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*February 2024 MOAACC Luncheon Speaker  
Florida Tech President: Dr. John Nicklow*



*Dr. Nicklow speaks on Florida Tech's connections with the industry, with companies such as Northrop Grumman*



*Dr. Nicklow is the sixth president of Florida Tech. He emphasized the academic, industrial partnership and improvements of the college since taking over.*



*Dr. Nicklow and wife, Stacy show their MOAACC Challenge Coins*



*Cocoa Beach High School Color Guard  
Victoria Lane, Madeline Earrusso, Sophia Rick, and Rhys Gallant*

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- 3/7 **Current Affairs & TMBC - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 3/12 **O-T-G Luncheon - 11:30 AM**  
@ Niki's Rainbow Restaurant
- 3/14 **TMBC/MOAA Quorum Training - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 3/19 **MOAACC BOD Meeting - 9:30 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - Chapel
- 3/19 **MOAACC Luncheon - 11:30 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - Colony Hall
- 3/21 **TMBC - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole
- 3/28 **TMBC - 8 AM**  
@ Indian River Colony Club - 19th Hole

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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



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

### MOAA's Legislative Push to Congress to Support all of our Military

I remember in school studying about Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders' charge up San Juan Hill in the Battle of San Juan Heights during the Spanish- American War. This battle proved to be one of the most significant events in deciding the success of the US Army campaign in Cuba.

The MOAA does something similar today to influence Congress with the annual Advocacy in Action! (AIA) campaign. Teams made up of chapter, council, and the MOAA staff go to Capitol Hill and in one day meet with the 535 Congressional members to seek support for Active, Retired, and Veterans about MOAA's priorities and positions on key issues in the current session. This year's Campaign will be Wednesday, April 17. They will focus on these important areas:

- Major Richard Star Act, supported by two-thirds of Congress, allows a veteran with a combat-related disability and fewer than 20 years of creditable service to receive retirement pay, without reduction, concurrent with their disability compensation. (H.R. 1282/S. 344).
- Basic Allowance for Housing Restoration Act (BAH) supports Service members and young military families facing financial strain to pay for housing. Housing costs pay only 95% of a member's costs. BAH Restoration Act would restore BAH to 100%. (H.R. 2537/S. 8123).
- Protect TRICARE for Life. MOAA seeks to ensure TRICARE is comprehensive and up to date for all beneficiaries ensuring any impacts associated with funding health care for a part of the population does not use TRICARE as an offset from those who have earned this benefit.

You can show your support by getting online at MOAA.org, on the Advocacy tab, Legislative Action Center or at <https://moaa.quorum.us/>. With a few key strokes, you can reach out to Senators Rubio and Scott, and Rep. Posey to let them know your support for these issues; revise the preprinted letter with more reasons to express your position; or alternatively, write your own letter to express your opinion.

Your direct communication to Congress works, take action on AIA campaign.

To assist you, at the TMBC on Mar 15th we will show you how to quickly load the MOAA Legislative Action Center application on your smart phone and you'll be ready to communicate. Make your voice count!



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

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

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## FINANCIAL LITERACY

COL John C. Murphy, USAR (Ret.)

### Common Estate Planning Mistakes

Everyone can benefit from an estate plan, a process that entails getting your affairs in order so that your assets and possessions get passed on to the people you want to inherit them while sparing your loved ones the pain and expense of determining how to distribute your money and property while they're grieving your loss. Creating an estate plan can be complex and emotionally challenging, which may explain why two out of three Americans don't have any estate planning documents. A quarter of those without a will said they don't ever plan on creating one.

Your family will thank you if you avoid the eight most common estate planning mistakes.

1. **Procrastination:** You certainly don't want to wait to create an Estate plan. You may never get the chance.
2. **Creating an estate plan on your own:** Estate planning documents that are incomplete or contain errors can cause complications when you become incapacitated or pass. Consider hiring an estate attorney to help you craft a comprehensive estate plan.
3. **Leaving loved ones uninformed:** Having an open conversation with your family and heirs about your intentions can help prevent confusion, conflict, and unnecessary stress.
4. **Keeping estate planning documents in a safe or safe deposit box:** Don't keep your estate documents in any place that's difficult to access. Provide copies of your estate plan to, at least, your chosen trusted agent.
5. **Missing key documents:** Make sure your plan includes these essential documents: Last Will/Trust, Deeds, Beneficiary Designations, Durable Power of Attorney, Health Care Surrogate, Living Will, Pre-Need Guardian, funeral instructions, and proofs of identity.
6. **Overlooking digital assets:** Consider assigning a digital fiduciary who has the right to access your digital assets when you pass.
7. **Not updating your plan:** Regularly review and then revise your estate plan, especially, after major life events.
8. **Appointing the wrong executor or trustee:** Choosing someone who may have a conflict of interest can lead to problems when it comes time for them to administer your estate. Select a trusted individual and get their consent before you assign them.

Estate planning mistakes can upend your best efforts to protect your family's finances after your death. Everyone can benefit from an estate plan!



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

John R. McMahon, BG, USA (Retired)

Among his many accomplishments, Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) was the only Founding Father to have both contributed to and signed all four of the key documents establishing the United States: The Declaration of Independence (1776), the Treaty of Alliance with France (1778), the Treaty of Paris for peace with Great Britain (1783), and the U.S. Constitution (1787). When asked what type of government he and his fellow delegates crafted at the Constitutional Convention, he replied "A republic, madam, if you can keep it", reflecting his belief that many of the compromises made during its formulation were both necessary and less than optimal. Franklin consented to the Constitution because he "expected no better [while] not sure that it is not the best". The Yale historian Barbara Oberg characterized Franklin's accommodating approach as "a stand for compromise, not the stuff of heroism, virtue or moral certainty, but the essence of the democratic process".

What was true then has never been truer today. Consider the recently released Congressional Budget Office (CBO) 10-year budget outlook, which assumed that GDP will rise by 2% annually, no recession will occur, and that the 2017 individual tax cuts and the Obamacare subsidies will expire—how unlikely is that?

- ✓ The National Debt will increase from \$26.2T to \$48.3T, up 84%
- ✓ Spending will average 23.5% of GDP, above the 50-year average of 21%
- ✓ Revenues will average 17.8% of GDP, slightly above the 50-year average of 17.3%
- ✓ Discretionary spending will grow by \$372B over the next 10 years
- ✓ Mandatory programs (Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, et.al.) will grow by \$2.5T to \$6.3T in 2034
- ✓ Debt servicing will go from \$870B (more than the DoD budget) in FY24 to \$1.6T in FY34, or 3.9% of GDP

As if all this isn't enough bad news, a closer look at what it really means is sobering. For one, higher entitlement spending means the Medicare and Social Security Trust Funds will begin to run out of gas sooner than previously predicted—2031 for Medicare and 2034 for Social Security! And as the clock ticks down, the feasible solution sets shrink. It's unlikely that increasing taxes on the rich to make Social Security and Medicare solvent will work. Neither will rationing care by reducing payments for medicines and to providers. Another popular approach is to grow the economy but even the most sanguine of estimates will not keep pace with entitlement increases. The bottom line is all of these ideas combined will be necessary along with an adjustment to future benefits to make the math



work. Without action now (and this is where that word—**COMPROMISE**—comes in), the pain level will only get worse. Ben Franklin and his cohort understood this and made the hard choices while facing the scrutiny of their fellow citizenry. If only the current generation of elected leaders would rise to the occasion.

## POINTS TO PONDER

**Ch, LtCol, Tom Unrath**

In this month and next, the three Abrahamic faiths all have their most Holy times of the year. The Jews will celebrate Passover. Christians will mark the season of Lent and celebrate Easter. For Muslims, the Holy month of Ramadan with the Eid al-Adha and Eid al-Fitr come during this time.

While these three are tied together in some ways, they are very distinct celebrations. The main similarity is that they all are centered on God's promises to humans. Each, of course, has had various ways of interpretation.

Within Christianity, for instance, there are two calendars used by Western and Eastern branches. Sometimes the feast of Easter is celebrated at the same time and other years they are separated by several weeks, as they are this year. Some denominations put a great deal of significance in the season of Lent, which began for Western Christians with Ash Wednesday Feb 14, as a penitential time. Others don't recognize it much if at all.

Jews all use the same lunar calendar, but some may observe the time with somewhat different rituals and practices. For some it has become more of a secular holiday much as Christmas and Easter are for some Christians.

The Feast of Ramadan is also timed to a lunar calendar. This year it begins at sundown March 10. It is a time of fasting from daybreak to sundown each day. This reminds the faithful Muslims to submit to Allah's will as did Abraham and Ishmael. They will also perform acts of charity and alms giving.

Unfortunately, all three of these World Religions have, at times, forgotten or blatantly ignored the reasons for these festivals. We have given ourselves to self-centeredness and left God's promises behind. We have taken our differences as reasons for division, warfare, and hatred.

Instead, we can, because of God's promises, celebrate our similarities and the love God has for all people. Let us take these Holy days to do just that. Find your neighbors of other faiths and learn more about them. If possible, ask how you might celebrate with them.



## SURVIVOR ASSISTANCE LESSONS LEARNED

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

In a number of articles in the past, I tried to encourage couples to try getting the Veteran and the surviving spouse to make their preparations for the inevitable. The most emphasis on a couple's preparations often address the veteran's benefits that benefit the surviving spouse but may not adequately address the end-of-life plans for the surviving spouse after losing the Veteran. Sometimes, even though the surviving spouse was able to deal with the Veteran's end of life care, it is occasionally hard for the survivor to deal with their own care. For example, even though she has a will, no decisions were made about a proxy or for her care. Family members can help things. If something happens to a loved one and they can no longer communicate for themselves, you should not have to guess what their wishes would be in a crisis. So, have those discussions on how to handle things should be handled...

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## HEALTHY LIVING

Rita Shapiro, PT, MA, DPT

*Daylight Savings Time will begin on 10 March 2024*

*Don't be late to your doctor's appointment tomorrow morning ... remember to #SpringForward.*

*Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour today! #DaylightSavingTime*

### March is National Nutritional Month

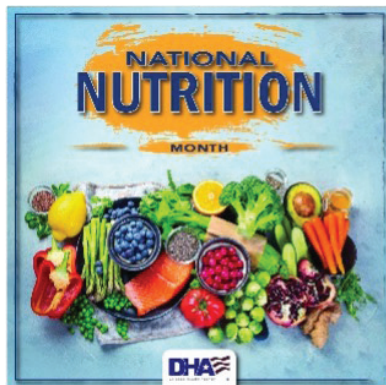
Good nutrition isn't just about feeling great. It's a shield against illness, too!

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Learn more: [www.health.mil/Nutrition](http://www.health.mil/Nutrition)

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To learn about 6 Essential Nutrients that our body needs go to: [dvidshub.net](http://dvidshub.net)



### March is also Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Although the overall death rate from colorectal cancer has been on the decline in recent years, it remains the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. There has also been an increase in colorectal cancer-related death for people younger than 55, and an increase in diagnosis in patients between the ages of 40-49 over the past decade, according to the [National Cancer Institute](https://www.nationalcancerinstitute.gov). In the military health system, screening for colorectal cancer begins at age 45.

CRC might not cause symptoms right away, but if you have one of these symptoms, you should see a doctor.

- Rectal bleeding with bright red blood.
- A change in bowel habits, such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool that lasts for more than a few days.
- A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that's not relieved by having one.
- Blood in the stool, which might make the stool look dark brown or black.
- Cramping or abdominal pain.
- Unintended weight loss.



## Mark Your Calendar!

### SPACE COAST NAVY WIVES' CLUB

Please join us for our March luncheon on Friday, March 15th. It will be at **THE TIDES**, at PATRICK SPACE FORCE BASE on Rt A1A. Social hour begins at 11:30 and lunch will be served at noon.

This month will be our annual **FASHION SHOW**. Fashions will be presented by **CHICO'S** from THE AVENUE VEIRA. We are very excited to have them this year. Our models will be members of our club.

Luncheon choices are Quinoa salad with cucumbers, Feta, tomatoes with a mint/cucumber dressing or Steak with steak fries and broccoli. For dessert we will have vanilla cupcakes.

For more information and to make reservations, please call or text Rebecca Kersey no later than noon, Tuesday, March 12th. Rebecca can be reached at (207) 607-0006.

We look forward to seeing you and remember friends and spouse are always welcome.

Ellie Joy (321) 757-0193



# MOAACC Luncheon

**At Indian River Colony Club, on  
19 March 2024, 11:30 AM - 01:00 PM**

## Luncheon Speaker

**Eva M. Rey, M.P.A.**

**The Viera Company, Vice President, Community  
Management and Communications**



Eva Rey is a professional public administrator with over 24 years experience in the public sector at the state, county, and special district levels and 13 years in the private sector working with homeowners' associations. Ms. Rey was hired by The Viera Company in September 2015 and currently holds the position of Vice President, Community

Management and Communications. Ms. Rey is The Viera Company's liaison to Viera homeowners' associations, presides over all developer controlled associations, and oversees the transition to resident control. In addition to her Community Management activities, she is responsible for Viera's amenities such as the Addison Village Club and the Duran Golf Club and Tradewinds Restaurant. Ms. Rey also manages the company's public relations, social media, resident engagement and education, and media communications functions and provides management and oversight to the Viera Discovery Center.

Prior to her arrival in Viera, Ms. Rey worked for two other top rated master-planned communities in Florida as the Executive Director at Lakewood Ranch Town Hall in Manatee County and the Director of Purchasing and Support Services in The Villages.

Ms. Rey is also committed to giving back to her community through volunteerism and charitable giving. She is Chairman of Transit One, is a Board Member for the Sharing Center of Central Brevard, is Chair Elect for the Board of the Cocoa Beach Regional Chamber of Commerce, is on the Brevard Achievement Center's Industry Advisory Council, and is a graduate of the Lead Brevard Class of 2018 – the "best class ever". She is also the Past President of the Rotary Club of Viera, is the Past Chairman of the Viera Regional Business Alliance for the Melbourne Regional Chamber, is a Past Board Member and Chairman for Family Promise of Brevard.

Ms. Rey earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from St. Leo University in Pasco County, Florida and her Masters degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University. She is a native Floridian originally from Brooksville, Florida. She has one son, Justin, who lives in Ichikawa, Japan with his wife Asagi and son Hiro.

## Luncheon Details:

**(Cost: \$25)**

Meal choices are:

1. Chicken Stir Fry with Rice
2. Turkey Cobb Salad
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 14 March 2024**, online, or by contacting Grace Catron at [events@moaacc.org](mailto:events@moaacc.org), or (417) 294-0798. You can pay online with credit card, pay at the door, or mail payment with RSVP to:

**MOAACC**

c/o Michael J Schroeder, Treasurer

PO Box 254186

Patrick SFB, FL 32925

## Save the Dates for upcoming MOAACC Events:

**19 March 2024**

MOAACC Monthly Luncheon

**16 April 2024**

ROTC & JROTC Awards Ceremony

**21 May 2024**

MOAACC Luncheon to Honor Students with  
Service Academy Appointments or ROTC  
Scholarships

**16 July 2024**

Scholarship Award Presentations

**05 October 2024**

Past Presidents Dinner Dance

**16 November 2024**

MOAACC Good Deeds Foundation's Veterans and  
Military Support Golf Tournament

**19 November 2024**

Annual Membership Business Meeting

**7 December 2024**

Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

## MOAACC On-the-Go Luncheon

March O-T-G will be on 12 February 2024 at:

**Niki's Rainbow Restaurant**

570 Florida A1A

Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Please contact Toni Lowe  
at 321-474-6888 to sign up.



# MOAACC GOOD DEEDS FOUNDATION

**Donn Weaver, Cpt (fmr) USA**

## MOAACC Big Player in Palm Bay and Viera College Fairs — Stage set for 24 August Annual Academy/ROTC/Mil Leadership Seminar

On 12 and 13 February MOAACC members from Student Affairs, Good Deeds and other set up tables at College and Vocational Training Fairs at Palm Bay and Viera High Schools. Hundreds of students attended to learn about post high school options and the events set the MOAACC/GDF stage for our third annual Military Leadership Fair at the VMC focused on the Academies, ROTC Scholarships, OCS, Warrant Officer, Enlisted military education programs and more. It will be held on 24 August immediately after the 2024-25 School Year begins and several weeks before Senior deadlines. This year sophomores as well as juniors and seniors and their families will be invited.

Meanwhile efforts in February at Palm Bay and Viera will hopefully help some of those students look toward military focused post- high school education.



(L-R) Mike Tucker, Donn Weaver, Tim Pishdad and Mike Broski prepare the MOAACC GDF VMC VMI Table



Dan McIntyre (r) supports the USCG Recruiting booth as well as MOAACC and covered the Viera HS program the next day

### 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.

Save  
The  
Date

WHO: 2024-26 HS Sophs/Jrs/Seniors  
WHAT: 2 two hours seminars  
WHEN: Sat, August 24, 2024  
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



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:  
Contact/ Questions:  
[donnweaver2020@gmail.com](mailto:donnweaver2020@gmail.com)



Students begin to arrive — over 400 attended with more than 50 booths represented

Sponsored by the Cape Canaveral Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America



## February 15 TMBC Current Affairs Forum



The February 15th TMBC Current Affairs Forum speaker was Dr. Scott Tilley. As an expert on artificial intelligence, Dr. Tilley provided an engaging presentation on ChatGPT and disinformation. After the very informative talk, Scott was presented an MOAACC challenge coin by Chapter President Rick Kniseley and CAF Coordinator Don Reott

## MOAACC Members Receive MOAA Leadership Awards



L to R: Ellie Joy, Lt Col Brian Whalen, USAF (Ret), and CPT Donn Weaver, USA (Ret) (accompanied by MOAACC President, Colonel Rick Kniseley, USAF (Ret)), received MOAACC Leadership Awards for exceptional leadership and meritorious service in support of MOAA objective ans programs.



# *11 Day Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) Cruise*



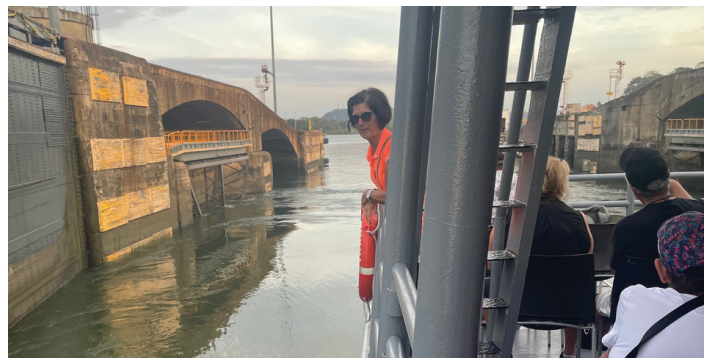
*The Celebrity BEYOND Ship at Port Canaveral*



*Dean and Susan Schaff are with Kate McCue (left). She is an American cruise ship Captain for Celebrity Beyond. Kate was named for the first time in 2015 to be the captain of a mega cruise ship.*



*The Culebra Cut in the Panama Canal*



*The Culebra Cut in the Panama Canal*





*Banana Excursion Bus Curacao*



*Donn & Jennie Weaver - Carlie & Jeff Rogers (Aruba)*



*Dean & Susan Schaaf - Carlie & Jeff Rogers (Curacao)*



*Carlie & Jeff Rogers on Cruise*



*Seated left to right Donn & Jeanne Weaver, Brian Whalen, Jeff Rogers (standing), Elizabeth Whalen, and Mary & Dan McIntyre*

## February is Special for Your Good Deeds Foundation

With over fifty MOAACC members and supporters on Board, the 11 Day Good Deeds Foundation (GDF) Cruise for 2024 (29 Jan- 09 Feb) was a great success. Thanks to Larry and Lynda Jackson and Robert Watts of Cruise Holidays of Viera, not only was the cruise on the Celebrity Beyond, a two-year-old vessel, memorable, but later GDF will be presented a check for \$50 for each cabin sold. That check will be shared at a TMBC or MOAACC Luncheon. Planning for the 2025 MOAACC/GDF Cruise is already underway. Look for details in April.

The cruise included five Port Calls at Cartagena, Columbia; the full traversing of the Panama Canal from Atlantic to Pacific in two vessels and Panama City and Colon in Panama; Aruba: Bonaire and Curacao, all Dutch Protectorate Islands off the coast of Venezuela. The highlight was passing through the entire Panama Canal including Old and New Locks over a 16-hour period. Only about 10 MOAACC Cruisers chose that once in a lifetime excursion. Check out many photos and captions in this issue of the Intercom.



## JROTC Events in the GDF Spotlight



*JROTC Drill Team Competition at VMC Park 10 Feb*



*Medals and Awards*

Even during the cruise GDF supported several JROTC events. These included Air Rifle Competition at Palm Bays HS as well as the 03 Feb Run and Shoot event at the VMC Park and the First of three Drill Meets set for 10, 24 Feb and 09 Mar. GDF provided all the ribbons, medals, awards and trophies for all this events which cost over \$3000. Members also assisted VMC in supporting the efforts and handing out some of the trophies. Impacting JROTC is a huge part of the GDF Mission. MOAACC does that better than any other MOAA Chapter in the country.



*Mike Gautreaux (second from left) hands out awards to Palm Bay Female Team Sharpshooters*





Mike Tucker (Center) at the 27 Feb Rifle Meet



## MEMBERSHIP BRIEF

### Welcome 10 new members:

Karl Bryan, LT, USN (Ret)  
 Sandra Burton (Surviving Spouse)  
 Geoffrey Doyle, LCDR, USN (Fmr)  
 Nancy Fine, CAPT, USN (Ret)  
 Eric Gardner, CDR, USN (Ret)  
 Sharon McCall (Surviving Spouse)  
 Joan Meeker (Surviving Spouse)  
 John Nicklow, LT, USPHS (Fmr)  
 David Roll, Colonel, USAF (Ret)  
 Jerry Unruh, VADM, USN (Ret)

## TAPS

MOAA CAPE CANAVERAL CHAPTER  
 MEMBER, AUXILIARY, and SPOUSE DEATHS  
 January 2024 Deaths listed for March 2024 Intercom

Jeanette Y. Menaguzzi, SSM  
 12/16/2023

Betty Ginsburg,  
 Spouse of Sam Ginsburg, Maj USAF Ret  
 8 January 2024

John H. Geist, Lt Col, USAF Ret  
 6 January 2024

Robert E. Mc Call, Lt Col, USAF Ret  
 11 January 2024

Harry A Meeker, 1LT, USA  
 5 February 2024

Peggy Kobey,  
 Spouse of Dave Kobey, LTC, USA Ret  
 14 February 2024





## THE ROLE OF AIRCRAFT IN WWI (Part 2)

By Bill Muckler, Captain USMC



The tactics of enemy pilots evolved from waving to each other to shooting the enemy's aircraft out of the sky. This necessitated something more than taking potshots with pistols since mounted machine guns were difficult to aim around the propeller, wings, and struts. The breakthrough invention was the interrupter gear or synchronization gear, which allowed a front-mounted machine gun to fire a continuous barrage of bullets safely through the plane's rotating propeller blades. Success meant aiming the nose of the plane at the enemy and shooting.

Anthony Fokker a Dutch-born engineer developed the first synchronized gear for the German army which was mounted on the single-seat Fokker E-1 in 1915. The lightweight plane was so nimble and deadly that the Allies nicknamed it the "Fokker Scourge." Soon planes took to the air with the

express purpose of air-to-air combat, and the French began calling any pilot who shot down five or more enemy planes a "l'as" or an Ace.

The Aces were skilled and daring but the winners of early "dogfights" were the pilots flying with the better technology. That was the real start of the arms race for air superiority. "The performance of an airplane, its ease of handling, its armament, its rate of climb—all of these became factors in a constant struggle to come up with something better than what the enemy had," said historian Jon Guttman.

Allied engineers responded with their single-seat fighters like the British-made Sopwith Camel, named for the hump-shaped bulge in its fuselage to fit two front-mounted synchronized machine guns. When Sopwith introduced a three-winged triplane, the Germans developed the Fokker DR-1 which was flown by the Red Baron, Manfred von Richthofen. He was credited with 80 official kills before his red, the three-winged fighter was shot down in 1918.

The first targeted aerial bombing campaign occurred in 1915 when Germany sent high-altitude Zeppelin airships on nighttime bombing raids of civilian targets in London and Edinburgh. The hydrogen-filled Zeppelins, initially used for reconnaissance, cruised at 11,000 feet and cut their engines to carry out surprise attacks. The military countered by adopting fighters armed with incendiary bullets to torch the Zeppelins. (Next month: the bombers.)



Brigadier General Billy Mitchell in Cockpit of a Thomas Morse Pursuit Plane

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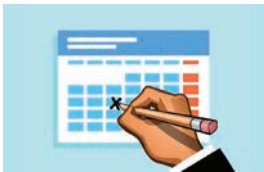
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## MARCH 2024 AND BEYOND

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

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### MARCH 2024

**09 Mar** — JROTC District Drill Meet with all disciplines 0700-1300 with 10-12 Schools Expected and more than 150 cadets in the Veterans Memorial Park on MI. Supported by MOAA Cape Canaveral Chapter Good Deeds Foundation (all trophies) and the VMC.

**16 Mar** — Ceremony to Remember the Last Naval Battle of the American Revolutionary War fought off the Coast of Cape Canaveral in 1783. 1000-1200 at the VMC Plaza Area with food and drinks and a parade of colors and wreaths with many in colonial attire. Put on by the Sons of the American Revolution Brevard Chapter along with the DAR and VMC. Contact Donn Weaver 757-871-6576 for more information.

**23 Mar** — Be The One 5K Run and Walk VMC Park 0700 - 1030. Sponsored by American Legion Post 344 with half the proceeds going to preventing veteran and first responder suicides. T-shirts included with \$20 registration fee with active duty, veterans, first responders invited. Contact [post344adjutant@gmail.com](mailto:post344adjutant@gmail.com). or call 321-350-6163 to sign up or for questions.

**23 Mar** — BBQ and Ride For Veterans at Kelly Park on N. Banana River Dr, Merritt Island 1000 am- 1400.

**26 Mar** — VMC Library Discussion Program 1800-1930: The Revolutionary War Siege at Yorktown with Doug Bisset.

### APRIL 2024

**06 Apr** — 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.

**15 Apr** — Deadline to sign up to as vendor/participant in the 36th Annual Florida All Veterans Reunion at Wickham Park featuring VVB's Traveling Walls from Vietnam and GWOT. Contact Doc Russo 321-652-4185 or [RARusso1962@gmail.com](mailto:RARusso1962@gmail.com)

**23 Apr** — Vietnam Welcome Home Ceremony at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims 1000-1130 hrs. Details in March.

### MAY 2024

**05-12 May** — Traveling Wall and Reunion at Wickham Park. Details in March. See above 15 April to register and for info.

**05 May** — Back Brevard Heroes (BBH) Hero Fest Celebration and BBQ to honor first responders and veterans at the VMC Plaza, Buildings and Park. 1000 - 1600. See Poster in March.

**27 May** — Memorial Day Ceremony at VMC Plaza 0930-1100. Poster and details in April.

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### AUGUST 2024

**24 Aug** — Seminar for High School Sop'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. Details in June.

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

### NOVEMBER 2024

**11 Nov** — Veterans Day Ceremony at VMC Plaza 0930 - 1100 (pending)

### 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.

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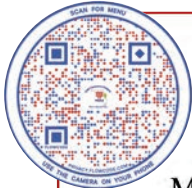
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## Kathie Vogt is turning 102!



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Steve Presents Kathie her birthday gift

Military Officers Association of America, Cape Canaveral Chapter (MOAACC) Member and former Indian River Colony Club (IRCC) resident, Kathie Vogt is turning 102 in April!

We reconnected with Kathie back in November at a Veterans Day event sponsored by St. Francis Reflections in one of the local independent and assisted living facilities. The guest speaker was MOAACC's COL Steve Bond (USA, Ret). After the ceremony, the chief nurse said that they had a resident who was married to a General Officer and she had not come to the ceremony, but asked if we would like to meet her. Of course, we replied. She took Steve and Chandler Langevin from St. Francis Reflection to meet Kathie. They learned that Kathie's husband was the storied Air Force General John Vogt, an "Ace" pilot in WWII, former Commander of

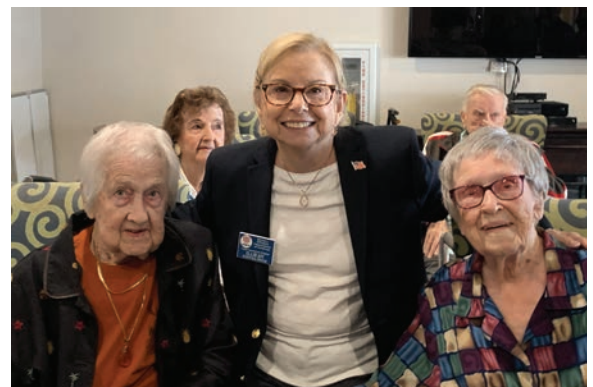


USAF Gen John Vogt (USAF Photo)

U.S. Air Forces in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters, and instrumental working with Henry Kissinger to end the Vietnam War. We later found out that both he and Kathie were life members of MOAA and the Cape Canaveral Chapter, but Gen Vogt had passed away in 2010, and Kathie moved away from IRCC. After a nice chat with Kathie, Steve and Chandler said they would return, to which she said, "Next time, bring gin"!

Since we missed her 100th birthday, Chapter Members returned to give Kathie a One Hundred Year Congratulations Certificate from MOAA, a birthday card, and the requested bottle of gin on January 29th. With St. Francis Reflections providing the refreshments, members of MOAACC, St. Francis Reflection, her daughter, and friends wished Kathie a belated 100th Birthday--We are looking forward to her 102nd Birthday!

At this gathering, we also found another of our chapter members. One of Kathie's friends residing in the facility was Pauline Kronebusch, wife of USAF Col Bob Kronebusch, our Chapter President in 2005. Both Pauline and Kathie are avid INTERCOM readers, and we are proud to count them as our members!



Ellie Joy (C) with Pauline Kronebusch (L) and Kathie Vogt (R)



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Col. Bruce Becky - SHAPE Report



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Quarter Page Package <sup>1</sup>	~3 1/2" W x 4" H	\$100	\$1,000
Half Page Package <sup>1</sup>	~7 1/2" W x 5" H	\$200	\$2,000
Website Ad Only <sup>2</sup>	<a href="http://www.moaacc.org">www.moaacc.org</a>		\$500

1. Includes publication in *The Intercom* printed/mailed version, website version and posted to our sponsor page/banner (12 months). Includes sponsor table at monthly luncheons.
2. Website ads posted to our sponsor page/banner (12 months).

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ Mo/Yr to Begin \_\_\_\_\_ Mo/Yr to End \_\_\_\_\_ # of Ads \_\_\_\_\_

Rate: \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

- Submit Ads in .pdf or .jpeg file format.
- Email Ad & completed order form to [moaacapecanaveral@gmail.com](mailto:moaacapecanaveral@gmail.com).
- Ads must be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the first month of publication.
- Please make check payable to **MOAACC**.
- **Mail check and order form to:** MOAACC, PO Box 254186, Patrick SFB, FL 32925.
- For assistance, please contact Larry Jackson at (321) 242-1331; or Mike Schroeder at (910) 528-4337; or email us at [moaacapecanaveral@gmail.com](mailto:moaacapecanaveral@gmail.com).

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