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## 41st MOAACC Annual Scholarship Awards

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Emma Gradt, University of Florida

Elena Fentress (sister of Amanda Fentress, University of Florida)

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Marissa Ricks, University of Florida

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Toni Lowe (grandmother of Lucia Rabolli, University of Southern California)

Daniel Weaver, Christopher Newport University

Gary Eppler (grandfather of Dameon Buhl-Strubbe, University of Texas at San Antonio)

Not pictured: Carter Yaskovic, Embry-Riddle University (who was represented by his mother, Robin Yaskovic)



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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

**Rick Kniseley, Colonel, USAF (Ret), President, MOAACC**



### *For the Joy of Competition*

Every 4 years in late July I can hardly wait for the Summer Olympics to arrive. This year there will be 19 days of competition in many sports I have never watched. Thanks to NBC they will present over 7,000 hours of coverage starting July 26th.. This year it's Paris that will get my attention. Although I like gymnastics, swimming, track, and volleyball, it's the sports like rhythmic gymnastics, shot put, badminton, canoe slalom, and team handball that will get my attention. Why you might ask? It's because I see these athletes display the true joy for their sport. They don't get paid big salaries and get their pictures on Wheaties boxes and become celebrities after the Olympics. After the Olympics are over they go home and are celebrated by their home towns for competing and then start training for the next Olympics in Los Angeles in 2028. These athletes compete for the joy of competition.

*You never really play against an opponent. You are playing against yourself for your own highest standards and when you reach your limits that is your real joy.*

*Arthur Ashe, Tennis*

These are the competitions that will be shown on NBC at 2:00 A.M. when no one is watching TV except people in Croatia or Thailand where these athletes are the champions in their country.

In case you haven't been reading the sports pages: Here are the top athletes to be watching: Rhythmic gymnastics- Linoy Ashram, Israel; Shot put- Ryan Crouser, USA; Badminton- Lin Dan, PRC; Canoe Slalom-Luka Bozic, Slovenia; and Team Handball-Denmark.

*Success is peace of mind that is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best you are capable of becoming.*

*John Wooden, Basketball*

So if you see me yawning this month, you'll know why—For the Joy of competition

## EXECUTIVE EDITOR & PAO

**Amir M.Pishdad, CW3, USA (Ret)**



This past June, I was privileged to have had the opportunity to attend the 2024 Navy UDT/ SEAL Assn East Coast Annual Reunion, which was held at the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek Virginia. As hundreds came to see the Naval Special Warfare "Capability Demonstration," performed by members of local SEAL Teams, I

was honored to be recognized by members of a SEAL squad, as this event was also my 20th Anniversary as Ambassador for the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum at Fort Pierce Florida. HooYAH to the Navy SEALs!





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- 8/01 **Current Affairs Forum - 8 AM**  
Dr. Mark P. Nelson, Melbourne Community Orchestra  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/08 **TMBC - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/09 **9th Ann. Rescuing Veterans Lost in America Gala - 5:15 PM**  
@ Radisson Resort at the Port - Cape Canaveral
- 8/13 **On-The-Go Luncheon - 11:30 AM**  
@ Fujiyama Steak House - Melbourne
- 8/15 **TMBC - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/17 **MOAACC Chapter Picnic Social - 11 AM**  
@ Veterans Memorial Center & Park - Merritt Island
- 8/20 **MOAACC BOD Mtg. - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - Chapel
- 8/20 **MOAACC Luncheon - Speaker Jim Viola - Vertical Aviation International - 11:30 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 8/22 **TMBC - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 8/24 **In High School? Want to Become A Military Officer? - 1 PM**  
@ Veterans Memorial Center & Park - Merritt Island
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### *FY2025 Budget Progress*

Leading up to their annual Independence Day recess, and in spite of the gnashing of teeth within the Democratic Party following President Biden's dismal debate performance, Congress has been inching forward on the FY 2025 fiscal budget process. Appropriation committees in the Democratic-controlled Senate and the Republican-controlled House have been feverishly working to get to the goal line of passing the 12 annual spending bills that fund the US Government beginning 1 October 2024. Their efforts are complicated by last year's two-year budget plan agreement between President Biden and House Republicans which limits any increases to both defense and non-defense spending to just 1%. There is also the threat of an automatic 1% cut in spending from FY2023 levels that will occur if Congress does not agree to the full-year spending bills by 1 January 2025. It seems that many Members want to avoid this penalty while at the same time generating a work-around the 1% cap on increased spending given how badly DoD is underfunded.

In the Senate, a bi-partisan approach seems to be yielding dividends toward these goals even though significant divisions remain between the two sides. Three of the 12 annual funding measures for the departments of Agriculture and Veterans Affairs, and the legislative branch were approved in Committee in unanimous, 27-0 votes, which included Senator Rubio (R-FL). However, the Senate could not come to a bipartisan agreement on how much money to allocate for the remaining nine funding measures. On the matter of overcoming the 1% spending increase limit, the Senate Appropriations Committee made a deal to increase funding for both defense and non-defense agencies which would leverage "emergency" funding to boost non-defense agencies by a total of \$13.5 billion in extra spending, and the Pentagon by an extra \$21 billion. This deal would avoid furloughs and layoffs at many agencies across the government. As discussions continue on the remaining nine bills, how the emergency funding would be specifically allocated would depend on the final allocations across all twelve measures. In the House, partisanship reigns and the House has generally ignored parts of the deal they struck with President Biden last year to allow for the small increases as their bills would instead force average cuts of 6% at non-defense agencies. Even though the House has already approved some of its fiscal 2025 measures on the floor, President Biden has threatened to veto them over the cuts they contain. Notably, the legislative branch bill failed on the House floor. As the minority, House Democrats have overwhelmingly opposed each of the Republican bills. Whether or not ultimate success is achieved in passing these Appropriations bills in the near-term, Congress could opt to punt the drafting of bicameral funding bills until after the upcoming presidential election, as it did in 2020. This would be an unfortunate development.

Meanwhile, work is being finalized on the FY2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) with its two versions. The Senate text was released July 8, while the House version cleared that chamber in mid-June on a 217-199 vote. The current Senate version does not include many of the quality-of-life

improvements proposed in the House text, but opportunities remain to ensure these measures and others find a place in the final bill. Specifically, in Pay and Allowances, both plans would authorize a 4.5% pay raise for all ranks, but the Senate version adds only a 1% increase for those in grades E-1 to E-3, while the House plan would raise E-1 to E-4 pay an additional 15%, along with a smaller boost for E-5s. The Senate version does not include a mechanism to restore the Basic Allowance for Housing to 100%, while the House bill would cover the coming fiscal year but not subsequent years. In Health Care, the Senate bill does not include a House provision creating a pilot program to expand TRICARE Qualifying Life Events to include pregnancy. It also lacks the text of the Dental Care for Our Troops Act, included in the House NDAA that would extend zero-premium dental coverage to Guard and Reserve members. Finally, in Career Support and Military Spouse Employment, the Senate bill lacks a provision in the House bill that would remove the so-called "180-day rule," which requires transitioning servicemembers seeking civilian DoD positions to wait six months. The Senate NDAA does not include the text of the READINESS Act, which improves career flexibility for military spouses employed by the federal government who may lose their position due to a PCS move. One thing in the Senate version that the House is missing is a provision to clarify a recent change to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act intended to improve the portability of professional licenses for military spouses who PCS across state lines. Additionally, the Senate bill would permanently authorize the noncompetitive hiring authority of military spouses by federal agencies. Stay tuned.

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## SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

**Chuck Shaw, LtCol, USAF, SAT Team Lead**

The Survivor Assistance Committee periodically combine our efforts and goals with the Financial Literacy Committee's goals and efforts to assist the membership of the MOAACC. We did this starting with June, then July, and now the August Intercom editions. The Financial Literacy Committee has provided an excellent article addressing the question "Who Will Make your Medical Decisions?" The SAT Lessons Learned reflects some of my own Family's personal experiences answering the question...

My Dad's lungs were failing (at age 86) from the work he did before he retired. My Mother had passed away 3 years earlier. Dad had an attorney whom he had depended on for at least the last 20 years for business and family. I was appointed his executor and my younger brother and I split everything 50-50 for everything in the Will.

Dad had a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) and I had his Medical Power of attorney and his of attorney. All of it was subject to his not being incapacitated (i.e. he could no longer give informed consent, however he could revoke the DNR verbally).

I got the call that Dad was in the Memphis VA Hospital due to his lungs, both had failed. My brother and I both got there and the Doctor had him sedated and on a ventilator. I was confused!! Why didn't the Doctor follow the DNR instructions? The Doctor told me Dad could not breathe on his own and was terrified that he was dying (which he was) so he revoked the DNR and put him on the Ventilator (which called for being sedated). So now we didn't know what the next move was... we needed to talk, and as we walked past the bed in the next room, we saw a Vet on a Ventilator and it looked the same situation as Dad. The Doctor said the Vet had been on the Ventilator for over year... Why???? he told us the Vet's family could not agree what to do with him and only came by periodically.

When we came back, I asked the Doctor if he thought Dad might be able to use a Cannula for oxygen rather than the Ventilator which I thought Dad might tolerate since the Ventilator required sedation and was not mobile like carrying an O2 cylinder for the Cannula. The Doctor agreed on the test, so he put him on the Cannula but kept the sedation in case he awakened and panicked. However, He lasted only 22 hours and then passed away. That also allowed us some time to sit with him to say our goodbyes, that proved the right thing to do for us.

A Health care surrogate's responsibility can be demanding, I know!! We all hope that Vet is not still on the Ventilator



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

**COL John C. Murphy, USAR Ret.**

### *Who Will Make Your Medical Decisions?*

Illness, accident, or advanced age can render a person incapable of making medical decisions for him/herself. When a person becomes incapacitated and is no longer able to give informed consent, health care providers must look to someone else to make medical decisions for that person. In Florida, the law provides for two options: a health care surrogate or a health care proxy. A health care surrogate is a person named in advance to make the health care decisions for the person in a document named, Designation of Health Care Surrogate. A health care proxy is a person who volunteers to make medical decisions for the incapacitated person.

A Health Care Surrogate grants a person you choose the power to make important medical decisions for you, if you become incapacitated. However, you must sign the Designation of Health Care Surrogate document before you become incapacitated. Once incapacitated a person cannot grant that power any longer. Incapacity occurs when a physician designates that the person can no longer give informed consent. Once that occurs, the health care surrogate takes over making the medical decisions for the incapacitated person.

But what happens if there is no Designation of Health Care Surrogate? A volunteer under the Florida Health Care Proxy statute is the only option. That statute provides a priority of persons to make decisions on behalf of the incapacitated individual, as follows:

- (a) Judicially appointed guardian of the person;
- (b) Patient's spouse;
- (c) Adult child of the patient, or, if more than one, a majority of the adult children;
- (d) Adult sibling of the patient, or, if more than one, a majority of the adult siblings;
- (e) Adult relative who has shown special care and concern and maintained regular contact;
- (f) Close friend of the patient;
- (g) Social worker selected by bioethics committee of the health care provider.

Your health care decision maker must use "substituted judgment". "Substituted judgment" means if they know your desires, then they must follow them. When you complete the Designation of Health Care Surrogate, you should also inform the surrogate what your future medical wishes may be or you could complete a Health Care Workbook which some attorneys will provide with your documents. If your wishes are unknown, the decision maker must do what is in the "best interests" of the patient.

The bottom line here is that you are free to designate whomever you want as your health care (decision maker) surrogate. Absent a Designation of Health Care Surrogate, the Health Care Proxy statute could nominate a health care decision maker for you, but they must volunteer. Keep in mind, however, that this volunteer might not be the person that you want making your health care decisions nor the best person to make your medical decisions. To ensure that your wishes are carried out, it is best to complete a Designation of Health Care Surrogate naming at least a primary and alternate surrogate.

## POINTS TO PONDER

**Chaplain T. Unrath**

We are solidly in summer. The students are, mostly, out of school. Vacation plans are drawn up and executed. There's the issue, define "vacation."

For some a "vacation" is doing almost anything that is not employment, something you must apply for and then is counted against a specific "Days Off" account, like getting "leave" in the military. You might use this time to do all the accumulated chores around the house. For some vacation means going somewhere different, learning, exploring, doing all the things available that are not back home. Others want a time of relaxing and re-charging, being away from the "to-do lists" which stack up during normal times.

When spouses, other family members, or vacation partners have different expectations of what constitutes a vacation, tensions may ensue.

I'm a vacation "relaxer." Anita is a vacation "doer." For me, going to a new place and seeing new things is fine. I just don't necessarily want to see and do it all. Anita, I think, feels somehow cheated if every moment is not filled, even overflowing, with engaging the culture and sights of the place we are. For communication purposes we call my type of getting away a "vacation" and hers a "trip."

Between 6/19 & 7/10 we were on a people - seeing trip. Of the 72 people among her sibs, their children, and grands, we saw all but 19. (14 of whom we saw in 5/23) Add to that celebrating my mom's 93rd birthday, Anita's and one of her brother's birthdays, and seeing various friends, flying to St Louis, driving to a NW Chicago suburb, then Ft Wayne IN and back to St Louis before flying home it was assuredly a "trip!"

Some trips are worth it. This was definitely one of them. Now, when do I get a vacation?

I hope you and your families have a great summer, going on trips, vacations, or being at home!

## HEALTHY LIVING

**CAPT (ret) Rita Shapiro, MA, DPT**

### *How is your Balance?*

What is balance – It means Physical Equilibrium. As we move through life, we realize that equilibrium is somehow not what is used to be. For example, to put socks on your feet you are having to sit down for fear of losing your balance. If you lose your balance, you can:

1. Break a leg (hip being the most common in older generation)
2. Break your wrist and or arm
3. Hit your head and get a concussion

Falls can be prevented by improving your balance. Let me present five basic balance exercises to you that you can do totally on your own without the need for any special equipment. A word of caution: please stand close to a wall or a counter when attempting these exercises.



#### **Step-Stand-Balance-Warrior I**

Stand with your hands on your sides, take a step back on your toes and raise both hands up. Hold for 3 sec then repeat on opposite side. Do 5-10 repetitions



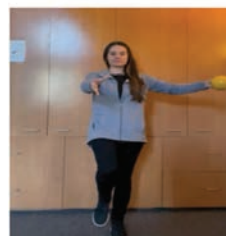
#### **Step-Stand-Balance-Warrior II**

Stand with your hands on your sides, take a large step back and plant your foot. Raise arms to your side and turn your trunk while looking forward. Hold for 3 sec then repeat on opposite side. Do 5-10 repetitions



#### **Step-Stand-Balance-Warrior III**

Stand with your hands on your sides. Reach forward with both arms and lift one leg up behind you. Hold for 3 sec then repeat on opposite side. Do 5-10 repetitions



#### **Single leg Balance with Ball Pass**

Stand and balance on one leg holding a small ball. Maintain your balance and pass ball from side to side for 3 seconds then switch to the other side. Repeat 5-10 times each



#### **Dead Lift Reach (Dynamic Balance)**

Start by standing on one leg. Gradually lean forward to touch an object the height of which you are comfortable with. Switch from one side to the other 5-10 times.

*Exercises obtained professionally from Hep2Go*





# Mark Your Calendar!

RAC & MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation present:

## the guys

by Anne Nelson

a one-act play based  
on a true story of 9/11

4 performances:  
SEP 10, 10:30 am  
SEP 10, 5:30 pm  
SEP 12, 10:30 am  
SEP 12, 5:30 pm

Indian River  
Colony Club,  
Colony Hall

Admission is Free



**MOAACC Luncheon**  
*Speaker Jim Viola - Vertical Aviation  
International, Vision, Purpose and Values*

08/20/2024 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM

Location:

Indian River Colony Club

1936 Freedom Drive

Melbourne, FL 32940

Building Number: Colony Hall

Cost is \$25.00 for luncheon. Meal choices are:

1. Lasagna with Vegetables and Garlic Bread
2. Par 3 Salad with Fruit
3. Vegetarian meals available upon request

All meals include rolls & butter, coffee & tea and the Chef's sweet choice for dessert. Cash bar available.

Please RSVP/cancel by 15 August 2024, online, or by contacting Mary McIntyre at [events@moaacc.org](mailto:events@moaacc.org) or (321) 254-6997. You can pay online with Credit Card, pay at the door or mail payment with RSVP to:

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## Save the Dates for upcoming MOAACC Events:

17 August 2024: MOAACC Chapter Picnic Social

20 August 2024: MOAACC Luncheon - Speaker Jim Viola - Vertical Aviation International, Vision, Purpose and Values

24 August 2024: In High School? Want to Become a Military Officer?

10 & 12 September 2024: "the guys" by Anne Nelson - A one-act play based on a true story of 9/11

5 October 2024: Past Presidents Dinner

16 November 2024: MOAACC Annual Golf Tournament

19 November 2024: Annual Membership Business Meeting

7 December 2024: Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

17 December 2024: MOAACC Surviving Spouses/ Spouses Christmas Tea



## MOAACC Summer Picnic

Join fellow chapter members for our Summer Picnic on Saturday, August 17 at the Veterans Memorial Center, 11 am to 2 pm. We will be grilling hotdogs and burgers and serving other sides and refreshments. There will be indoor seating available. Donations accepted at the door.

Hope you will enjoy socializing with members as well as taking the opportunity to visit the museum and static displays. There will be a tour of the JROTC obstacle course, funded by the MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation, located on the grounds of the VMC.

New members are invited to a chapter orientation at 10:45 am, to be held in the large meeting room adjacent to the museum.

[Click Here to Register](#)



## MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

**Donn Weaver, CPT (USA) Former**

### *Shifting to High Gear:*

#### **GDF has a busy August planned**

August will be very active for your Good Deeds Foundation. While you will get the full details in September's Intercom Newsletter, here are some early highlights:

**03 Aug:** Support to the US Coast Guard on their birthday and family day at the USCG Cape Canaveral Station.

**04 Aug:** GDF support to the Military Order of the Purple Heart Ceremony honoring 11 Purple Heart recipients and their families at the VMC

**05 August:** Meeting with all JROTC Instructors to support their 14 programs along with five other cadet programs for the 2024-25 new school year. Besides planning to support many events at the Veterans Memorial Center, GDF will provide \$3000 to every JROTC program and \$2000 to the Sea Cadets, Sea Scout Ship and Civil Air Patrol Units and a total over \$50,000!!!

**05 August:** Brief dozens of Brevard High School and Middle School Instructors on the Vets Back to Class

Program; Academy and ROTC Seminar; and the new Data base for scholarships, military training options, museums, etc. (ECAC)

**24 August:** With our MOAACC Student Affairs Committee in the lead, GDF will support two seminars at the VMC for Military Academies. ROTC Scholarships and many other tracks for education and military leadership.

In August, GDF will also work to finalize our FY 2025 budget which will set a record of support, thanks too fantastic donations and our Golf Tourney on 16 November. Please continue to donate to GDF, help with the tournament or play golf so this amazing story continues and expands year by year. We will also continue to support veterans and families in distress during this tough economy as well as active-duty units and veteran organizations who do so much on the Space Coast.

## **VyStar Foundation is a proud sponsor of MOAACC**

On behalf of The Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC), we extend our heartfelt gratitude for VyStar Foundation's support of The Good Deeds Foundation, allowing us to continue our mission of service and camaraderie. As Vice President of the Good Deeds Foundation and a VyStar member for four decades I am proud of their unwavering support of the military community. Thank you for standing with us as we serve and support those who have served our nation.

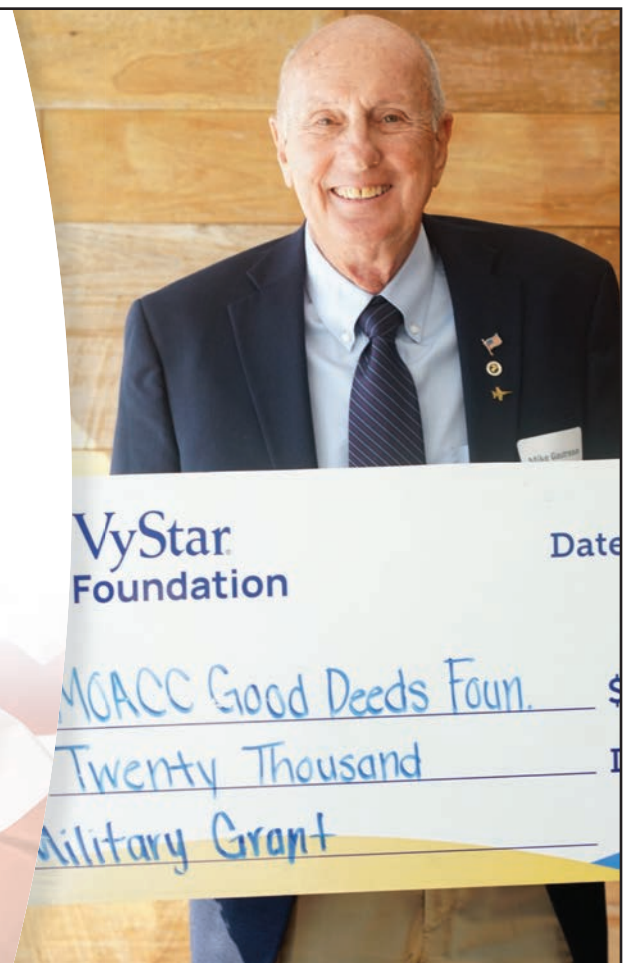
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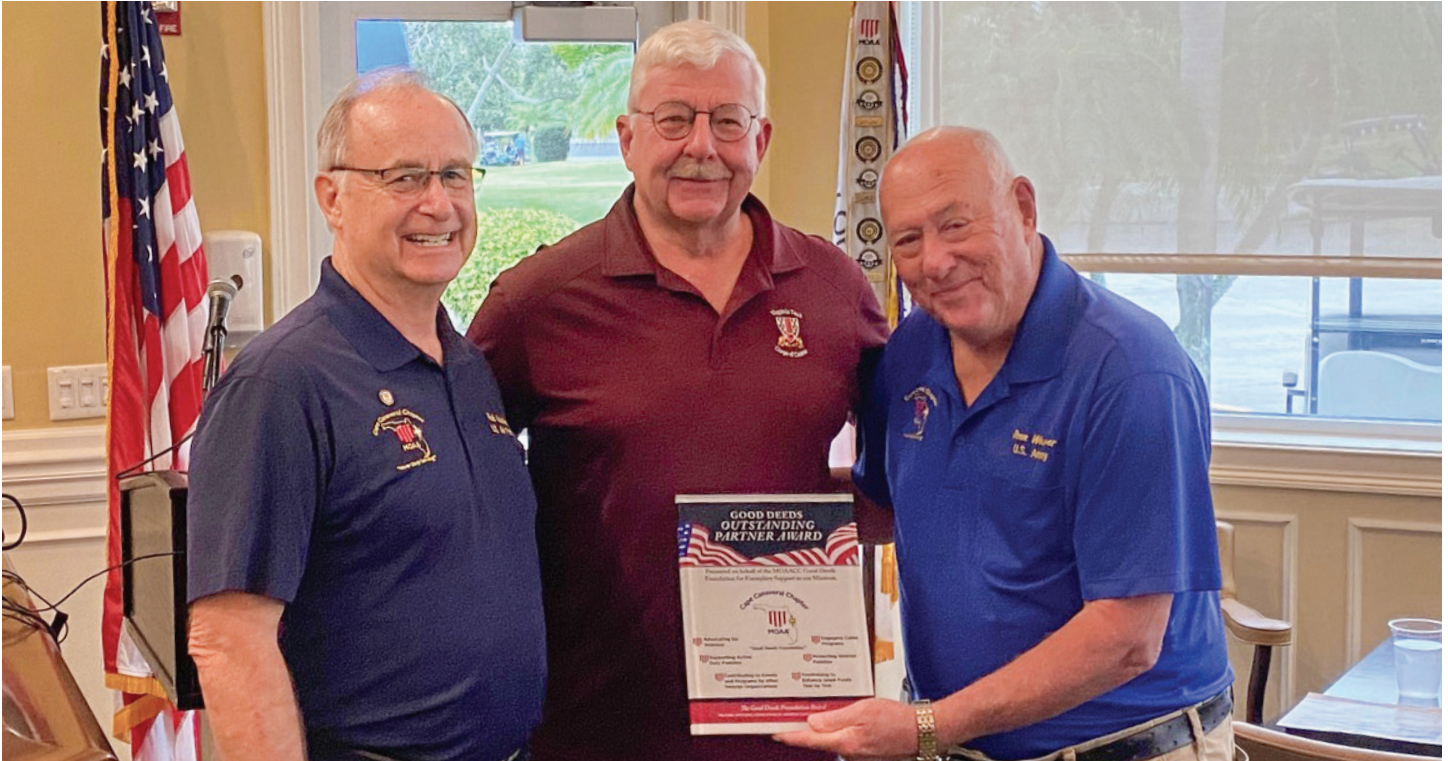


**VyStar  
Foundation**





### *Bill & Betsy Cook Receive GDF Partner Support Award*



Good Deeds can do so much because of great donors. At the 11 July TMBC, GDF Pres Weaver (right) presents the GDF Partner Support Award to Bill Cook (center) and his wife Betsy, with President Kniseley (left) sharing the moment. The Cooks have been amazing GDF contributors for several years.

### *Larry and Lynda Jackson Receive Good Deeds Partner Award*



Larry Jackson (r) receives the GDF Partner Award from GDF Pres Donn Weaver with Chapter President Rick Kniseley

At the 27 June TMBC meeting, Larry Jackson received the new Good Deeds Foundation Supporting Partner Award. As owners of Cruise Holidays of Viera, Larry and his wife Lynda, have been in the travel business over 20 years and MOAACC members just as long. When they left the Air Force and later settled in Brevard County, they shortly began to work with our Chapter to offer annual cruise specials for now more than 15 years.

In addition to great cruises to wide ranging ports, they began to donate a percentage of every cabin sold to the Scholarship Corporation and for the past three years, including the now forming 2025 cruise, to the GDF. The total has been many thousands of dollars which would have otherwise gone to their company. Thank you both!!

In addition, Larry, who is also is our Chapter Historian, was the driving force behind the 2017 Florida Council of Chapters Convention at Sea which also netted funds for MOAACC. He is our 2024 VyStar GDF Golf Tournament Chair and has been a GDF Board Member since its inception as a separate 501c3 in 2017. Clearly this award is very well deserved.



# 41st MOAACC Annual Scholarship Awards



Don Hartley Chair of Selection Committee (left) and Wayne Justice Chair of Scholarship Committee (right) present total award amount for 2024.



Dan Levy, Member of the Scholarship Award Committee offers welcome remarks

On July 16, 2024, The Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) held its 41st Annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) in Melbourne, FL. This year, eleven recipients, all college Juniors, Seniors or Graduate Students and descendants of area military veterans were selected to each receive a \$7,000 scholarship, a total of \$77,000 in awards!

The MOAACC Scholarship Corporation was established in 1984, beginning with a single \$1,000 award. To date, 316 students have received awards with a total dollar value of \$987,000!

MOAACC Scholarships have been entirely funded through the generous contributions of our chapter members over the years. For more information on how you can help carry on this tradition, please see our website at [www.MOAACC.org](http://www.MOAACC.org).



Congratulations Award Recipients



US Naval Sea Cadets of Courageous Division as the Proud Color Guard

## MOAACC SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

### July 2024 Donors:

- Fred Galey
- Gary Eppler

*Thank you*



# *Congrats to the Scholarship Award Recipients!*



*Amanda Fentress*



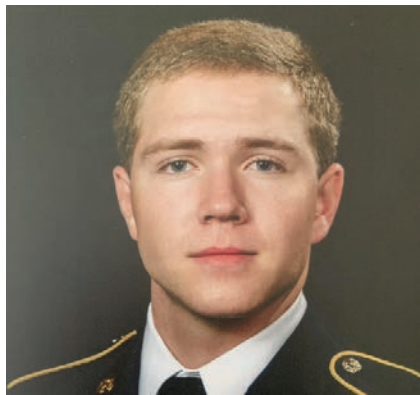
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*Carter Yaskovic*



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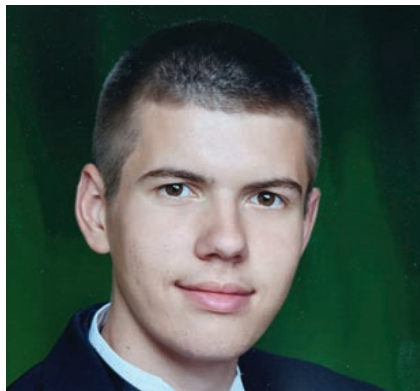
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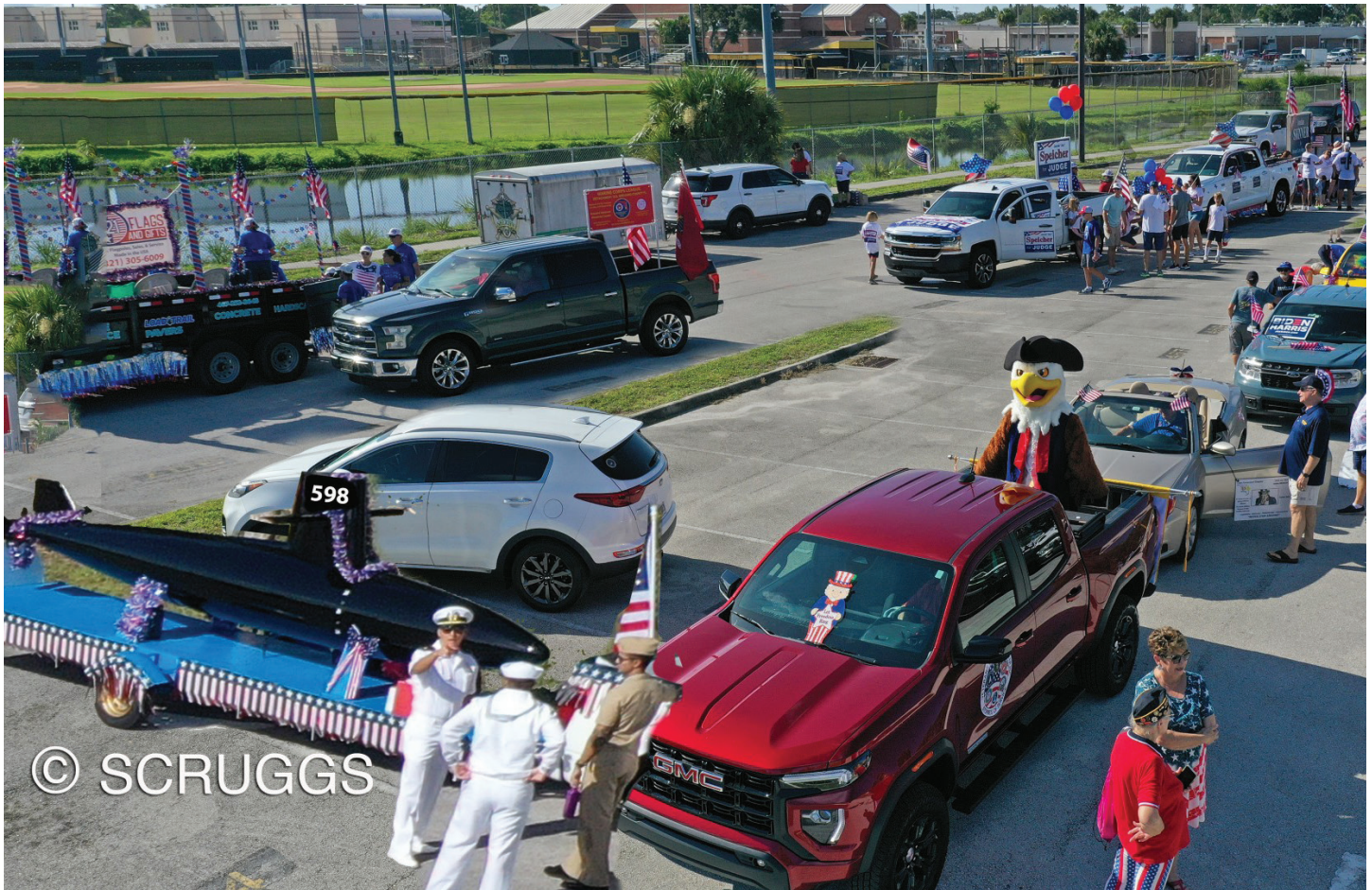


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# *At Merritt Island Independence Day Parade, a WWII Vet was a Hit*



Parade Staging Area



A child shaking hand with George Rosenfield



VMC Float



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July 4 saw many great events in Brevard County this year. The sixth annual Merritt Island Independence Day Parade had some surprises. The event was sponsored by Brevard County Sheriff Office Charities in coordination with the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC). It included the largest number of BCSO vehicles and fire trucks yet, as well as more than 20 veteran and military related entries.

It likely was the hottest July morning since the tradition began and did not see as many viewers as last year, but still, a well over 2000 people, including hundreds of children and young families lined the 1.2-mile route. The parade ran from Merritt Island High School south on Courtney Pkwy to Edgewood Jr/Sr High School on Merritt Ave. It was filmed and can be viewed on Space Coast Daily Friday Night Lights TV link. Several other media outlets also covered the event.

The Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) at Port Canaveral made a big splash with their Color Guard and mini-submarine. The VMC truck with Liberty Eagle, driven by VMC Pres Dean Schaaf and his wife Susan, led the way for veteran groups, including the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAACC), the Marine Corps League, several American Legion Floats and others. It being election season, the parade ended with more than a dozen politically focused vehicles and marchers. Plenty of candy and mini flags were handed out to happy kids and families.

The MOAACC Convertible, with Pres Rick Kniseley and IVP Steve Cusick; included a very special passenger - 98-year-old WWII and Korean War Army Combat Veteran George Rosenfield. Along the route dozens of parade watchers and kids were invited to come to shake his hand and all said, "Thank you for your service". Mr. Rosenfield was all smiles, especially after Sheriff Wayne Ivey hugged him and presented a special BCSO pin to honor him as the parade concluded.

The Parade, along with other big events in Melbourne, Palm Bay and more locations, was clearly a great example of a special Americana type tradition. Seeing hundreds of youngsters who will become adult citizens in the future, made the time spent planning, decorating, and facing the heat challenge, well worthwhile. We are looking forward to the 250th Celebration of America in 2026 to be remembered for years to come!!

(See photos on page 12)



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Bertram Johnson	LT	US Navy	Former	Skip Taylor
Walid Nasr	LtCol	Space Force	Active	Susan Dabrowski
Michael Notley	LtCol	Air Force	Retired	Robert Watts
Roy Pinette	COL	Army	Retired	Steve Bond
Paul Simmons	CAPT	US Navy	Retired	Steve Cusick
Marnie Stant	Mrs.		Surviving Spouse	

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June 2024 Deaths listed for August 2024 Intercom

**George M. Stant, CAPT, USN Ret**  
**25 June 2024**



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WHAT: 2 two hours seminars  
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VMC: Veterans Memorial Center, 400 S. Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island ( behind Merritt Square Mall)



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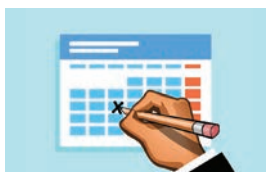
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## AUGUST 2024 AND BEYOND

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

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

or contact [donnweaver2020@gmail.com](mailto:donnweaver2020@gmail.com) for more information or to participate.

### AUGUST 2024

**03 Aug** — Annual Coast Guard Birthday and Family Day at Coast Guard Station Port Canaveral 1000-1500. USO, MOAACC Good Deeds, VFW 10131 and many other sponsors and booths. Free food and fun, great activities for kids. Come celebrate the USCG Birthday and support the Station's people and families. Access and parking just before closed entrance to Space Force Launch CC south gate.

**04 Aug** — Annual Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony at the VMC Gray Hall 1400-1600 sponsored by Chapter 453 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Special recognition of 10 PH recipients and ceremony to tell their stories and recognize their sacrifices. Contact Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576 for more information.

**09 Aug** — Annual National Veterans Homeless Support Fundraising Dinner 1715- 2100 Radisson Resort at the Port. Hosted by Brevard County Constitutional Officers including Sheriff Wayne Ivey. Sponsorships and individual tables/seats available. \$100 per seat, \$1250 for Sponsor tables. Silent auction, Live Auction, 50/50 raffle and a great dinner!! Visit [www.nvhs.org/events](http://www.nvhs.org/events) to register or email [events@nvhs.org](mailto:events@nvhs.org).

**14 Aug** — Senator Marco Rubio's Staff Mobile Office Hours at the VMC 1300-1500, specifically for Veterans and their families.

**24 Aug** — Seminar for High School Soph's, Juniors and Seniors on Military Academy, ROTC Scholarships and other military paths to education and leadership. VMC Gray Hall, Foyer and Library 1300- 1700. Contact Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576 for more info or to request a Poster about the event.

**24 Aug** — Bowling for Heroes Charity event by Heroes United to Heal Foundation at Palm Bay Shore Lanes 4851 Dairy Rd, Melbourne 1300-1500. Five-man team entry fee is \$70 for each lane with grand prizes available in Juniors (under 21). Corporate/Private Business, Hero (Vets and First Responders) categories. Register your team by email: [admin@hu2h.org](mailto:admin@hu2h.org). The event is aimed at "Striking Out" the stigma of PTSD and vet/first responder suicide.

**27 Aug** — VMC Library Discussion Series 1800-1930. 9/11 Missed Warnings and its Impact on Three American Generations. — A Gold Star Perspective and 9/11 Perspective. CAPT Bill Toti. USN (Ret) and Donn Weaver, Gold Star father. Drinks and snacks served.

### SEPTEMBER 2024

**07 Sep** — Space Coast Honor Flight to Washington DC for selected veterans to visit their memorials. Guardian volunteers and other supporters welcome for ceremony to launch the flight — 0130 hours at the Senior Center in Wickham Park, Melbourne. Contact SCHF on 321-456-7031 or [info@spacecoasthonorflight.org](mailto:info@spacecoasthonorflight.org) for more information.

**11 Sep** — 23rd Annual 9/11 Remembrance and Patriots Day Ceremony at VMC Plaza 1730-1900. Sponsored by Club 1013

of retired NYPD Police Officers many of whom were in NYC on 9/11/2001. Join us in supporting and remembering the Fire, Police, EMS, Civilians and Military who lost their lives on that day. We will also remember those who gave their lives in pursuit of the terrorists or as a result of 9/11 medical challenges in the decades since. Contact VMC or Club 1013 for more info.

### OCTOBER 2024

**11 Oct** — 8th Annual "Every Day is Veterans Day!" Free Event 1000- 1300 at Space Coast Center for Collaboration 1100 Rockledge Blvd/US1 in Rockledge. Presented by One Senior Place and VITAS Healthcare. Special programs, food, refreshments and Memories. Reservations Required. Call 321-751-6771.

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**31 Oct** — BCSO Shred Event in VMC Park 0900-1030. BSCO conducts monthly shred services at various locations and will release their 2024 schedule in January.

### NOVEMBER 2024

**10 Nov** — Seventh Annual Homestretch 5K for At-Risk and Homeless Vets. For details and to register see Latest Events and Updates on: [nvhs.org](http://nvhs.org)

**11 Nov** — Veterans Day Ceremony at VMC Plaza 0930 - 1100. Many others in Brevard as well.

**11 Nov** — St Francis Reflections "LIFE stage Care Veterans Day 5K" at VMC Park. 0800-0930. Merges into VMC Veterans Day Ceremony.

**16 Nov** — Annual MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraiser at the Indian River Colony Club 0800-1300. Save the date. Details this summer. Looking for sponsors. Contact Donn Weaver, 757-871-6576.

**25 Nov** — Senator Marco Rubio's Staff Mobile Office Hours at the VMC 1300-1500, specifically for Veterans and their families.

### DECEMBER 2024

**14 Dec** — Wreaths Across America Day in many Brevard Locations. Cape Canaveral National Cemetery 1000-1200 with details on all WAA events in October.

**14 Dec** — Second Annual Merritt Island Community and Gold Star Family Tribute Christmas Tree Illumination and Holiday Party. VMC Park 1500- 2000. More details in August.

**Please help us spread the word  
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Rickenbacker ended the war as America's "ace of aces" with a total of 26 victories to his name, eighteen of which came in a span of 48 days. He continued to cheat death in his later years by surviving a pair of horrific plane crashes in 1941 and 1942, the second of which left him adrift in the Pacific for 22 days. (Next month: The Role Of Aircraft In WWI: Part 8)



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Master of Ceremony Teresa Ortiz, COL, USA (R) is pictured with Carmen Santiago, LTC, USA.



IRCC US Army Ball Committee (L to R): Teresa Ortiz, COL (R), Dick Lovisome, COL (R), Luanne Faulkender, Dave Kobe, COL (R), Lanny Weeks, COL (R), Bobbie Greenawald, Bill Greenawald, COL (R), Bruce Stout, COL (R)

**Dr. Jane Hodges presented an aerospace mini-workshop to 21 girls & 3 teachers from Saint Mary's Anglican School, Perth, Australia on July 2, 2024. (Requested through MOAACC Speakers Bureau)**



Dr. Hodges in Space Suit



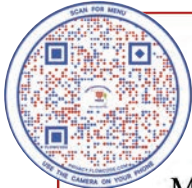
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DAY <b>1</b>	Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida Sat, Jan 25, 2025 Departs: 3:30PM	DAY <b>2</b>	Key West, Florida Sun, Jan 26, 2025 Docked: 11:00AM to 6:00PM	DAY <b>3</b>	At Sea - Cruising Mon, Jan 27, 2025
DAY <b>4</b>	At Sea - Cruising Tue, Jan 28, 2025	DAY <b>5</b>	Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic Wed, Jan 29, 2025 Docked: 8:00AM to 6:00PM	DAY <b>6</b>	Labadee, Haiti Thu, Jan 30, 2025 Docked: 7:00AM to 4:00PM
	DAY <b>7</b>	At Sea - Cruising Fri, Jan 31, 2025	DAY <b>8</b>	Orlando (Port Canaveral), Florida Sat, Feb 1, 2025 Arrival: 7:00AM	

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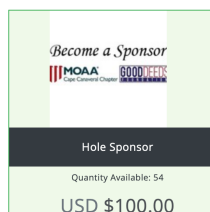
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