



How to be an Active Member “Never Stop Serving”



As a former, active or retired officer; a spouse of a member or Auxiliary Member, you have a unique ability to participate in the Nation’s *largest* MOAA Chapter in the United States. We are gifted with a great Patriotic community, great weather and a wonderful setting that many people dream of living.

This is not a stuffy, regimented business. Yes, we have structure, leadership, and vision and focus as you would expect from an Organization that serves our Nation and local Community. However, do not let the military in us fool you; we are just like you: Patriots, parents, grandparents, active and retired men and women who want to enjoy the many blessings we have living in Brevard County Florida. Here is a sample of how you could enjoy your time as an active member of the Chapter:

Chapter Volunteer Opportunities: How about participating in a Chapter committee or activity? Serve on the **Survivor Assistance** team and provide support for members’ families during a life transition; participate in the **Vets Back to Class/Joe Foss Institute**; join other members during Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Armed Forces Day activities; work with members to provide **Transition and Career Support** to members separating from active duty, assist the **Newsletter Committee** members getting the Intercom published and distributed every month; sign-up for the **Speakers Bureau** and share your experiences with students, various clubs or wherever a speaker is needed. We get about 60 requests a year for speakers. Support **ROTC, JROTC, Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol** mentoring our Nation’s future Leaders!

Community Volunteer Opportunities: We need you to help us support the **USO** at Orlando and Melbourne, serve as a mentor at **Veterans Court**, volunteer at the **Veterans Memorial Center** at Merritt Island and serve as a **Cape Canaveral Lady** at the Veterans’ Cemetery, Titusville. Other possibilities are to participate in the **Cocoa Beach Chamber of Commerce**

Military Affairs Council and the **Melbourne Chamber Veterans Resource Council**.

Philanthropy: The Chapter's **Scholarship Corporation, a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization** supporting higher education for 10 recipients each year and **Good Deeds Foundation, also a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization** supporting the active military and families, Veterans Groups, and future leaders. The annual **Golf Tournament** is a huge Fundraiser. We always need volunteers to help or play a round!

Social and Educational: Attend functions for the camaraderie and learn about what is happening in the Chapter, community and the military. We offer Military Balls, a **Thursday Morning Breakfast Club** meeting every week, **monthly luncheons** at Colony Hall, IRCC featuring community leaders, noted experts or military brass; casual monthly **on-the-go** luncheons at local restaurants, Conventions, numerous Weekly/Monthly events like the monthly **Current Affairs Forum**, Spouses' luncheons with Guest Speakers, Facebook fun, Christmas Party, annual Cruises, Gun Club activities, Oktoberfest, Annual Golf Tournament and numerous other activities with lots of 'fellowshipping' with like-minded Patriotic Americans.

MOAA MOTTO: Never Stop Serving®... does not mean do not have fun. Enjoy your life and retirement. YES, you can do both...as a member of a special group of men and women who raised their right hand and swore an oath to protect and defend this great Nation. Your involvement in the Chapter is predicated only on what you personally and professionally want to get from it. Call a committee chair on page two of *The Intercom* and learn more today.

