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MOAACC Remembers and Reflects: The Past Presidents Dinner at IRCC



Past Presidents Group Picture with Current President

L-R: Donn Weaver (2016), Susan Neugebauer (2011), Courtney Yelle (2013), Robert Watts (2015), Bill Keeney (2006), Tim Pishdad (2020), Scott Robinson (2017), Joe Oblack (2010), Jeff Rogers (2014), Steve Bond (2021), Robert Lynn (1994), Ken Lowe (2022)

Chapter President CDR Ken Lowe, USN (Retired) hosted the Past Presidents Dinner at IRCC on October 8. The evening began with an invocation by MAJ (Rev) Bill Adams, USAR (Retired) followed by recitation of Pledge of Allegiance by all. Ken welcomed eleven Past Presidents along with their spouses, Board Members, and Committee Chairs.

The Florida Council of Chapters recognized Past President Dan Smith with a Leadership Award awarded in 2021. Unfortunately, he has passed away in March 2022, hence Ken Lowe presented the award to Carolyn Smith on in honor of her late husband. All attendees honored one of our past leaders.

Past President MAJ Tim Pishdad, USA (Retired), built and shared an outstanding presentation featuring our Past Presidents in action, as well as some of the events and activities supported by our Chapter. The presentation led to many conversations and helped make this event an evening of camaraderie.



Carolyn Smith accepts Dan's FCOC Leadership Award from current President, CDR Ken Lowe, USN Ret.

OCTOBER EVENTS: Click Event for Details

- 11/3 TMBC, followed by Other Events, w/Special Guest Capt. Erin E. Stone JAGC, USN (Ret)
- 11/5 Operation Brevard JROTC To The Rescue
- 11/5 Patriotic Celebration featuring Howie Carr
- 11/8 On-The-Go Luncheon at Fujiyama Japanese Steak House
- 11/10 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom)
- 11/10 Veterans Day Event
- 11/11 Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Center
- 11/13 NVHS 5th Annual Homestretch 5K for Homeless Veterans
- 11/15 MOAACC Board of Directors Meeting
- 11/15 MOAACC Luncheon & Annual Membership Business Meeting
- 11/17 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

November is the month in which a special day has been designated for us as a nation to give thanks. For many, this day is spent with family or close friends, eating turkey, followed by watching football, eating more turkey, and getting ready for the big Friday sale. When my dad was in the Air Force, he, my mom, and I would go every year to the mess hall and share Thanksgiving dinner with the airmen that worked with my dad; It was always a special time. It also meant one less meal my mom had to make, for which she was thankful.

Things I'm thankful for include being thankful for the country I live in. Sure, we have our issues, but compared to other countries, give me the good old U.S. of A; we'll get through them. Although we didn't plan on living in Brevard, I'm thankful we are here. Florida, and this county especially, are extremely veteran friendly. I'm thankful I joined this chapter and for all the members I've grown to know and to witness the good works our chapter does. I'm thankful we didn't suffer Ian's wrath and feel for those who did.

I'm thankful for the era in which I grew up. As a kid in the '50s, I had many freedoms that I don't believe the kids enjoy today, but then the cultural environment was different too. The same with my military service. In the Navy there were the Officers Club, the Chiefs Club, and the enlisted club; the other services had similar clubs. The Officer's Club is where you could socialize at the end of the day and get to know your fellow officers. You would hear "war stories" from the more senior officers and learn from their experiences, good or bad, in an informal setting. Camaraderie was high. Now the clubs are gone and with them some of the culture that made military service unique. Times have changed for sure. My hope is that the military ethos has not.

And I'm extremely thankful for my wife, Toni, who has been by biggest supporter for more than 40 years.

So, whether or however you celebrate Thanksgiving with family or friends, may you have a blessed day.

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DEADLINE:

Inputs are due NLT the third Friday of the month. (Early input is greatly appreciated!)

Please read the "Call for Input" email every month for updates or changes.

Join MOAACC: All retired and former military officer, warrant officers and spouses from all branches of service including the USPHS and NOAA are eligible to join. See application form page 19.

Health of the Chapter

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

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

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PR/M CHAIRMAN

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.

For correspondence to the editor and **article submission** please use the following email address:
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Please Note: The editor cannot accept PDF documents for **The Intercom**. If you have something which you would like to see submitted in the news magazine, please call me and we can discuss what can be done.

Please remember also to send any correspondence **which is not a submission for the Intercom to Public Relations Chair, Donn Weaver** at 757-871-6576 or donnweaver2020@gmail.com

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Mark Your Calendar!

SPACE COAST NAVY WIVES

Please join us for our next luncheon on Friday, November 18th, at **THE TIDES**. Social hour begins at 11:30am and lunch is served at noon.

Our speaker will be Luanne Faulkender. Ms. Faulkender is an artist in watercolor, acrylics, mixed media and other mediums. Her topic will be Faberge eggs. Luanne has designed Faberge-style eggs and egg jewelry for twenty-two years winning awards in all mediums.

Menu choices are Country Fried Steak w/ Peppercorn Gravy, mashed potatoes and green beans or Chef Salad. For dessert pumpkin will be served.

For more information and reservations, please call Phyllis Banks at (321) 783-7028 no later than noon, Tuesday November 15th.

Remember, friends and family are always welcome.

Ellie Joy (321) 757-0193

MOAACC Surviving Spouses Christmas Tea

The MOAACC Surviving Spouses' is hosting their annual Christmas Tea on Thursday, December 8th at 2pm at Indian River Colony Club. This is open to all MOAACC Spouses.

This is a wonderful way to start the holiday season. We will be having an English Tea and entertainment. The price is \$24.00.

Space is limited, so make your reservations no later than Tuesday, November 29th. For information and reservations, please call Ellie Joy (321) 757-0193.

Military Wives

The Military Wives and Friends will meet for lunch, and to celebrate Thanksgiving, on Friday, 11 November 2022 at The Tides Club, Patrick SFB. Meet and Greet at 1130 for lunch, from the menu, at 12 noon.

Plans for the future of the Club will be discussed. PLEASE COME!

Ros Bates 321-773-4459

Retiree Information Forum

There will be a Retiree Information Forum on Patrick Space Force Base and via Zoom VTC on December 2nd. The forum will occur from 9 AM to 11 AM in Building #722 on base. Information will be provided on the Retiree Activity Office (RAO), Casualty Assistance and Survivor Benefit Program, TriCare, Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, and more.



2 Dec. 2022
Time : 9:00 - 11:00
Location : MFRC
Bldg #722 or Via Zoon

Zoom Meeting ID: 160 0667 7084
Passcode: MFRC\$\$

Retiree Information Forum

Agencies Attending :

- Casualty / SBP
- RAO (Retiree Activity Office)
- TriCare
- ID Cards
- Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
- Social Security

 To Signup, click on the QR Code or call 321-494-5676

FORCE
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MOAACC On-The-Go Luncheon

WHEN?

8 November

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

WHERE?

Fujiyama Japanese Seafood & Steak
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Yes, my comrades in arms, it is that time of year again in which we get to exercise one of our most sacred duties and privileges as citizens and a Right which we stood up and volunteered to support and defend with our lives. Who we elect to Congress, to the State legislature, to the Governorship and elsewhere matters in our lives and, most importantly, to the lives of our progeny. I have always subscribed to the notion of voting for the "best-qualified" candidates regardless of party affiliation for which some have accused me of being naïve but so be it. I plan to vote in person this year just because I will be in town but there are multiple means to vote including mail-in and absentee ballot—just be sure to vote by Tuesday, 8 November, Election Day.

Speaking of voting, our Congressional representatives have been so busy campaigning for the upcoming Mid-term elections in their home districts lately that there's been hardly a peep out of Washington these days. In fact, looking to the end of Calendar year 2022, the House schedule has its members returning for a few meager weeks in November and December (a total of 18 remaining days in 2022 if my count is accurate) and the Senate will be in session a grand total of 24 remaining days in 2022. So much for taking care of the people's business in this era of record inflation and other pressing matters. The most compelling matters include passing the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and addressing the Continuing Resolution (CR) for the FY2023 Budget which currently expires on 16 December. These are must-do's and it is notable that the CR included roughly \$8 Billion in supplemental appropriations for Ukraine's war against Russian aggression. Of course, the downside to using CRs in general is its avoidance of passing regular appropriations bills on time at or before the start of the new fiscal year on 1 October, with the negative implication of prohibiting any new spending and keeping current spending at or below last year's levels—at least the Ukrainians don't have to suffer this continuing delay.

Meanwhile, our own past President Steve Bond attended the Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Legislative Update on 10 October and reported out on its proceedings. The good news there is Florida is the "most engaged state" according to data collected by MOAA headquarters via the relatively new Legislative Action Center. You can access this website at: <https://moaa.quorum.us/>. Here you will find useful information for signing up and/or following MOAA's legislative initiatives and their status. We need to continue to support MOAA's advocacy efforts which are undertaken for all of us, retirees, veterans, active duty and reserve/guard soldiers and our families.

One last piece of good news for anyone on a well-earned military retirement pension and/or Social Security, Veteran Administration or Survivor benefit is that they will receive a Cost of Living adjustment (COLA) of 8.7%, beginning 1 January, the biggest in 40 years. As you know, COLAs are designed to protect our benefits against inflation which has been raging out of control for more than a year. Additionally, Medicare premiums will actually decrease in the coming year as a result of a less-than-expected cost increase for a new Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, that hit the market last year. Meanwhile, Jerome Powell, the Fed Chairman, says to expect further increases in interest rates in the fight against inflation, already between 3 to 3.5% and heading to over 4% soon. Whether the economy enters into a recession or not seems moot at this point in time as the pain of inflation is being felt across the globe.



MEMBERSHIP BRIEF

Welcome 9 new members:

Lacey K Homan, COL, Army Reserve, Retired (Website)
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 Karl Erickson, LTC, Army, Retired, (Mike Schroeder)
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Surviving Spouses:

Loretta Markey, Rita Passmore, Maria Angeles Knight, Eloise J Hoiem



POINTS TO PONDER

CH (MAJ) Bill Adams, USAR Ret

The Attack of the Jawa

I used to have dreams that I was on the battlefield, but slinking back from the front in fear. This troubled me, because I was training to become an officer who would lead soldiers in combat. I began to doubt that I would have courage under enemy fire.

Then came "The Attack of the Jawa." You know what a Jawa is—a little, robed, hooded creature with lightbulb eyes featured in the original Star Wars. Sure, a 3-foot Jawa might be cute, but a sword-wielding, 6-foot variety was my foe. Let me explain.

My fiancé, Lizzie, and I were visiting her friend in upstate NY. As we sat talking at the kitchen table, there came a bang and howl in the rear entrance to the house. Facing away, all I saw were Lizzie's eyes wide with terror. Next thing I knew, I was tangling with a Jawa—one hand gripping his free arm and the other gripping the wrist of the sword hand raised above my head.

Catching the smirk of our host, the reality of this absurdity began to sink in—it was a horrendous practical joke! He had dressed his neighbor in full Jawa attire, right down to the lightbulb eyes. And yet, God was using a ridiculous encounter to teach me to "Fear not." At the moment of testing, I responded to the threat with the training the Army instructors had drilled into me: Attack the attacker! Instinctively, I had turned to face the danger, closed the distance, and engaged to neutralize the threat.

Well, I wasn't that heroic, because if that Jawa had actually intended to use his sword, I likely would have been one dead defender. More importantly, this incident helped me to face down the cowardice. I don't mean I became fearless—I don't think anyone can claim to be fearless, but that's not what courage is. Courage is overcoming our fears to do the right thing at the right moment.

The prophet declared the word of the LORD: "Fear not, for I am with you;

be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

TAPS

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

Reported 1 Sep 2022 thru 30 Sep 2022:
 (Names listed in chronological order of date of death)

**Jodi Powel, Spouse of Samuel F. Powel III,
 CAPT, USN Ret
 3 September 2022**

**Joan Borsari, SSM
 4 September 2022**

**James T. Fenner, CDR, USCG Ret
 8 September 2022**

**Arthur J. Coradine, LTC, USA Ret
 17 September 2022**

**Loretta Hurley, Capt, USAF (Fmr)
 21 September 2022**

**Shirley Matthai, SSM
 24 September 2022**

**Ellen Terrell, SSM
 24 September 2022**

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

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



FINANCIAL LITERACY

CAPT Bob Houle, USCG Ret

Starting Your Stock Investment Program, Part 5

Based on the response we've gotten from our articles on starting our own stock investment program it appears the next logical step is to provide everyone a high level, CliffsNotes version of the philosophy and process of fundamental stock investing. Here it is!

Our journey toward financial success begins as soon as we understand and employ the four basic investment principles that are central to any successful investing program.

- **Invest regularly:** a set schedule over time, ideally with automatic investments.
- **Reinvest earnings, dividends and profits:** exploit the power of compounding.
- **Buy growth stocks:** With the right growth stocks you can achieve goals like doubling your money every five years or averaging 15 percent annual return on your investments. This is the topic of this month's article.
- **Diversify:** Diversification helps balance risk and expands investment opportunity. Invest in companies of various sizes within different industry segments.

Sales drives **Earnings** and **Earnings** drive **Prices**. Buying low and selling high is the goal, and that goal is achievable. To do that we need to buy high quality, growth companies at a price that provides us a satisfactory return with an ample margin of safety.

There are only two thing we need to do to be successful stock investors. We need to determine if (1) the company is a good-quality, growing business and (2) is it selling at a reasonable price? Both are required. Never sacrifice quality. Ever! But no matter how high the quality, it is a poor investment if we pay too much for it. We need both quality and value.

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SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

Lt Col Chuck Shaw, USAF Ret

Procrastinate... The dictionary definition is “to defer action; delay; to put off until another day or time; defer; postpone.” Sometimes you can get away with Procrastinating without any problems, but sometimes you can’t. One of the times you should not procrastinate is when you need to set things up financially for your survivor. For instance, as the time of your retirement approaches, you need to sit down with your spouse and figure out how much income would be needed to maintain the desired lifestyle after your death. In general, the decision to elect Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) coverage must occur BEFORE the date of your retirement, unless you are not married and do not have dependent children. Just remember, you must file the SBP election within one year after your marriage or acquisition of a dependent child. If you are approaching one of these decision points on participation in SBP and you procrastinate too long, you will lose the option. SBP is only one of the options available to you for financial planning, but it’s a good enough option to take the time to make an informed decision on before it is a moot issue. Call (800)-234-6622 for an excellent MOAA publication on SBP, or go to: <https://www.moaa.org/Content/Publications-and-Media/MOAA-Publications/Survivor-Benefit-Plan--Security-for-Your-Survivors-Detail>

A similar important action (or rather “in-action”) that can adversely affect your survivor’s finances is to not file for a VA disability when it could result in award of a significant disability rating. I have seen too many cases where the service member developed an Agent Orange “Presumptive Illness” (<https://militarydisabilitymadeeasy.com/vapresumptivelist.html>) late in life which could have resulted in a “total and permanent 100% disability rating”, but they procrastinated and passed on before they filed. The result is the survivor does not receive Dependency and Indemnity (DIC) Benefits (i.e. the survivor’s share of the member’s disability payments). For more information on DIC go to: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/dic.pdf>.

The Lesson Learned this month is not only to plan for your survivor’s financial well being after you pass on, but don’t let procrastination eliminate options unnecessarily!



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VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER EVENTS & UPDATE

Dean Schaaf and Donn Weaver

A Unique Veterans Day Celebration at VMC Planned

On 11 November starting at 0930 at the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC) Plaza area behind Merritt Square Mall, a very different Ceremony to Celebrate Veterans Day is planned. In addition to the ceremony there will be a theme of "Veterans Throughout History" with many short presentations taking place away from the podium. Check out the Poster Below, but here are just a few events planned. We hope many will turn out on this special holiday for America to celebrate its veterans to witness nostalgia, pride, and commitment to keeping American and American veteran history relevant to where we are today.

Among the Special Plans:

- Keynote by CWO DaWalt, CO USCG Station Port Canaveral
- Confirm a new Patriot Monument by the Daughters and Sons of the American Revolution in period attire.
- Rededicate the VMC Civil War Monument with Blue and Grey Civil War descendants members in uniforms of that day
- Explain and Highlight the new US Allied Forces Monument — How to honor those who fought alongside American forces since 1775.
- Dedicate a POW/MIA newly Planted Tree with a 1973 County Marker to reflect on Vietnam and the POW/MIA program that began in that era with Rolling Thunder FL-1 and the Elevation Church
- Conclusion of a Ruck March from Cocoa Village to honor veterans of all branches
- Great music and patriotism
- Drinks and snacks by VMC partners
- Lunch by Chick Fil a on route 520 — Gratis!!
- Special Desserts by Longhorn Steakhouse on rte. 520 for \$5 with proceeds going to VMC
- Dedication of several new VMC partners granite markers
- NOTU submarine ceremonial deck gun battery salute
- Quilts of valor awards in the museum after the ceremony
- And more



Join us to remember those veterans who created and maintained this great country.

- Special Guest Speaker CWO Phillip Dawalt, Commander USCG Station
- Rededication of Revolutionary, Civil, and Viet Nam Era War Monuments — includes. period dress by volunteers from those organizations
- Celebration and thank you for companies, churches, and organizations who support Veterans in Brevard County and the VMC.
- Lunch courtesy of Chick-fil-A, Rte 520 and dessert by Texas Longhorn Steakhouse with proceeds to the VMC
- Art Show on Veteran portraits by Merritt Island High School
- Many other special exhibits and booths



Brevard Cadets and Vets on a Mission for SW Florida

While Hurricane Ian's eye passed over Brevard County, then only as a tropical storm, we already knew the devastation was horrendous in Southwest Florida and they would need lots of help. Even before the storm hit Florida, the FL Army National Guard Infantry Unit on Cocoa, which was set to host the 8-9 October Stand Down to Stand Up, was on the road and the next weekend was available for a different mission which would involve the Veterans Memorial Center and the JROTC Units at all 15 Brevard High Schools, as well as other veteran and school organizations.

On 3 October "Operation Brevard JROTC To The Rescue" was activated with the poster below which plans a month long effort.

As relief supplies began to be dropped off at the Veterans Memorial Center that week, and in anticipation of hundreds of pounds of more supplies being donated on 08 October at the first of three JROTC Raider Challenge Meets at Veterans Memorial Park on Merritt Island, the plan took wings.

The Good Deeds Foundation of the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association provided funds for packing materials, gas and U-Haul truck rentals for four 20 ft trucks (enough for a full 2BR/2BA home; the Veterans Memorial Center and JROTC (as well as several entire high schools) began to receive collections and volunteers to help; and Brevard County Parks and Rec Central area official Fred Ameigh, along with his brother Bill, volunteered to drive all the trucks over the month and make sure the goods went to the central locations most needed by the people of places like Ft Meyers, Naples and Sanibel Island.

When the JROTC Raider Challenge meet was held on a clear and cooler Saturday morning of 08 October, it included 11 high schools, 26 teams, more than 200 cadets, some of whom helped pack and load the relief supplies. The 6 hours and five events were grueling for the cadets, but the victory went far beyond trophies that day. It will be repeated on 22 October and 05 November, with likely even more than the nearly one truck full of donations.

As with any military operation, success of the Cadets and Vets Operation will depend on teamwork, community generosity and support, volunteers and determination. In early November as we all think about Thanksgiving, hopefully, Brevard County, especially our youth, will be able to look back at Operation Brevard JROTC to the



Donn Weaver, VMC (Vets) and Tim Thomas (Cadet Leader) coordinate the mission



Good Loading Job, Cadets



Moving small items to the truck



VMC Maintenance Supervisor Kelly Martin checks the loading



More Cadets wait for trophies after loading done



First load delivered near Sanibel Island on 10 October



Second load delivered on 19 October

Rescue, and know that the effort treated provide some mini Thanksgivings in SW Florida before the real one.

UPDATE on Operation Brevard JROTC to the Rescue. (As of 20 Oct):

We Look forward to a great Raider Challenge Meets at VMC Park on 22 Oct and 05 November with the events AND the Operation Brevard JROTC to the Rescue donations.

The Operation ends with the 05 November Meet. Anything collected at VMC after that will go to support veterans in Brevard suffering flooding, or for the 21 January 2023 Stand Down to Stand Up.

On 14 October Melbourne AF JROTC supported by the entire school loaded almost one third of the truck with supplies for SW Florida. GREAT JOB!!

Mid-Mission Update and Adjustment

On 19 October the second truck load of disaster relief supplies raised through the "Operation Brevard JROTC to the Rescue" arrived near Sanibel Island to support those devastated by hurricane Ian. Thanks to Parks and Rec Supervisor, Fred Ameigh, for again driving the truck down and taking the photos below. He also organized his Melbourne neighborhood in a drive to collect needed items over two weeks and that huge amount topped off our JROTC truck. It was earlier filled mostly from items collected at Melbourne HS through the JROTC and entire school the week before.

FEMA, FLNG, VFW and others now report the available storage areas in SW Florida are full and the people's needs are being met in their long recovery process. The "Operation" still has two weeks to run and there is a new and emerging need here in Brevard County. Flood waters in the northern part of the county have not yet crested and the damage is ongoing.

So, from our Raider Challenge Meet on 22 Oct thru the end of the Operation at the final meet on 05 November at VMP, the supplies will be shifted to those in need in Brevard County and for veterans in distress at the rescheduled 20-21 January 2023 Stand Down to Stand Up at the Cocoa Armory.

Thanks to all who have or will contribute. What a success. Contact Donn Weaver at VMC for more information. 757-871-6576.

Operation Brevard JROTC To The Rescue



Needed Items:

Non-Perishable Food
Bottled Water
Male and Female Toiletries
Feminine Hygiene Products
Blankets
Trash Bags
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Disinfectants/Cleaners
Pet Food — Dog, Cat, Bird
Over Counter Medications
Clothing
New socks, underwear, tee shirts
Clorox
Inflatable Beds
Baby Wipes
Insect Repellent
Baby Diapers
Adult Diapers

Help our JROTC Cadets and programs to make meaningful contributions of items desperately needed in southwest Florida.

See the list of items below and drop them off at JROTC Raider Challenge Meets at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Park, Oct 8, 22, and Nov. 5.

Items may also be dropped off at the Veterans Memorial Center behind Merritt Square Mall any weekday between 8 am and 4 pm. Call 321-453-1776 or 757-871-6576 for questions.



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Who: JROTC Brevard

Where: Veterans Memorial Center & Park

What: Items Above.

When: Oct. 8, 22, Nov. 5 - 8 am - 1 pm.

Why: Because We care and they need our help.



MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

CPT Donn Weaver, USA, Fmr, President GDF

Good Deeds Foundation on a Mission to End 2022

As we look ahead to Veterans Day and the holidays in the next two months, your Good Deeds Foundation is focused on our annual Golf Fundraiser event on 10 December. We are also wrapping up the year with more than \$20,000 in grants!! Finally, we are hoping the Golf Tournament and our other donors will help us start 2023 in a very solid position to help even more youth, veterans in distress, active duty members and families and the key organizations that we support each year.

Please consider your donation to Good Deeds Foundation during these holidays as you read about a truly record breaking year in the 8 year history of the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation (GDF). Check out our Golf Tournament information and go to our website if you would like to join us as a golfer. We are shooting for 200 golfers which would make the event at the Cocoa Beach Country Club on 10 Dec 0730-1400 really special and productive.

The GDF operates on a fiscal year like the federal government — 01 Oct - 30 Sep. In FY 2022 we surpassed all measures by more than 20 percent:

Donations: \$82,000

Fund Raising: \$120,000

Impact on others: Many Thousands

In Fact, the GDF Board is working on 9 Grants totaling over \$20,000 to be provide before the end of the year since our mission is to provide support each year equal to what we take in from donors and the single event fundraiser - the December Golf Tournament.

Report Card: Each year GDF completes a detailed breakdown we call our FY Impact List. Check it out on online only pages of the Intercom. We hope you share our pride in having given so much to so many in FY 2022. The only problem besoms, how can we do even better next year.

Please contact any GDF Board Member for more information or if you would like to join us in 2023.

Thank You!!

Donn Weaver, GDF President

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December 10, 2022**
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golfers

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\$1,000 Contribution

Listing on 1 Hole Sign, Entry for 2 players

Proceeds Support the Good Deeds Foundation:

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Col Brent Baysinger, USAF Ret MOAACC Scholarship Recipient Sends His Thanks

"Dear Col. Baysinger and the rest of MOAACC,
This email has been waiting to be sent for far, far too long, and I apologize for that.

This is Chris O'Brien, state Capitol reporter at WKRN News 2 in Nashville, Tennessee, and former 2020 MOAACC scholarship recipient.

I've been settled into my role here for about three months now. Now that the dust has settled a bit, I've had some time to reflect on the last couple of years of my life.

I wanted to take a second and just say a huge thank you to MOAACC. It might sound superfluous, but that scholarship made a HUGE difference in my career. With it, I bought a couple of journalist things, the main item being a very, very nice camera that I still use to this day.

That camera comes everywhere with me, and the crispness and quality of the shot the camera gives me cannot be understated. It's been all over the Southeast, including Louisiana where I reported after Hurricane Laura, here in Tennessee where I use it daily and back in Florida, where the camera helped me in one of my favorite stories I've ever done.

Those stories don't exist (or at least -- not to the same level of quality) without your generous scholarship. Years later, I still feel honored, humbled and grateful that you would choose me as one of the recipients. I'm lucky enough to have a great father who was a Navy veteran that gave me access to this scholarship.

What you are doing with this fund really makes a difference. Genuinely, it made my life so much easier.

I hope you continue to change lives in the Space Coast, and, again, thanks for taking the time to consider my application years ago. I wish you all the best, and, please, feel free to reach out to me any time via email or my cell phone below.

Have a great rest of your day and thank you again.

Kind regards,

Chris"

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Chris O'Brien receiving his \$5,000 Scholarship

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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
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Assistant Treasurer	LTC William ("Bill") Vanasse, USA Ret
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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



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Jane A. Hodges Receives Appreciation Plaque



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At the last TMBC, Jane A. Hodges, Aerospace Educator, with Bob Sieck (center—he was a Launch Director for Eleven Shuttle Missions) They worked together on many space shuttle launches and programs at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. MOAACC members were briefed on Shuttle programs from start to finish. President CDR Ken Lowe presents an appreciation plaque for job well done.



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& Annual Membership Business Meeting

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Building No: Colony Hall

Time: 15 Nov 2022 - 11:30am - 1:00pm

Price: \$20

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Please RSVP/cancel by 9 Nov 2022.

Contact **Grace Catron**

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VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER EVENTS - continued

POW/MIA Seat Dedicated and Veterans Honored at Space Coast Stadium.

In late September during the All Military Worlds Slow Pitch Softball Championships, over 100 US military teams from around the world participated in various categories. On the final weekend of the event the Space Coast Stadium hosted a ceremony with more than 20 Rolling Thunder FL-1 members and eight MOAACC Members attending to be present during a unique ceremony. With Lance Armstrong of RTFL-1 and Donn Weaver of MOAACC and the Veterans Memorial Center as MC's the stadium officially designated a permanent seat behind home plate to honor and remember America's POW and MIA personnel from all wars. The ceremony was also to honor all veterans and was observed by two Championship teams from the Washington State area and from the Virginia area. Some photos tell the story of an event that most have never heard of at a professional baseball/softball stadium. Thanks to Bob Grey of USSSA and the Stadium for offering this special event and recognition.



RTFL-1 Entourage after the Ceremony



Lance Armstrong (2nd row Center) and Donn Weaver (2nd row right) emcee the ceremony with Rolling Thunder and MOAACC Members in attendance.



Dana Blixley (Center), Brevard County Property Appraiser and big supporter of veterans is surrounded by the Virginia area military team.



The Washington State area team cheering the Ceremony



Ditto the opposition that day!!



A Very Special Donation to the VMC

A Bronze Double Eagle sculpture, titled "Rapture", was donated to the Veterans Memorial Center by the family of LTC Richard Arlen Kiefer, USAF (ret) this past month.

LTC Kiefer purchased the sculpture in October 2003. It was created at the American Bronze Foundry in Sanford, Florida as number 286 of 299. The authenticity certificate is below. It is on display in the entry to the Veterans Memorial Center.

What a great gift that will spark comments and patriotism for decades to come!!

What is the MOB? How VMC Fits In

Over six years ago, many museums in Brevard County met to come up with ways to help each other out for the local and tourist visitor pool. They called themselves the MOB (Museums of Brevard) and have grown to over 20 museums, some with military related museums like the Veterans Memorial Center, Warbirds and Liberty Bell.

On 20 November 1300-1500 the museums will all have tables at the Warbirds Museum in Titusville for a "Meet the MOB" event. Meanwhile, we weaned to share with you a MOB member's well-timed Holiday event.

The Florida East Coast Railway Society in conjunction with The City of Cocoa present;

TRAINS for CHRISTMAS at the BREVARD MUSEUM

There's something for everyone at this free program at The Brevard Museum of History & Natural Science, 2201 Michigan Ave, Cocoa, FL 32926

Admission to the Museum is free, thanks to the City of Cocoa.

In 1895, Henry Flagler with his Florida East Coast Railway, began construction of a railway that ultimately would run from Jacksonville to Key West. The FEC played a prominent role in shaping Florida's past with Brightline already shaping Florida's future. All but the line from Miami to Key West is still in operation today and will soon serve as a portion of the Brightline connection between Miami and the Orlando Airport and beyond. The fecNtrak model train group from the Florida East Coast Railway Society will have their computer-driven model train layout up and running that replicates the 351-mile railway running from Jacksonville to Miami and right thru Cocoa.

FEC Model Railroad hours of operation, visitation and participation will be from Noon to 4pm each Saturday in December. (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st). Note: last admission to the museum is at 3pm. If you have a group that would like to visit the trains during other regular museum hours, contact Gregg Stoll 321-632-4894.

Brevard Museum Hours of Operation;
Thurs, Fri & Sat 10am – 4pm, last admission at 3pm

Kids from 8 to 80+ are welcome to come and be a conductor on our version of the FEC.

<p>Directions to the Museum</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>FECRS Website</p>  <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Contact; Gregg Stoll FECRS / fecNtrak Coordinator Cocoa, Florida (321) 632-4894</p> 
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Google Map Directions; <https://goo.gl/maps/JQcb77mPb8pNs7FA>



MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION - continued

Adding Activities to JEAD



On 14 October, after nearly three years without such a major event Patrick SFB, the Junior Enlisted Activities Day (JEAD) was held during a daylong program and in between a launch!!

Sponsored by many community partners like USO, vet organizations, CBRCC and others, this year the planning committee for JEAD was short of funds to offer activities row children and others since rentals are required. The Good Deeds Foundation came through with a special grant of \$1000 for the activities and witnessed a fun day on PSFB had by many.



GDF President Weaver (l) presents the funds to the JEAD Committee with Lt Mary Stanley, USSF in the center.

Hurricane Does Not Impact Good Deeds Foundation Mission



On 27 Sep, with much of Patrick SFB in Hurricane Ian prep mode, MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation was not deterred and passed to the last 920th Rescue Forces Foundation member tying up loose ends, their FY 2023 grant of \$2,500. In the photo, 920th Community Liaison Officer Darrell Hankins (r) accepts the big and real checks from GDF President Donn Weaver in the nearly empty 920th Headquarters building.

The Rescue Forces Foundation (RSF) has a unique mission among the several active duty foundations GDF supports every year. While the Hqs is at PSFB, the RSF supports USAF reserve members and their families in a wide variety of ways who are scattered at several base across the country. At any one time an element of the 920th is always deployed abroad in hostile areas with the mission of the famed "Para Rescue Jumpers" at their core. Sometimes members and families need support not available through USAF Reserve channels. That is when the RSF jumps in. We have partnered with RSF for five years now and will do our best to keep that record growing.

Special thanks to RSF President Holly Viet who made the request to GDF and set up the exchange inly to be called away for hurricane prep at the last minute. MOAACC and GDF look forward to an invitation to the next RSF event and the chance to meet more RSF members and the very special team that is part of the 920th Rescue Force.

USCG Station Port Canaveral Sailor of the Quarter

USCG Port Canaveral SOQ BM2 Larry D. White



Sailor of the Quarter Certificate and cash award presented to BM2 Larry White USCG, by CWO4 Dan McIntyre USCGR (Ret).

For his excellent work in managing the essential Rescue and Survival equipment for USCG Station Port Canaveral. In addition, BM2 White achieved certifications as a Response Boat Coxswain and Boarding Officer. He also provided mentoring for his shipmates towards qualifications in areas of communications watch, boat crew, coxswain and maritime law enforcement. He

also received a 48 hour special liberty and parking privileges in the Sailor of the Quarter space.



Left to right: Lt Col Joseph Tichich USAF (Ret), CWO4 Dan McIntyre USCGR (Ret), BM2 Larry White USCG, Sailor of the Quarter, CWO2 Phillip Dawalt USCG, Commanding Officer, USCG Station Port Canaveral.

NOTU 4Q22 Junior and Senior Sailors of the Quarter



On Wednesday, November 12th, MOAACC participated in the Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) Mission Partners Social and Quarterly Awards Ceremony held at the Greenhouse at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. MOAACC members in attendance included COL Pat Keane, USA, Lt Col Joseph Tichich, USAF, LCDR Dean Schaaf, USN, and LCDR Dan Levy. MOAACC presented certificates of recognition and \$50 awards

each to the 4Q22 Junior and Senior sailors of the Quarter: MT2(SS) Dalton Lamb and MT1(SS) Bret Orozco. The event was hosted by NOTU Executive Officer CDR Sammie Green, USN, who highlighted the accomplishments of the two awardees while recognizing the community support by MOAACC and all of the Mission Partners. MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation issued the cash awards.

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MOAACC Members serve the community far beyond the organization and its pillars. This month we wanted to feature a story about how being involved in Church Giving comes around to also help the community and veterans. For many years Ellie and Courtney Yelle have run the Outreach Committee of St. David's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Cocoa Beach.

During that time, the 100 per cent return to the community on funds received through Fall and Winter Auctions and other donations has helped thousands in Brevard, including many veterans and special projects. SD Outreach has funded the Veterans Memorial Center Veteran Emergency Relief fund; Stand Downs; monument to the Four Immortal and All Chaplains at VMC; just to name a few.

In early November the SD Outreach Bid or Buy auction hopes to raise enough funds to continue or expand their contributions in 2023. Many of the organizations they support include assistance to veterans and their families. These economic times have more and more in our community in need of help. Take a look at the poster and consider getting a great holiday gift while "never stop serving" our community.

NOTE: Welcome future articles from other MOAACC Members on community involvement that also benefits veterans, youth and others MOAACC seeks to support.

Challenging Times for Many Brevard Veterans and Their Families: GDF on Watch

Within five days in late October, the National Veteran Homeless Support (NVHS) reached out twice to MOAACC's Good Deeds Foundation for urgent assistance. One veteran and his family faced eviction on Halloween and the other even earlier. Together they had three children and were in a crucial position, despite good signs for the future. With payments totaling \$1400 from GDF, the crises were averted since NVHS also provided funding. November looked much brighter for both these GWOT veterans and their families. In the same five day period another Brevard VA organization reached out to GDF to support a veteran family relocation when all other options were exhausted. Check out that GDF story in this same column.

Here are the two families we supported through the NVHS request:





The China Marines in the Philippines

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC

By September 1941, conditions in China were so grave that officials in Shanghai strongly urged the evacuation of all naval personnel from north China, including the 4th Marines.

Permission for the evacuation was received on 10 November 1941. Plans for the departure that had been drawn up previously were immediately placed in effect.

The first contingent, consisting of the 1st Battalion and part of the Headquarters, embarked on the newly arrived President Madison. It sailed for the Philippines seventeen days after the arrival of the evacuation order. The rest of the regiment boarded the President Harrison on 28 November and sailed for the Philippines.

The era of the "China Marines" in China came to an end.

The first echelon arrived at Subic Bay on 30 November, followed the next day by the second. The regiment, shortly after the completion of its transfer to the Philippines, was given the responsibility of protecting the Olongapo Naval Station and the naval base at Mariveles. It continued to expand in size over the next four months, thus becoming one of the strangest military organizations in Marine Corps history. Most of the additional personnel came from Army ancillary personnel.

The situation grew more perilous for the Marines. Concern over possible new landings in other areas prescribed the necessity of maintaining these units in their positions, the Japanese instead concentrated on expanding the beachhead they had already seized. General Wainwright's headquarters was in jeopardy and the situation grew worse when it was learned that the Marine defenders' ammunition was exhausted and their heavy guns destroyed.

Feeling further resistance was useless and fearing a massacre of 1,000 sick and wounded personnel in Malinta Tunnel, General Wainwright decided to surrender. Colonel Howard ordered the national and regimental colors of the 4th Marines burned to prevent their capture. He then led his men into captivity. As of noon on 6 May 1942, the 4th Marines temporarily ceased to exist.



Allied forces surrender on Corregidor in 1942.

The 208 China Marines left to protect the evacuation of Shanghai were captured and placed in slave labor. Now the balance of the China Marines was placed in slave labor for the remainder of World War II. The capture of the regiment forced it into a state of limbo, but the Marine Corps had no intention of permanently relegating such an illustrious unit to history: The 4th Marines were slated for rebirth! Accordingly, it was reborn on 1 February 1944 when it was reconstituted from units of the 1st Raider Regiment. This unit itself was formed by the consolidation of four separate raider battalions. (Next month: The China Marines in the Pacific)



Using improvised litters to evacuate fallen comrades.



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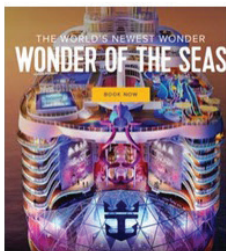
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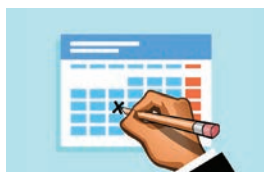
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Keep up to date with those changes using our web link:

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

NOTE: Initial Raider Challenge Meets to launch "OPERATION BREVARD JROTC to the RESCUE" to aid victims of hurricane Ian in SW Florida and elsewhere were held 08 Oct and 22 Oct. The Operation runs until 05 Nov. See Poster or contact VMC/Donn Weaver for more info: 757-871-6576.

NOTE: Central Brevard Stand Down to Stand Up Rescheduled for 20-21 January 2023 at the Cocoa Armory. See details in the January listings. The National Guard in Cocoa was called up for hurricane relief one week before the 07-08 Oct schedule.

05 Nov — Raider Challenge JROTC District Championship Meet #3 in Veterans Memorial Park 0700-1300. Final Meet to support collection for Operation Brevard JROTC to the Rescue.

05 Nov — A Beacon of Brevard's History Fundraiser for the Cape Canaveral Lighthouse Foundation held at the Muscle Car Museum in Melbourne 1800-2030. Food, Beer, Wine, Silent and Live Auction. For tickets at \$100 contact eventbrite.com or email cclighthousefoundation@gmail.com

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

09-14 Nov — Art Showing "Honoring Veterans Through Portraits" by students at Merritt Island High School 1000-1600 Daily in the VMC Museum. Contact is MIHS Art Teacher Lauren Sorey.

10 Nov — A Red, White and Blue Day to Celebrate Veterans at Wuestoff Brevard Hospice 8060 Spyglass Road, Viera 1100-1400. Food Trucks, vendors, music, door prizes, etc. Contact Sara Leidich via email at sara.leidich@lhcgroupp.com

10 Nov — Veterans Day Event at the Melbourne Vet Center, 2098 Sarno Road in Melbourne, 1000-1400. Vendors, prizes, gifts, refreshments, meet the staff and great veteran fellowship.

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.

11 Nov — Melbourne Veterans Day Parade in downtown Melbourne to Liberty Bell museum 0930-1100. See Melbourne City Web site for more details.

11-13 Nov — WarBird Air Museum Open House for Veterans Day weekend. Special displays and flybys, active duty, vets and families free, 0900-1700. Space Coast Regional Airport (TICO Road) Titusville.

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.

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.

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, mhrisic02002@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.

10 Dec — American Legion Auxillary Christmas Party for needy veteran families children at VMC Gray Hall 1300- 1500.

10 Dec — Inaugural Space Force T-Minus 10-Miler from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. Register until 01 November at runspaceforce.com. Full details of this unique event to support our military on that website.

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 at wreathsacroosamerica.org to donate for a wreath at \$15.

LONG RANGE - 2023:

20-21 Jan — The Central Brevard “Veteran Stand Down to Stand Up” (Formerly known as Stand Down) event will be held at the Cocoa Armory on 20 Jan 2023 (set up) and 21 Jan for the actual activity. Earlier Date of 07-08 Oct had to be scrubbed since FLARNG Unit called up to assist Ian recovery in SW Florida. 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. 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.

04 Feb — JROTC Drill Meet in Veterans Memorial Park (0700-1230)

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

18 Feb — JROTC Drill Meet in Veterans Memorial Park (0700-1300)

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

01 Apr — American Legion AUX 344 annual Easter Egg Hunt at Veterans Memorial Park 1300-1500

04 Mar — JROTC Drill Meet in Veterans Memorial Park District Championship (0700-1300)

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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Donn Weaver, BVC Chairman 757-871-6576

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Article from Senior Life (Oct 22 Edition) that features Chapter member Andy Petruska



Article from the Viera Voice (Oct 2022 edition) that announces our \$32.7K Good Deeds Foundation donation to Brevard JROTCs plus has a photo of Chapter member Tim Thomas on parade.

Florida Today Article (17 Oct 22) that mentions Chapter member Wayne Justice.



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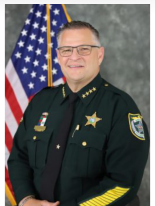


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