

THE BUGLER



The Newsletter of the Military Officers Association of America, Citrus County Chapter, Inc



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The Command Huddle

COL Mark Bodenheim, USAR (Ret), Chapter President

Welcome to the May issue of the Bugler. Our April joint chapter luncheon with the Ocala "Kingdom of the Sun" (KOS) chapter had over 60 attendees from both chapters (25 from our chapter). The format, where attendees from both chapters sat together, was well received. We learned a lot from each other through our shared experiences of chapter operations. We also learned that chapter member, 1st Lt George Hausold, USAF (FRM), had his 97th birthday on April 4th, the date of the luncheon. Members of both chapters honored this former WWII bombardier and POW with a happy birthday song salute. Go to page 5 of this month's Bugler for media release photos and to our website photo album section where we have over 30 photos of this event.

On May 9th is our annual JROTC luncheon. Superintendent "Sam" Himmel will be our speaker. JJ Kenney has been working diligently with a small committee to interview the cadet applicants. We invite you to come and participate as our chapter awards a \$1000 and a \$500 scholarship to two deserving cadets. This is one of our major chapter events so please make your reservations before the **May 1 deadline**. You may go to the following link to make a reservation: [2019 JROTC Award Luncheon](#) or use the chapter website.

By now, you have been emailed a chapter membership directory. We would like to have had more responses, but we used the opt in option. This option allows us to distribute contact information, outside of your name, only if you have given us permission. If you want to have your contact information listed, please contact Terri Harrison, our membership chairperson. Also, please contact her if you have changes or corrections to your contact information.

Please note in the membership Bugler section, page 2, the agenda and reservation links for the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) 2019 Convention, June 20-23, at the Safety Harbor Resort & Spa in Tampa. This is an excellent way to see your national MOAA leaders speak on the issues of the day. The **registration deadline is May 1st**.

Finally, I call your attention to the national MOAA "Storming the Hill" and other legislative issues in our Bugler legislative and surviving spouse sections.

Until we meet again- "Never Stop Serving"

Mark



CAPT Terri Harrison
USNR (RET)
VP/MEMBERSHIP
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Want to Join Our Chapter?

Three step process:

1. Current national MOAA membership is required. Not a MOAA member? To learn the why and how to join MOAA; membership levels and cost; and how to pay national dues online, click on:

[National MOAA Membership Link](#)

2. Complete chapter application online.

[Application Form Link](#)

3. Pay local chapter dues online.

[Pay Local Dues Link](#)

Contact Information For National MOAA

[Contact MOAA](#)

PH: 800-234-6622

PH: 703-549-2311

For Chapter Membership Application or Questions:

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VP - MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

Annual Citrus County and Kingdom of the Sun Joint Chapter Luncheon



Our annual joint chapter meeting luncheon with the KOS chapter took place on April 4th at Stumpknockers on the River. Great turnout from both chapters and the new planned seating format led us all to new friendships. For event photos go to our website photo albums link: [Our Chapter Photo Albums](#). Media release photos with captions are on page 5 of this Bugler issue.

Annual JROTC Scholarship Luncheon -Thursday, May 9th

Reservations are now open for the JROTC luncheon at Citrus Hills Golf and Country Club. Our event speaker will be Superintendent "Sam "



Himmel. Please come to this event where we will award scholarships to two JROTC cadets. Please go to our chapter website or click on the link below for event details and reservations. This is a binding reservation event. **Event reservation deadline is May 1st.** The cost is \$20 Cash or a check payable to MOAA Citrus County.

Reservation link: [2019 JROTC Award Luncheon.](#)

Florida Council of Chapters Convention: June 20-23rd

The reservation deadline for the annual Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) convention in Tampa is **May 1st.** This event is for all members-not just chapter leaders. It is a great way to meet your FCoC and national MOAA officers, hear about operations for each entity and make new friends. The event is at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa in Tampa. The resort is one of Florida's historic hotels and the spa is Florida's only all natural mineral springs spa. The resort is surrounded by the quaintness of a "Mayberry-like" small town charm with a room rate of only \$109 per night. In addition to the great program, there will be fun social activities planned or available such as the Third Friday street festival with live music/entertainment/arts and crafts/food and beverage vendors, professional chef's cooking class, health and wellness classes, aqua-fitness & yoga, Safety Harbor Historical Society city historical walking tours and more.

Registration link: [2019 FCoC Convention Details and Registration](#)

Chapter Membership Directory

Please contact me if you would like to add contact information for yourself to our new chapter membership directory. Also contact me if you have changes to the information released in the directory.

See you at our next event.

Terri



**1LT RON LUNDBERG
USA (FMR)**

**LEGISLATIVE
CHAIRPERSON**

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LEGISLATIVE CHAIRPERSON

Storming The Hill Review

The annual MOAA Storming the Hill event in Washington, D.C. occurred on April 10th. There were more than 170 MOAA members from across the country meeting with House and Senate legislators. Pay raises for service members, total repeal of the “widows tax” and stabilizing TRICARE were the primary subjects discussed with Congressional members. For more information on this event and how you easily can contact your legislators to ask for their support, go to the following link: [2019 MOAA Storms the Hill](#). For the event photo album, go to: [2019 Storming the Hill Photo Album](#)

Defense Health Agency To Take Over Military Hospitals

The Defense Health Agency (DHA) head and the surgeon generals of the services, outlined their plans to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee to realign the military health system. This will result in the loss of thousands of military medical positions in all services. The result? Many military retirees will most likely lose, or have diminished, their access to care at military health facilities. Information link: [Military Medicine Will Change](#)

Proposed Legislation for Improved VA Care For Women

Women now comprise 10% of the Veteran population. Senate legislators have proposed a bill to improve benefits for women veterans during VA medical center visits. Information link: [VA Care For Women](#)

Ron

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON CHAIRPERSON



**LOUISE MAROC
SURVIVING SPOUSE
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National MOAA Storm the Hill “Widows Tax”.

During the April national MOAA Storm the Hill event, MOAA created videos on a few legislative subjects, including the Widows Tax issue. Go to the following link to see a short, informative video explaining the financial penalty that over 66,000 widows face: [“Widows Tax” Survivor Benefits Video](#).

The widows tax makes the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) the only insurance that you pay into, but are legally prohibited from collecting. A bipartisan bill has been introduced in the House and Senate. The House bill has 204 sponsors and new House rules allow a vote with 290 sponsors. Even if your spouse is not a widow yet, make sure the bill is put up for a vote! Contact your legislator at [MOAA-suggested message](#).

Louise



**COL TOM GREEN
USA (RET)
CHAPTER
TREASURER**

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TREASURER REPORT

		TOTAL ASSETS
General Fund Balance:	31 Mar*	14,481.27
Petty Cash Fund: Balance	31 Mar	21.00
Wise CD's & Interest	1,260.31 (4,019.55)**	1,260.31
GRAND TOTAL		\$15,762.58

*Includes \$2,789.24 cash in Bud Wise Scholarship Fund not in CDs.

**Total Value of WISE FUND in cash and CDs

A complete monthly treasurer report, to include detailed disbursements and receipts, can be viewed on our chapter website. Click on the link below. Go to the Resource Category Filter. Choose "Chapter Treasurer Reports" on drop down menu. Choose report month. Click on "View" to open report.

[Chapter Information and Resources Page](#)

Tom

CHAPTER SECRETARY

Use of the Chapter Membership Directory

By now, you have received the chapter membership directory. It is very important that you follow a few simple rules using the directory:

1. If you print the directory, never throw it away without shredding it.
2. If you like to do mass distribution emails on subjects, always ask permission individually to add a member's email address to your distribution list.
3. If a member has given you permission to be part of their distribution list, always use the blind copy or Bcc line to place member emails on it when sending emails. Hackers are always looking for mass distribution emails on the "To line" and members may get unwanted emails or solicitations.

John

**Now and Always
We'll be There.**



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April 2019 Media Releases



The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Citrus County Chapter President (left), COL Mark Bodenheim, USA, (Ret) and the Ocala MOAA Kingdom of the Sun Chapter President (right), COL Bob Schlegel, USA, (Ret) celebrate over 35 years of mutual chapter friendship and cooperation during the annual joint chapter luncheon on April 4th at Stumpknockers on the River.



The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Citrus County Chapter President (left), COL Mark Bodenheim, USA, (Ret) recognizes (right) 1st Lt George Hausold, USAF (Former) on his 97th birthday during the MOAA joint chapter luncheon on April 4th. 1st Lt Hausold, pictured with his wife Veni (center), was a member of the US Army Air Force, 465th Bombardment Group and a WWII POW.