tell the Army "Secure that building!" They will surround it with armor and heavy infantry and not let anyone out of it until told to.

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Tell the Navy "Secure that building!" They will turn out the lights, close and lock all doors and windows and post a fire watch.

Tell the Air Force "Secure that building!" They will take out a 3-year lease with an option to buy.

Funny, but it makes the point. Although we hear the same word, we take the meaning differently based on our respective service experience. One reason the Navy had their own gunship squadron vs. Army supporting Navy patrol boats and SEAL teams in Vietnam was to have everyone using the same terminology.

Sometimes when we say something, we don't realize how others may perceive it. Conversely, when listening, we don't always correctly interpret what others are saying. I know I have said something only to have the other person come back with "what did you mean by that?" Usually, it was something I said in humor only to find the other person didn't find it humorous or it was misconstrued, requiring an apology or explanation on my part.

The point I wish to convey is that should you hear something that doesn't seem right, ask for clarification of what they really mean. It can go a long way to reducing misunderstandings and confusion.

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Now into our seventh month of publishing the Intercom with a new format and editor, I am pleased to report we are making some adjustments. Rita Shapiro and Amir Pishdad, Sr. will take on more direct roles in supporting our Intercom Editor, Jeremiah Zeleny. Their new titles and assignments are in our PR/M list below. This adjustment will balance out the Intercom workload. Thanks to you both for stepping up.

Meanwhile, hats off to Marilyn Sanford who did great work by getting several JROTC and other MOAACC Press Releases into FIVE Publications. Now she will shift gears to covering and developing Press Releases with photos from the 19 July Scholarship Lunch and the 04 August Grant of a record \$30,000 to all the JROTC and other Cadet programs in Brevard County by the Good Deeds Foundation. Your MOAACC really accomplishes so much. Thanks to Marilyn and others, more and more people know about it through the media. With Five Things and our great website, Steve Bond and Michael Schroeder are making sure that great information also reaches social media and the internet.

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Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576.

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11:30 AM-1:00 PM

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### SPACE COAST NAVY WIVES

Just a reminder, the September luncheon will be held on the second Friday, September 9th at THE TIDES. This change is for September only. Mark your calendars.

More information to follow in September newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Ellie Joy

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Saturday 12 November 2022

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As the hot summer unfolds into the dog days of August, the US Congress heads into another recess and the 2022 Atlantic hurricane season cranks into high gear. So far, the latter has been rather mild for us Floridians, but BEWARE and BE READY for what NOAA's predicts will manifest above-average hurricane activity this year — the seventh consecutive above-average hurricane season — with a 65% chance of occurrence. This means we can expect 14 to 21 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. So far, we have only seen three tropical storms in 2022, but it's still early in the season which does not end until November 30th. History tells us the most frequent storms occur in August and September.

The reasons I mention this here is because both the President and the Congress have roles to play when hurricanes strike and it behooves each of us to take prudent actions BEFOREHAND to ensure we do our part—buy flood insurance, have an evacuation plan with a place to go, test that emergency generator monthly, have a stock of potable water on hand, keep flashlights and extra batteries handy and so forth. There are a number of excellent websites to tap into for further information including: [www.brevardfl.gov/emergencymanagement](http://www.brevardfl.gov/emergencymanagement), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov). Remember, it only takes ONE! And complacency is enemy no. 1.

Meanwhile, the US Senate enters into its "state work period" from 8 August-5 September, reconvening after Labor Day, while the House denotes the entire month of August as their "district work period". The summer sessions have been interesting, to say the least, beginning with the theatrics of the House's Jan. 6 Committee with its "Made for TV" presentations in prime time. Whatever your political persuasion, the consensus of a group of retired 4-star admirals and generals published in the NYT on July 21 seems to capture the upshot of it all—abdication of duty to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and imperiling a foundational precept of American democracy: civilian control of the military.

The war in Ukraine continues with Russian successes in the Donbas region in the east while the US and NATO continue to support the Ukrainians with military hardware and other logistics. We cannot do enough for these great warriors defending their homeland from this naked and unprovoked aggression. And, we cannot find ourselves complacent on this front either even though this unfolding, earth-shattering story seems to be taking a back seat to other "news". The WSJ reports Russia's Donbas offensive is being slowed by western arms, specifically long range artillery, to interdict Russian supply lines. At the same time, more of these types of weapons are needed post haste.

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## POINTS TO PONDER

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

Many have heard of “The Nazi Hunter.” Simon Wiesenthal is famous for tracking down Holocaust perpetrators and bringing them to justice. Fewer know of Wiesenthal’s wrestling with justice vs. forgiveness documented in his 1969 book *The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness*.

The author tells of when he was a Polish-Jewish concentration camp prisoner, assigned as an orderly disposing waste at a German field hospital. A dying SS soldier summoned Wiesenthal to his bedside asking forgiveness for the murder of 300 Jews he herded into a house, set ablaze, and gunned down when they tried to escape the hellish flames. His final words to the prisoner were, “I know that what I am asking is almost too much for you, but without your answer I cannot die in peace.”

Mentally dazed from malnutrition, cruel treatment, and the surreal nature of the confession, Wiesenthal simply left the dying man and spent the rest of his life wondering what he should have done. Asking his prison mates, professional colleagues, and thinkers around the globe, Wiesenthal spent decades in a quest to understand forgiveness. The result is *The Sunflower*.

Contemplating Wiesenthal’s moral dilemma, I was struck that the matter of forgiveness is either very simple or highly complex. The simplicity is found in the root meaning of the word: To cancel a debt. When I release another from their material or emotional debt to me, I walk free and full of life. But if I pause to consider the injustice of the matter, I grow troubled and unsure if forgiveness is really the way to go.

Thanks to God and His great grace, the answer to my conflict is settled: Justice is His to execute; forgiveness is mine to extend. Stated another way, I take them off of my hook and put them onto God’s. If forgiveness is not that simple, then it quickly becomes astoundingly complex.

For those willing to follow Jesus’ simple, yet profound, model prayer, “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors” is the way to live free from the crushing burden of unforgiveness. Would you consider releasing the debt someone owes you? Your heart can know the peace and healing forgiveness brings.

## TAPS

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

**Reported 1 June 2022 thru 30 June 2022:**

(Names listed in chronological order of date of death)

**Carole L. Patterson, SSM  
5 June 2022**

**Daniel Thompson, Capt, USAF Ret  
20 June 2022**

**Last Death on the  
May 2022 Taps List:**

**Lawrence J. Logan, 1LT, USA (Fmr)  
18 May 2022**





## FINANCIAL LITERACY

### CAPT Arnold Lim, USNR (Ret)

Submitting one's package for your drawing military retirement benefits is not automatic. A bit hard to believe but, yes, a reservist retiree must manually fill in paperwork and submit them via snail mail. This article summarizes that process/timeline for Navy Reservists.

After nominally 20 "good" years of service ("good" being defined as a minimum of 50 points per anniversary year of the member), one will receive his Notice of Eligibility (NOE) letter in the mail, officially stating that you are eligible to draw retirement pay at a later date. Of course, when that is a function of your age compared with eligibility date.

When retiring from active duty, the paperwork is prepared for you since you will draw pay immediately; but for retired reservists, it is very much up to the individual. For a Navy Reservist retiree in particular, one needs to fill in two forms: DD-108 and 2656-6. These documents form your request to retire with pay. DD-108 is the Application for Retired Pay Benefits. 2656-6 is the Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) Election Certificate; this form was recently updated (17 March 2022), and this newer version must be used. Mailing address is: Commander, Navy Personnel Command (PERS-912), 5720 Integrity Drive, Millington, TN 38055.

When to submit: at least 6 months to one year prior to the date you expect to actually draw your first paycheck. For many, retirement paycheck is no later than your 60th birthday. Policy was changed so that after 29Jan2008 (see NDAA 2008 & 2015), for every 90 days of active duty time performed by the reservist shortens that retirement paycheck date by a corresponding 90 days.

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One important note is that the SBP monthly premiums, if SBP was accepted by the member, can actually be changed/declined by that individual after retirement. In the window of 25 months to 30 months after first receiving your pay, one can submit paperwork to decline SBP thereafter. Also, an argument can be made that it could be more cost effective to purchase life insurance with the money saved from those SBP premiums not spent.



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## SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

**Lt Col Chuck Shaw, USAF (Ret)**

VA provides two different pension programs for Veterans and their dependents. [Veterans Pension](#) is a tax-free monthly benefit available for wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and have income and net worth within certain limits. [Survivors Pension](#) is available to qualifying surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits. Additionally, Veterans and survivors who need help with daily activities (such as bathing, dressing and eating), or are housebound, may be eligible for additional pension adjustments with [VA Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits](#).

Pension poachers will often try to earn your trust by claiming to be advocates who can help you gain more VA benefits than you already receive. By doing so, these scammers collect money through fees or by siphoning off your benefit payments. Following the advice of scammers puts your pension in jeopardy. You could also end up disqualified from other VA benefits or owe money back if it's determined you're ineligible for payments.

Veterans, survivors and their advocates should never pay for assistance when applying for VA benefits. [Accredited Veteran Service Organization \(VSO\) representatives](#) provide free advice and help complete and file applications. (The Brevard County VSO office is at 321-633-2012 in Viera) In addition to working with only accredited representatives, be sure to avoid cold calls, phishing emails and other poaching pitches, such as:

- Requests to move money into different accounts or reallocate investments to qualify for a VA pension payment,
- Requests for money to file your claim or for application forms,
- Promises of "guaranteed eligibility" for a particular VA benefit or a lump-sum payment upon approval,
- Requests for personal information, including credit card or other billing information, and
- Offers to send benefits to a caregiver's account.

VA benefits can only go to an eligible Veteran or survivor, not to a caregiver's account. While some attorneys may charge you a fee for representation in appealing or requesting an additional review of a VA decision, they cannot charge you for services provided on initially applying for benefits.

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*Kenneth Shimo*



*Gregory McLaughlin*



*Rebecca Schverak*



*Kate Witherspoon*



*Isaac Owen*



*Shea Hartley*



*Emily Green*



*Sawyer Rogers*

## 39th Scholarship Luncheon a Huge Success

**Col D. Brent Baysinger**

After two years of Covid induced turbulence, the MOAACC Scholarship Corporation marked a true return to normalcy by holding its 39th Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the Colony Hall in the Indian River Colony Club. Covid managed one last blow, however, as the Scholarship Corporation President, Col Brent Baysinger (USAF, Ret) was unable to attend due to, you guessed it, having Covid! Luckily for the 80+ guests who turned out to see the latest crop of scholarship awardees, LCDR Dan Levy (USN, Fmr) and Lt Col Joe Tichich (USAF, Ret) stepped up and did a great job of MC'ing this worthy event. They were assisted in their presentations by Named Donors Ruth and Joe Oblack, Cozette Merritt and Fred and Frances Galey and Distinguished Donor Betty Kasten as well as the MOAACC Chapter President CDR Ken Lowe (USNR, Ret). This 39th Scholarship Awards Luncheon marked the third year in a row where \$50,000 in total scholarships were awarded to ten outstanding students, eight of whom were able to attend the Luncheon. Our Scholarship winners for this year (in order presented) are:

**Alexis Linder:** Florida Institute of Technology, majoring in Mechanical Engineering (thermal sciences) and intending to pursue a Masters in Aerospace Engineering to follow up on internships with NASA. Sponsor: Col James Linder.

**Gregory McLaughlin:** University of Central Florida, majoring in Aerospace Engineering/Mathematics intending to pursue a Masters degree to work in the space field. Sponsor: Col Steve McLaughlin.

**Rebecca Schverak:** University of South Florida, majoring in Communication Sciences/Psychology intending to pursue a career as a pediatric speech pathologist. Sponsor: LTC Christine Schverak.

**Kenneth Shimo:** St. Johns Rivers State College, majoring in Organizational Management intending to pursue a career in database administration. As the oldest recipient of our scholarship, Ken's story is an inspirational example of pursuing a dream while maintaining a family. Sponsor: Col Mike Gatreux.



**Sawyer Rogers:** Syracuse University, majoring in Master's in Public Administration/Public Policy intending to help others through a non-profit or governmental role dedicated to education and training. Sponsor: LTC Raymond Rogers.

**Shea Hartley:** University of North Carolina, MBA intending to work in the field of Bio-Technology. Sponsor: Capt Scott Hartley.

**Kate Witherspoon:** University of Alabama, majoring in Computer Science/Mathematics intending to join the Air Force and attend Undergraduate Pilot Training. Sponsor: Maj Mark Witherspoon.

**James Kasten:** Texas A&M, majoring in Chemical Engineering intending to support the transition out of carbon based energy production through the development of alternative energy sources and techniques with an eventual PhD. Sponsor: Lt Col Nelson Kasten

**Isaac Owen:** University of Wisconsin, majoring in Economics/History intending to attend Law School. Sponsor: Capt Don England

**Emily Green:** West Virginia University, majoring in Elementary Education and intending to continue in the family tradition of being an educator. Sponsor: Mrs. Mary Masterson.

The entire Luncheon was covered/recorded by our friends at Space Coast Daily and can be seen in its entirety on their Facebook page.



*Joe Tichich preparing to present scholarships*



*Dan Levy kicks off the Luncheon*



*MOAACC membership enjoying the festivities.*



## AUGUST MOAACC LUNCHEON

### Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF (Ret)



**Captain Jason Schneider**

Captain Jason Schneider is the Commanding Officer of the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) and will update us on his unit at our August Luncheon. He is a native of Chicago, IL and is a 1995 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He has earned Master's degrees from George Washington University and the U.S. Naval War College.

NOTU provides a key component of the nation's strategic nuclear deterrence mission, and supports naval activity above, at and below the surface of the sea. The command has operated for over 65 years, supporting strategic deterrence and systems production for the Navy, through both ground-based and missile flight-testing and support.

Every generation of the submarine launched ballistic missile system - Polaris, Poseidon and Trident - has been conducted at this facility including the design and development phase, all the way through sustainment and operational support. NOTU's Strategic Weapons Systems Ashore Facility supports testing for

current OHIO-class submarines and future engineering needs for systems pertaining to COLOMBIA-class submarines, the latter of which is the Navy's most important acquisition priority today.

NOTU also operates the Navy's port at Port Canaveral, supporting submarines and surface ships of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet and foreign navies and assets of the Military Sealift Command.

CAPT Schneider qualified in submarines as a junior officer aboard USS NARWHAL (SSN 671). He served as the Executive Officer aboard the nuclear powered Deep Sea Vessel "Submarine NR-1" and the USS HELENA (SSN 725). He commanded the USS WASHINGTON (SSN 787), from initial manning through acceptance trials.

Ashore, he served as the Submarine SONAR Sensors Team Lead and Operational Test Director on the staff of Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force; as a legislative fellow on the staff of Senator Jack Reed; and as a capability developer at US Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) and Commander, Submarine Forces Atlantic.

CAPT Schneider's previous assignment was Commanding Officer of the Naval Weapons Station Yorktown. He assumed command of NOTU on November 5, 2021 and is their 28th Commanding Officer.



## MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

### CPT Donn Weaver, USA, Fmr, President GDF

#### Prepare to Launch: Good Deeds Readies for the 2022 Golf Tournament and Many More Grants

Your Good Deeds Foundation is continuing to launch some exciting grants to support our active duty, veterans in need, youth military related programs and other organizations that support all three. At their 13 July meeting the GDF Board decided to increase the funds by 35 percent provided to launch the school year to ALL 15 Brevard High Schools with JROTC programs and four Sea Scout, Sea Cadet and Civil Air programs. The Check Presentations will be made 04 August at the BPS Teacher In Service Day so we are keeping the surprise, but last year the amount was \$1300 for all JROTC Programs. GDF also will support USCG Birthday and Family Day: the PSFB all military world softball team; an innovative program to reach rising HS juniors to inform them about military academy and College ROTC application requirements; back to school supplies for PSFB connected kids of junior enlisted personnel; and helping a USAF veteran and her children avoid e eviction with only 6 hour notice ins coordination with the Brevard based National Veterans Homeless Support 501c3. Check the web site and Intercom for ongoing stories and photos about what GDF is doing and how to contribute to help them keep going strong.

Also, help us spread the word for sponsors and golfers for our 10 December Annual Golf Tournament at the Cocoa Beach Country Club. Proceeds from that event will set the tone for GDF effectiveness in 2023, a real challenge given the impact GDF Grants will have on so many in 2022!!

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Beyond their volunteer hours in the hundreds, Tom and Denise by themselves decided to fund the construction, upgrade and maintenance of two beautiful caissons and train and feed two spectacular mules to pull them. Their "Solemn Pride" caisson is used in special ceremonies and some veteran funerals at CCNC as their schedule allows. Very few VA National Cemeteries have such a wonderful gift and NO government funding, except at Arlington National Cemetery, is provided for caissons.

In 2018, a Tuskegee Airman and his wife were re-laid to rest at the CCNC with 500 people attending. The Fitzgeralds were there with their Caisson as the Missing Man Formation from Eglin AFB "Red Tails" Squadron flew overhead. What an honor and memory that was.

When Tom retired earlier this year from the Brevard County Government and some major upgrades were needed for the caissons, he reached out to the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation. The approval vote was unanimous by the GDF Board - what better way to honor fellow veterans than in their Final Journey.



*GDF President Donn Weaver presents the "big check" for \$1500 to Tom and Denise and they offer a salute of thanks. They wear the replica uniforms from the US Army stationed in Florida in the 1840's. History folds into their gift to hundreds as the years go by. GDF is pleased to help support their mission with a great name: Solemn Pride.*







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## VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER EVENTS & UPDATE

Dean Schaaf and Donn Weaver

### Veterans Memorial Center and Park: A Short History of a Gem on Merritt Island

Forty Three years ago, Brevard County officially created the Brevard Veterans Council (BVC) in the aftermath of America's divisive war in Vietnam. The six founders, led by COL John Howard, USA, Ret, the son of the head of all US Army Chaplains in WWII, met in homes, restaurants, churches and training rooms at the Merritt Square Mall, as their numbers grew and as the County and Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency (MIRA) looked at a potential building site.



*A recent 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at VMC*

A real estate down turn in the late 1980's opened the door to the State and later MIRA taking over property along Sykes Creek and the Veterans Memorial Center and the BVC had their own home in 1990. The next year the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) 501c3 was created and veterans joined in droves creating a Museum, Library and facilities to meet and rent out since from the beginning it was decided veterans and the public would not be charged to visit, but revenue was needed to operate and grow.



*The 2022-23 VMC Leadership Team being sworn in by Tim Thomas, Melbourne City Council and Army Vet*

The beautiful Veterans Memorial Plaza was dedicated in 2011 and in 2016, the 6000 sq foot Military Museum and 82 Acre Veterans Memorial Park were opened on that Veterans Day. Now with 500 members in the BVC/VMC, representing 72,000 veterans and 16,000 active duty military personnel in Brevard County, the VMC has become a Gem on Merritt Island and is considered by many to be the biggest and most beautiful VMC in Florida.

On 13 July 2022, the 43rd BVC/VMC annually elected team of Officers and Board Members was sworn in to guide, as part of the government/veteran partnership started in 1978, the VMC and Park into a new wave of improvements. By the end of 2023 those Park improvements will include a major amphitheater, lighting, irrigation for Memorial



***Rob Medina, Palm Bay Mayor, and Wayne Justice, Port Canaveral Commissioner, honor WWII Merchant Marine Vet and his wife Shirley at the VMC 2022 Swearing in Ceremony with the WWII MM Gold Medal.***

Trees and hundreds of other plants and trees being added, a food concession area, more restrooms, exercise stations along the existing 5K trails and much more.

All this has happened because of an amazing partnership started four decades ago that includes:

- Brevard County Commission
- MIRA
- Tourist Development Council
- 11 Tenant Veteran Organizations including the largest DAV Chapter in Florida
- Many VMC partners and supporting corporations (see the Plaza Wall of Honor)
- JROTC, Sea Cadet, etc. High School Units
- And Many More (The VMC Lobby has a great list of major donors)

Come and visit the Gem and help spread the word. The future is bright and the possibilities for events and activities in a new “Downtown” Merritt Island are endless.

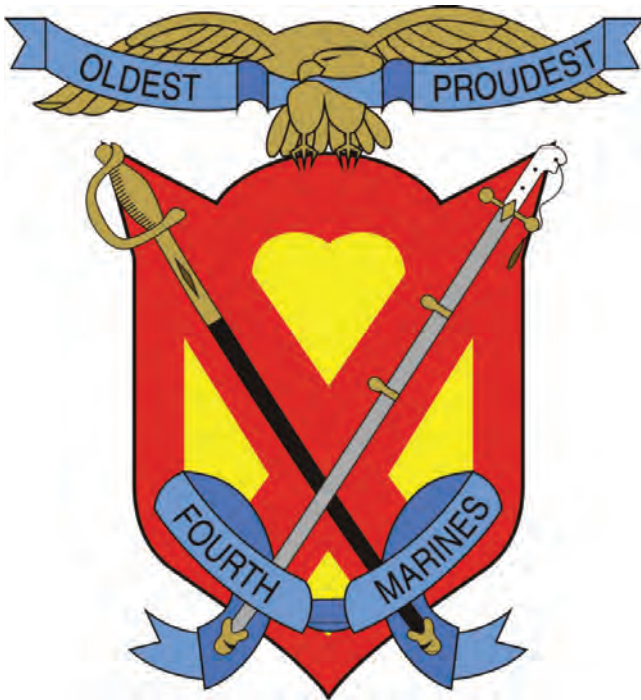
PS: Five new VMC Board Members are MOAACC Members and 26 members of MOAACC are also VMC Life Members.



## FEATURED ARTICLES

### The China Marines in Acapulco

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC



The Fourth Marine Regiment, now known as the China Marines, one of the most illustrious and colorful regiments, in the Marine Corps was activated in 1914. Relations between the United States and Mexico deteriorated to a low level that spring. A grave crisis developed when a number of American sailors were seized by Mexican authorities at Tampico. The bluejackets were released with apologies, but tensions heightened when a German vessel loaded with arms landed at Vera Cruz in violation of an earlier American embargo.

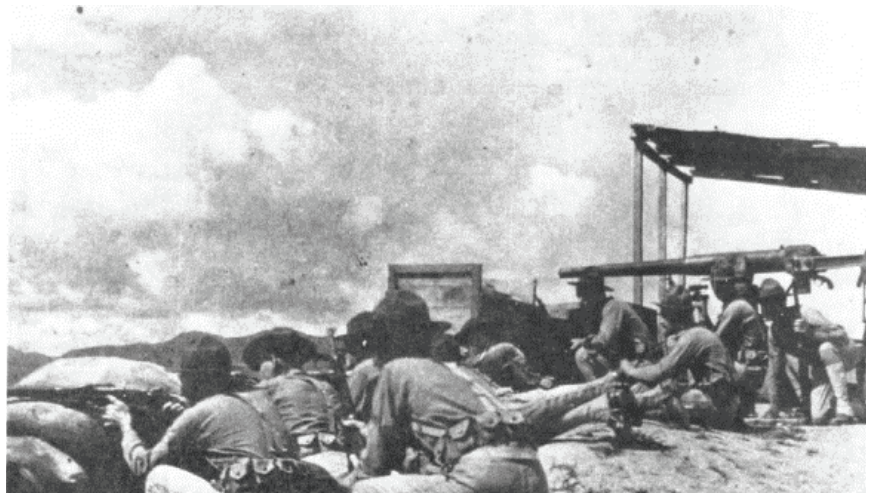
President Woodrow Wilson ordered United States naval forces to land and seize the customs house at Vera Cruz. American military forces were ordered to concentrate on the border, and to embark for waters off Mexico. One effect of this mobilization was the activation of the Fourth Regiment of Marines at Puget Sound, Washington. Colonel Joseph H. Pendleton was designated the commanding officer.

The regiment headed back out to sea on the following day for Mexican waters. On 28 April, ten companies steamed into

Acapulco harbor and dropped anchor. The Marines maintained their vigil through May and June preparing for a possible landing. No landing was necessary. By the end of June, tensions between Mexico and the United States had eased to allow the withdrawal of the Fourth Marines from Mexican waters much to the disappointment of its personnel who expected to see action.

Civil war broke out in the Dominican Republic and the Dominican Government was powerless to end the strife. For years, the country experienced something less than domestic tranquility. It had been subjected to foreign intervention in one form or another as a result of the chaotic conditions continually present in the country. In 1916 the United States felt the situation could no longer be tolerated.

The Wilson Administration decided to support the government of President Juan Jimenez. American sailors and Marines from Cuba, Haiti and the United States were ordered to intervene in May 1916 to bring stability to the Caribbean nation. When Americans entered the capital, Santo Domingo, the rebels withdrew to Santiago to establish a rival government. The Fourth Marines made its initial landing at Monte Cristi on 21 June 1916 to begin a drive on Santiago which was held by the rebel leader Desiderio Arias. (Next month: The China Marines in the Dominican Republic for ten years)



*4th Marines in the Dominican Republic*

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## The Fourth is the Best

CPT Donn Weaver, USA, Fmr, President GDF

After two covid framed, static BCSO/VMC Independence Day Parades in 2020 and 2021, the Fourth Annual effort turned out to be the best.

While the Monday morning of 04 July was perhaps the hottest to date of the year, more than 90 units, including about 30 with VMC and other veteran connections, drove/walked the mile plus route. They moved along Courtney Boulevard on Merritt Island, with perhaps several thousand, many of who were children, cheering and waving as the various floats, vehicles, motorcycles, fire trucks, etc passed by.

A few of the participants made their way to the VMC after the parade itself to become static floats when a total of about 250 spectators enjoyed great music from the Lonnie and Delinda Beach Band and good bbq food from Don Pearsall's Veteran Connections to a New Life (VCNL) where the profits were used to support homeless and at risk veterans and their families.

The parade was well covered by Florida Today (Check out their on line coverage of 05 July 2022) and was recorded from the Starting Line by the Space Coast Daily/Friday Night Locker Room broadcast cameras which can be viewed on the link to the 04 July Parade.

Here are some photos of the action at VMC for recovery and party mode:



*The MOAACC and MOPH convertible included WWII Veteran and Grand Marshall George Rosenfield (right front); Keith Van Buren, MOPH member and Rep Posey staffer, driving; and MOAACC President Ken Lowe and his wife Toni waving to the crowd.*



*One of about 15 vendors at the VMC following the parade.*

*Our WWII Jeep only made it 3/4 of the way but finally arrived as repairs began. Kelly Martin (center) recovered the relic and starts to figure out what went wrong. VMC President Dean Schaaf rode in the command seat of the jeep while VMC VP Donn Weaver drove. Both were inside cooling off when this shot was taken.*







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*American Legion Post 344 and Aux 344 collaborate to share their missions and look for recruits.*



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*Grand Marshall, 96 year old George Rosenfield, WWII and Korean War veteran in cooler times.*



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*Coming and Going after the Parade!!*



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (continued from page 6)

Finally, as the FED continues to deal with 40 year high inflation, it seems that one Senator at least, Joe Manchin (D-WV), is wielding his one man veto power to narrow the Administration and Democratic Congress agenda to conform to what is affordable and least likely to exacerbate inflation. Accused of ignoring climate change and its existential threat to our way life, Manchin seems more focused on the here and now of inflation while keeping government and the economy whole, much to the chagrin of his Democratic colleagues in both chambers of Congress.

Manchin also seems to be reluctant to jump on board with the Biden Administration's initiative for a Global Minimum Tax of 15% supported by 130 other countries in a deal from last summer—it would establish a 15% minimum corporate tax rate floor designed to help countries raise revenue while preventing international companies from shifting profits into low-tax countries. The current minimum is 10.5% established into law in 2017. Manchin and his Republican colleagues are concerned about the increase without having assurances that other countries will follow through, putting US companies at a competitive disadvantage—basically, they do not want to “go first” which is a reasonable position to take.



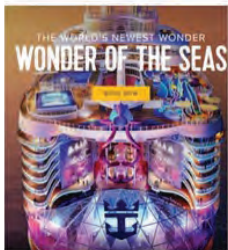
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## MOAACC MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



**Senior Life** (July 2022 Edition) a photo portrayal of Chapter member Bob Clark's very public birthday celebration (103 years young).

**Viera Voice** (July 2022 edition) that features Chapter member Tom Belisle.

Independence Day article from July 5th **Florida Today** that features/quotes Chapter member George Rosenfield and Chapter member/PP Donn Weaver.



## Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar

### August 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/>

**01 Aug** — Brevard County Property Appraiser Q and A on Homestead and Veteran Exemptions at VMC Library 0900-1400. Bring paperwork to process possible exemptions.

**07 Aug** — Fourth Annual Military Order of Purple Heart Brick Honoring Ceremony (1400-1600) VMC Gray Hall which will recognize and learn the stories of 12 Purple Heart Recipients then inducted into the MOPH VMC Plaza Monument Walkway. Invitation Only Please. Contact Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576.

**12 Aug** — 2022 National Veterans Homeless Support 7th Annual Dinner Fundraiser 1730- 2100 Radisson Resort at Cape Canaveral. Sponsorships available and tables at \$1000 or seats at \$100. Call 321-208-7562 or email events@nvhs.org. VMC and MOAACC are setting up Veterans Tables. Please register for that table if interested and contact Donn Weaver 757-871-6576.

**13 Aug** — Special Back Brevard Heroes Fundraising Event in Veterans Memorial Park 1600-2000 to help pay medical expenses for the family of a KSC Firefighter stricken with cancer with some bills not covered by insurance.

**14 Aug** — Special Jazz Society Concert Gray Hall VMC 1400-1600.

**14 Aug** — Quilts of Valor Presentations by Karmel Sowers Team to deserving veterans in the VMC Museum 1500-1630.

**27 Aug** — OASIS packing of "care boxes" for deployed overseas troops 0830-1100 in VMC Gray Hall. Supporting will be 60 members of the Elevation Church Outreach Program who will also provide major landscaping support to the VMC grounds.

**11 Sep** — Remembering 9/11, 21 Years Later : Honoring The Fallen on that Day and those who fell later as a result of exposure to hazardous materials from those attacks; as well as those who went to the fight for over 20 years thereafter. VMC Center, Outdoor Ceremony 1700-1900.

**17 Sep** — Unveiling and Dedication of America's Monument to Fallen Allies in the VMC Gray Hall and Plaza 1000- 1230 hours.

**17 Sep** — Seminar 1300 - 1700 VMC Gray Hall to inform rising High School Juniors about the admissions process for US military academies and College ROTC scholarships. Sponsored by MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation. Contact Donn Weaver, VMC and GDF (757-871-6576) for more information.

**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. This event, with a 25 year history, was postponed due to COVID 19 in 2020/21. As many as 200 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) and dozens of others to help the program support many veterans in need. Planning meetings begin in July 2022 at the VMC. This event will focus on homeless and at risk veterans and their families, while 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.

**11 Nov** — VMC Veterans Day Ceremony 0930-1100 with lunch by Chick fil a 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,

**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.

**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. was.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.

**29 May** — Memorial Day Remembrance VMC 0930-1030

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