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## MOAACC delegation at the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall

MOAACC president LtCol Brian Whalen USAF (ret) Carries the ceremonial MOAA wreath for display at The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall.

This was the 35th annual all Veterans Reunion in Florida. According to Mr. Doc Russo, wall official, there were 75 Veteran displays and had over 25 thousand visitors during 4-7 May 2023 event held at the Wickham Park in Melbourne FL. In 2024 the wall will move to Jackson Mississippi.

Others in photo are, Left, COL Jeffrey Rogers, USA (Ret) and right COL Steve Bond, USA Ret.



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## Students Receive Military Academy Appointments



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On 16 May 2023 a luncheon was hosted by MOAACC at the Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) to honor Brevard County Students that received Military Academy Appointments and ROTC Scholarships. Eight students received Service Academy Appointments and two received prep school acceptance: 3 USMA, 2 USNA and 1 USCGA Appointment, 1 AF Prep School and 1 USCG Prep School.

L-R: Adam Deforest, Viera, USMA; Anamaria Newgent, Merritt Island Christian School, USMA; Ezra Odermann, Titusville, USCG Prep School; Paige Sladeczek, Bayside, USNA; Melanie Bower, Melbourne, USCG; Caden Forsgren, Satellite, USAF Prep School.

Not in photo: Lucas Campbell, Viera, USNA and Ben Morrow, Satellite, USMA

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## JUNE EVENTS

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- 6/1 Current Affairs Forum/TMBC - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 6/8 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 6/13 On-The-Go Luncheon - 11:30 AM  
@ Carrabba's Italian Grill
- 6/15 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 6/16 US Army Birthday Celebration - 6 PM  
@ Melbourne-Orlando International Airport
- 6/20 MOAACC Board of Directors Mtg. - 9:30 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - Chapel
- 6/20 MOAACC Luncheon - 11:30 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 6/22 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 6/24 Military Night - 6 PM  
@ USSSA Space Coast Stadium
- 6/28 Legislative Affairs Update & Chapter Overview - 1 PM  
@ One Senior Place
- 6/29 TMBC (In-person & via Zoom) - 8 AM  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole

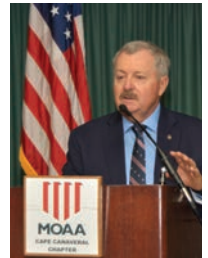
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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



**Brian Whalen, LtCol, USAF (Ret)**

May was a busy Month. Thank you to everyone who supported the Chapter at the various events. MOAACC was well represented at the Vietnam and All Vets Reunion at Wickham Park, from the Wreath Laying at the opening ceremony to the veterans' recognition at the closing ceremony. We sent representatives to the Florida Council of Chapters Convention in St. Augustine and celebrated Armed Forces Day at the Veterans Memorial Center (VMC). Our speaker's bureau was very active supporting Memorial Day events, and we were also represented at the VMC on Memorial Day.

We had a record turnout for the May luncheon where we recognized some extraordinarily talented high school students who are going to the Service Academies or receiving ROTC scholarships to attend civilian universities. We met some great citizens and future leaders. We also recognized the parents, families, instructors, and administrators who supported these cadets in their accomplishments. We hope to see some of these students applying for MOAACC Scholarships in a few years and possibly becoming chapter members when they are commissioned. Speaking of MOAACC Scholarships, if you know a good candidate (college junior, senior or graduate student) please encourage them to check the eligibility requirements at the Scholarship Tab on our webpage and apply for a scholarship – the June 15 cut off date is rapidly approaching.

We received a \$2,500 grant from MOAA to help homeless and at-risk vets in the county. We will be teaming up with the National Veterans Homeless Support (NVHS) again to ensure these funds are provided to deserving individuals and families. At the Brevard Veterans Council meeting in May, we learned that the number of homeless vets in the county has been decreasing. Unfortunately, the number of at-risk vets is rising. Fortunately, NVHS is adapting to meet this challenge. Last year, with a \$3000 MOAA grant, and working in conjunction with NVHS, we were able to help 13 people: three individual vets and three families.

The chapter has received the 5 Star Harris Communications award for the Intercom and Website. Thanks to our previous (Donn and Jeanie Weaver) and current (Amir Pishdad and Rita Shapiro) Intercom Editors and to Mike Schroeder for his continuing efforts on the Website.

Happy 248th birthday to our senior service, the United States Army!

We support MOAA's aims by advocating for national and state legislative actions protecting the rights and interests of veterans, uniformed services retirees, active duty personnel, and their dependents and survivors.



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## EXECUTIVE EDITOR & PAO

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

I appreciate the support I am receiving from many members, in regard to our new electronic “MOC” extension to our Intercom magazine. I am posting many of the “TMBC monthly general information,” and extra photos, (because of lack of space in the printed section), in the MOC section, which should keep the membership additionally informed, by just logging in to the MOAACC website to our Intercom page and reading the MOC pages. Members are encouraged to submit photos / information that would be beneficial to all.

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### N-E-G-O-T-I-A-T-E

This is not a bad word. But if you were to listen closely to all the sound bites such as “hostage taking” embedded in the divisive and dishonest national political dialogue, you fall into the trap of brinkmanship currently playing out. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen issued renewed warnings in May that the US could run out of cash by 01 June, if the borrowing limit is not raised or suspended, prompting Congressional leaders and the Administration to get serious and start talking. As of today (16 May), Congressional leaders and the President and their surrogates have been “talking” if not negotiating. By the time you read this, negotiations have ensued, and a compromise has been found. Such a compromise might simply be a case of kicking the can down the road...again, or it might look like what follows below.

To their credit, the House passed a bill that would raise the nation’s debt limit by \$1.5 trillion, coupled with proposed spending cuts, and the house Republican leaders have signaled a willingness to negotiate. Earlier, the Biden Administration proposed its FY2024 Budget raising both revenue (taxes) and spending while demanding that Congress raise the debt ceiling without conditions. Such demands are impractical given what the Constitution provides in Article I listing the powers of Congress including that Congress may “lay and collect taxes” and that Congress has the power “to borrow money on the credit of the United States” (Section 8). The power of the purse belongs entirely to the legislative branch. Various scenarios abound including paying investors (foreign governments and others) who are due interest and own government bonds even if it means other financial obligations like government salaries, military retirement, social security and VA earned benefits are postponed. That scenario is only two weeks away! President Biden has only one real choice if he wishes to avoid default-**to negotiate with Congress**. This is exactly what previous presidents have done; as vice president, Mr. Biden negotiated such a deal between President Obama and the Congress.

A former enlisted Marine who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, Jared Golden (D-ME), recently proposed a sensible solution set whose overarching goal is to reduce the budget deficit to help fight inflation. He uses the economists’ measuring stick of the debt-to-GDP ratio as an indicator of a nation’s ability to pay back its debt, which is currently at 98 percent and headed to 118 percent in ten years. As a first step in finding a responsible budget deal, he suggests President Biden and Speaker McCarthy agree to a compromise for the top-line discretionary spending number for FY2024 of around \$1.634T (a reduction of

\$17B), somewhere between the PRESBUD of \$1.727T (an increase of \$76B) and the House passed bill of \$1.522T (a reduction of \$129B). The compromise is premised on returning to the FY2022 budget top-line for discretionary spending but adjusted for last year’s inflation. With such an agreement, the debt limit would be suspended and a two-year agreement which freezes FY2025 discretionary spending levels at FY2024 levels is implemented. In short, it allows spending levels to go up with price increases but reverses additional spending increases as the debt ceiling rises automatically in tandem with the FY24 and FY25 appropriations bills. This only starts us on a responsible path toward balancing the budget in the long term.

To achieve that noble goal and eliminate the existential threat that is our growing debt, Golden proposes stabilizing the debt-to-GDP ratio at 100 percent which translates to reducing the deficit by roughly \$500B over the next two years through a combination of policies to reduce spending, find savings in government programs, and increase revenues. It’s brilliant! There are many pathways to achieving this \$500B goal. One offered by the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) and the Tax Foundation follows:

- Revert discretionary spending back to FY22 levels, adjusted for inflation in FY24, and freeze that level for FY25. (\$150 billion)
- Rescind, discontinue, and recover unspent and fraudulent COVID-19 funds. (\$50 billion)
- Reverse President Biden’s \$400 billion student debt cancellation plan, which CRFB estimates would reduce federal debt by roughly \$50 billion through FY25. (\$50 billion)
- Set the top corporate tax rate at 25% for businesses profiting in excess of \$10 million. (\$100 billion)
- Restore the top marginal income tax rate on individuals and households making more than \$400k. (\$85 billion)
- Expand the surtax on corporate stock buybacks and close various loopholes. (\$65 billion)

This solution set, or one like it, puts Congress on track to meet the ten-year goal of keeping the debt-to-GDP ratio at 100 percent and reduces the deficit by \$2.1T in five years and \$7.2T in ten years—doing nothing or doing the same thing expecting different results (the definition of insanity) would mean a debt-to-GDP ratio of 118 percent, a national debt of \$52T in ten years, slower economic growth and continuing inflation, not to mention the impact on mandatory spending programs like Medicare and Social Security.





## FINANCIAL LITERACY

**Captain Bob Houle, USCG (retired)**

### Situational Awareness – Nudges and Sludges - Part 2

In Part 1 of this article, we explored the concept of “nudging” and learned they can be powerful tools for promoting positive behaviors. While nudges can be a positive tool for promoting good behavior, the concept of “sludge” takes a more manipulative approach to behavioral product design.

Sludge refers to deliberate design choices that make it difficult or unpleasant for us to make certain choices, often with the goal of maximizing profits for a company.

Examples of sludge in financial products might include hidden fees, complicated terms and conditions, or confusing language that makes it difficult for us to understand what we are signing up for.

A sludge we often face is the practice of “opt-out” enrollment in certain financial products. Here, the default option is to enroll in the service, and then we must take extra, often complicated, steps to opt out when we realize it is something we don’t need or want.

Even worse are sludges that uses “dark patterns” in website design. Dark patterns are design choices to intentionally manipulate our behavior. That website yellow button isn’t downloading what we think we’re getting.

Here are some tips to protect us from sludge:

- **Read the fine print.** Look for hidden fees. Be sure we understand how to unsubscribe.
- **Be wary of automatic renewals.** Know when renewals come up and how to opt out. Take appropriate action before the renewal date. This can help you avoid unexpected charges or renewals.
- **Ask questions.** If you are unsure about the terms of a product, don’t be afraid to ask. A reputable advisor is always eager to provide clear and concise answers.

While nudges are often helpful, be alert even to these well-meaning manipulations. Be especially alert for the nefarious sludges that are harmful to our financial health. Stay informed and take steps to protect ourselves. Making informed decisions and avoiding the negative effects of behavioral tricks in financial products means always being situationally aware.

Lead by your example to help others become financially secure and independent. ***Never Stop Serving!***



## POINTS TO PONDER

**Ch, LtCol, Thomas Unrath USAF (Ret.)**

Everybody has one. Some are really great, a joy to have, something to be totally proud of. Others are very bad. They hurt and can cause great trauma. They can be shameful and something that can cause terrible, everlasting harm. Some are never around, or are even unknown. Some are deeply loving and equally loved. Some are no longer here and have left a deep hole in the heart. Some have gone and are not missed at all, even glad to know they are gone.

I’m writing, of course, about fathers. June 18 is Fathers’ Day this year. Will you celebrate, be celebrated, mourn, or go on about as you do any other mid-June Sunday? All could be valid options.

Fathers’ Day for me, is one of more sadness than anything else. I imagine I’ll get a card from John, my son. I’ll enjoy that. But I won’t get one from Nicole. She used to be really great about that, and I miss hearing from her. It still hurts that I will never hear her sweet voice or get that cute message in a card. Sept 5, 2003, changed everything for me. She died in a car accident that day. My father died 7 years ago this past April.

Fathers’ Day can be a true joy for many people. But not for everyone. I truly like hearing Nicole’s name and remembering her. I’m proud to be her and John’s father. I’m proud to be Richard Unrath’s son. I like to remember times spent with him, too.

It is easy to say, “Happy Fathers’ Day” and mean it. Just know, it is happier for some than others. Also know its OK to feel about Father’s Day the way you do.

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## SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

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

Our MOAACC Survivor Assistance Team is available to help make preparations for the inevitable.

However, the “Military Officer” magazine of the MOAA reports:

“Countless veterans and their families are distressed that those end-of-life interment plans might be in jeopardy if the proposed reduction in eligibility for in-ground burial at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) moves forward. The draft rule would limit eligibility to those awarded a Silver Star and above or a Purple Heart, thereby disenfranchising the great majority of currently eligible veterans and nearly all women veterans from choosing to be interred at ANC.”

Back in the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), it was required to have a plan to ensure ANC operations would continue “well into the future”. However, it did not intend to end this benefit for elderly veterans, especially when according to MOAA, in-ground burial at ANC will not reach capacity for another 40 years using the current eligibility criteria.

- So, if your plans currently include in-ground burial at ANC and the Congress lets the proposed changes be put into place, and if you do not meet the new criteria, you may have to opt for cremation and inurnment in the Arlington columbarium.
- If you discover you do not meet whatever the new ANC eligibility criteria ends up, and you still want an in-ground burial, there are 155 VA-operated national cemeteries to consider. ANC does not accept “Pre-Need” (pre-death) arrangements, but the VA national cemeteries accept “Pre-Need” eligibility verification by using the VA form VA40-10007. You can download it and print it out at: [Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery](#).
- Contact me if you don’t download and print things and I will do it for you. If you want to submit the Pre-Need eligibility verification, both the Vet and the Spouse each must fill out and submit their own Pre-Need Determinations forms.



## SCHOLARSHIP CORPORATION

**Col D Brent Baysinger, USAF (Ret)**

### Down the Home Stretch

As of the publishing of this article, we are entering the final two weeks of the 2023 MOAACC Scholarship Corporation application season. We continue to have exceptional interest in the program and are proudly anticipating another year targeting \$50,000 in total scholarships to extraordinary candidates. At our luncheon on 18 July, we will have the opportunity to recognize the worthy award recipients as well as recognize our current and past donors for their contributions.

I would like to thank CAPT Scott Hartley, USN (Ret) and the entire Scholarship Selection Committee for undertaking the responsibility of evaluating the applications and making the final decision of who will receive a \$5,000 award. Their thorough and objective analysis of applications ensures that our scholarships go to deserving students where the impact will be felt not only by the students themselves but also on the communities where they reside or will ultimately work.

During the last 18 months the U.S. has seen the highest rate of sustained inflation since the 1980s (coincidentally when the Scholarship Corporation began). Our scholarship candidates can certainly use the awards to help curb some of the costly increases in their respective fields. For this reason, we continue to solicit your kind donations, big and small, to help support our goals. You can become a ‘Distinguished Donor’ by donating \$1,000 or more and you can become a ‘Named Scholarship’ donor by donating \$10,000 or more. Both contribution types are recognized on our website as well as put on display at the annual luncheon. In addition, you can support the Scholarship Corporation with your time. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to a Scholarship board member. We are always on the lookout for motivated individuals, especially within the Selection Committee.

As MOAACC members, both YOU and YOUR families represent the greatest body of people for whom the scholarship exists to serve. We hope you will consider the opportunity and share it with eligible members of your families as well as with other eligible candidates in Brevard who may not have a MOAACC sponsor.

See you at the luncheon in July!



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*Thank you*

## MOAACC On-the-Go Luncheon

June 13, 2023 On the go Luncheon will be held at:  
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## JUNE MOAACC LUNCHEON

### Guest Speaker Myron "Ron" Fortson, Subj: Moon Program and ULA

Myron "Ron" Fortson will be our guest speaker for the 20 June MOAACC luncheon at IRCC.

Ron is the Director and General Manager of Launch Operations for United Launch Alliance (ULA). He leads more than 700 employees integrating and launching ULA's launch vehicles Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, and Vandenberg Space Force Base in California.

Commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant Ron received a Bachelor of Science degree in Astronomical engineering from the USAF Academy in 1987 and subsequently awarded a Master of Business Administration from Chapman University, CA in 1995.

During his USAF career he served a variety of assignments in engineering, operations, acquisition and staff units including as an ICBM trajectory engineer in Strategic Air Command, a Space Test Program mission planner and spacecraft project engineer at the Space and Missile Systems Center at the Los Angeles Air Force Base and as a deputy director of engineering for satellite operations and a spacecraft and launch program manager for a joint space-based radar program at the National Reconnaissance Office in VA. At Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (now Cape Canaveral Space Force Station) he served many assignments including as a commander of the 1st Space Launch Squadron for the Delta II launch systems and also as deputy commander for the 45th Operations Group conducting range operations. Ron returned to Los Angeles as the Chief of Evolved Expendable launch in the vehicle Engineering and Operations for Atlas V and Delta IV launch systems.

He retired as a Colonel in 2013 following 26 of service.

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

1. Stuff Peppers & vegetables
2. Turkey Cobb Salad Ranch & Italian on tables Rolls
3. Vegetarian/Gluten Free Meal Upon Request Only All meals include rolls & butter, coffee & tea, and the Chef's sweet choice for dessert. Cash bar available.

Please RSVP/cancel by 14 June, 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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## MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

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

Your Good Deeds Foundation continued to support many active duty, veteran and youth related causes through May. Read below to catch some of them. Please also consider a donation either on line or via the mail using the information on the GDF Board Member page.

The GDF Board is pleased to welcome its 14th member, MAJ Joe Tichich, USAF Ret, 321-576-5370, who will be the lead on the team taking over in August from Student Affairs Chair, Dan McIntyre. Dan plans to stay on the GDF board, and we are happy to add Joe, since working with youth is close to one third of the GDF budget and effort.

Among the projects ahead is our second annual effort to work with local high school juniors and seniors by producing a seminar to help them learn the ropes on how to apply for US Service Academies and College ROTC Scholarships as well as other routes available to become an officer in all the branches. See their Poster on our 26 August event here, and please advise if you would like to help — especially if an academy or ROTC Commission is in your background.

### In High School? Want to Become A Military Officer?

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

**WHO:** 2023-24 HS Juniors/Seniors  
**WHAT:** 2 two hours seminars  
**WHEN:** August 26, 2023  
 Either 1-3 pm or 3-5pm  
**WHERE:** Brevard VMC (see below)  
**WHY:** Help students and parents know the ropes.  
**HOW:** Reps from all academies, several colleges and special Mil programs

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The  
Date



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



More details/time slot registration when school starts in August.

In the meantime:  
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### GDF Sponsors Special PSFB Ceremony

The Good Deeds Foundation works all year long to support active-duty units and personnel in all military branches on the Space Coast. On 06 May, the Patrick Space Force Base held their annual CMSgt Recognition Ceremony, at a formal Mess at the Riders Club in Cocoa. Many of the most senior NCO leaders of the various Air Force and Space Force units on Patrick were recognized with medallions and other awards not covered by DoD funding.

GDF contributed \$800 to sponsor and support that great evening and help honor some very special leaders in the US Air Force and US Space Force.

Thanks to many MOAACC members and others who donate, GDF continues year-round to support active duty, cadet units of all types, FIT Army ROTC, veterans in need and many other organizations that support veterans.



*GDF President Donn Weaver (L) with Dean Schaaf (R) presents PSFB Space Coast Top Three leaders with \$800 to support their CMSgt Recognition Ceremony and Mess on 06 May*





The GDF also supported some veterans in extreme need during May. One of them was a disabled Vietnam War combat veteran who finally was able to move into a decent home thanks to VA and family assistance. However, there were no other funds available to provide the steep required FPL deposit so Good Deeds Came through. Dean Schaaf (l) and Donn Weaver (r) of the GDF Board present the veteran's son, Juan J (ctr), with \$300 for FPL to pay that bill after taking action within 48 hours. It turns out the Army veteran is on periodic oxygen so power is crucial beyond just lights food and keeping cool.



On 12 May at the Cocoa Beach HS JROTC Awards Ceremony the Female JROTC Raider Challenge Team was presented their very special rings. For the second year in a row, the team won the Florida State JROTC Raider Challenge Championship. The Good Deeds Foundation providing funding for a few of the rings to help honor and to help the 13 members of the team remember that experience.

## ★ ★ EVERY DAY IS VETERANS DAY! ★ ★



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

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21 Army, 2 Air Force, and 2 Navy were recognized for good academic standing, high moral character, demonstrated high degree of loyalty to their unit, and their country. In addition, they have demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership.

Top Row Left to Right:

Sarah McCormack, Kyle Schipf, Charles Doty, Gwyneth Harvey, Savannah Auriemma, Carson Waggoner, Sonia Leone, Marceleste Perez-Santizo, Daniella Beutel, Hailee Gibbs

Bottom Row Left to Right:

Caitlin Arcos, Nathaniel Miller, Rebecca Devoid, James Verpaele, Brooks Moss, Joshua Huser, Titus Mills, Dylan Quiroga, Addison Wellborn, Maximus Park, Anthony Leib

Students not present: Taina Negron, Rebecca Pantoja, Kaitlyn Staddie, and Ryan Turney



Sailor of the Quarter – ME2 Chandler Hawkins (center), USCG station Port Canaveral.

He received 4 outstanding achievement certificates, from Military Officers Association of America, Military Affairs Council and Fleet Reserve Association 269. Congratulations!

Making presentation L-R are: Alexander Hall from Alliance Cyber, Toby Dyer First Command, Dan McIntyre MOAACC, and Dean SchaafVMC



Representatives from Soter Senior Living, CEO Troy Denault (left) and Family Advocate Mechelle Taylor (center), spoke at the May 4th TMBC Current Affairs Forum discussing in-home assistance, residential facilities, memory care, and the VA Aid and Attendance program. After their insightful presentation about senior living options in Brevard county, the two were presented MOAA challenge coins by Current Affairs Chair Don Reott (right).

MOAACC Photo by Pish Pishdad



46th Annual Florida Council of Chapters State-wide Convention. The Ancient City Chapter located in St. Augustine Florida hosted the convention 19-21 May 2023 at the World Golf Village Renaissance St Augustine Resort.

Lt Gen Brian T Kelly, USAF (Ret) MOAA President and CEO, and key staff were in attendance.

Florida Councils Annual Business Meeting is held at the Convention each year along with Leadership and Educational sessions as well as excellent social activities.

MOAACC key leadership were in attendance to represent our Cape Canaveral Chapter.



*LtGen Brian Kelly, President of MOAA and Mrs. Kelly attend the reception with MOAACC members on Friday*



*MOAA President LtGen Brian Kelly (L), FCOC President CDR Pat Kleuver (R) present the 5 Star Harris Award to MOAACC President Lt Col Brian Whalen*



*Nancy Sikes-Kline, Mayor of St. Augustine, welcomes the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters*

*See more photos from the convention in the new MOC section online.*



## MEMBERSHIP BRIEF

### Welcome 16 new members:

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Douglas Bailey, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

Benjamin Chandra, 2LT, USA

William Chaney, Major, USAF (Ret)

Brayan Cruz-Mejia, 2LT, USAF

David Dacosta, 2LT, USA

Peter Dunn, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

Jacob Filer, 2LT, USA

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Mehki Tabron, 2LT, USA

Ethan White, 2LT, USA

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William Cook

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Stacy Falzarano



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**Reported Apr 1, 2023 thru Apr 30, 2023**  
(Names are listed by chronological date of death)

**Bennett L. Lewis, LTG, USA Ret**  
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## VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER UPDATE

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### The Brevard Veterans Memorial and Museum is Looking Good



*New Sign at Veterans Memorial Park*

Last year the Veterans Memorial Center received a grant of over \$61,000 from the Charities of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). Over the past eight months the VMC has made major upgrades using the funds in repainting plaza artifacts, redecorating our military library, improving the Museum Store, upgrading the VMC computer and printer systems and much more.

Several more MOAACC members have joined the VMC as life-members. We are presently working on constructing a new wall listing the 17 VMC tenant organizations including the MOAACC. There will be space for MOAACC to display information about the organization as well as membership. The Good Deeds and Scholarship trifolds can be displayed for the hundreds of visitors to VMC every week.

If you have not done so recently, please visit the VMC and 82-acre Veterans Memorial Park adjacent. You will be amazed with the 6000 sq ft museum, wonderful plaza, 5000 volume military library and much more. The 25 volunteers of DAV Chapter 123 man the DAV offices and are open for duty every weekday 0800-1200 to help veterans and their families negotiate VA benefits and claims.



*Repainted and refurbished Cobra at VMC  
(Along with Huey, Tank, A-7 and Army Truck/trailer)*



*Remodeled VMC Museum Sales Store.  
Must more inventory is available with new proceeds usually over \$2000 per month.*



*Freshly painted and upgraded VMC Library including projector and computer enhancements.*





## Advocating for All Veterans!

Colonel Steve Bond, US Army-Retired



On April 26, 2023, I was privileged to participate as one of 170 MOAA staff and state representatives in MOAA's signature legislative event, Advocacy in Action (AiA). This year for the first time since 2019, MOAA engaged on Capitol Hill to meet, in-person, with all our 535 legislators or their staff members in Washington DC. This event showcases that one of our primary purposes as MOAA members is to advocate for all veterans and that we serve to ensure the promises made to veterans are kept. Leading one of Florida's five teams along with teammate--RADM Rick Buchanan (USN-Ret) MOAA board member from the Tampa area--we represented the Chapter and the 35,000 other MOAA members living in Florida. My team was assigned to meet with representatives from both our Senators, our local Congressman Posey (FL-8), and with legislative representatives from several other congressional districts as well.



Pictured at left:

Steve (Center R) and Rick Buchanan (Far R) meet with Stuart Burns (Center L), Congressman Posey's (FL-8) Chief of Staff, and Legislative Assistant Annika Erickson (L) in their Capitol Hill to discuss protecting the All-Volunteer Force, Restoring BHA to 100%, and expanding the Tricare Pharmacy network.



Pictured at right:

Steve (R) and Cape Canaveral Chapter President Brian Whalen (L) met with Congressman Posey (FL-8) (Center) on May 2nd in his district office in Viera to discuss the AiA issues.



The day was long and tiring (I logged 15,000 steps!) for the meetings held in three of the congressional office buildings on Capitol Hill. What I learned from this experience was:

- With our earned veteran benefits under attack, MOAA is truly the last line of defense to halt the erosion of benefits.
- MOAA is widely respected on “The Hill” as an honest broker working in the interests of all Veterans. From the reports I heard, all the teams received positive receptions. The high regard for MOAA is a result of working in a nonpartisan fashion in the interest of veterans. That is why it is critical that MOAA stay out of the unfortunate and destructive state of partisan politics consuming the nation.
- MOAA was often mentioned by the legislators and staff members for their leadership of [The Military Coalition](#) - the organization of 34 other Veterans Organizations that work together on legislative issues on behalf of veterans. The passage of the PACT Act last summer is being viewed as a ‘watershed event,’ and cited as an example of what can be achieved when we work together and speak with one voice!
- All 350,000 MOAA members need to participate in Advocacy in Action this year, and every year. This is done by mailing in the cards provided in *Military Officer Magazine* and sending emails to our legislators from MOAA’s Legislative Advocacy page. *Did you make your voice heard?*
- If you haven’t done so, I implore you to TAKE ACTION in this important MOAA mission area. To register and contact our elected representatives go to this link: <https://moaa.quorum.us/>

It was exciting to be a part of the AiA efforts and see the firsthand results of our collective advocacy efforts. I was proud to be a MOAA member, making a difference for all veterans and their families!

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## Gold Star Mom's Paintings Displayed at Florida's Capitol and Porcher House

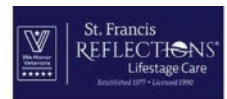
Donn Weaver, CPT, USA (fmr)

From 26-28 April all 21 of the original oil paintings created by Gold Star Mother and artist, Jeanne Weaver were seen by hundreds on the third floor Rotunda of our State Capitol Building in Tallahassee. Sen Debbie Mayfield and her staff arranged the showing in spirit of upcoming Memorial Day, and to coincide with final full week of nigh Florida Legislative session ending on 05 May 2023.

The series, called *Losing Todd: A Mother's Journey*, was created over a period of one year after 1LT Todd William Weaver, US Army was Killed in Action in Afghanistan on 09 Sep 2010. Todd's alma mater, the College of William and Mary in Virginia, one year later also created a book with the same title featuring articles from many, including former Secretary of Defense Robert Gates. The paintings were displayed at the Muscarelle Museum Annex at the William & Mary Sadler Center September 1 – October 23, 2011.

She hopes her book and paintings inspire rather than sadden viewers since it was her way to work through unimaginable grief to create a lasting legacy about her son, but also to help others who have experienced loss and to remind Americans of the personal cost of freedom.

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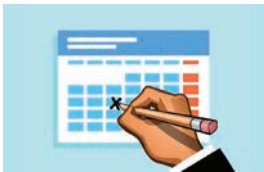
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## Unofficial Brevard VMC Vets Calendar

### June 2023 and Beyond

*Contact VMC for any additions or other information.*

NOTE: Some Events Change in-between our monthly mailing of the VMC Calendar.

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

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

#### June 2023

**24 Jun** — Military Appreciation Night at Space Coast Stadium in Viera during USSSA Pride Professional Women's Fast Pitch Softball Game 1700 - 2100. Honoring Active Duty and Veterans. Dedication of Permanent POW/MIA installed seat behind home plate featuring Rolling Thunder FL-1.

#### July 2023

**04 Jul** — Annual BCSO/VMC Independence Day Parade - Starts at Merritt Island High School 1000 AM. Ends at VMC for AVET BBQ for Vets planned after the Parade,

#### August 2023

**06 Aug** — Purple Heart Remembrance Day by MOPH Brevard at the VMC Gray Hall and Plaza 1400-1600. Details in June.

#### September 2023

**11 Sep** — Patriot Day 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at VMC 1630-1900. Details in July,

#### October 2023

**06 Oct** — Eighth Annual NVHS Rescuing Veterans Lost in America Dinner and Fundraiser. 1730-2100 at

the Radisson Resort at the Port. 8701 Astronaut Blvd, Cape Canaveral. Sponsorships available. \$100 per place fundraiser. email [event@nvhs.org](mailto:event@nvhs.org) or Call NVHS 321-208-7562 for more info.

**26 Oct** — BCSO Shredder Event - VM PARK - 0900-1030.

#### November 2023

**11 Nov** — SFR Veterans Day 5K VM PARK and Center - 0600-1000; Merging to:

**11 Nov** — VMC Veterans Day Ceremony Plaza, Center, Gray Hall with lunch courtesy of Chick Fil a on Route 520 — 1030 -1230

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

#### December 2023

**16 Dec** — Wreaths Across America Day at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery and others on the Space Coast. Details on September.

**Please help us spread the word and advise of any new events. Donn Weaver BVC Chairman 757-871-6576.**

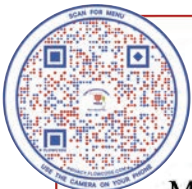


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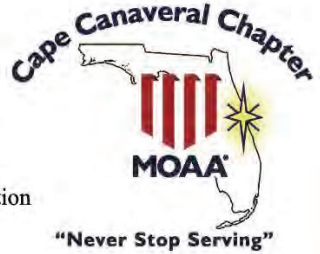
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## The First Indochina War: The Battle of Dien Bien Phu (Part 2)

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC



The Battle of Dien Bien Phu, which settled the fate of French Indochina, initiated in November 1953. Chinese insistence caused the Viet Minh forces to attack Lai Chau, the capital of the T'ai Federation. The T'ai Federation, in Upper Tonkin, was loyal to the French.

The Chinese hoped the French Commander in Chief in Indochina, General Henri Navarre, would come out to defend his allies because he believed the T'ai maquis formed a significant threat in the Viet Minh rear. The T'ai supplied the French with opium to be sold to finance French special operations. and wanted to prevent a Viet Minh sweep into Laos. Because he considered Lai Chau impossible to defend, Navarre launched Operation

Castor on November 20, with a paratroop drop on the broad valley of Dien Bien Phu, which was rapidly transformed into a defensive perimeter of eight strong points organized around an airstrip.

In December 1953, the T'ais attempted to march out of Lai Chau for Dien Bien Phu, they were badly mauled by Viet Minh forces, forcing the garrison to flee towards Dien Bien Phu. En route, the Viet Minh effectively destroyed the 2,100-man column. Only 185 reached the new base on December 22, 1953.

Viet Minh commander, General Vo Nguyen Giap, with considerable Chinese aid, massed approximately 50,000 troops and placed heavy artillery in caves in the mountains overlooking the French camp. On March 13, 1954, Giap launched a massive assault on strong point Beatrice, which fell in a matter of hours. Strong points Gabrielle and Anne-Marie were overrun during the next two days, which denied the French use of the airfield, a key to the French defense.

Reduced to airdrops for supplies and reinforcement, unable to evacuate their wounded, under constant artillery bombardment, and at the extreme limit of air range, the morale in French camp began to fray. As the monsoons transformed the camp from a dust bowl into a morass of mud, four thousand French soldiers deserted to caves along the Nam Yum River by the end of the siege in May. (Next month: Part 3)

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## Florida Tech ROTC Panther Battalion Commissions eight new Army Second Lieutenants



*New Army Lieutenants and participants at the Florida Tech Commissioning Ceremony on May 5th. From Left—COL Steve Bond, MOAACC; Ms. Karen Saunders, PEO STRI; New 2LTs David DaCosta, Jake Marzano, Mehki Tabron, Jacob Filer, Brayan Cruz Mejia, Ethan White, Benjamin Chandra, and Samuel Addington; Mr. Robert King, J.D., Interim Florida Tech President; and LTC Jimmy Crook, Florida Tech Professor of Military Science.*

The Florida Institute of Technology Army ROTC Panther Battalion held their spring ceremony to commission eight new Army Second Lieutenants on Friday, May 5th. The Commissioning Ceremony was held in the Hartley Room of the Student Union building on campus with cadets, friends, and families in attendance. The new Lieutenants took the commissioning oath of office and pinned on their new “gold bars”—the rank insignia of Second Lieutenants in the ceremony. Seven of the new officers also met the requirements to graduate from Florida Tech at the May Commencement and one is graduating from Eastern Florida State College. At the Commissioning Ceremony, the new officers heard messages and congratulations from the Interim President of Florida Tech, Robert King, J.D., and the Guest Speaker was Ms. Karen Saunders, the Program Executive Officer for Army’s Simulation, Training, and Instrumentation (PEO STRI), located in Orlando.

The new Army Second Lieutenants are:

- Samuel T. Addington is a 2017 graduate of Cocoa Beach High School and earned his B.S. at Eastern Florida State College in Applied Health Sciences. He was commissioned as an active-duty Infantry Officer. His former Junior ROTC Senior Instructor and Cape Canaveral chapter member, LTC Jim Desjarden (USA-Ret) administered his commissioning oath.
- Benjamin R. Chandra is a 2018 graduate of Melbourne High School and earned a B.S. from Florida Tech in Aerospace Engineering. He was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer in the Florida National Guard.
- Brayan N. Cruz Mejia is a 2016 graduate of Heritage High School and earned an associate degree from Florida State College in 2020. He earned his B.S. in Aviation Management from Florida Tech. He was commissioned as an active-duty Medical Service Corps Officer.
- David DaCosta is a 2018 graduate of Melbourne



*CAPT Steve Cusick, USN-Ret and MOAACC 2nd Vice President for Membership at the Florida Tech Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony on May 5th.*



Central High School. He earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and was commissioned as a Transportation Corp Officer in the Florida National Guard.

- Jacob Filer is a 2016 graduate of the Seoul American High School. He earned his B.S. from Florida Tech in Aeronautical Science and was named Outstanding Senior in the College of Aeronautics and had an internship with NASA. He received his commission as an active-duty Transportation Corps Officer.
- Jake Marzano graduated from High School in Rhode Island in 2018. He received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Florida Tech. He was commissioned as an Engineer Officer in the Massachusetts National Guard.
- Mehki A. Tabron graduated in 2018 from High School in Maryland and earned a B.S. in Aviation Management from Florida Tech. He was commissioned as an Active-Duty Transportation Corps Officer.
- Ethan A. White is a 2019 graduate of Merritt Island High School. He earned a B.A. from Florida Tech in Forensic Psychology and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in the Florida National Guard.

The new Lieutenants were also congratulated by LTC Jimmy Crook, Florida Tech Professor of Military Science, and member of the Cape Canaveral chapter. After serving as the Professor of Military Science for four years, LTC Crook is retiring from the Army later this summer. He and his wife Janelle plan on remaining in the area. Colonel Steve Bond, US Army-Retired, Past President of the MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter, and MOAACC 2nd Vice President CAPT Steve Cusick, US Navy-Retired were also on hand to present the new Lieutenants with "Gold Bar" commissioning sets and membership in MOAA. In addition to receiving their commissions, the new Lieutenants are now new members of MOAA and the Cape Canaveral Chapter. Steve congratulated the new officers on their achievement wished them the best of luck as they begin their journey as officers in the United States Army.



*LTC Jimmy Crook (L) and COL Steve Bond (USA-Ret) (R) at the Florida Tech Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony on May 5th. After serving as the Professor of Military Science at Florida Tech for four years, LTC Crook is retiring from the Army later this summer.*

## 18th Annual MOAACC Good Deeds Cruise



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### *Vietnam Traveling Memorial Event Photos*



Left to Right: Col Martin "Marty" F. McAlwee, USAFR, Ret, Col Brian Whalen USAF (ret) President MOAACC, CDR Dean Schaff, USN (ret)



Wreath Ceremony Photos

Bottom right: Members of MOAACC honor the MOAA wreath which was placed at the 35th annual reunion for the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall in Wickham Park.



# *MOAACC Members at FCOC Convention*

MOAACC Photos by Pish Pishdad



*MOAA Leadership at the FCOC head table*



*L to R: Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, CEO and President of MOAA, CWO3 Amir Pishdad, Mrs. Garrety Kelly, & COL Steve Bond*



*Elizabeth Whalen and Lt Col Brian Whalen*



*COL John Murphy, LCDR Jean Cusick, CAPT Steve Cusick*





*MOAACC members pose for group photo with Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly and Mrs. Kelly (3rd from right) during the 2023 Annual Florida Council of Chapters Convention (FCOC) in St. Augustine.*



*BG. John McMahon & Mrs McMahon Attended the FCOC conference.*



*MAJ Tim Pishdad*



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## Memorial Day Ceremony

Veterans Memorial Center  
Monday, May 29, 2023  
0930 - 1030  
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A Solemn Remembrance of  
American Sacrifices for our Freedoms:

- Musical Tributes: Lonnie & Delinda Band
- Color Guards from Veteran and Cadet Units
- Special Recognitions
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- Ultimate Sacrifice: LTC Tim Thomas, USA, Ret
- Gold Star Families Left Behind: Donn Weaver
- Ruck March from Cocoa in Honor of The Fallen
- Rifle Salute: BCSO Honor Guard, Lt L. Smith
- TAPS from the Tower: Bob Doyle
- Refreshments



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more information:  
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New Sign at Veterans Memorial Park



MOAACC Speaker COL Ken Boll (USA-Ret) speaks to the Daughters of 1812 on May 3rd. His topic--The War of 1812



## Young Eagles Take Flight

By: Donn Weaver, CPT, USA (fmr)



MOAACC member Donn Weaver (the old one) welcomes new MOAACC member Stacey Falzarano and her three children to the Young Eagles Event. The kids are left to right: Valentina (4), Thomas (8) and future pilot Michael (8).

One of our newest members, a Surviving Spouse, is Stacey Falzarano. She joined MOAACC at our TMBC on 11 May after having met Joe Tichich at a USO function. She is active in the USO and other causes, but had been looking for the connection that MOAACC can offer.

Her husband died while in military service as a USAF Colonel and Wing Commander at a Colorado base. After his death she decided to move herself and their three children to Florida and decided to lease one of the Patrick Space Force Base housing units. Stacey wasted no time in learning more and MOAACC member Donn Weaver was helping the AUSA and EAA Flying Club of Merritt Island organize a felting experience at Merritt Island airport on 13 May. The event was organized to support children ages 8-17 yrs. of Gold Star families, First Responder, Wounded military and others who served our country and community, by offering them an opportunity to learn/experience flying.

There were 10 children who signed up. The first family to arrive for flying and learning about aircraft were the Falzaranos. Stacey brought all three of her children but only Michael, age 8 was allowed to fly, and he had a fabulous time flying!

Please reach out to Stacey to welcome her and her family to our Chapter.



Sheer joy for an 8 year old boy!!! Michael earns his certificate.



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